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EDITORIALS

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The Last Hour

A literal translation of I John 2:18 is, "My young friends, it is the last hour." These words of the venerable apostle "whom Jesus loved" have special meaning for our time.

There are many ways to describe the manner of God's dealings with man. One of the most interesting of these is the use of such terms as "day" and "hour." "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (II Peter 3:8); "The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice" (John 5:28). There are many other examples.

The last days, or the time of the end, actually began at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit in the Christian and in the Church is both fulfillment and foretaste—fulfillment of the promise of the ages, and foretaste of the world to come. But days have many hours, and there is the growing conviction on every hand that we live in what might literally be called the "eleventh hour" of human history. It is the last hour.

The last hour is an hour of peril. Many a race has been lost in the faltering steps of the last lap. Many a man has failed after a good beginning and a strong effort by reason of the overconfidence or flagging strength of the last hour.

Paul put this strongly with regard to our hour.



The Cover . . .

The Caravan program is a weekday activity for Nazarene boys and girls which is correlated with

the total youth program of our church. The purpose of Caravan is to help children develop physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually according to the pattern which Jesus himself set in His youth—"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" (Luke 2:52). Caravan provides supervised activities for youth, training in churchmanship, a plan of Bible study, experiences in leadership, and an advancement program for the development of good Christian habits and worthwhile goals.

"You must face the fact:" (in II Timothy 3:1-5 as translated in the *New English Bible*) "the final age of this world is to be a time of troubles. Men will love nothing but money and self; they will be arrogant, boastful, and abusive; with no respect for parents, no gratitude, no piety, no natural affection; they will be implacable in their hatreds, scandalmongers, intemperate and fierce, strangers to all goodness, traitors, adventurers, swollen with self-importance. They will be men who put pleasure in the place of God, men who preserve the outward form of religion, but are a standing denial of its reality."*

These words were written nineteen centuries ago, but they sound like a survey of modern life today. Nor is this just the opinion of a preacher. Newspaper Editor Jenkin Lloyd Jones, with salty language but unmistakable truth, has described the modern "collapse of moral standards and the blunting of our capacity for righteous indignation." Along with increasing outlays for social services have come increasing crime rates and juvenile delinquency. "We have sown the dragon's teeth of pseudo-scientific sentimentality, and out of the ground has sprung the legion bearing switch-blade knives and bicycle chains."

Mr. Jones goes on, "Can anyone deny that movies are dirtier than ever? But they don't call it dirt. They call it 'realism.' Why do we let them fool us? Why do we nod owlshly when they tell us that filth is merely a daring art form, that licentiousness is really social comment? Isn't it time we recognized Hollywood's quest for the fast buck for what it is? Isn't it plain that the financially harassed movie industry is putting gobs of sex in the darkened drive-ins in an effort to lure curious teenagers away from their TV sets?"

And this from a newspaperman: "It is time we hit the sawdust trail. It is time we revived the idea that there is such a thing as sin—just plain old willful sin. It is time we brought self-discipline back into style. Unless I misread the signs, a great number of our people are ready. Let there be a fresh breeze, a breeze of new honesty, new idealism, new integrity."

The last hour is an hour of challenge. It was of days like ours that the Prophet Daniel wrote, "The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits" (Daniel 11:32). Would God that the holiness people in general and the Church of the

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LIKE CHRIST

IN HIS USE OF SCRIPTURE

*Oh, to be like Thee! full of compassion,
Loving, forgiving, tender, and kind,
Helping the helpless, cheering the
fainting,
Seeking the wand'ring sinner to
find!*

If we would be like Jesus we must study and use the Scriptures as He did. Jesus was fond of the Scriptures. He used them often. They were His Friend and Ally. He found in them the ministry which He must fulfill. He made His earthly life a verification of the Scriptures. He proved to His disciples the certainty of His sufferings and resurrection by using the Scriptures.

During His temptation in the wilderness He used the Scriptures for strength. "Man shall not live by bread alone." During His service to humanity He fed on them. To His disciples He said, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." He triumphed over His enemies as He called to their minds the Scriptures. "Have ye not read?" "Is it not written?"

He was himself the "Living Word." We might think that He, the "Word . . . made flesh," would not need the Scriptures, but that very fact made Him more closely connected with them. He revealed to all that the life of God in

human flesh and the Word of God in human language are inseparably connected.

The Scriptures teach us that through the Word of God the invisible divine life takes shape and brings itself within our grasp. It is the Word of God become

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alive in the redeemed soul that reveals God to lost men and condemns sin by bringing conviction to sinners.

We can be like Jesus by following His example in the use of the Scriptures:

Use them for food.

Walk in their light.

Search them for truth.

Study them to obtain the correct image of Christ.

Follow them for life's objectives and goals.

Accept them for life's patterns.

Proclaim them to others.

Live them, that we may be like Jesus.

Telegrams . . .

Roanoke, Virginia—Twenty-first Virginia District Assembly, Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding, outstanding and blessed by God. Good gains shown; church membership 3,076, net gain of 178. Two new churches organized, Sunday school enrollment 6,039, Sunday school average attendance 3,895; \$27,970 General Budget, an increase of \$4,438; \$38,734 paid general interests, increase of \$5,390. General Budget allocations for new year increased 25 per cent. to \$29,300. Grand total raised for all purposes \$411,829, gain of \$21,552. Dr. V. W. Littrell completing thirteen years of service, elected for a term of three years with strong vote. Mrs. V. W. Littrell re-elected president of the district N.F.M.S.—L. E. Humrich, Reporter.

Louisville, Kentucky—Fifty-fourth annual assembly of the Kentucky District concluded August 9, with General Superintendent G. B. Williamson presiding. A great spirit of unity prevailed as our newly appointed district superintendent, Rev. Dallas Baggett, received a unanimous vote. Cash and pledges in spontaneous love offering were given to purchase a new car for Brother Baggett. Kentucky now has 4,922 church members; 8,459 Sunday school members, with an average of 5,627 in weekly attendance; 1,918 youth enrolled in our N.Y.P.S.; and 2,556 missionary society members. Kentucky raised \$564,008 for all purposes, showing gains in nearly every department. The assembly climaxed with four young men being elected to elder's orders—Robert D. Roeper, E. Warren Hayes, J. W. Sheron, and Cecil Wells, Jr.—Oliver C. Huff, Reporter.

Wichita, Kansas—Kansas District assembly and camp meeting, held in Wichita First Church, a time of great victory and rejoicing. Dr. V. H. Lewis richly used of God as presiding general superintendent. District superintendent, Dr. Ray Hance, re-elected for three years with almost unanimous vote. Hances left on August 30 on three-month world tour provided in love by the district. \$1,047,000 raised for all purposes with over "10 per cent" to missions for sixth consecutive year. Rev. J. C. Crabtree and singer Curtis Brown greatly appreciated as camp workers. John M. McKinney and Marion McKellips ordained as elders in closing service of assembly. The spirit of advance is Kansas' cry.—C. M. Knight, Reporter.

Manville, Illinois—Fourteenth annual assembly of Northwestern Illinois District closed August 17 with

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General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner presiding. Dr. Lyle E. Eckley, reporting his fourteenth year as district superintendent, gave account of record highs in all departments. An excellent three-year vote was extended him. Mrs. Eckley unanimously re-elected N.F.M.S. president; James Hazelwood, as N.Y.P.S. president. Lovely "Brown Memorial Youth Center" dedicated in memory of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Brown. Don Cowley elected to elder's orders and ordained. District moves forward, united, and planning 100 per cent co-operation in evangelism thrust "Operation Doorbell."—R. J. Clark, District Secretary.

Nashville, Tennessee—Golden anniversary assembly of Tennessee District in progress (Aug. 22); magnificent spirit of unity and progress manifested. Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding and preaching with dignity and grace. District superintendent's report reveals numerical and financial gains in all areas of district work; overpaid General Budget; \$87,000 paid on general interests, with \$64,000 on General Budget. \$2,800 love offering raised for purpose of sending district superintendent and family, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Shumake and Berberly, abroad.—Wade Powers, Reporter.

