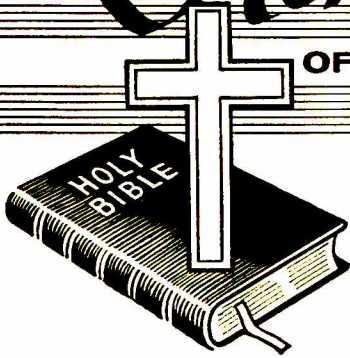


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The basic problems of Kingdom building remain essentially the same in every generation. The problems that beset God's servant, Nehemiah, and his noble little band as they went about the task of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem are closely parallel to the problems which beset God's people in every age. It has never been easy to do God's work conscientiously and effectively. It requires men and women of sterling character, deep devotion, and fire-baptized hearts. It rules out the worldling, the complacent, and the indifferent.

Nehemiah's problems fell into two classifications—those within and those without. From within he fought against the depression of years

Battle and Build

General Superintendent Powers

Every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.

Nehemiah 4:17; 6:15

of accumulation of rubbish, the paralyzing fear of their enemies which beset the little group upon whom he depended for the required work, and the attempted selfish exploitation of this holy enterprise by a small group within his own ranks. Then from the outside he fought against the sneers of God's enemies, the devilish and ingenious attempts to intimidate his workers, plus the threats of actual physical violence.

In view of all these problems, a leader might be tempted to say, "I am doing well to hold my own against such terrific odds"—but not Nehemiah. This burdened, praying, believing soul determined not only to overcome his problems but at the same time accomplish something constructive. He not only battled—he built also. He not only overcame the problems—he led his people in accomplishing the task undertaken. His vision and his program were well balanced. He saw that the problems, by God's help, must be overcome. He also planned, by God's help, to do the constructive task and build the walls. He fought only that he might build.

Some, we fear, are adept at fighting who are useless in building. But fighting, even when legitimate, loses its point and purpose unless it is to make possible the privilege of building. Some also have fallen into the error of thinking that the church can be built without battles. It is ruinous for God's people to forget that sin is a vicious and fatal disease and that Satan is a tireless and ingenious foe whom we must constantly resist, steadfast in the faith. But, just as in Nehemiah's day, "battle and build" is still God's blueprint for building His kingdom.

LATE NEWS

Telegram

Bowling Green, Kentucky—Kentucky District N.Y.P.S. Convention held at Louisville, Camp Taylor Church, April 11. Rev. Luther Cantwell, special speaker, challenged the young people in his stirring message. Upon the resignation of Rev. Bob Hoots, Rev. Coolidge Grant was elected president. Kentucky District young people are pressing forward for God.—**Roy Wells, District N.Y.P.S. Secretary.**

Rev. and Mrs. U. E. Harding, of 1008 E. California Street, Pasadena, California, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Tuesday, April 16, in Bresee Chapel, Bresee Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena, California.

Word has been received that Rev. A. L. James, Nazarene elder, is in a serious condition from a stroke and is now in a nursing home. His wife requests special prayer for him and also states he would be glad to hear from his friends over the country. The address is 1716 Ivy Street, McAllen, Texas.

HOW I FOUND CHRIST

By **LYLE PRESCOTT**

*I owe it to my mother—
Who early read the Word—
That I was sent to worship
In the temple of the Lord*

*Within the years of childhood,
When tender was my way,
I came to know the Saviour
In family prayers one day.*

*In prayer was Mother leading,
Each child beside her knelt,
When all at once the glory
Of His presence real was felt.*

*I knew at once 'twas Jesus,
Though we'd not met before;
I, weeping, shouted, "Glory!"
As I knelt upon the floor.*

*My mother paused in praying
And asked, "What did you say?"
My simple answer, "Glory!"
Is still my theme today.*

*Just one touch from Jesus
And I was sure I knew
Who had changed my spirit—
With Him I'm going through!*

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GOD'S PLAN DIVINE

By **MARIAN L. KNORR**

*Before the sun in splendor burst
Upon the eastern sky,
Before the moon and stars were hung,
Before the birds with rapture sung,
Before the world was e'er begun—
The Saviour planned to die.*

*In might and pow'r the Three-in-One
Had planned to set us free,
The Father said, "There must be blood";
The Holy Spirit cried, " 'Tis good";
Then came the blessed Son's own word,
"I'll die upon the tree."*

*Oh, matchless grace that took a King
And thrust Him from His throne,
Stripped Him of His royal gown,
Took His scepter and His crown,
In love and mercy sent Him down
For sinners to atone!*

MUSIC MEMOETTES

By **OVELLA SATRE SHAFER**

Did you know that the hymn we sing entitled "How Firm a Foundation" was originally entitled "Precious Promises" and is based upon several passages of scripture? Here are some of the basic ones: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (II Peter 1:4). The next is, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isaiah 41:10). Another is, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee; for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour" (Isaiah 43:2-3). The last verse is, "And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you; I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you" (Isaiah 46:4).

Although the hymn appeared first in *Rippon's Collection* in 1787 with only the letter *k*, many have attributed it to George Keith, a bookseller and publisher in London. Strange as it may seem, the author of this precious hymn has hidden himself so carefully that no one to this day knows who wrote it. Its extensive popularity down through the years, no doubt, is due to the fact of its inspiration and comfort to tried and tempted souls amid all the changing vicissitudes of the Christian pilgrimage. Have you sung it lately? If not, please do and gain spiritual fortitude!

I'M GLAD I HAD A Singing Mother

By KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK

*We're going home, we're going home,
We're going home to die no more. . . .*

Softly Mother sang, as gently we swayed back and forth in the squeaky Boston rocker. The ear that ached was pressed comfortingly against her soft bosom, and the eye on that side was closed, but the other one blinked drowsily. With it I could see the tiny white stars that dotted Mother's blue calico dress, and with forefinger and thumb I measured the equal distances between them, wondering what miracle of adult wisdom could produce such beautiful material, like a small heaven set with its orderly rows of stars.

I wondered, too, about this home of which Mother sang. Where was "Dinomore"? As far away as Peoria perhaps? Were we truly going there, and would we find it as wonderful a place as the song made it seem?

*Its glittering towers the sun outshine;
That heavenly mansion shall be mine!*

Mother sang, and I drifted off to sleep in the secure confidence that, whether we moved to "Dinomore" tomorrow, or whether we decided to stay right where we were for a while longer, all would be right and wonderful with Mother there.

This is my earliest childhood recollection, and it is clear in my memory today: squeaky rocker, aching ear, star-studded calico dress, soft bosom, cradling arms, and the song—*especially the song*.

Mother's voice, though untrained, was sweet and vibrant. From my seat beside Father in the family pew, I used to listen for it to carry the highest notes clear and sure in the choir numbers on Sunday mornings. When Mother sang she sounded happy. She looked happy, too—as if she were glad to be singing. At home she sang more often than not.

The daily hum and stir of our family of six went on to the cheery obbligato of Mother's singing. Her songs fitted every mood and circumstance, and became to me an accurate gauge of the home atmosphere.

"We're Marching to Zion" was a favorite wash-day number. Its vigorous rhythm blended right in with the soapy swish of the clothes being scrubbed up and down on the board:

*Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known.
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.*

I am sure that the task was accomplished with far greater speed and efficiency than would have been possible to the tune of "Day Is Dying in the West."

Kneading bread, ironing, churning, and scrubbing floors seemed to go along smoothly with "Work, for the Night Is Coming," while sitting-down chores like peeling apples or shelling peas on the screened-in side porch needed such gentle tunes as "He Leadeth Me" or "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned."

Often, toward nightfall, after a particularly strenuous day, I could sense not only her weariness, but also her calm spirit transcending that weariness, as Mother would sing:

*Oh, sometimes how long seems the day,
And sometimes how weary my feet!
But toiling in life's dusty way,
The Rock's blessed shadow, how sweet!*

*Oh, then to the Rock let me fly,
To the Rock that is higher than I!*

Many times a day, we children knew Mother sought audience with that Giver of strength and of patience. A singing mother must also be a praying mother.

At times when I had been naughty and Mother was displeased with me, how I dreaded her stern silence! Only when those firmly pressed lips relaxed once again in song did I know I had been forgiven, and only then did the weight of guilt lift.

When we children would begin to quarrel among ourselves, Mother's reprimands were usually followed and softened by her singing:

*Scatter seeds of kindness
For our reaping by and by.*

On dark, gloomy days, and at times when we were shut in with colds, mumps, or measles, the trays she brought to us in bed might be set with

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Let's Observe

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK



May 5-12, 1957

By **EARL C. WOLF**

Director of Adult Work and Christian Family Life, Department of Church Schools

For more than a dozen years, churches of all faiths have sponsored National Family Week in the month of May. The purpose of this observance is to promote a sense of family togetherness and solidarity in our homes, to encourage family worship in home and church, to take a look at ways of strengthening and protecting our families, and to realize anew the adequacy of God's wisdom and power for the aspirations and needs of the family.

To emphasize the importance of Christian faith for our homes across the nation, the theme for National Family Week in 1957 is "God Is Our Hope." This theme highlights the significant truth that the Christian family needs a strong faith for the realization of its noblest hopes. The theme serves also as a reminder that we need more Christian homes today. Dr. Roy E. Swim writes: "Let's have more Christian homes. There parents in times of trial hold fast to the anchor of faith. There youth repair for renewal of confidence and assurance. There little children learn the very first lessons of trust in God, who holds all things within His hand."

Although Christian family life is important throughout the entire year, there are additional benefits in the special observance of National Family Week. May we suggest a few possibilities for this special week which might be used as guidance resources for the Christian family and for the local church. These suggestions do not in any way exhaust the possibilities of the week's observance. What might be done is limited only by imagination and the willingness to explore its benefits. Because of individual preferences each family and local church will want to formulate their own plans. These suggestions are made simply for the purpose of stimulating planning.

Consider This at Your Home

1. In the light of the theme, "God Is Our Hope," the family may take a look at the quality of the spiritual life and atmosphere of their home. National Family Week is an opportune time to make decisions to strengthen the family altar. For the spiritual togetherness of family worship there is no substitute.

2. The ministries of the church to the family should be fully explored during National Family Week. The fellowship of the church is indispensable in maintaining a Christian home. Consider ways as a family that your support of the church might be strengthened. Christian families can make more use of the resources of their church. Discover what special services or activities are being planned by your church or Sunday school and plan for your family to participate.

3. Consider as a family the ways by which you can help other families to know God and His redeeming power. The family is always strengthened when it thinks of others. There are kind deeds that need to be done, visits to be made to the handicapped, lonely, ill, or aged. There is the urgent need of witnessing to others. The Christian family will be blessed richly when it lays hold of its evangelistic opportunity.

4. Plan for some family fun. The weather in many parts of the country will permit family picnics, barbecues, or outings. Put joy into this week. Why not a "Night In" for all to enjoy music, games, hobbies, reading? It can be a night for all to remember.