Mr. Eugene Sanders writes, "On July 15 we assumed our duties as minister of education at our First Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, after serving for the past two and one-half years as associate pastor at our First Church in Kankakee, Illinois."

Rev. James R. McClung, Nazarene elder on the Southern California District, died July 24. He is survived by a son, P. R. McClung, and a daughter, Mary N. Carson.

After pastoring the church at Dickson, Tennessee, for almost four years, Rev. Wade Powers has moved to Inglewood Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

Evangelists S. Trueman and Ruthellen Shelton have left the field to accept the pastorate of the church in Woodland, California.

Rev. Roy M. Vaughn writes that he has left the field of evangelism and has accepted the pastorate of the church in Ocala, Florida.

After fifteen years as pastor of the church in Carterville, Illinois, Rev. C. L. Chapman has resigned to enter the full-time field of evangelism.

After pastoring the church in Toppenish, Washington, for the past two years, Rev. Elwyn A. Grobe has resigned to accept unanimous calls at both Dawson Creek and Tupper, in British Columbia, Canada.

After three years as pastor of Westside Church in Jacksonville, Florida, Rev. Samuel Southerland has resigned to accept the call to assist Rev. T. J. Giddens, pastor of Mallory Memorial Church in Jacksonville.

The FIRE and FAN



By **JOHN W. MAY**

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HOLINESS is not a new doctrine born with the holiness denominations. It is an Old Testament tenet and a New Testament experience. Much of the opposition to heart holiness as a second work of grace stems from a misunderstanding or a lack of understanding in regard to the experience, in the gaining and the maintaining of the work of grace.

John the Baptist, in the characteristic words "fire" and "fan," threw some important light on the experience and resultant life. He quickly assured his hearers that, while his baptism was with water unto repentance, there would come One who would baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire.

He clearly identified this Person. He was to be mightier than John, One before whom he humbled himself, One of whom he declared, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

He clearly identified Christ as the Provider of the experience. "He shall baptize you," said John the Baptist. The writer to the Hebrews said that Jesus suffered without the gate "that he might sanctify the people with his own blood." The provision was born in the heart of God. He is a holy God, whose throne is in a holy heaven, surrounded by holy creatures, in a holy environment. He cannot tolerate less than holiness; thus He provides for man, His creature. The demand of God for holiness is unchangeable and uncompromising. "Be ye holy; for I am holy," is the divine maxim.

But God in His goodness, knowing that man

could never scale the heights of holiness alone, fulfilled the requirement in the mission of Christ. John the Baptist's prophecy was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit and fire came upon the believers. Since that time multitudes have arisen and would gladly testify today that the provision was wonderfully made in their hearts and lives individually.

There is certainly no lack of power with God to fill, cleanse, baptize, separate, and set aflame the heart of every believer in the world. If any believer is not sanctified it is not because of a lack of divine ability. Andrew Murray said, ". . . the one thing needful for the Church, and the thing which, above all others, men ought everywhere to seek for with one accord and with their whole heart, is to be filled with the Spirit of God. . . . It is the will of God that every one of His children should live entirely and unceasingly under the control of the Holy Spirit. . . . This blessing is prepared for us and God waits to bestow it. Our faith may expect it with the greatest confidence."

He will baptize today with the Holy Ghost and fire. The baptism with fire is not a separate experience from the baptism with the Holy Ghost. He is the Spirit of burning. When He comes, the heart and soul are set aflame. His fire illuminates, invigorates, penetrates, melts, warms, quickens, and cleanses the heart of the believer. His fire inflames the heart with a holy passion. His fire inflames the heart with holy enthusiasm. Evangelism—world, personal, and mass evangelism—is buoyed up and carried forward on the fervency of holy hearts.

He will separate also, according to John the Baptist. His fan (winnowing tool) is in His hand. The picture is of the reaper throwing a shovelfull of grain in the air, the wind carrying away the chaff, and the good grain falling to the floor.

In his book *Heart Talks*, Dr. Beverly Carradine compared the sifter and the fan. He said the devil uses the sifter and Christ uses the fan. In reference to Christ's statement to Peter that the devil desired to "sift" him, he said the devil sifts the good out of a man and leaves the chaff, while Christ fans the chaff away to be burned and leaves the good. He explained that the fanning process continues after sanctification, removing things that are not best or wise—habits, customs, and other things that can be removed or improved.

Christ will purge His floor. It is *His* floor. The people referred to by illustration are His people. He desires to cleanse, make pure, holy, perfect.

We need a clear definition here of that last word. This is not absolute nor sinless perfection. One of the greatest problems in the discussion of heart holiness is in the realm of definition. There are two schools of thought with this definition sharply separating them. One defines sin as any transgression of the law of God. The other de-

finer sin as a willful transgression of the known law of God. The first rules against mistakes and errors. The second allows for them.

There is a vast difference between voluntary and involuntary transgression. John Wesley said, "(1) Not only sin, properly so called (that is, a voluntary transgression of a known law), but sin, improperly so called (that is, an involuntary transgression of a divine law, known or unknown), needs the atoning blood. (2) I believe that there is no such perfection in this life as excludes these involuntary transgressions, which I apprehend to be naturally consequent on the ignorance and mistakes inseparable from mortality. (3) Therefore, sinless perfection is a phrase I never use, lest I should seem to contradict myself. (4) I believe a person filled with the love of God is still liable to these involuntary transgressions. (5) Such transgressions you may call sins, if you please; I do not for the reasons above mentioned."

The purpose of Christ then is to fan away the chaff, purge the floor, and garner the wheat. There are two fires mentioned by John the Baptist: the fire of cleansing, and the fire of judgment.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire cleanses His floor and separates the good to His use and abiding fellowship. Andrew Murray said again: "Let us learn from the early disciples that to be filled from the heavenly world with the Spirit that dwells there, we must be entirely separate from the children of this world or from worldly Christians. We must be ready and eager to live as entirely different men, who literally represent heaven upon earth, because we have received the Spirit of the King of Heaven."

The fire-baptized and winnowed soul has great confidence in knowing that the devil cannot sift the good out of him and that Christ will get glory from his life. The fire and fan play a great part in the gaining and maintaining of his holiness.

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE FEATURE

BUILDING THE BATTLEMENTS!

By DALLAS BAGGETT, Superintendent of Kentucky District



When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence (Deuteronomy 22:8).

THE ORIENTAL HOUSE was built with a flat roof, which served many purposes, but also presented many hazards. The loss of life and limb became so widespread by people falling from the roof tops that God gave a command that a battlement, or low wall, be placed around the roof. This became a law among the Jews. No building permits were issued without this specification. God was saying through this order, "I want to help you parents protect your children. This measure is designed for the safety of your family and friends."

Let none of us be guilty in our day of majoring on the house and minoring on the home. A man said to a little girl, "Too bad, the flood washed away your home."

"Oh, no," she answered. "We still have our home. We just don't have a house to put it in."

Allow me to suggest that we build some battlements for our homes today. Let us erect them early—and straight. We need to save more of our children than we do. Here are four battlements, one for each side of your roof.

I. Family Discipline

It takes real mothers and real fathers, with genuine courage and backbone, to make their children obey. If children are not taught to respect the law of the home, they are not likely ever to respect the laws of God. A prominent psychologist says: "If a normal child becomes a lawbreaker and tramples the standards of human decency under his feet, his father or mother, or both, did not have enough courage or ability to enforce discipline in the home."

Any wise parent knows that endless negotiations and prohibitions are not the answer. But when a child is told to do something, he ought to be made to do it. Teach your child to mind, or sow the seeds of death and destruction within him.

II. Reverence

Put this battlement up. Inspire your child to revere God's Word. Implant in his mind and soul an implicit faith in the Book of God. No man ever walked in the light the Bible gave him and got in trouble. Ceaseless efforts may be made in some classrooms and on some campuses to discredit the Bible, but it can be a Light unto the child's

feet and a Lamp unto his pathway. Never jest or joke about the Holy Scriptures.