5. Invite another family to be guests in your home for a meal or evening of fun and fellowship. You may wish to ask a family in the neighborhood to attend a special service, Sunday school class, or revival meeting at your church during National Family Week.

6. Remember Mother's Day on May 12. Particularly remember the aged mother or grandmother. Don't forget those who might be overlooked at homes for the aged or at other institutions.

Consider This at Your Church

1. Make plans well in advance for the observance of National Family Week. Many churches are using this week, the first full week in May, as a time to highlight their program for undergirding and strengthening the Christian families of their fellowship. Some churches observe a whole month for family life emphasis. During these times it is highly profitable for parents to participate in group meetings where they can share their problems and concerns as related to their own family in the confident, warm, spiritual atmosphere of the church.

The pastor may have a special opportunity in these meetings to give counsel in areas of real need.

2. Launch the "Family Outreach Project" during National Family Week, if it has not been previously started. Every family in the church should be challenged and dedicated to the task of Christian family outreach—"Every Family Find a Family." Be sure to use the "Family Outreach Packet" in this endeavor.

3. A "family night" could be planned for the church. Part of the evening could be given to study by age-groups. The nursery could make it possible for both parents to participate in the evening's program.

4. A church-wide "stay-at-home night" could be planned when no activity would be scheduled at the church and the families urged to give the entire evening to activities for the family. These plans may include games, stories, hobbies, music, and worship—no member of the family overlooked.

5. The Sunday school could use this special week

to re-emphasize the Cradle Roll and Home Department ministries to the home and family.

6. The Sunday school could take as a project for this week the starting or enlarging of a Christian family life shelf in the church library by placing there the "Christian Home Series." These books are available from your publishing house for only \$1.00 each. An exhibit of books for Christian parents could be planned.

7. Parent-teacher meetings could be an exceptionally good feature of this week. Why not a church P.T.A. meeting? Some of our churches have found it helpful.

8. The church might choose to honor a "family of the year." Babies may be dedicated or families received into the church membership on the first Sunday and the traditional Mother's Day observed on the second Sunday.

9. Christian Service Training courses for parents could be planned. See your C.S.T. *Blue Book* for a list of suggestions (p. 27). *Continued*



By DR. KENNETH C. FRASER

A Christian family is the simplest form of the church on earth. Before the Lord established a church on this earth, He placed a family and a home on it. It is our Lord's intention that a father assume the role of pastor of the little congregation, more familiarly known as his family. Mother has a most important ministry too as the Sunday school superintendent and the young people's president. The children, of course, constitute the congregation. When the Word of God is read and taught in the home, hymns and gospel songs are sung, prayer is offered by each one in the family circle, testimonies for God's glory are given magnifying His goodness and faithfulness, and love for Christ

and each other is demonstrated by each one in the family—there is then the vivid fulfillment of the familiar expression, "There is no place like home."

It has been aptly said, "Happy are the families where the government of parents is the reign of affection, and the obedience of the children, the submission of love."

The highest ambition of spiritual parents should be satisfied with a succession of holy and useful living on the part of the children. The noblest aspirations of the children should be to have their names written in the book of life, and their family history a continuous record of devotion to Christ. Abraham was especially honored by God. He gives the reason, ". . . Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord" (Genesis 18:18-19).

Praying families all over the land may be traced back to pious homes. God honors family piety. *A happy family is but an earlier heaven.* Never allow the best part of your family tree to be underground. An attractive motto hangs in the reception hall of my home. Many visitors have commented about it. I have pointed it out on those occasions when marriages have been solemnized at the parsonage. This is what the motto says: "Home, sweet home, when each lives for the other, and all live for Christ."

—Courtesy of the National Sunday School Association

10. A series of cottage prayer meetings could be sponsored by the church. Homes could be selected where there might be temporal and spiritual needs. Such activities minister to the needs of families.

Under the inspiration of such a title as "God Is

Our Hope," there should be some planning by the family and by the church to make National Family Week a significant observance. May God, who giveth generously to those who ask, help us with the great responsibility which rests upon the home and the church.

The Family Outreach Program in Our Church

By L. WAYNE SEARS, Pastor, First Church, Birmingham, Alabama

Mary Lou came to the altar soon after the invitation began on the last Sunday morning of our revival. Her husband, Forrest, followed her a few minutes later and both were gloriously reclaimed. Their names had been on one of the report blanks turned in each month since last October. One family had them on their prayer list, and they soon enlisted others in prayer for them. They were faithfully remembered in prayer, visitation, and invitation. It was not too surprising that they came to the revival and that they were saved. They were there again Sunday night with their two children, and we look forward to receiving them into the membership of the church.

They were not the only ones at the altar during the revival and during the regular services as a direct result of the Family Outreach program. There were other families, other young people, as well as older ones, who also came. It was the best revival we had had in years, and much of the interest can be traced to the deepened spirit of prayer in the families of our church.

These outward fruits are wonderful, and we rejoice in them. The wife in the home that first prayed for Forrest and Mary Lou was also sanctified during the revival. It is her first experience of the deeper things of God. In my opinion her own case was helped tremendously when they began to have regular family prayer and to pray for others.

Perhaps the deepest and most far-reaching result is in the homes of our own people. Soon after the program started we began to see and to feel the results. Our people began to testify that they were being helped in their own Christian experiences.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, . . . (Jas. 1: 5-6).

Regular family altars were set up where they had not been, and they became a blessing.

"This Is a Family Altar Home," the little family altar piece displayed prominently, gives many silent reminders. It is a reminder to every member of the family of the things they are trying to do. It is a reminder to visitors as to what this home believes. It has been a blessing to the pastor, in visitation, to see these family altar reminders displayed.

In my opinion, this is the most effective program we have had to promote real evangelism and make it effective for our people. It begins in the home, deepens the spiritual tone there, and the results are as sure as the promises of God.

FAMILY FAITH

By BERT WEBB

The Bible does not teach that faith may be inherited. Nevertheless, the incalculable power of faith is evidenced by Paul's remark to Timothy, "I thank God, . . . that I may be filled with joy; when I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (II Timothy 1:3-5). Here is an instance where genuine faith in God seems to have produced from generation to generation qualities of righteousness so essential in all true Christians.

It is evidently not incidental that Paul refers so pointedly to the faith of the ancestors of this young pastor to whom he has entrusted so much. The tremendous scope and influence of this "unfeigned faith" is further evidenced by the fact that Paul

The Family Outreach Packet

By V. H. Lewis

The Family Outreach Packet is being promoted in the "Crusade for Souls" tours as one of the best ways to reach out among the unchurched and to win them to Christ. It presents a most wholesome and natural approach to others and gives each family a project for Christ and the church that they can undertake together.

The program is a "follow through" project and does not stop with initial contact. It offers to each family various things they can do towards winning another family.

A family thus contacted and won into the fellowship of the church, as well as to Christ, is more likely to remain in the church since the very process of winning them has surrounded them with friendships that become strong ties to remain with the church.

A most striking example of the effectiveness of the plan was told to me by a pastor of one of our large churches. Here is his account of it:

"The Family Outreach plan of the Sunday school is the greatest thing offered yet in personal evangelism. It is doing wonders for our church and our people as well as reaching others.

"I preached on evangelism some time back and presented the packets. A large number accepted them.

"One family in particular took a packet home and started a family altar. They discussed the matter of trying to win a new family and admitted that they did not know any. Finally, they remembered that their children talked about a family a block away where the father was ill. The children of that home had played with their children.

"They went over to this home and made a contact, finding the man ill with a severe case of asthma. They called again a time or two and then requested the pastor to call to pray for the man's healing. In that healing service God did two things—the man was converted and definitely healed.

"They are now regular attendants at the church. The wife has become a Christian. That one case has inspired others and also it made a great change in the family who made the contact."

The pastor closed this statement with these words: "It is revolutionizing our church. New folks are coming and souls are finding God in our services."

admonishes Timothy to pass on to others this gospel, coupled with a living faith, that others may teach still others also. And it seems to be here implied that from grandmother to mother, to himself, to those to whom he ministers, and they in turn to others, links together five generations blessed of God because in the lineage of this stalwart of the "faith" there was a living trust in the Almighty.

A touching side light appears as Paul refers to Timothy as "my dearly beloved son." Tradition would suggest that the close family ties and sweet relationships involved in family life might have been almost completely lost to the great Apostle, and yet in his letters to Timothy, supposedly written just prior to his martyrdom, Paul injects over and over again this note which would indicate the tremendous value which he places upon the family and its relationship to God.

Let all Christian families who walk in sincere righteousness before their Lord take courage at the fact that, if children are faithfully "trained up" in the fear and admonition of the Lord, there is every reason to believe that righteousness will be the result. To those who know Christ, the statement, "The family that prays together stays together," needs no proving. It is most difficult for true Christians to harbor resentment and harsh feelings through a sincere session of family prayer. To read God's Word together as a family will undoubtedly implant seed that may seem cast in vain at the moment, but as sure as the harvest follows the planting must later produce eternal results.

Carelessness is possibly one of the greatest foes of family life in existence today. Few families intentionally disregard or fail to appreciate the various members of the household. It is extremely easy to become interested in personal matters and busy

THE GREAT FAITH of a Great Mother



By H. H. SMITH, SR.

She was indeed a great mother. Endowed with a strong and vigorous mind and an undaunted courage, she also possessed a strong religious nature and was noted for her practical sense and independent spirit. But the secret of her remarkable life was to be found in her faith in God. We mention three outstanding things in her life: *the training of her children, the way in which she met adversities, and her spiritual aggressiveness.* In all her achievements it was her indomitable faith in God that brought victory.

She was a great mother because she firmly believed that life is a sacred gift from God, fraught with eternal issues. In a letter to her sons at college, she wrote: "Life is very precious; we must give it back to God someday; so let us make the most of it, let us methodize the hours, so we may make the most of them." No wonder that she was diligent and patient in the training of her children. She believed with all her heart that God regarded a human soul, made in His likeness, as the most precious thing in the universe, and that the earthly

life and eternal destiny of a child are determined, in a large measure, by the way the parents train that child.

When one of her children was six years of age, he narrowly escaped death by fire which destroyed the home. Two years later, meditating upon this event, she wrote in her diary: "I do intend to be more particularly careful of the soul of this child, that Thou hast so mercifully provided for, than ever I have been; that I may endeavor to instill into his mind the principles of Thy true religion and

about even good, worthwhile things to the neglect of the other members of the household. Thoughtfulness, a sense of appreciation, and a determination to express such appreciation will go a long way toward guaranteeing under God pleasant relationships and a real Christian testimony.