*The old Book and the old faith
Are the rock on which I stand!
The old Book and the old faith
Are the bulwark of the land!
Thro' storm and stress they stand the test,
In ev'ry clime and nation blest;
The old Book and the old faith
Are the hope of ev'ry land!*

Teach reverence for God's name, His day, and His house. Don't hesitate a minute to tell your children there are some things Christians do and some things they don't do.

III. The Family Altar

The first piece of furniture to go into any house ought to be the family altar. You just can't have a Christian home without having a home of prayer. A boy or girl can go to hell from a home where there is a family altar, but it isn't easy.

No father or mother among us, regardless of IQ or degrees, has enough intelligence to rear children properly. We may be too stern or too soft; we need God's help. Let's erect that family altar. Let's call on God. Let's seek wisdom. The Almighty knows more about how to help us rear our children than any modern-day psychologist. Thank God, I was one of the one hundred thousand to make the covenant with God on "Family Commitment" day. Were you?

IV. A Consistent Life

Let's close the dangerous roof top of our houses by putting up this last battlement, shall we? The other three won't help much if we leave this one down.

Let me be the first to confess: It is much easier to preach than to practice in any realm—especially in this business of being a consistent Christian. I've tried both preaching and practicing. The latter is the hardest job I've ever undertaken. It is not hard for you? Well, let's see:

They have *prayer meeting* at your church every Wednesday, don't they? You know that, don't you? Your children know it too. Do they also know that you do not go regularly? Do they ever see you sitting home watching television, listening to the radio, or reading some magazine on prayer meeting night?

Your church is trying to help God save a perishing world through a *visitation* program on Thursday evening (or some other evening). You know that, don't you? So do your children. How can you profess to love God with all your heart, yet do nothing about soul winning or visitation? Is that consistent with Calvary and Pentecost? You know it is not.

You believe the Bible teaches *tithing*, don't you? Your children watch to see if you practice it faithfully—whether your earnings are only a little or

A Little Pool of Quietness

*A little pool of quietness
Abides within my heart:
A well of deep serenity,
Untroubled, set apart
From all the outer world's unrest,
Anxiety, and care;
And when I turn prayer's golden key
I find Him waiting there.*

*A little pool of quietness
Set deep within the Rock
Of Ages to withstand the stress,
The pressure, and the shock
Of these dark days in which we live:
No bomb, no gun can blast
This shelter of His love for me;
It will forever last!*

By ALICE HANSCH MORTENSON

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your investments bring large returns. Are you scrupulously honest in tithing? Do you pay God before and whether or not you get all your other obligations met?

You believe in the *Great Commission*, don't you? You know we are obligated to go into all the world with the gospel. So do your children. If we bypass the missionary society, the Prayer and Fasting League, the Easter Offering, with all they imply, how can we say we are consistent Christians?

You know the fruit of the Spirit is "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance," don't you? Do you practice all these at home? At your work? A word of warning: Our children will do what they see us do—only they will outdo us. They are fleeter of foot and will outrun us on the road to hell.

Put up the battlements, Dad. Put them up early, Mother. They will help Christ save your family. The shocking truth is: If our children are lost, it's because we failed them. We have God's Word for it, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

A thousand voices will call your children; a thousand hands will beckon them to a life of sin. Some of them may climb over the battlements and make their way to a "far country" and there waste their substance in riotous behavior, feeding their souls on the husks of the world. But one day there will be the sound of a ladder laid against the wall of your home and back over the battlements will come the wayward prodigal, back to Mother's God and Father's Bible. The Word of the Lord declares it. So be it!

Beyond the Call of Duty



By **S. FRANK HICKE**
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THERE IS an area of service beyond the call of duty. This is a phrase used of heroes and heroic action. In it one can almost see a company of soldiers standing stiffly at attention. The commander calls out a name. One soldier steps bravely forward and hears a citation read containing the words, "For service above and beyond the call of duty." A medal is pinned on a uniform, and so honor is given.

Everywhere there is a demand for those who will serve beyond the call of duty. Industry seeks them out and hires them eagerly. The fields of public service are wide open to such. The Church and its Christ have need of them also.

Service beyond the call of duty is the spirit of the New Testament. So many times did Jesus deal in this principle. In vain some look to the Lord for a list of the "shalt's" and "shalt not's." Yes, He gives them some, but so often the parables and discourses of the Master emphasize a principle of action. He said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63).

The Sermon on the Mount is shot through with such principles. Are you compelled to go a mile? Go two! Does somebody demand thy coat? Give thy cloak also! Would someone smite thy cheek? Turn the other! Peter asked, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?" The answer was, Peter, go beyond duty, "Not . . . Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven" (Matthew 18:21-22).

Service beyond the call of duty is essential. It is essential if we would follow Jesus, for He always walked these lonely trails. And they are not crowded today, for the land beyond duty is lonesome and toilsome.

Hear Him as He tells of the lost sheep. The shepherd had 99 per cent safe in the fold, but love carried him beyond duty's call. The wild mountains were searched until he found the 1 per cent.

And then he did not boast, but rejoiced. *Hear Him* as He tells of a prodigal son met by a father whose shadow never rested in duty's small land.

But see Him in His last days as He gives substance to this concept of the Christian life. Consider how the rights of deity were laid aside in order for Him to be the ministering servant at the Last Supper. *Listen* to His agonizing prayer in Gethsemane. *Marvel* at His chosen helplessness before His executioners. Redemption came to us because of a love that dwarfed the call of duty. If you and I ever save, if we ever serve acceptably, if we ever bind and bless, it will be because we leave the border land of duty far behind.

Consider the effect of such service on others. Who can measure the effect of the words and example by one brave man as he said, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country"? To what heights of service and depths of sacrifice did these words by Nathan Hale inspire his countrymen? Who can tell? Just so does service beyond the call of duty by devoted disciples of Christ inspire and provide spiritual impetus to others.

Only service beyond duty's call is thankworthy. The rich young ruler failed so miserably here. He kept the commandments (duty). But Jesus would lead him into greater fields of devotion that would have multiplied his joy. The well-favored young man failed to give his all (beyond duty), and by so doing reaped great sorrow instead.

Mary, going beyond, and anointing the feet of the Saviour with spikenard, received the "Well done," while Judas, interested in duty only, was rebuked.

The two-mite widow received the blessing. Duty might demand that she give one, but love constrained her to cast in both. How many fail of even duty to say nothing of that which is beyond!

What does duty demand of you? Of me? Surely we ought to do it. But let us not be content therewith. There is a broad land of service beyond the call of duty. It is as limitless as eternity itself. No flat, monotonous plain this! There are mountains and valleys and rivers and deserts. There is no ceiling and its horizons never touch the ground. This is the land that brings the "Well done." May God help you and me to live there!



"The more the hog is cultivated and the larger he grows, the more hog you have. You cannot cultivate the goat and change him into a sheep. A big goat is as far from being a sheep as a little goat. To talk about transforming sinners into Christians by good behavior is one of the impossibilities of life; and the longer a sinner grows in sin, the more sinful he becomes. The only way that a sinner can grow in grace is to grow in disgrace."—Bud Robinson.



Can We Stop

COMMUNISM?



By **OSCAR HUDSON**

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COMMUNISM can no longer be ignored or treated with complacency. It will be fatal if the Church continues to look upon its defeat as being wholly the business of state. In spite of the stockpiling of fearful nuclear weapons, statecraft, and summit conferences, communism has spread like creeping paralysis and is now world-wide, knocking at every door. Welcome or unwelcome, it threatens entrance everywhere. Nothing like its growth has astonished the world before.

It is high time to stop and ask, *Why?* For every effect there is a cause. To stop the effect it is well to look carefully for the cause and remove it. Dig up the roots and the plant will die.

Russia, the scene of communism's first triumphs, was a fertile field for its development. The established church was lifeless, cold, and corrupt. Czar Alexander was ruled by his self-willed queen, and she, in turn, was ruled by a corrupt, fanatical priest. Their passion was materialism, selfish gratification, prestige, position, and luxury. Their lack of spirituality was reflected in lack of concern for the misery, cold, hunger, and general poverty of the masses about them. If the church in Russia had been characterized by the self-sacrifice and fire of Pentecost, Marxism and Leninism would have died in its presence, like germs and microbes in the presence of sterilizing drugs.