A great portion of the Second Epistle to Timothy is devoted to the responsibilities of a faithful servant of God in the midst of apostasy, and over and over again the inheritance by example in the life of Timothy seems to be taken for granted by the Apostle Paul. A sense of Christian fidelity is greatly responsible for Paul's rather pitiful and plaintive statements, "Demas hath forsaken me, . . ."; "Take Mark, and bring him with thee"; and then, seemingly free to express a close personal desire to this young man, his son in the Lord, "The cloak that I left at Troas . . . bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments." "Do thy diligence to come before winter." seems to leave no doubt that Timothy, so nurtured in the "family of the faithful," will, out of the love of his heart prompted by devotion not only to his beloved father in the gospel, but out of the sense of family inherited love

as well, respond to the needs of this great man of God.

The true basis for lasting, genuine family happiness must include faith in Jesus Christ. A semblance of association may certainly exist. There may be no want for the material things of life and yet, to those who know the Lord, there seems to be some indefinable emptiness where Christ is not included as heart of the household. A family where prayer is not "wont to be heard" is a family that is not properly fortified against the unpredictable vicissitudes of modern-day living. True love must spring from a heart in touch with God.

How better to conclude than to note the lines penned by Clarence Edwin Flynn!

*There will be beauty in the dullest day,
There will be sunshine rimming clouds above,
There will be flowers by the hardest way
As long as there is love.*

*There will be a song where only silence dwelt,
And gold threads in the drabbest fabric wove,
And glory leaving every care unfelt
As long as there is love.*

—Courtesy of the National Sunday School Association

virtue. Lord, give me grace to do it sincerely and prudently; and bless my attempt with good success." (Her name is given at the close of this article: but if you haven't already guessed it, don't look now.)

This faithful mother endeavored to surround her large family of children with a religious atmosphere. Every day she instructed them in spiritual things and prayed with them. "I take such a proportion of time," she said, "as I can best spare every night to discourse with each child by itself. On Monday I talk with Molly; on Tuesday with Hetty; Wednesday with Nancy; Thursday with Jacky; Friday with Patty; Saturday with Charles; and with Emilia and Sukey together on Sunday."

There is no doubt that those close talks with her children about spiritual things bore abundant fruit. Many years later, when one of her sons had become a minister, he recalled those Thursday night talks, and in a letter to his mother requesting her opinion on some religious subject, added: "In many things you have interceded for me and prevailed. Who knows but that in this too you may be successful? If you can spare me only that little part of Thursday evening, which you formerly bestowed upon me in another manner, I doubt not it would be as useful now for correcting my heart, as it was then for forming my judgment."

This mother was very methodical in the government of her household. Let us learn from her methods whatever we may, but bear in mind that which is far more important than method: the motive, the impelling force back of all—an unconquerable faith in God, resulting in a deep sense of responsibility for the training of her children. To Christianize parents is the great need today.

This wonderful mother seems to have had more than her share of trials and afflictions, and had she not been supported by a strong faith in God she would have been overwhelmed. She was the mother of nineteen children, nine of whom died in infancy. To add to her sorrows, several of the daughters made most unhappy marriages, which brought great suffering to themselves as well as to their parents. Writing to her brother during these trials, she said: "Believe me, it is better to mourn ten children dead than one living, and I have buried many." For many years there were keen pecuniary embarrassments—at times she hardly knew where the next meal was to be found.

Unreasonable creditors sent her husband to a debtors' prison for a short while, and after his death she was left almost penniless. On the very day of the funeral "rapacious creditors" seized a part of the small amount left her. But such was her faith in God that, late in life, looking back upon her varied experiences, she said that, while there had been many trials and sorrows, yet there had been more joy than sorrow in her life, and that

NEWS in PICTURE



REV. JACK FORD (England) and **DR. S. S. WHITE**, editor of the "Herald of Holiness," check the recent special issue of the "Herald" at the Publishing House. Mr. Ford is on a lecture tour including all the Nazarene colleges and Nazarene Theological Seminary.

all her sufferings had served to promote her spiritual and eternal good. No wonder her biographer said that when he saw her grappling with gigantic adversities he "adored the grace of God that was in her" and could not repress his tears.

Her energetic faith and aggressive spirit are most admirable. She was ever alert to promote the cause of Christ, as this incident will show. Shortly after the death of her husband one of her sons was asked to cross the ocean and take charge of a mission. As his mother was aged and in poor health, and mourning the recent death of her husband, he hesitated to mention the matter to her. Although at this time she needed the help and comfort of her son, when she learned that the enterprise was of a missionary character, she readily consented to his going, and said, "Had I twenty sons I should rejoice that they were all so well employed, though I should never see them again."

During her earlier days, when this remarkable mother was striving to teach her children the true way of life, she had said: "Life is very precious; we must give it back to God someday," and now, for her, that day had arrived. As her children stood around her bed, she uttered her last words: "Children, when I am released, sing a psalm of praise to God." It was an expression of triumphant faith.

(Her name: Susanna Wesley, mother of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist church, and Charles Wesley, the noted hymn-writer).

The Greatest Christian I ever knew...

A Pen Portrait by P. J. Bartram

Pastor, First Church, Spokane, Washington

Like the Shunammite, she was "a great woman." She was not great in public service rendered, either to the church or to the community, but she was great in purity, in humility, in childlike faith, in spiritual radiance, and in unconscious influence.

Long before she ever heard any clear and scriptural emphasis on holiness of heart, her family could say of her, "Blessed are the pure in heart."

I remember her best for her deep devotion to Christ, for her constant, overshadowing influence for righteousness, and for her willingness to carry the burden of intercession for wayward ones. If you were to ask me, "Who is the greatest Christian you have ever known?" I would have to answer, "The lovely queen of our home, MY MOTHER!"

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the dainty moss-rose china we usually saved for company. Perhaps the toast would be cut in circles, or maybe the plain sugar cookies would have smiling features traced with raisins or a bit of chocolate frosting. Such little things mean so much to children! And how could grumblings and complaints long have a place in the presence of a mother who smilingly hugged each of us a dozen times a day, and who went about attending to our needs to the accompaniment of:

*Let a little sunshine in;
Let a little sunshine in.
Clear the darken'd windows,
Open wide the door;
Let a little sunshine in!*

When financial disaster descended upon us, we children could sense the anxiety of our parents even though we could not understand all that was involved. I puzzled about such words as mortgage, foreclosure, and failure. I was standing by when Father wrote a check and handed it to someone. When the man was gone, Father turned to Mother and said grimly, "Well, Mary, that's all. That just about wipes us out." I saw tears standing in Mother's brave eyes on the day the grand piano was sold and hauled away.

That was when I slipped my hand into hers and asked fearfully, "Are we awfully poor now? Is this part of being 'wiped out'?"

"This is something we didn't think would happen. We hoped it wouldn't happen," she answered.

"but we are not 'wiped out,' nor shall we ever be. And how can we be awfully poor when we still have each other?"

Mother held her shoulders a little straighter, and there was something beyond courage in her face as she went about preparing supper. Folding the everyday, red-checked cloth, she laid it aside, and spread the table instead with the best cloth of snowy Irish linen.

If the food was meager that evening, how were we to notice, with the parlor lamp brought in for the occasion, and shedding its ruddy glow over our assembled faces? If Father was discouraged it didn't sound in his voice when he asked God's blessing on the food. And if Mother's heart was heavy as lead while clearing away the supper things, how were we children to know, with her singing so triumphantly, "I'm a child of the King"?

But during the weeks after our sister died, I was sure Mother had lost her song. How *could* she sing—ever again? Now, upon my return from school, the house would be silent and strange. Often I would find Mother alone in her room. Traces of tears on the cushion of the old rocker and the open Bible on the marble-topped stand nearby told me she had been waiting before God.

I was to learn that sorrow often presages songs of greater victory. One cannot linger long in the presence of God without receiving His "garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

On a dismal, rainy November afternoon, when cold winds were blowing the dry leaves along the gutters, I hurried home from school to find the house permeated with the familiar warm fragrance of fresh bread and cinnamon rolls. But the thing that caused my heart to skip with happiness was the long-missed sound of Mother's voice. Floating from the kitchen, I heard:

*There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar!*

She had just finished brushing melted butter on the crusty loaves when, with a rush, I threw myself into her arms. As she lifted me up in a close embrace, she told me, "I'm so glad I have a dear little girl!"

"And, oh," I replied, my heart nearly bursting for joy, "I'm so glad I have a singing mother!"

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In preparing for our Fiftieth Anniversary year (1958) the Commission responsible for its promotion is anxious to do two things:

1. *Get the names and addresses of all persons now living who were present at Pilot Point, Texas, and in the uniting service, October 13, 1908, when the Church of the Nazarene was organized.*
2. *Get the names and addresses of all Nazarenes who have been members of the Church of the Nazarene continuously for fifty years or more.*

In order that we may get this information as quickly as possible will you fill in the blanks below and return at once to the GENERAL SECRETARY, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City 10, Missouri?

I was present at the union in Pilot Point, Texas, October 13, 1908. _____

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Name..... Address.....

S. T. LUDWIG, Secretary
Fiftieth Anniversary Commission

Our Gift to Mother on This Her Day

By **KATHERINE BEVIS**

On this forty-ninth anniversary of the founding of Mother's Day the floodgates of memory are opened for all of us. Mother's Day is a fitting time for us to pause and ponder on the real significance of what Mother has given us: her faith and her wisdom which have been the guiding light of our lives from the time when as a little child we knelt at her knee in prayer.

We can immortalize the symbol of her love and sacrifice by living true to the ideals which she inspired in us; being the men and women she would have us be.

A mother whose life is adorned with the virtue of purity is a priceless treasure whose godly character and virtues will be passed down through her offspring to future generations.

A child is influenced to be good or bad, a success or a failure, according to the kind of life led by his parents. Frances Willard, a famous American social reformer, once said: "Every child has a right to be well born," and when Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, the noted American physician and author, was asked when a child's education should begin, he replied, "Three hundred years before he is born."

When asked, "What is the greatest need of France?" the emperor, Napoleon, unexpectedly gave the wise reply, "Mothers!"

Indeed that is the greatest need of all nations. The world sings its praise of pure and consecrated mothers who prove a blessing to their children by

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I Was in a Home!

During my ministerial career I have been in many homes. Recently I was in still another one for a few days. I left that home feeling good about it. In fact, there are many homes I have visited, both in the past and very recently, that I feel good about. However, I am thinking of this particular home now.

There were the father and mother and some teen-age children. It was a middle-class home, neither a home of wealth nor one of poverty. The father and mother were very sympathetic with the needs and interests of the teen-age children, and the teen-agers showed respect for their parents. The parents and children all shared in the duties of the home. Not only did the parents and children work together, but they also played together, and the friends of the teen-agers felt free to come into the home. From a social and human standpoint, it was a very normal home, and was above the average intellectually. There were good magazines and books to read, and the interests of our day were discussed. This was what I would call an ideal home.

The main facts which made this home ideal are as follows. The parents and the children were Christians. They not only respected religion; they made a vital place for it in their lives. More than once I heard the voice of prayer in that home. They did not eat their meals without first thanking God for providing those material blessings. They were all members of the church, and active in it. Most if not all of them, both parents and children, had responsible positions in the Sunday school or church. The Bible was held in high esteem. The members of the family believed that the true way of life could be found only in it.

I have reason to believe that the members of that group didn't hesitate to ask each other's forgiveness if they felt they had come short in their relations with each other. It is wonderful to live in an atmosphere where there is a forgiving spirit, where each member of the home is ready to admit his faults as he is made aware of them. In such a place there are real love and fellowship.

As I said in the beginning, this is not the only home such as this that I have visited. We still have many wonderful homes in our country. All of those of the highest type are built around the Bible, Christ, and the church. They can't leave these interests out and expect to be the kind of homes that they should be. Family prayer, attendance at Sunday school and church and prayer meeting help to stabilize the life of a home more than anything else. Material blessings are worthwhile, and it is great to have normal intelligence and be interested in reading good books and papers; but there can't

be "family" religion in the best and truest sense without "meetinghouse" religion. Besides, teenagers need both the Christian environment of the home and the influences of the church if they are to do their best in the school which they attend. We thank God for our public schools, but they can never provide the basic ideals and leadership which the home and the church can. Moreover, nothing can so supplement the work of the school and so make it what it ought to be as can Christian homes, homes that believe in family religion and the church.

Editorials

What We Believe:

11. Second Coming of Christ

"We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will come again; that we who are alive at His coming shall not precede them that are asleep in Christ Jesus; but that, if we are abiding in Him, we shall be caught up with the risen saints to meet the Lord in the air, so that we shall ever be with the Lord" (1956 *Manual*, Church of the Nazarene, page 32).

This article of belief emphasizes definitely the fact that Jesus will come again. The Church of the Nazarene believes in the second coming of Jesus Christ. He came the first time by way of the manger in Bethlehem, but that will not be His last visit to this world. He is coming again! All Christians will meet Him in the air when He comes the second time. The saints which have died will be resurrected and those who are still on the earth will be transformed in a moment, and both groups will go up to meet the Lord in the air together. From then on, they will never be separated from Him again; they will ever be with their Lord. The Scriptures are full of references to the Second Coming. A few of them are as follows:

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9-11). Here we have the account of the ascension of Jesus and then the words given by the angels, which inform us that "this same Jesus" shall come back to earth in the same way in which He left it. One of

the greatest promises in the Bible is as to the Second Coming. Notice it: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

Then there is the verse in Matthew 24:11—"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." The last reference we would bring to you is found in

STEPHEN S. WHITE

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

Don't Forget the Good Teaching in the Parables!

The Parable of the Sower has something to say about the seed which fell on good ground and sprang up and increased, bringing forth some thirty, some sixty, and some one hundred fold (see Mark 4:8). This symbolizes the truth that some people *are* receiving the message of the Master, getting saved and sanctified, and living on that level across the years. They get their feet down and keep moving on for God.

There were five "wise virgins." They had oil in their lamps; they were ready when the bridegroom came and went out to meet him. The five- and the two-talent men went forth and doubled that which they had been given. They received the master's blessing, "Well done, good and faithful servant:

PRESSING FORWARD

By F. W. DAVIS

*All the past must be forgotten,
Every failure and mistake,
If we hope to win for Jesus
In each conquest for His sake.
Let's go forward in this struggle
For our God, for truth and right.
With His love, His grace and mercy,
We can conquer in the fight!*

*Friend, we must be free from evil,
Every doubt, and worldly care
That's so often prone to hinder
Our advancement, anywhere.
We are in a raging conflict,
Backed by Satan, sin, and strife,
And we must keep pressing forward
If we gain eternal life!*

thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matthew 25:23).

It might not be out of place to consider at times how much better off the prodigal son would have been if he had not decided to leave the father's house—if he had stayed at home and walked in the paths of right. Wouldn't it be worthwhile for the minister to preach on this subject: "What if the younger son had not become a prodigal?" Further, it might do us good to remember that there is a "Lazarus" in the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, who was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. Yes, he suffered much in this life, but he did not fail God; he was faithful unto death. Likewise, we should bear in mind that there was a "good" Samaritan, as well as a priest and a Levite, and that this Good Samaritan was ready to go the limit in order to help the man who had fallen among thieves.

Let's look for the good and see it. Oh, that God would open our eyes as He opened the eyes of Elisha's servant and help us to see that there are many more people on our side than we had realized! Let's have a banquet or a parade in honor of the good who yet reside upon this earth. Let's thank God for the leaders in the Church of the Nazarene and other churches who have, across the years, honored goodness by their lives. They represent a great host of preachers and laymen in the Christian church throughout the world who have done the same.

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providing them with a wholesome environment and an ennobling heritage.

The most highly regarded picture in the world is the Madonna and her Child. Its appeal never lessens with the passing of the centuries. A visit to the Pitti and Uffizi art galleries in the city of Florence, Italy, impresses one with the fact that every artist of note has painted some kind of Madonna. We usually refer to the Madonna that was painted by the great artist, Raphael. However many others have painted Madonnas.

Because motherhood is so beautiful, artists have chosen the mother and her child for their master paintings. In the Pitti gallery in Florence, Raphael's "Madonna of the Chair" is the most popular canvas. It is no surprise that artists choose mothers as subjects for their master paintings, since in motherhood there is real, appealing beauty.

On this very special day may we appreciate that very special person in our lives—Mother! As we bring gifts of flowers and other expressions of our love let us strive to forget the things that have caused us to drift away from the faith of Mother—if we have been guilty of this—let us remember only the hopes she had for us and the desire in her

Heart of Home

By CHRISTINE WHITE

*Lord, let our house be something more
Than just a shelter with a door:
May its windows glow with light,
Shedding radiance through the night,
Not just a glitter of glass and chrome,
But give it the "feel" of a happy home.*

*Let it have flowers, a well-loved book,
Soft cushions in a quiet nook.
May it be more than downy bed,
Or snowy cloth with silver spread;
Lend it some smiles, warm sympathy,
With kindly thoughts, true charity—
That all may recall, though far they roam,
That God was there—in the heart of home.*

heart to see those hopes fulfilled. Let us strive to keep the faith she instilled in our childish minds.
That is our greatest gift to Mother!

Where a Man Can Find God

By GENEVIEVE THOMPSON

In a recent Sunday night service two testimonies were given which impressed me. A man in his late seventies told how the Holy Spirit convicted him so deeply that he began to seek God. He said, "I did not know how to find God. I did not know a man who knew God. But I knew where there was a little church where they told people how to find God, so folks said. It was twenty miles from my home but I told my wife we were going there and we were going to find God. And we did."

After he finished a young man arose and said, "I thank God for a man who came *my* way and helped me find God. And I thank God for a church which is helping other people find Him." Looking around he continued, "There are quite a few visitors here tonight. Some of you do not accept everything we believe and teach. But before you criticize too harshly, think of this. This is a place where a man can find God." And he sat down.

How tragic that the same cannot be said of every church, no matter what its name! A church, *any* church, ought to be, first and foremost, a place

where people can and do find God. That is the only excuse for the existence of any church. No organization has any right to call itself a church if its primary goal is not bringing people to God through Jesus Christ, His Son.

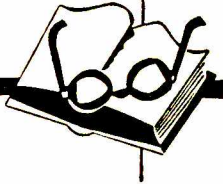
Shame on those churches which offer eternity-bound men and women nothing better than church suppers, Sunday night movies, book reviews, and parties! Let them call themselves clubs or lodges, but not churches. The church is unique. It is not an organization but an organism. It is the body joined inseparably to its living Head, Christ Jesus. It is the only heavenly body in existence upon this earth.

God bless the church—any church, no matter what its name—which fulfills its heavenly calling. Of it our Lord said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Satan rages and his henchmen oppose, but the glorious church of Jesus Christ will continue to bring men to God. When she ceases to do that she ceases to be the church.

The Sunday School Lesson

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Topic for
May 12:



Responding to God's Call

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12: 15-17; 22
(Printed: Genesis 12:1-3; 17:1-9).

GOLDEN TEXT: *Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths* (Psalms 25: 4).

Today's lesson for our Bible study gives us the beginning of the Hebrew nation and the promises made to Abraham, the father of the faithful.

We have in the scripture lesson the two calls of Abraham: first, the call to separation or to come out, and second, the call to perfection. Both calls had to be responded to by faith. "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went" (Hebrews 11:8).

The call of God must always be responded to by faith. We need not know all the ways that God shall lead, but we can start in obedience to His call and trust Him to make the way plain as we go.

Abraham's call to perfection was a call to walk before God. No doubt there were many who could find fault with Abraham, and his perfection might not satisfy the critics, but he was asked only to satisfy God.

Abraham's first response to the call to leave his father's house and kindred was not complete. He took his father with him; however, he did not reach the land of promise until after his father's death. He also took Lot with him, who was his nephew, but Lot was always more of a hindrance than a blessing to Abraham. Any compromise in obedience to God's call hinders spiritual progress.

God indeed gave Abraham some great promises. These promises seemed impossible, but Abraham believed God. "He staggered not at the promise . . . but was strong in faith, giving glory to God." "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23).

God made an everlasting covenant with Abraham. So far as God is concerned, that covenant stands today. However, people must keep their part of a

covenant in order to enjoy the benefits thereof.

God is ready to make an everlasting covenant with the individual soul, but the individual must always keep the covenant relationship to enjoy the benefits thereof.

Surely we should all pray today, "Shew

me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths." God's ways are always best and His paths lead through Canaan to the homeland of the soul.

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New Addresses

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Grantz have moved to Apartado 163, Piura, Peru, South America.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wellmon are now at Apartado 387, Rivas, Nicaragua, Central America.

Prayer Request

Please pray for the Knoxes in New Guinea. Sidney Knox has been battling serious infection in a crushed finger which has had to be partially amputated; also has a congested lung condition as an aftermath of pneumonia. The Knoxes are just beginning their first school for the New Guinea children, who know nothing of schoolroom discipline, or any other kind. Satan has been pressing the new converts severely. Pray earnestly for God's help in this new work.

Vacation Bible Schools in Peru

HARRY ZURCHER, *Peru*

We are having more children enrolled in our vacation Bible schools this year than in previous years. Also we are conducting vacation Bible schools in several places where we have not had them before. We have some very good teams of workers out this year—girls who dare to go out even against odds. We have four of our most promising boys also working on the district, preaching, visiting, evangelizing, and doing colportage work. We have asked every pastor to inform us if he would like to have one of the boys for two weeks or so in his parish. Many have responded. I have received some very satisfactory reports from the students and the pastors too.