Materialism is gripping the Church today. Many leaders and laymen are cutting corners and compromising with things unethical for position and wealth. Some who held high standards in their early Christian life are far from it today. The change did not come suddenly. Like the prodigal son, they have "wasted" their substance. One principle after another has been abandoned. As these things were allowed to die, freedom and spontaneity in worship were replaced by formality, programs, and cold ritualism. Intellectualism may have increased; it has in Russia too.

The change occurs so gradually and slowly that

it is not discernible by some, but its deadly presence is revealed by unmistakable signs. It shows clearly in the message. Holy Ghost revivals and high spiritual tides are always accompanied by great gospel preaching. Men and women anointed by holy fire have made the pulpit ring with such subjects as "Sin," "Repentance," "Restitution," "The Judgment," "Hell," "Eternal Punishment," etc. As spirituality wanes, the pulpit becomes silent along these lines, replacing them with dissertations that do not arrest and stir the careless, but "tickle the ears" of those who turn their hearts from the truth. We must have a mighty call to repentance if we are to meet the challenge of communism.

In His first sermon after His baptism and temptation, Jesus said, "Repent" (Mark 1:15). Later He preached, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). He also preached everlasting hell fire (Mark 9:47-48). John the Baptist came preaching repentance, and when some of the scribes and Pharisees tried to slip in under the cloak of being "children of Abraham," he called them vipers and added, "Bring forth . . . fruits meet for repentance" (Matthew 3:2-8).

The apostles were sent forth to preach repentance (Mark 6:12). In his first sermon after receiving his Pentecost, Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized . . . for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). "Unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles," Paul preached that they should repent (Acts 26:20). In almost all the letters to the seven churches of Asia, there is an exhortation to "repent."

Repentance is repugnant to the carnal mind, but this is where the Church stands today. The dilemma is repent or perish. We must go down on our knees in earnest or go down under communism. Repeatedly, Israel got into trouble and faced destruction by overpowering armies, and when they repented in sackcloth and ashes, God came to their rescue and delivered them. Guns, airplanes, and missiles will not suffice now.

Another mark of deep spirituality is sacrifice. Its absence is the result of spiritual loss. The religion of the Bible is a religion of giving. It always has been so. We get ahead by giving; we suffer loss by withholding. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty" (Proverbs 11:24). Abraham forsook home, kindred, lifelong friends, and went out "not knowing whither he went," but became the "father of the faithful," and set a standard that all delight to worship under.

Moses stood at the apex of the world. All that the world had to offer was at his finger tips. Wealth, luxury, honor, prestige, political power—all were his; but he chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Hebrews 11:25). Those without vision may have thought he was foolish for doing this, but he led a nation from slavery to the portals of wealth, and gave to the world its greatest code of laws.

The apostles were laborers, but with a lucrative fishing business. When they got a glimpse of becoming "fishers of men," they forsook their boats and nets and went out without the promise of salary and nowhere to lay their heads. But they touched the civilized world with their gospel and set in motion a movement that has landed millions on the sunlit shores of eternity.

The Apostle Paul, a mental giant, crowned with culture, stood a chance to become the head of the church. When he got a glimpse of the Galilean, he counted it all "but dung" (Philippians 3:8), and went forth to walk to his appointments, and to make tents to earn his bread. But he preached to kings and potentates as well as to the poor, to gentiles as well as to Jews, and wrote nearly one-half of the New Testament.

Will we continue to "fiddle while Rome burns"? Will we continue to reach for and revel in the paltry things of earth, that perish with their using, while sacrificing the riches of glory? Judas Iscariot became the symbol of contempt by betraying Jesus while grasping for money. Offerings are not evaluated by the amount we give, but by the amount that we keep (Luke 21:1-4). Until the Christian world becomes so filled with divine love that it will sacrifice as much or more to advance the cause of Christ as the Communists do to scatter their nefarious doctrines, we will be in danger of being overwhelmed by its poison and bondage.

"He who thinks himself as much like God now as he ever can be, must certainly have lost sight of the distance between the finite and the infinite. A child may at its birth possess the image of his father, but in physical, mental, and moral status, he is incomparably below his father."
—M. E. Haney.

The Years Have Been GOOD!



By **S. T. LUDWIG**

General Church Secretary

IT WAS mid-August, 1912. I shall never forget that Sunday. Together with my parents, Rev. Theodore and Minnie E. Ludwig, I joined the Church of the Nazarene at Hastings, Nebraska. The pastor was Rev. Q. A. Deck, a fervent and friendly man whose Christian courtesy to a lad of nine years immediately won my heart. We have been personal friends these fifty years.

About three weeks later we attended the Nazarene district assembly held at Pleasant Hill Church of the Nazarene, a rural congregation about four miles from Sylvia, Kansas. General Superintendent Edward F. Walker was presiding. I recall he preached five sermons, everyone of them from the text, "Sanctify them" (John 17:17). Of course I didn't understand the deep theological meanings he proposed at that time, but I do recall making this mental note, *That man sure believes what he is talking about.*

At that assembly fifty years ago I well remember the cook tent pitched adjacent to the church and E. J. King, the manager, who frequently paid attention to the hunger needs of a boy between meals. I can still see Brother Keddie (who had the only automobile among the group that had gathered), with his long, white beard, and I can hear his clear testimony to holiness of heart. I remember the booming voice of a young man in the "Amen corner" as he would frequently interrupt with a loud and fervent "Amen." They called him "old Bally" (A. F. Balsmeier, who later became my district superintendent and lifelong friend).

I remember Sam Snowbarger, well-known farmer in the community, a quite saintly man whose face would suddenly light up as he would say, "Praise the Lord!" in the midst of the congregation. (I did not know then that fourteen years later at the altar of this church I was to meet my bride, Clara, the eldest daughter of John and Mildred Krey, whose Christian character and constant faithfulness have been a tower of strength across the years.)

Fifty years have gone by since first I joined the

Church of the Nazarene. These years have been good. There have been sunshine and shadow; there have been some defeats, but far more glorious victories. The Church of the Nazarene I joined in 1912 was a holiness church. I am glad to affirm that after fifty years it is still a holiness church, pursuing the aims and goals of our founding fathers "to spread the gospel of full salvation around the world."

During these years I have come in contact with many good and great men and women in the church. I have known and heard every general superintendent preach from Dr. Phineas F. Bresec to Dr. V. H. Lewis, with the exception of Dr. Wilson, who passed away within a few weeks after his election in 1915. These men have given us a glorious heritage. Our present Board of General Superintendents is leading us, under God, to greater victories.

Heaven:

"To the soldier of the cross, heaven will be peace; to the burden bearer, it will be a jubilee; to the heartbroken for Jesus' sake, it will be joy; and to the earnest toiler in the vineyard, it will be rest. But what will heaven be to the man who did no fighting, bore no burdens, carried none of the world's sorrows, and entered not into the labors of his Lord? Where there is no battle there can be no victory, where there is no cross there can be no crown, where there have been no labors there can be no rest."—J. B. Chapman.



I humbly testify to what the grace of God has meant to my life. The Comforter abides. Gladly I acknowledge my debt—my debt to God, to my Christian parents, and to my church. I pledge anew my utmost for God and souls!



when at Pentecost he proclaimed, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Christ is the Way out. He who is the Entrance into the kingdom of God is also an Exit—a Way of escape from sin.

Sin may be viewed as both voluntary and involuntary. Some sins are by choice, others by compulsion. Man is not always, if ever, master of his sinning. There may be areas in which he is in

... THE WAY

By JAMES W. McNEELY

Nazarene Elder, Northern California District

THE CHALLENGE expressed in the quadrennial slogan, "Try Christ's Way," is merely a new way of presenting an age-old appeal. From the days of the apostles, true believers have been possessed of an intense desire to see others brought to Christ. To this end men have forfeited possessions, given unstintingly of their time, and some have laid down their lives. This is not strange, seeing what the Christian has found about this walk with Christ.