Many of our other students are experiencing some wonderful victories during their vacation time also. One second-year student informed us that his pastor assigned him to a group of people in an hacienda nearby. The student has faithfully and seriously taken the charge. Last Sunday night he told us that in the last two services he had a total of twelve adults and children to make a profession of faith. Another first-year student from the same local

REMISS REHFELDT, *Secretary*

church reported seventy in attendance in a cottage prayer meeting he conducts in a neighboring town. Most of the students are quite encouraged.

Cape Verde Blessings

Since our pastor is away for medical treatment I have been doing most of the speaking and God has wonderfully blessed. In fact, I'm enjoying it so much that I'm afraid my nursing has taken second or third place.

S. Filipe has always been considered a hard place, and we didn't have more than two or three members sanctified. They were always faithful in attendance but I got tired of hearing their daily prayers that God would help them in their weakness.

I preached, and I'm afraid rather ruthlessly, on the price of sanctification. Thank God, three prayed through in the old-fashioned way. Their prayers and testimonies are now filled with praise to God!

Tuesday evening at the N.Y.P.S. service a young man filled with the Holy Spirit gave his testimony and read the Scriptures. We had little more, but the Spirit was present; two of our most faithful girls were wonderfully sanctified. A young man who had a Catholic girl friend got spiritually hungry and went with the Christian young men to pray in the country after dinner. He too found wonderful victory!

Last night I didn't feel we needed a sermon. We had a praise meeting. What a wonderful time it was!—LYDIA WILKE, *Cape Verde Islands*.

In Training

The South African Missionary Council granted a leave to me for midwifery training. So today I find myself in the Queen Victoria Nurse's Home, far away from my work in Swaziland. I am finding conditions here more pleasant than I expected but nothing to compare with working with the Swazi people. I will be glad to get back to them as soon as possible.

I have found a number of Christian nurses here and have enjoyed meeting with them for the Christian Nurses' Fel-

Servicemen's Corner



Chaplain Leonard W. Dodson, Jr., writes:

"March has been one of the most fruitful months of our ministry to this squadron of ships. We have had more young men find Christ as Lord and Saviour than in any other month that we have been aboard. How true it is that we sow the seed and God gives the increase! To see a young man still under twenty years of age step out from his shipmates and kneel on the deck of the ship and weep his way through to victory is truly one of the fine and moving experiences in the chaplain's entire ministry. Our prayer is that God will continue to give wisdom and grace to accomplish just the ministry that is so needful among these fine American boys.

"I received the literature and books that we felt were needed to spread the gospel throughout our ships. Our hearty thanks and appreciation to the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission for honoring and meeting every request for literature to distribute to the eight ships in our squadron.

"I love the Lord, the church, and my work and count it a real privilege to serve God as one of the 'padres' in the navy."

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Chaplain Calvin G. Causey writes from Fort Jackson, South Carolina:

"During the month of February, I had numerous hands lifted for prayer, and about fifty men who have made a profession of faith. It is

encouraging to sense an increasing presence of God in our services.

"God has continued to especially bless the Sunday evening inspiration services. We normally have singing, testimonies, a brief message; then an opportunity is presented for the men to accept Christ. In one young man's testimony he stated that the service reminded him of his church services back home. No wonder—he is a devoted member of the Church of the Nazarene in Greensboro, North Carolina."

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"I enjoy reading the *Herald of Holiness*, *Conquest*, and *Come Ye Apart* very much. A couple of times that I received a copy of *Conquest*, I would leave it lie with the mail until I would finish work for the day; then when I would come for it, it was gone. In a week, or less, it would appear again. So I am sure someone was reading it and pray he received a blessing from it. Your publications helped to keep me faithful and humble in His Spirit.

"I am not a Nazarene, but I have frequently attended your churches. I will continue to do so as much as possible. I love Him. Thanks for all you have done.—ELMER FUNK."

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lowship prayer services. More than anything else I've enjoyed seeing our missionaries in this area and have been thrilled and blessed as I have attended the church services in various Colored churches and one European church.

I know that it is quite a sacrifice to the mission to give leave to one of the nurses, but I do want to make the most of this and prepare myself to better carry out the work that God has given me.
—AVINELL McNABB, *Africa*.

it was imperative for me to follow the directions given.

After Arguments Failed—

My good bed-neighbor told me of a lady who had once been in a hospital bed next to hers. One evening this lady had been carried into the room on a stretcher. With great difficulty she was placed upon her bed. As soon as she was lying free from the nurse, she propped herself up on her elbow and asked,

"When shall I tell you what I want for breakfast?"

The next morning before breakfast was served, one of the resident doctors went to the bedside of the lady and started to take a sample of her blood for laboratory examination.

"You can't have any of my blood until after I have had my breakfast," she promptly announced.

"We must have it before you eat any food," was the explanation. "If we do not get it, then you will have to remain in the hospital longer than you had planned."

"If you don't give me my breakfast I'll get out of this bed and go home," the lady threatened.



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When the Conditions Are Met—

My hospital room was not next to the window. In order to see the rain fall and the spring sun shine down on the rain-soddened ground, it was necessary for me to look over the bed of my neighbor. Whenever I did this, I felt a longing to be free from the restrictions which bound me. I lay on a bed, when just outside the window the birds were singing, the grass was turning greener

every day, and the trees were beginning to bud.

I wanted to go home, so I could dig in the warming earth, plant flower seed, and rake the ground in preparation for a new season.

According to the doctors, it was necessary for me to remain in bed. I had gone to the doctors for advice and cure. They had laid out before me the conditions I must meet in order to obtain this cure. In order to get this healing

"Can you walk?" asked the doctor.
"Yes. I can walk. I'll show you."

With help the lady finally got out of bed and with support on each side she stood beside it.

"Now, take a step," the doctor commanded.

The lady lifted one foot barely off the floor, then dropped it back without moving forward. She made a little tap, tapping sound with her feet, but my neighbor reported that she could not move an inch. Finally realizing her helplessness and lack of ability, she gave up and was lifted back onto the bed. Once back in bed, however, she began the same line.

"Well, you give me my breakfast and I'll let you have the blood," she spoke with determination.

After arguments failed, the doctor finally said to his assistant, "Let her have her breakfast. We'll wait another day for the blood sample."

The lady had her own way. She surely did. She said she wanted to be cured of her sickness, but she refused to meet the conditions which were required to bring about her healing.

Obedience Brings Sweet Release—

Sometimes we go to Christ for help. We know the rules by which we should live. When we are reminded of these, we fight back.

"That is not the way I want to live," we say.

So—we get our own way! Oh, yes, Christ does not force His will upon us. Nevertheless, we must abide by His laws and conditions if we are going to get what we need and so deeply desire. Our wills must be governed by His will and His conditions. Once we accept His conditions and receive the help we need for our sin-sick hearts we are free to move about and carry on the necessary as well as pleasant tasks which come our way.

While in the hospital I followed the rules set down for me. Today I am free to go out into the yard and dig in the spring soil, feel the fresh rain shower upon my face, and plant new grass and flower seeds. In order to obtain this good situation, I had first to meet the conditions laid out for me by the doctors and the hospital attendants.

I Met His Conditions, Too—

When I gave my heart to Christ, I met His conditions. He did the job I asked of Him, but only after I followed His plan of salvation.

Anyone who is willing to meet Jesus on His terms—He is the Master Physician—will receive a touch of healing from His mighty hand. Healing for heart and life will flow even from the hem of His garment. It may not be so pleasant to change plans, schedules, and habits, but once the conditions are met, the joy of full healing is so great that one forgets the pain and torture through which he passed.

the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

Are there "baby" Christians?

There are "baby" Christians in two senses, I would say. Paul, in I Corinthians 3:1, speaks of some folks who are "babes in Christ." From one viewpoint they must have been baby Christians, or Paul would not have written that way about them. That's the first kind of baby Christians. The second kind of baby Christians are the children who have not yet arrived at the years of accountability, or moral responsibility; they are not old enough to know the difference between right

and wrong. These children, according to Jesus, are in the Kingdom, for He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Here we have a different group from the first one I mentioned, and yet those who belong to it might be spoken of as "baby" Christians. Thus I answer your question by saying, "Yes, there are 'baby' Christians in at least two senses."

How can one be a Christian without being baptized to become one?

By being born again, being justified by faith, coming unto Jesus, taking up his cross and following Jesus, by repenting and believing. These are all scriptural statements; every one of them indicates that a person can be a Christian without being baptized with water. There are literally dozens of scriptures

in the New Testament which indicate this truth. Note First John, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins" (1:9); that is another way, different from the others I have mentioned, of becoming a Christian.

Are we baptized because we are already Christians or are we baptized in order to be Christians?

We are certainly baptized because we are already Christians, and not in order to be Christians. The Bible doesn't

teach that sinners are baptized in order to be Christians.

Does holiness operate in the realm of the unconscious? Are the instincts, or drives, evil? Does the Holy Spirit cleanse these drives, or urges, or whatever term you choose to use?

I believe that holiness operates in the realms of both the conscious and the unconscious. I don't believe that the instincts, or drives, as they are more correctly called today, were evil when God created man; they were natural and legitimate. However, I think that when sin entered into the world, and man became possessed of a sinful nature, these drives were made somewhat ab-

normal and intensified. I also believe that the Holy Spirit cleanses these abnormalities which the urges, or drives, have taken on. That does not mean that they are destroyed. Entire sanctification does not destroy the natural man as he was created. The drives he had when he was created are legitimate and remain after one has been sanctified.

If a Christian dies with unconfessed sins, will he meet them at the judgment seat?

If you mean by "unconfessed sins" sins that the individual knows about, or that he has willfully and knowingly done, I would answer in the affirmative. Of course he will meet them at the Judgment. All known sins which are unconfessed will be met at the Judgment. More than that, I don't think a Christian can remain a Christian with sins that he knows about, unconfessed. We must confess our sins. That doesn't mean that we have to publicly confess everything; it does mean that we have to come to God confessing all of our

sins. There may be sins which have been against individuals, and these will have to be confessed to them; and occasionally, perhaps, a sin against a group or an organization, which will have to be confessed to the group or organization. Every sin must be confessed to God, else those sins will be met at the Judgment. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins," but not unless we do confess them. If sins are not forgiven, then we'll have to meet them at the Judgment.



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V. H. LEWIS, *Secretary*

There is more power in believing one thing than in doubting ten thousand.

Jesus Christ was proclaiming this great truth when He said, "Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22). He preached this fact over and over again by word and example. Too often when the word faith is mentioned, we focus our attention outward to the thing we hope faith will accomplish. But like all of Christ's great truths, it has an inner benefit also.

Think of the inner power that comes to the soul of the one who has faith. As the man who wields the ax not only fells the tree but builds his own strength, so the Christian who dares to believe God in achieving faith not only sees things come to pass but develops within himself soul strength to become a mighty warrior for our God.