Christ is the Way in. He is the Door. Christ is not merely an Entrance into the kingdom of God; He is the Entrance. Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved" (John 10:9). He spoke these words only moments after declaring, "He that entereth not by the door . . . is a thief and a robber" (John 10:1).

Peter left no room for doubt on this matter

control—in which he can "take it or leave it," according to his whims. However there are deeper areas where sin is the master and man the slave. Man sins, not so much because he wants to, but because he is driven to.

Christ is able to deliver man from all his sins. Without the manifestation of Christ's power to set men free, the Church must constantly retreat from its standards of purity and holiness. Without the Christ who breaks every fetter, sinners cannot hope for more than an outward show of conformity. With Christ there is complete victory over sin.

Jesus said, "If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). But He added, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

Through Christ, man can be a new creature,

no longer subject to the bondage of sinful and depraved appetites.

Christ is the Way through. Christ gives us entrance into the kingdom of God. He delivers us from sin. But what of the toils and cares of life? Is His work finished with the crisis experiences of the new birth and heart cleansing?

Much of the New Testament was written to people in trouble. God has not left His people alone. To single out one verse of assurance and comfort from so many is difficult. But consider the consolation given to Paul in an hour of distress, "My grace is sufficient for thee" (II Corinthians 12:9). This same grace is the free gift to all those who have accepted Christ. Christ tunnels through our mountains and brings us out, as Paul said, "more than conquerors."

Christ is the Way up. An Entrance into the kingdom of God, an Exit from sin, a Tunnel through, a Stairway to heaven—this is the Christ men are challenged to accept.

Christ came to grips with man's last enemy, death, and triumphed. Having died on the Cross, He arose and set the Conqueror's foot on the curse of Adam.

In a few terse words, Paul expressed the Christian's assurance, "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27).

Is it any wonder that Nazarenes everywhere are using every possible means to herald the challenge, "Try Christ's Way"? Seeing Christ is man's only Hope of salvation, his only Way to heaven, this becomes both a privilege and sacred responsibility.

Have you tried Christ's way?

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Nazarene in particular might rise to the challenge of the last hour!

It is all too easy to give in to a spirit of defeatism, to magnify the opposition, to dwell on our own weakness. But such is only to surrender before the battle. We must face up to our liabilities, but we must not overlook the assets. Really, now, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Some holiness people may have plenty of purpose, but they lack a program. This is not our problem. We have, under God, a program for this fall in family outreach to challenge every man, woman, boy, and girl among us. We need to hear and ponder well the words of James S. Stewart, "A Church that is content to remain isolated in sanctified seclusion from the world around its doors and the clamorous problems of the age has no right to bear the name of Him who chose to dwell with publicans and sinners."

Many of us have read Joseph Bayly's little book

The Gospel Blimp, and, as the publishers said, we would have scarcely known whether to laugh or cry. Perhaps repentance and reformation would be the more fitting response. We have been all too much like the socially minded churchmen who organized "International Gospel Blimps" as a means of doing their Christian service, without a thought for their neighbors. Mr. Bayly puts it in a hard-hitting paragraph:

"We attend committee meetings, we serve on boards, we prepare dinners, we run the mimeograph, we organize and reorganize. And we end up without time to get to know our neighbors, let alone to love them. For love is doing, not feeling. Therefore love demands time. . . . We share an advertisement of the gospel with them instead of sharing Christ. We demand that they bridge the gap to us, instead of accepting our responsibility to construct bridges of love and understanding to them."

"My young friends, it is the last hour." Here is no excuse for relaxation. Here is a ringing call to work while it is yet day, for the night is coming when no man can work. How many minutes of daylight are left in our hour we cannot know. What we can do is purpose to spend each one to its fullest measure in service to God and man.

Something to Remember

Brigadier General Carlos P. Romulo, soldier, statesman, and Philippine patriot, has served for many years as his country's delegate to the UN and ambassador to the United States. He recently returned to the Islands to become president of the University of the Philippines. His parting message to America is something to remember in the face of growing materialism and secularism:

"I am going home, America—farewell.

"For seventeen years, I have enjoyed your hospitality, visited every one of your fifty states. I can say I know you well.

"I admire and love America. It is my second home.

"What I have to say now in parting is both a tribute and a warning: *Never forget, Americans, that yours is a spiritual country.*

"Yes, I know that you are a practical people. Like others, I have marveled at your factories, your skyscrapers and your arsenals.

"But underlying everything else is the fact that America began as a God-loving, God-fearing, God-worshipping people, knowing that there is a spark of the Divine in each one of us. It is this respect for the dignity of the human spirit which makes America invincible. May it always endure.

"And so I say again in parting, thank you, America, and farewell. May God keep you always—and may you always keep God."*

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THE CHURCH AT WORK

HOME MISSIONS

ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

Overseas Organizing Bermuda

Last September an announcement appeared in the *Herald of Holiness* that a Nazarene Sunday school had been started in Bermuda through the efforts and concern of a few consecrated Nazarene laymen, service personnel stationed in the city of Hamilton. After contacting Headquarters in Kansas City for help and guidance, they organized the Sunday school, using materials sent them by our Publishing House. We asked our people at that time to help get the word out to anyone who might have contacts in Bermuda who would be interested in attending services.

Now, one year later, under the leading of the Lord, our first church in Bermuda has been officially organized in the city of Hamilton from these beginnings.

Rev. Robert I. Goslaw, superintendent of the New York District, had conducted a revival in the early spring of this year and had investigated the need and possibilities for our church. On July 18, Brother Goslaw conducted the official organization service of the

church and the installation of the newly appointed pastor, Rev. James J. Collum. Brother Goslaw writes: "It was a HOT night . . . sticky and all . . . but the people and the Lord were there! We had an attendance of forty-seven." Rev. and Mrs. Collum had arrived in Bermuda the previous day with Brother Goslaw, who now introduced them to the people. They brought words of greeting, expressing great burden, love, and confidence in God's will for their lives and Bermuda. Following Brother Goslaw's inspirational and stirring message, the Bermuda Church of the Nazarene was organized with fourteen charter members.

Let us all pray that the Lord will continue to open doors, and to lead and direct the Collums as they cope with all the details of getting settled in a new country and of tackling the challenging task to which God has called them.

West Germany

During Dr. Powers' visit to Frankfurt in May our work in Germany was set up as a fully organized district—the West German District of the Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Jerald D. Johnson, who has been in charge of the work since its inception, reports:

"On Monday night, May 28, we had

the opening service of the assembly, and on Tuesday, our first district assembly. Needless to say, it was a high light and a great thrill to us all. We raised for all purposes in the last year DM. 54,000 and report 6 congregations organized. They are Berlin, Frankfurt American, Frankfurt German, Copenhagen, Kaiserslautern, and Wuppertal, plus the 2 missions of Hanau and Kassel. And we reported a total of 146 members.

"On Tuesday night before a very fine congregation in the atmosphere of a Nazarene district assembly, Dr. Powers ordained Gerhard Broehl, Richard Zanner, and Victor Schoonbroodt."

During his visit Dr. Powers also conducted the dedication of the recently completed Frankfurt church. Somewhere between 300 and 400 people attended the dedication service.

New Zealand

Rev. H. S. Palmquist, in charge of our work in New Zealand, has sent in a report of the organization on Sunday, July 1, of the Breezes Road Church in the city of Christchurch.

SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION

PAUL SKILES, Secretary

A Tribute to Our Chaplain's Assistants

In the air force we call them Chaplain Service Specialists. Who are they? They are airmen or noncommissioned officers who assist the chaplain in the performance of his daily duties. We have many Nazarenes among them in the navy, army, and air force. These are dedicated men, several of them local, licensed, or ordained ministers who feel a calling to do this specialized type of military duty. Without them the chaplaincy would in a sense "fall flat on its face."

Although they do not conduct services on military installations, their services are invaluable to the chaplain, whose ministry is primarily spiritual. What are their duties?

The greatest amount of time is spent in administrative duties, such as typing, filing, keeping fund records, correspondence, receptionist, answering the telephone, and other office responsibilities. Some may lead the choir, play the organ, teach a Sunday school class, or be



Some of the delegates to the Gulf Central District Assembly viewing property which is being purchased for the Nashville congregation. Mrs. Louise Chapman, general N.F.M.S. president, and Rev. C. E. Shumake, district superintendent of the Tennessee District, at the far right. (See "District Activities" column for assembly report.)

active in men's or youth work. There are custodial details as setting up the altar for Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish services as well as janitorial work and policing the area. They make charts, keep records, make appointments, have knowledge of slide and movie projectors and tape recorders. They also help arrange for baptisms, funerals, and weddings. Then too the senior man at each installation has the responsibility of supervising the men under him in rank.

These assistants are tested periodically for their knowledge of religious practices, rituals, and general military procedures. They are in a continuous study program to raise their efficiency and value to the Chaplain Section.

Across the years during and since World War II, there have been literally scores of our fine Nazarene youth who have served and still serve God and country in this tremendously vital role. No one who has been connected with the complexities of a military organization would deny that their job is necessary to the fulfillment of the chaplain's task.

In behalf of all our Nazarene chaplains and our church in general we hereby pay tribute to these worthy, sacrificial soldiers, sailors, and airmen who hold up the chaplain's hand. It is inescapably true that we owe them a debt of gratitude. Nazarene chaplain's assistants on active duty, we SALUTE YOU!—CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) CLAUDE L. CHILTON.

Introducing a New Chaplain



**Chaplain (1st Lt.) Vernon G. Swim
Box 9047**

Presidio of San Francisco, California
Chaplain Swim has been called into active duty in the army chaplaincy.

Chaplain Swim received his divinity training from Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma, where upon him was conferred the B.A. degree. His postgraduate work was done at the Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, from which he received the B.D. degree.

Since going into the ministry he has held two Nazarene pastorates located at Lawson, Missouri, and the First Church in Orangeville, California. He is a member of the Northern California District.

Chaplain and Mrs. Swim, with their two sons, are now located at the Presidio of San Francisco, California.

We welcome you, Chaplain Vernon Swim.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

GEORGE COULTER, *Secretary*

Moving Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Knox have returned to British Guiana. Their address is P.O. Box 170, Georgetown, British Guiana, South America.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Penn have returned to Africa and are presently at P.O. Box 20, Athlone, Cape Province, South Africa.

Miss Sylvia Schriber, a new missionary, has left for language study in Mexico. Her address is Apartado 30166, Admon. 27, Mexico, D.F., Mexico.

Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Stockwell have returned to Africa. Their address is Manjacaze, via Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, Africa.

Rev. W. C. Fowler and family have just returned to the States for furlough from British Guiana. Their address is 2225 Pennsylvania Ave., Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wise have a new address in Africa. It is 22 Daniel Malan Ave., Florida Park, Transvaal, Republic of South Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Heap left August 10 for Guatemala. Their address is: Santa Elena, Peten, Guatemala, Central America.

Rev. and Mrs. John Holstead, home on furlough from Taiwan, are living at 6 Sheva Court, Scarboro, Ontario, Canada.

Answered Prayer in India

By **MRS. JOHN ANDERSON, *India***

The Bible school has opened in Basim. All schools out here reopen with the coming of the monsoon, in July. Along with the rains this year, we have had special "showers of blessing" in the opening of our Bible school. Mrs. Hilda Lee Cox is the principal; and she comes to this task with training, talents, and grace in her heart, to be an outstanding leader.

The official opening was on Friday, July 20, 1962. Superintendent Cleve James was the special speaker. The radio artists were also in town for the monthly broadcast, and they took part as well. Sunday was a big day in the Basim church for all our young people.

Thank you all for your prayers. Our God is faithful—bless His holy name. There are ten new students—interesting, fine, young men. Do keep praying for the Bible school.

Mrs. Pattee Better

Mrs. John Pattee is getting along quite well and is able to take care of

her responsibilities but does have to be careful not to go too long without rest. We are praying the Lord will touch her so that she may be able to carry on her useful labors for the Master.

Registration at Bible school was held recently and we have thirty-eight students enrolled—thirteen of them new. We praise the Lord for answered prayer. —ROY COPELIN, *Philippine Islands*.

New Opportunities in Italy

By **R. J. CERRATO, *Italy***

Catania promises to be a strong center for us in our efforts to spread the gospel of full salvation. From this city we will have the pastor and his people working in other areas. Already we have work started in the town of Caltigirone, and they are looking to the town of Paterno. I am sure that Rev. Cereda will be a capable leader for this work in Sicily.

Leads are developing for new workers in some of our other cities here in Italy. God is blessing. We trust He will give us many precious souls here in this beautiful land.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Gulf Central District Assembly and Conventions

The tenth annual assembly and conventions of the Gulf Central District were held July 11 through 14, at Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. and Mrs. Roy Lee Fralin, hosts, did a remarkable job. Wednesday night, July 11, Rev. Clarence X. Bowman challenged our hearts as he preached and wept from a burdened heart. July 12 and 13 were given to the conventions of N.Y.P.S., Church Schools, and N.F.M.S. Each department head gave reports of gain and vision, and each was re-elected for another church year: Rev. R. Chopfield, N.Y. P.S. president; Rev. A. Williams, chairman of church schools; and Mrs. A. Jackson, N.F.M.S. president.

The assembly was officially opened by our beloved general superintendent, Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, who challenged us again through love and tears to hold on to God's unchanging hand. Mrs. Louise Chapman, our general N.F.M.S. president, inspired our hearts to pray more and give more for the cause of missions. We feel she is one of us. Noticeable gains and progress were reflected in reports of the pastors and the district superintendent. Total membership on the district is now 392, a gain of 47; average Sunday school attendance was 678, an increase of 126. The churches raised for all purposes \$19,463. All but 4 churches paid all budgets in full. The total general budget for the district was overpaid. The churches also paid 93.4 per cent of their N.M.B.F. budgets, which is a new record for our district. Four churches and one mission received "ten per cent" certificates, and this is the first year that any have qualified in

this respect. Three churches qualified for the Evangelistic Honor Roll.

For his wonderful spirit and deep concern for the work, the Gulf Central Nazarenes love and appreciate the district superintendent, Rev. Warren A. Rogers, who is now serving a three-year call. A love offering was given to express our appreciation.

In behalf of the pastors we say thanks to our general church in being tolerant with the work of our district; and through the leadership of God, and our general, district, and local leaders, the Gulf Central District is growing and advancing the cause of the unchangeable Christ in the changeable world.—**ROLAND CHOPFIELD, Reporter.**

Canada West District Assembly

The fourteenth annual assembly of the Canada West District was held July 4 and 5 in Calgary, Alberta. Dr. G. B. Williamson, general superintendent in charge, presided with efficiency and grace. His messages will linger long to challenge those who heard him speak.

The assembly was preceded by the N.F.M.S. convention, at which Mrs. H. I. G. Smith was re-elected as the district president with an almost unanimous vote.

The church schools convention rally was held on the evening of July 4, with Rev. Bennett Dudney bringing the message on "Home Missions Advance Through Branch Sunday Schools." The average weekly attendance showed a gain of approximately two hundred over last year, and two new branch Sunday schools were opened during the year.

Rev. Herman L. G. Smith, our esteemed district superintendent, gave an excellent report which rang with challenge, as he presented the possibilities of advance on our district. Superintendent Smith covered over sixty-four thousand miles in the interests of the district. With the going of Rev. Dalton Marsten to Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, we now have a Nazarene work in each of the provinces and territories of Canada. Our district is a "10 per cent" district with thirty-eight churches recognized as "10 per centers."

Dr. Williamson ordained a class of promising young people into the Christian ministry: Ellis Falk, Elmer Brunton, J. Donald Nicholas, Jessie Clerc, and Ethel Prier.