It is a man's right to disbelieve at a proper time when a matter has been carefully considered and found to be false, but no man is capable of disbelieving, or of doubting intelligently and sensibly, unless he first has strong and positive beliefs.

A man's real power either to do or to doubt begins in his beliefs and faith. If a person gives attention to what he does not believe rather than to what he does believe, he makes no progress and as a result he lacks practical power in any direction.

So let us turn our attention to our faith. In its positive application to Christian living we will find power springing up within ourselves. It will be power of soul, strength of heart, clarity of purpose, peace of mind in this day. Let us dare to believe that our God can and will give us a mighty revival here and now. Out of such a faith we will become strong enough to do what God wants us to do in bringing such a revival to pass. Praise His name!

HOW THEY ARE WON

When we worked together in the shoe-shop thirty-some years ago, he was

TEACH ME

By MARION B. SHOEN

*Father, teach me how to love
In everything I do:
Faith can make a mountain move,
Or a world made new.*

*Faith can tread the widest sea
To the farthest shore;
Father, teach Thy love to me,
More and more and more.*

taken up with the pleasures of sin and not interested in religion. This week the Preachers' Convention was in that city and I learned that he was in trouble. His job was gone and his home in dire jeopardy because of drink. After a trip to town and two phone calls, I found him at home following the night service of the convention. After apologies for so late a call, we talked. His wife listened as he poured out his heart. He wondered if he had gone beyond hope. It was a happy privilege to tell him that God gave His Son for his sake. Soon the three of us, on our knees, experienced heaven in the room and a troubled soul found forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ. As I bade them

WONDERFUL
By NELLIE ELLYSON
*Wonderful, wonderful Jesus!
He is the dearest to me.
Wonderful, wonderful Saviour!
Fairer than all is He.*
*Wonderful, wonderful Keeper—
I'll love Him forevermore,
Jesus, Saviour, and Keeper,
My joy through eternity!*

"good night," husband and wife held my hand, both of them saying, "We are so glad you came." Rest was sweet that night. A life spared, a home saved, and a soul snatched "as a brand from the burning." The bed was soft and warm, and so was my heart.

EARL C. WILLIAMS, *Pastor, Fort Collins, Colorado.*



By L. J. DU BOIS

The Power of the Gospel

Narcotics Anonymous, an organization started in Hamilton, Ontario, to help drug addicts, closed its operations after a year's trial. A local magistrate said that the reason the experiment failed was that religion had no part in it. He commented that addicts, once arrested, see no one but the police and the jailer. They need forgiveness, the doctrine of Jesus Christ, and the help of a minister, he said. "Most of their families want nothing to do with the addicts."

Auca Flights

Christianity Today reports that men armed only with the gospel are again flying over the jungles of Ecuador where five young missionaries were slain last year by the Auca Indians. The source of this information is Rev. Harvey R. Bostrom, who has headed missionary work of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Ecuador for twelve years. He predicted that the barrier of savagery built by the Aucas would be broken down. "Missionaries are again flying over the Auca district dropping gifts. But it will take time to gain their confidence. One missionary, his wife, and child are living on the rim of the jungle inhabited by this tribe. This family have not been molested," Mr. Bostrom said.

Chinese Christians

One-half of the Christians in China have refused to obey the Communist

government directives and are conducting their worship services in secret. So declared Ambassador Hollington K. Tong of Nationalist China in a recent dinner speech in Washington, D.C. He said that most Christian groups in Communist China continue to feel severe persecution. By way of contrast, he said that Christian missions are thriving on Formosa. The number of Christians on the Nationalist-held island has multiplied six times since World War II, he declared, and now totals more than a quarter-million of a population of ten million.

Lutheran Attendance Drive

The Lutherans are acting to meet the problem of dwindling urban church membership. Leaders of the United Lutheran church from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland areas have proposed attacking the problem by:

Training urban group workers for needy churches.

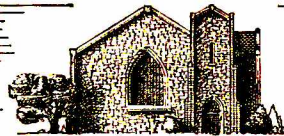
Setting up seminary programs in urban work.

Financing the new work, if necessary, by funds that would have gone to suburban projects.

Similar meetings are taking place across the country.

This matter of consistency of church attendance is one which should concern all professed Christian people. No denomination can say that it is entirely free from the problem of carelessness and indifference at this point.

NEWS of the Churches



Kankakee, Illinois—First Church closed a revival on March 10 with Rev. C. T. Corbett as the evangelist. He is a forceful preacher of the Word and carries a burden for revivals. Sixty-two seekers came to the altar for spiritual help, and the church received a spiritual boost from this meeting. Rev. Bennett Dudney came as our pastor last August and has been given a unanimous call for the coming year. The Sunday school average for February was 206, and we have received 27 members this year to date. A spirit of faith, love, and optimism prevails and we thank God for the victories He has given.—*Reporter.*

Burbank, California—In March, First Church had a very fine meeting with Rev. Ralph Wynkoop as evangelist, and Paul and Mary Jester as the evangelistic singers. Brother Wynkoop is an exceptionally fine evangelist, and we appreciated his emphasis on holiness. The Jesters are splendid singers and workers. A good number of folks received spiritual help, and the entire church was helped and strengthened.—*HAROLD M. SORWIDE, Pastor.*

San Bernardino, California—First Church recently concluded one of the best revival times of its history with Dr. D. I. Vanderpool and Professor Ron J. Lush as the special workers. Peak crowds "packed out" the church sanctuary, and altars were "lined" in every service. Chapel services for students attending the church's weekday Christian school saw two hundred elementary and junior high boys and girls wonderfully saved or sanctified. Rev. Clyde A. Rhone, pastor, completing his ninth year with First Church, has accepted an almost unanimous additional three-year call. The church made a net gain of sixty members during the past year. Revivals are the answer.—*MARY CURTIS, Secretary.*

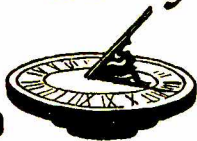
Webster Springs, West Virginia—God gave us a wonderful meeting for two weeks in March with Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Lockhard as the special workers. There were 37 seekers at the altar, some saved and others sanctified. There were 118 present on Sunday. Help us pray that God will open the way that we may have a larger building.—*LOYD JOHNSON, Pastor.*

Sanger, California—Recently we had the best revival in our ministry. Evangelist J. A. Allen preached with the anointing and blessing of the Holy Spirit, and there were seekers in every service. New people are attending the services, and fifteen adult members were added to the church. We thank God for the old-time spirit of revival generated by Brother Allen's ministry. We feel this has been a turning point in our church here.—*J. OLEN FENNELL, Pastor.*

Sligo, Pennsylvania—On March 31 we closed a very good revival which was of great benefit to the church. Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Underwood were the special workers. Brother Underwood preached the old-time gospel in the power of the Spirit, and Sister Underwood's readings were well received. Solos and duets were also used. There were several seekers and some very definite victories. The ministry of the Underwoods was appreciated by all who heard them. Finances came easily and a nice love offering was given to the pastor and wife.—*C. F. HUNT, Pastor.*

Thought for the Day

by BERTHA MUNRO



A Lucky Fellow

Monday:

"There are no hopeless situations, only men without hope"—a message over the air that stuck. "But this situation is hopeless." Put a Christian there; he has a God whose name is Hope. (Romans 15:13.)

Tuesday:

"Luck is against me—it's no use trying." There is no "luck" in a live Christian's life. *God at his side* makes all the difference. Old Tyndale spoke true of an "unlucky" man: "The Lord was

with Joseph, and he was a lucky fellow." (Genesis 39:2.)

Wednesday:

"Hopeless" personal situations—meet them *with Joseph's God*. Family tangles, betrayal, friendlessness, loneliness in a strange country, slander, prison, oblivion—God was with Joseph and caused him to prosper. Impossible demands—"God shall give Pharaoh an answer." Worldly environment—"God hath caused me to be fruitful." Or Paul's God. In shipwreck, "all hope . . . taken away," the Lord stood by. "Sirs, . . . I believe God"—and "they escaped all safe to land." (Genesis 41:16, 52; Acts 27:20, 25, 44.)

Thursday:

"Hopeless situations"—in your work for God? Just *get God's ear*. The Syrophenician woman would not accept a discouraging word from Christ himself. By persistent knocking at midnight the man got food for his friend. The four got their palsied neighbor through to Jesus though they wrecked a roof to do it. Daniel had to wait, Jeremiah was imprisoned and exiled, but God worked out His plan; Stephen was stoned, but Paul carried on. (Luke 11:8; Daniel 10:12-13.)

Friday:

Your own case a "hopeless mess"? *Hear*

God's voice. Hopeless "so far" only. The "hopeless" moment is the moment for the saving crisis. Jesus said eighteen years of Satan's tyranny meant time for a change. No end of God's forgiving. He says He is unwilling that any should perish. Hope, then: "Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy; when I fall, I shall arise." (Luke 13:16; Micah 7:8.)

Saturday:

A situation so "hopeless" that you have resigned yourself to living with it? *See with God's eyes*. Maybe the lift you need is out of the doldrums of unhoping lethargy. To be complacent with being "little" or "useless" is to be a "man without hope." "There is no situation without its ideal"; get God's view of what can be accomplished where you are. "The desert shall . . . blossom as the rose." (Isaiah 35:1.)

Sunday:

Analyze your "hopeless situation." Circumstances? Other people? Yourself? Start here. The "lucky fellow" is the man with God. Begin to pray; the wheels will begin to turn. The change in you will affect others. Faith will change to expectation, and God will not disappoint you. A new vision, a promise, and working patience—recipe for the "hopeless." (Isaiah 64:4, margin.)



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Evangelist C. M. Whitley and wife report: "In March we had a fine revival at Baytown, Texas, with Rev. Marvin Harrison; our third revival here and I believe the best. Then we went to Port Acres, Texas, with Pastor Umstead Pitts, where God gave us one of the finest meetings of our lives. In a home mission church God gave us twenty-five wonderful people praying through, and fifteen of that group united with the church. We have some open time in June of this year and we will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write us, c/o our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Fort Branch, Indiana—On last October 7, a store building was opened here for Nazarene services. The following Wednesday, revival services were started and

continued for two and one-half weeks, with Rev. Venus Bailey, Rev. W. R. York, Rev. Lee Bates, Rev. Samuel Schimpf, and Rev. Naomi Downs as the special speakers, and Loy and Helen Westerfield as the singers. Regular Sunday school and worship services continued under the leadership of Rev. Venus Bailey, and there was a gradual increase in attendance. On March 13 another revival was begun with Rev. W. R. York as evangelist, and David and Mary Humble as chalk artist and singers. Interest and attendance were good throughout the meeting, and on the evening of March 24, District Superintendent Leo C. Davis organized the church with ten charter members. Rev. Venus Bailey was appointed pastor. Happily we march onward trusting the Lord to lead.—Joyce WARREN, *Secretary*.