Canada West Nazarenes are stretching every muscle, with our faith fixed in God, to co-operate in the "Evangelism First" program this year.—**W. HOWARD GRIFFIN, Reporter.**

Pittsburgh District Assembly

The annual Pittsburgh District Assembly was held July 18 to 20 at the district campground, Alameda Park, Butler, Pennsylvania. Dr. V. H. Lewis was with us for his first time, and we appreciated his kind and sincere manner. His messages on the Holy Spirit were outstanding.

Pittsburgh District, in its fifty-fifth year, totaled \$897,425 in giving for all purposes, a gain of \$36,000 over last year. Giving directly into missionary channels

totaled \$80,000, with twenty-three churches giving "10 per cent." Per capita giving averaged about \$128.

Rev. R. B. Acheson, reporting his fifth year as district superintendent, listed 2 new churches, New Castle, East Side, and Bethel Park in a thriving suburb south of Pittsburgh. Total membership is 6,907, with 584 added this year. More than 5,332 bowed at our Nazarene altars this year. The district added 33 acres to a 36-acre site for our new district center (Alameda is affected by Route 422 bypass of Butler).

Dr. Lewis conducted an inspiring ordination service, with James S. Irwin,

"SHOWERS of BLESSING" Program Schedule

September 16—"A Fearless Man in Fearful Times," by Lloyd Byron

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

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

Merlyn H. Klink, and Norman Ford receiving elder's orders. The elder's orders of Rev. Lewis Swope of Indiana were recognized.

Rev. Leslie W. Baltz, pastor at Grove City, retired after an outstanding record of service on the Pittsburgh District.

By standing vote the assembly approved plans to raise \$4,000 next year to build a church in a new section for the natives near Johannesburg, South Africa. Rev. George Hayse and wife, the missionary convention speakers, had graphically presented the need in these new African cities built by the government.

More than \$1,300 was raised to add to the \$20,000 reserve fund to back loans for church building on the district.

For the first time in the history of the district, assembly week activities were carried by radio and television as well as the regular coverage in our one hundred daily and weekly newspapers.

This good assembly paved the way for an inspiring camp meeting with Rev. Roy Bettcher and Dr. Gene Phillips as evangelists, and Professor Curtis Brown as song evangelist. Mrs. Hayse was the children's worker.

Pittsburgh District Nazarenes look forward to the best year yet under the inspiration of our devoted superintendent, Rev. R. B. Acheson.—**DOROTHY J. NEWELL, Reporter.**

West Virginia District Assembly

The twenty-third annual assembly of the West Virginia District was held July 5 to 7 at the district center in Summersville.

Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, presiding general superintendent, warmed the hearts and challenged the minds of those attending with his wonderful messages. He has endeared himself to the hearts of the people and pastors of West

Virginia with his gentle and loving spirit as a leader in our church.

The high light of the assembly was the annual report and re-election of our beloved district superintendent, Dr. H. Harvey Hendershot. His report revealed substantial growth in each department of the district work: church school enrollment for the year was 19,728, with an average attendance of 11,903; church membership revealed an increase of 683, making the total district membership 8,531. A grand total of \$982,262 was raised for all purposes, an increase of \$60,000 over last year.

Following his report, Superintendent Hendershot was re-elected to a three-year term by an overwhelming vote, receiving 237 votes of the 246 cast.

Concluding the assembly was an inspiring and wonderful ordination service, with Dr. Vanderpool in charge. Those receiving elder's orders were Harold Runyan, Bill Crane, O. R. Gunno, Ray Whiteman, and Alfred Kay.

Under the capable leadership of Superintendent Hendershot, West Virginia Nazarenes are united in effort and spirit, and preparing now to make the "Operation Doorbell" a great success in the winning of souls.—**CARL W. GRAY, JR., Reporter.**

THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Rev. E. I. Carter writes: "After pastoring in the East St. Louis area for four years, I am re-entering the evangelistic field. I have served as pastor on the Illinois District for twenty years, and as an evangelist for three years. I have some open time in 1962 and '63. Write me at Bluford, Illinois."

Evangelists A. E. and Pauline Miller write: "Due to a cancellation, we have an open date, November 21 to December 2, and shall be glad to slate this time wherever the Lord may lead. We are now in our nineteenth consecutive year in the field of evangelism, and carry the whole program—preaching, singing, special music, chalk artistry, and children's work. Write us, 307 S. Delaware St., Mt. Gilead, Ohio."

Crystal Lake, Illinois—In mid-July, Rev. Robert Owen assumed the pastorate of this fast-growing, two-year-old church. He followed the pastoral leadership of Rev. Ralph Wright, who organized the church in his home, then led the congregation in the building of their present edifice near the Crystal Lake Plaza shopping center. Mr. Wright has now taken up his duties as pastor of the Northside Church in Terre Haute, Indiana. Brother Owen has formerly pastored several churches in Idaho and California.—**Reporter.**

Rev. John Lambert writes: "Recently I assumed the work of the pastorate of our church in Harmon, Oklahoma. We have found a people who know how to pray and trust God, and they have been most considerate in helping us and bringing food to the parsonage. Revival meetings are scheduled and we are be-

lieving God for victory. If you have friends here, write me and I shall be glad to contact them for the church."

Rev. J. W. Livingston writes that after serving as pastor of First Church in Lawton, Oklahoma, for more than two years he has resigned to enter the field of full-time evangelism. Write him, 107 N. Bristow, Moore, Oklahoma.

Evangelist W. E. Weaver and wife write: "We are filling in our slate for the year ahead and wish to express our gratitude to pastors and people for the good response to our ministry in the first full year in the field. We have served in nineteen churches on five districts, and God has blessed in giving over two hundred people praying through to spiritual victory. As the new year begins, we would like to slate meetings in the South through the fall and winter if possible. Write us, 149 E. Randall Street, Coopersville, Michigan."

Indianapolis, Indiana—Pastor and Mrs. C. A. Griffith are beginning the second year of a four-year call, and we have had a wonderful year in the Lord here at East Side Church. We thank God for the faithful preaching of Brother Griffith, and the souls that have prayed through to victory and united with the church during the past year. On Sunday morning, July 15, fifteen new members were added to the church in a very impressive service. We thank God for sending Brother and Sister Griffith our way.—MRS. ALMA GEBBY, *Reporter*.

Sunday School Evangelists Lyle and Lois Potter report: "February through June were five delightful months of service for our Lord and church. In thirteen thousand miles of travel we toured the San Antonio, Georgia, and Nebraska districts, served as speaker and workshop leaders in five regional Sunday school conventions, in Flint, Toronto, New Castle, Indianapolis, and Kankakee. We value greatly the privilege of working with the staff of the Department of Church Schools in the various conventions. It was also our privilege to speak at a district-wide Sunday school rally for the Texas-Mexican District. In addition to these district-related activities, we held Sunday school crusades for the following churches: Hammond First, Indiana; Cleveland First and Akron Kenmore, in Ohio; Pontiac First, Michigan; Bloomington First and Pekin First, Illinois; North St. Louis and Kansas City Grace, Missouri; Stillwater and Oklahoma City Trinity, Oklahoma; and Chandler and Phoenix Maryvale in Arizona. We enjoyed working with the various district superintendents and pastors. Many of the services and rallies will be long remembered because of the visitation of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of all present. We give God all praise."

Trenton, Ohio—Coming to the close of another assembly year, I was privileged to give my twenty-first report for this church. It was organized in January of 1912, with 23 charter members.

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There have been many problems during these more than twenty years, but the blessings of God make the problems seem small. Our church has enjoyed a gradual growth, as a result of the regular visitation program and the spiritual tide in the regular services. God has given seekers in both morning and evening services. We closed the year with 372 members, an average attendance in Sunday school of 341, and an average attendance on Sunday night of 221. As usual, our budgets were all paid in full, with the General Budget overpaid. We paid out just over \$38,000 for all purposes. Last May the church gave us a four-year call with only one negative vote—our first negative vote in our twenty years as pastor here. We thank God for our loyal people who co-operate with the pastor and the entire church program. One year ago last March we moved into a new \$25,000 brick parsonage; this past July 13 we paid off the balance on it—\$1,300. We owe only about \$8,000 on our \$100,000 church building. We have plans to pay this off within the next six months, and then next year build a new sanctuary, and use our old building for educational purposes. Professor Wayne Gallup, our minister of music, is doing fine work in that department; the music is an asset to our services.—A. M. WILSON, *Pastor*.