Evangelist Sammie Martin reports: "About one year ago we resigned our pastorate at High Point, North Carolina, First Church, to enter the field of evangelism. The year of 1956 was a busy one, my slate including two meetings in Indiana: six in North Carolina; then in Alabama, Tennessee, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia for one meeting each, and two meetings in Florida—sixteen meetings from the middle of April to December 23, with only one week for rest. Already this year I have had five meetings in Georgia and one in Alabama, and at this writing am at Glens Fork, Kentucky. My slate is filled for the remainder of this year and on through the first half of '58. I have no other plans than to evangelize, love God, preach the Bible, and stand by the Church of the Nazarene and her full program. Thanks to all my friends who have stood by and prayed for me. I am now slating for 1958 and into 1959. Write me, Box 467, Archdale, North Carolina."

Rev. W. B. McCollom writes: "After pastoring our church at Larned, Kansas, for four years, during which time by God's help and the sacrificial efforts of the good people we were able to build a new church, we came to Kingman last August at assembly time. They had been without a pastor for four months, during which time Rev. A. F. Balsmeier had very efficiently supplied and helped the church to raise the money to pay all their budgets. On January 26, the Lord saw fit to call home my beloved wife, who had spent thirty-six years with me in the ministry. God has been with me and the people have stood by in a wonderful way. After much prayer, I feel God would have me enter the evangelistic field at our assembly time in August. I am now making up my slate and will go wherever the door may open, for long or short meetings. Write me, 334 N. Elm Street, Kingman, Kansas."

Ames, Iowa—Coming to this church last August we found many very fine people who were loyal Nazarenes. God's presence has been with us and we have seen some outstanding altar services, from which we received fourteen new members into the church. Rev. and Mrs. James Holstein were the evangelists for our March meeting, and the people said it was the best meeting in the history of the church. God's Spirit was so manifestly present that when the evangelist gave the invitation it seemed easy for people to respond. Thank God for seventy seekers during the revival. Brother and Sister Holstein took charge of the entire revival program, including children's services. A number of new people were reached for God and the church.—R. V. SCHULTZ, *Pastor*.

Evangelist Ellis Lewis writes that due to change of pastors he has two open dates immediately, one in May and one in June. He would be glad to slate these days in the Midwest. Write him, 311 N.W. 8th Street, Bethany, Oklahoma.

Hanging Rock, Ohio—Good crowds attended the services of our recent revival with Evangelist Russell Bowman. His heart-searching messages were anointed of God. Mr. Harry Gilpin and the Horton Family did a wonderful job with the music. Many souls sought God, and the work here is moving forward.—ROBERT PALMER, *Pastor*.

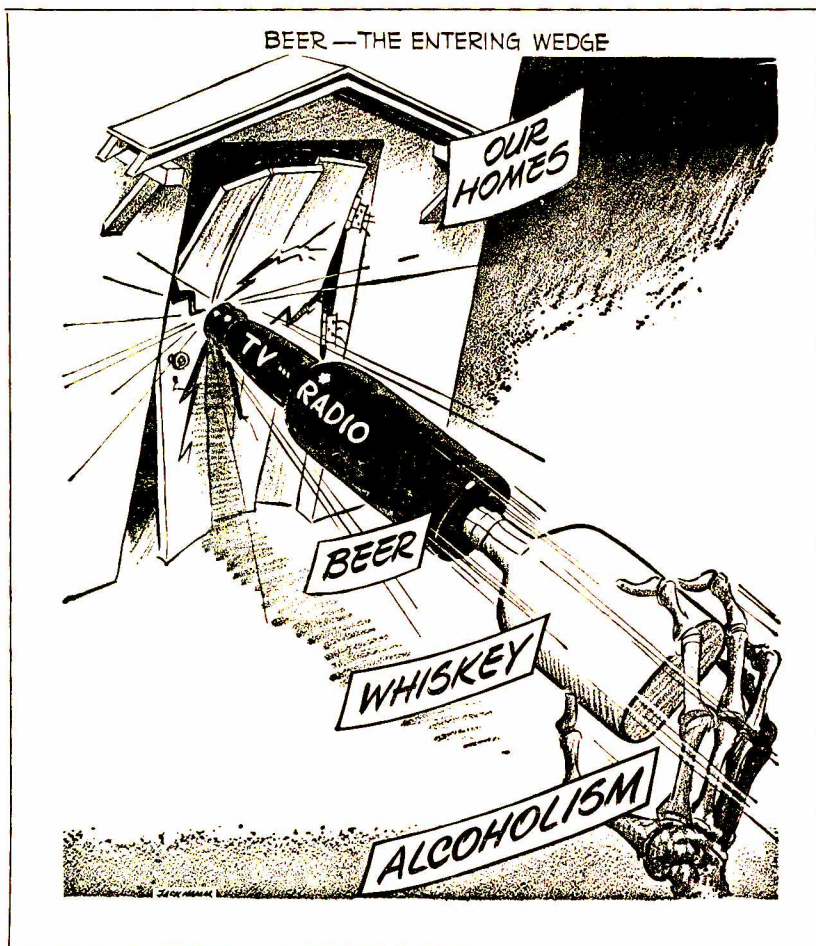
Wichita, Kansas—First Church recently completed the greatest revival of its recent history with Dr. Russell V. DeLong as the evangelist. His sermons drew a record attendance with more than one thousand people present at each service on Sunday. This year is the best that our church has seen with new records being established in every department. God is blessing pastor and people.—Reporter.

Olivet Nazarene College

Olivet Nazarene College and College Church (Kankakee, Illinois) enjoyed an unusual visitation from the Lord in their spring revival under the ministry of Dr. Edward Lawlor, superintendent of the Canada West District. Dr. Lawlor's first message on Sunday morning was crowned with an altar service with a number of young people finding victory. During the entire revival, in both chapel services and evening services, there was never a barren altar.

Music for the revival was provided by the Division of Fine Arts of the College under the general direction of Dr. Walter B. Larsen.

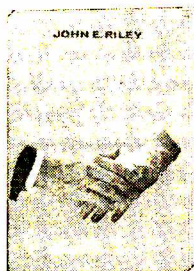
College Church, under the leadership of Rev. Forrest Nash, is moving forward in a wonderful way.—R. L. LUXFORD, *College News Co-ordinator*.



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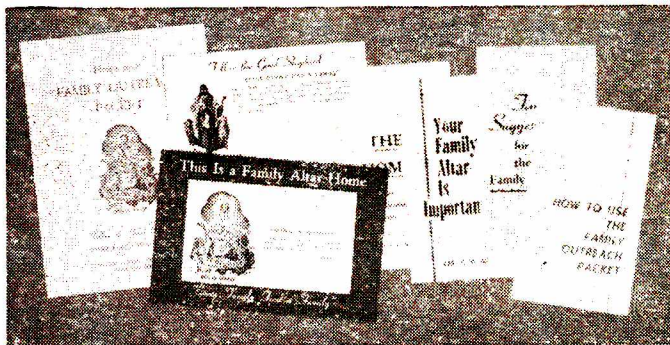
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Tampa, Florida—We are closing our second year as pastor of First Church here. These have been two enjoyable years with many blessings, and we count it a privilege to work with these wonderful members and friends; they are most co-operative. This year we show a good increase in both church membership and Sunday school attendance. During the past year we have started a children's church under the direction of Dr. Maude Stunck, Helen Gober, and Anna Slatcher—all wonderful children's workers. We have also instituted an office of visitation with Major J. R. Midkiff, chairman, and he is having fine co-operation from members and friends of the church. We are crowded for room for our Sunday school. Our budgets are all paid in full for the year, and we have received and accepted a unanimous call for another year.—R. E. ELZEY, *Pastor*.

Bussey, Iowa—It was our recent privilege to enjoy the work and ministry of the Meadows-Reasoner Gospel Duo in a revival. God blessed with good crowds and, in one service, we topped all previous records. This revival was probably the best we have seen in our ministry, in numbers, in results, and the lasting effects in the church. God has substantially increased our Sunday school and strengthened our church both financially and numerically through this revival.—GROVER F. BRANSON, *Pastor*.

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DEATHS

MRS. VELMA L. POWERS was born April 7, 1902, near Anderson, and died January 27, 1957, at a hospital in Neosho, Missouri. She was given local preacher's license in 1929, district license in 1932, and in 1950 she was ordained as a Nazarene elder. In 1949 she started a church in the McMillen school-house, near Anderson, which later came to be known as the Highway and Hedges Church of the Nazarene. She labored faithfully in building the Kingdom,

although sick in body much of the time. For the last eleven years of her life she was almost blind; she testified, however, that the last years were the happiest of her life. In 1919 she was married to Hervey A. Powers. Besides her husband, she is survived by two brothers, Will and Coffas Stagle; also a sister, Mrs. W. E. Mitchell. Funeral service was conducted at the Highway and Hedges Church, with Rev. L. A. Bolerjack officiating, assisted by Rev. Wayne Sharley and Rev. John D. Taylor; burial was in the Banner cemetery.

MRS. MARY CATHERINE GREER, pioneer settler of west central Texas, and ordained as a minister in the Church of the Nazarene forty-eight years ago, died at the home of a daughter in Cisco, Texas, November 17, 1956. Generally called "Mother Greer," she was ninety-six years old, and had lived with the daughter, Mrs. Lois Draganis, since 1934. She also was the mother of Holly H. Greer of Abilene, and E. Dudley Greer of Ontario, California. She was born in 1860 at Liberty, Texas; the family lived in dugouts. At the age of twenty she married the late Erastus Hood Greer; later both became Nazarene ministers. At the age of forty-eight she was licensed to preach and ordained a Nazarene minister. The following year her husband became a minister. For twenty-six years they held regular pastorates in the Church of the Nazarene in several states—Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Sweetwater, Dublin, Abilene, and other places in Texas. Since retiring, Mrs. Greer had attended church regularly and spoke occasionally upon request. She reared nine children. Up until a few months before her death she did general housework and crached many gifts for her friends. She is survived by the three children mentioned above, fifteen grandchildren, twenty-four great grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

FRED OTIS BIRCHARD, age seventy-eight years, died January 22, at a hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. For more than thirty-two years he was a member of the Church of the Nazarene on the Michigan District; at the time of his death he was a member of Grand Rapids First Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ila May, a consecrated deaconess on the Michigan District, and by his son, Fred Carlton, an ordained elder and professor in Olivet Nazarene College. He is survived by his daughter, Mary A., wife of Rev. Fred J. Hawk, pastor of First Church, Lansing, and his son, Rev. Russell W. Birchard, missionary to Guatemala. Funeral service was held at Wayland, with his pastor, Dr. Fletcher Galloway, officiating, assisted by District Superintendent O. L. Maish and Evangelist T. T. Hiddell. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Wayland.

WINFIELD SCOTT MAY, age seventy-five years, died January 30, 1957, at Lakeside, California. In 1907 he was married to Edith E. Mays, who survives him. He was a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in El Cajon. For the past six years he had been seriously ill and unable to attend the church services. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. L. A. Whitcomb, assisted by a nephew of the deceased, Rev. William C. Mays.

MRS. AMANDA GRAY was born November 8, 1877, in Arkansas, and died January 20, 1957, at her home in Nyssa, Oregon. Her husband, James L. Gray, died in 1946. She had been a faithful and loyal member of the Church of the Nazarene for many years, in labors abundant for the Lord. She is survived by five stepdaughters, Mrs. Alta Cody, Mrs. Clara Seaman, Mrs. Bernice Diehm, Mrs. Lola Moore, and Mrs. Bertha Hurn; also three stepsons, Ellis, Earl, and Herrell Gray. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Robert O. Jackson.

MRS. LYDIA PEARL SCOTT was born August 10, 1883, in Moscow, Idaho; she spent most of her life in the Juliaetta area. She married Dow Scott in 1900; he died in 1939. She was a faithful member of the Juliaetta Church of the Nazarene. Her home was always open for prayer and church services. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Betty Bowen and Mrs. Stella Stewart; also seven sons, Wallace, Franklin, Bruce, Lloyd, John, Earl, and Fred; also a sister, Mrs. Stella Morgan, and a brother, Earl Pierce. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. L. Babbitt, with burial in the Juliaetta cemetery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE—Rev. Albert J. Lown, pastor of our church at Lisburn, North Ireland, is coming to the United States for an evangelistic and convention tour beginning September 1 and closing about December 1. Brother Lown is an outstanding minister of the Word, and carries a deep burden for the work of God. We are assisting him in arranging a schedule of services, either holiness conventions or revival meetings. In the short time Brother Lown is here, we want to schedule him across the United States from East to West and back again. Any pastor who wishes to secure his services, please write the General Church Secretary at once, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City 10, Missouri.—S. T. Ludwig.

BORN—to Karles and Mary Morgan at Kansas City, Missouri, a son, Michael Ray, on April 4, 1957, to Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Wickersham of Hammond, Indiana, a daughter, Cargi Ann, on March 12, 1957, to Rev. and Mrs. Gordon G. Gibson of Dunsmuir, California, a daughter, Marcia Monette, on March 5, 1957, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sells of New Cayana, Louisiana, a son, Gregory Stephen, on March 6,

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Christian lady in Kansas for unsaved loved ones in sin—they were once strong for the Lord—that they may be won for God before the midnight hour.

by a Christian lady in Louisiana, ill for ten years and doctors seem unable to help—she believes God can heal—and needs help in prayer;

by a reader in Ohio for a "better Christian experience," to be healed of a chronic sinus condition, a revival in their church, and for a very special unspoken request;

by a lady in Missouri for "my lost loved ones"; by a mother in Indiana for a son, a backslider, that he may come back to God, and also for his healing—in ill health ten years with asthma and hay fever;

by a lady in Louisiana that she and her husband both may be healed—both are crippled up with arthritis and doctor's treatments do not seem to help;

by a Christian lady in Virginia for a man a preacher for years—defeated by Satan now, that both he and his wife will return to their "first

love"; for conviction on her husband that he may be willing to walk in all the light of God, also for the salvation of several others, one especially from the drinking habit;

by a young woman in Illinois that God will heal from a nasal infection—she believes He is able.

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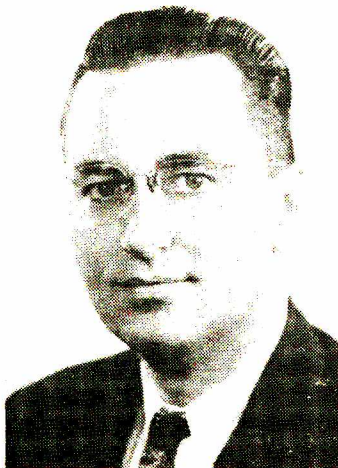
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| British Isles | | June 26 and 27 |
| North Dakota | | July 1 to 3 |
| Idaho-Oregon | | July 17 and 18 |
| Minnesota | ..... | July 24 and 25 |
| Chicago Central | ..... | July 31 and Aug. 1 |
| Northwest Oklahoma | ..... | August 7 to 9 |
| Kansas | ..... | August 14 and 15 |
| Virginia | ..... | August 21 and 22 |
| Northwestern Illinois | ..... | September 4 to 6 |
| Kansas City | ..... | September 4 to 6 |

Dr. W. T. Purkiser Joins the Seminary Faculty



The Board of Trustees of the Nazarene Theological Seminary are happy to announce that Dr. W. T. Purkiser of Pasadena, California, will join the faculty this fall as a professor of English Bible. Dr. Purkiser comes to the Seminary with a thorough preparation. He received the A.B. degree from Pasadena College and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Southern California. Pasadena College conferred the honorary degree of doctor of divinity on Dr. Purkiser in 1948.

Dr. Purkiser served on the faculty of Pasadena College as teacher, dean,

and vice-president from 1937 to 1948. Upon the resignation of Dr. H. Orton Wiley as president in 1948, Dr. Purkiser was elected to the presidency of the college and has occupied that office for nine years. During this time he has been active in various departments of the church, having served two four-year terms as a member of the General Council of the Nazarene Young People's Society and in late years been very active in the Council of Education. Dr. Purkiser served seven years as a pastor on the Southern California District.

During these busy years Dr. Purkiser has made a valuable contribution to the literature of the Church of the Nazarene. Besides numerous articles in various periodicals of the church, he has written and published five books, namely, "Know Your Old Testament"; "Conflicting Concepts of Holiness"; "Exploring the Old Testament"; "Security, the False and the True"; and "The Story of the Old Testament."

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| Alaska | | May 9 and 10 |
| Washington Pacific | | May 15 and 16 |
| Los Angeles | | May 22 to 24 |
| Rocky Mountain | ..... | June 5 and 6 |
| Nebraska | ..... | June 12 and 13 |
| New England | ..... | June 19 to 21 |
| West Virginia | ..... | July 4 to 6 |
| Eastern Michigan | ..... | July 17 to 19 |
| Pittsburgh | ..... | July 25 and 26 |
| East Tennessee | ..... | August 1 and 2 |
| Kentucky | ..... | August 7 and 8 |
| Michigan | | August 14 and 15 |
| North Carolina | | September 18 and 19 |
| South Carolina | | September 25 and 26 |

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District Assembly Schedule for '57

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|--------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Abilene | | May 8 to 10 |
| Arizona | | May 15 and 16 |
| Oregon Pacific | | May 22 to 24 |
| Northwest | | May 29 and 30 |
| Northwest Oklahoma | ..... | June 12 and 13 |
| Canada West | ..... | July 10 to 12 |
| Colorado | ..... | July 17 and 18 |
| Illinois | ..... | August 1 to 3 |
| Iowa | ..... | August 14 to 16 |
| Tennessee | ..... | August 21 and 22 |
| Indianapolis | | August 28 and 29 |
| Louisiana | | September 4 and 5 |
| Southwest Oklahoma | | September 11 and 12 |

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| Northern California | | May 15 to 17 |
| Southern California | | May 29 to 31 |
| New Mexico | | June 5 and 6 |
| Alabama | ..... | June 12 and 13 |
| Northeastern Indiana | ..... | July 10 to 12 |
| Central Ohio | ..... | July 17 to 19 |
| Eastern Kentucky | ..... | July 24 and 25 |
| Southwest Indiana | ..... | July 31 and Aug. 1 |
| Wisconsin | ..... | August 8 and 9 |
| Dallas | ..... | August 14 and 15 |
| Northwest Indiana | | August 28 and 29 |
| Southeast Oklahoma | | September 18 and 19 |

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| Albany | | May 8 and 9 |
| Washington-Philadelphia | | May 15 to 18 |
| Florida | | May 22 and 23 |
| Nevada-Utah | | June 5 and 6 |
| Canada Central | | June 13 and 14 |

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ALBANY—Assembly, May 8 and 9, at First Church of the Nazarene, 240 Main Street, Binghamton, New York. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to the entertaining pastor, Rev. Arthur Fallon, 240 Main St., Binghamton. Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

ABILENE—Assembly, May 8 to 10, at First Church of the Nazarene, 1924 Polk Street, Amarillo, Texas. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to the entertaining pastor, Rev. L. A. Ogden, 3609 Van Buren, Amarillo, Texas. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

ALASKA—Assembly, May 9 and 10, at First Church of the Nazarene, 10th Avenue at Lacey and Noble Streets, Fairbanks, Alaska. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to the entertaining pastor, Rev. Robert W. Sheppard, 1006 Noble, Fairbanks, Alaska. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

ARIZONA—Assembly, May 15 and 16, at East-side Church of the Nazarene, 24th Street and Oak, Phoenix, Arizona. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to the entertaining pastor, Rev. C. W. Elkins, 24th Street and Oak, Phoenix. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

WASHINGTON PACIFIC—Assembly, May 15 and 16, at Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene, 3619 Main St., Vancouver, Washington. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to the entertaining pastor, Rev. H. S. Palmquist, 613 West 44th, Vancouver. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—Assembly, May 15 to 17, at Beulah Park (District Center), 100 Beulah Park Drive, Santa Cruz, California. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to the entertaining pastor, Rev. Frank True, 100 Beulah Park Drive, Santa Cruz. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

WASHINGTON-PHILADELPHIA—Assembly, May 15 to 18, at the Christ Lutheran Church, 124 South 13th St., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Entertaining pastors: Rev. James Boggs, 24 Ross Ave., New Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Rev. Jas. Bender, Paxtonia, Pennsylvania; and Rev. Robert Mitchell, 716 Wilhelm Rd., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to Rev. James Boggs, 24 Ross Ave., New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

FLORIDA—Assembly, May 21 to 23, at Church of the Nazarene, corner 16th Avenue and 13th Street, Bradenton, Florida. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to the entertaining pastor, Rev. Charles Oliver, P.O. Box 352 (home address, 1305 16th Avenue), Bradenton. Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

OREGON PACIFIC—Assembly, May 22 to 24, at Church of the Nazarene, 730 West 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to the church. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Jerald D. Johnson, 609 West 16th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

NORTHWEST—Assembly, May 29 and 30, at First Church of the Nazarene, Nora and Wall Streets, Spokane, Washington. Entertaining pastor, Rev. P. J. Bartram, 3604 Northwest Boulevard, Spokane. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to Rev. Bartram, First Church of the Nazarene, Nora and Wall Sts., Spokane, Washington. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—Assembly, May 29 to 31, at First Church of the Nazarene, 936 Fourteenth Street, San Diego 2, California. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Joseph F. Morgan, 936 Fourteenth St., San Diego 2; send mail and other items relating to the assembly in care of Brother Morgan at this address. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