THE BIBLE LESSON

By **ARNOLD E. AIRHART**

Topic for September 16:

A Mind to Work

SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 2: 4 (Printed: Nehemiah 4:1-3, 7-11, 19-23)

GOLDEN TEXT: *So built we the wall; . . . for the people had a mind to work* (Nehemiah 4:6).

The third return of the exiles to Jerusalem (the first two were under Zerubbabel and Ezra respectively) took place in 444 B.C. under the leadership of Nehemiah. Nehemiah has earned his place in history as the hero of the re-

built Jerusalem. The autobiographical portions of the Book of Nehemiah provide an inspiring acquaintance with one of God's true noblemen. It is an epic story of struggle towards victory in the face of many adversities.

Any significant organized work for Jesus Christ today will have to proceed pretty much along these lines. It will be an uphill fight. Victory will come in spite of obstacles and enemies. Peter speaks of "your adversary the devil," and Paul spoke for all of us when he said that "a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (1 Corinthians 16:9).

Nehemiah faced problems arising both from his declared enemies and from his poorly motivated helpers. As James C. Muir puts it, he had "firm foes without, faint friends within."

From within came complaints from discontented workmen. Considering the conditions under which they worked, and the grueling hours involved, it is not surprising that there was some labor trouble. Then there came the inevitable weariness with the work but half done.

From without came a series of attacks. Ridicule was employed, and ridicule has slain its thousands. When intimidation failed in the face of Nehemiah's courage, guile and underhanded trickery were next on the adversary's list. A final subversive appeal was made to self-interest, and here Nehemiah, who would not save his own life, rose to the heights with his reply, "Should such a man as I flee?" (Nehemiah 6:11)

But we are most interested in the secret of Nehemiah's success. It should be noted that he prepared himself in unhurried fashion by counting the cost, and taking counsel with God rather than men. But note also if you will the success values in the following analysis of the story:

1. The necessity of courageous leadership. The co-operation of the people was, after all, the key. How inspiring was Nehemiah's success in rallying the discouraged and halfhearted!
2. The practicality of prayer. "We made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch" (v. 9).
3. The strength of dependence on God. "Our God shall fight for us" (v. 20). We do our best, but in the end, this is our hope.
4. This inspiration of a high purpose.
5. The wisdom of a careful plan.
6. The force of united action. Goldsmiths, merchants, apothecaries, priests, workers together.
7. The reward of hard work.

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Deaths

WILMA SPEAKES EDWARDS, age fifty-six, died in a Bakersfield hospital on July 1. She was the wife of Rev. E. H. Edwards, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, Bakersfield, California. She was a native of Van Buren, Arkansas, and had resided in California and Kern County for the past four years. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Bakersfield. She was married to E. H. Edwards thirty-seven years ago. Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy M. Farrand; two sons, Richard and Donald; her mother, Mrs.

Jessie N. Speakes; three sisters, Mildred Edwards, Elizabeth Paulson, and Mary Lou Butchart; and four brothers, Edwin, Roy, Major Eugene, and Clyde. "Like a lovely song her life had blended in beautiful harmony with all the activities of the church she loved," and she died "in the triumphs of the faith." Funeral service was conducted in the Memorial Chapel at Greenlawn Mortuary, Bakersfield, by Dr. E. E. Zachary; and a second service at First Church in Boise, Idaho, with interment in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

MRS. ALMA DELLA BALDWIN, wife of Rev. G. F. Baldwin, died April 4 in Bethany, Oklahoma. She was born April 18, 1881, at Tupelo, Mississippi. Rev. and Mrs. Baldwin had a part in the early-day religious movement in southeast Oklahoma. She left a glowing testimony of saving and sanctifying grace. Besides her husband, she is survived by five sons, Gary, Les, Ocie, Frank, and Marvin; and six daughters, Mrs. Anna Brandon, Mrs. Rowena Eyestone, Mrs. Cecil Key, Mrs. Maxine Walkup, Mrs. Dorothy Johnston, and Mrs. Viola Roberts. Funeral service was in charge of Rev. L. H. Dickerson and Rev. D. L. Slack, at the Westgate Church, Bethany, with interment in the cemetery in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

HARLON ROY STOCK of Pasadena, California, died June 8 at a local hospital. A native of Ohio, he had been a resident in California for the past eight years. He was a faithful and loyal member of First Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena. He is survived by his wife, Grace, and a son, Timothy Ray, both of Pasadena; also his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stock, and two sisters, Mrs. Jean Mingleford and Mrs. Eunice Anderson, all of Ohio. Funeral service was held at Pasadena First Church with his pastor, Rev. J. W. Ellis, in charge. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery.

WILLIAM RUFUS DUNCAN, age fifty, died February 19, 1962. He had been a faithful member of First Church of the Nazarene in Mobile, Alabama, for twenty years. He is survived by his wife, an elder in the church, who has been quite active on the Alabama District for a number of years; also a son, W. R., Jr., of Lakeland, Florida. Funeral service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Reeford L. Chaney, at Mobile First Church, with interment near Pensacola, Florida.

MRS. BERTHA MARIE MASON (nee Hudson) was born October 7, 1919, at La Junta, Colorado, and died in a hospital, Pico-Rivera, California, April 28, 1962. In 1939 she was married to Lawrence C. Mason. To this union were born two children, Larry S. and Clara Sue. She was preceded in death by her husband, mother, and one sister. She lived in Denver, Colorado, from 1947 to 1961, where she was a member of First Church of the Nazarene for several years. She is survived by her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hudson; the son, Larry; daughter, Clara Sue; one brother, Roy E. Hudson; and a sister, Mrs. Beulah Lee West. She left a beautiful testimony. Funeral service was conducted in Denver First Church by Rev. E. L. Cornelison, district superintendent, with burial beside her husband in Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver.

JOHN FARGO died May 18 in California, by drowning. He was born October 19, 1920, in Muncie, Indiana, living with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Fargo, until 1942, when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He was married that same year to Betty Stewart. He was in business in Indiana until coming to California, where he had only recently gone into the skin diving business. Funeral service was conducted by the Reverend Mr. Hubbard.

CHAD SUFFIELD, infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles C. Powers, of the Totem Park Church of the Nazarene in Fairbanks, Alaska, was born Easter Sunday morning (1962) and died the next day. Besides his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Jay and Mark. Funeral service was held in the Fairbanks Memorial Chapel with Rev. Edward Hurn of Fairbanks First Church officiating. Graveside services were held in San Gabriel, California, with Pauline Powers officiating.

Announcements

RECOMMENDATIONS

Rev. C. I. Prentice has resigned as pastor of our Sulphur church, and has entered the field of full-time evangelism. He is very evangelistic in spirit, and would hold a good revival in any church or camp. I am sure his many friends will be glad to know he is available in the evangelistic field. Write him, c/o Nazarene Publishing House, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri.—T. T. McCord, Superintendent of Louisiana District.

After doing an outstanding work as the founder and first pastor of the church in Strong, Maine, for ten years, Rev. Ernest D. Smith feels the leading of the Lord to enter the field of evangelism. He is an able and forceful preacher and a soul winner.

He is now available; let us keep him busy. Write him at Strong, Maine.—Joshua C. Wagner, Superintendent of Maine District.

This is to notify our people everywhere of the availability of Rev. H. B. Garvin, 5920 S.W. 14th St., Plantation Isles, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, for evangelistic meetings. He has served for many years as pastor and evangelist and carries a burden for souls. He is a commissioned evangelist on our district, and will be happy to work with our people as his services may be needed.—John L. Knight, Superintendent of Florida District.

Rev. Wesley Hoackle, 1214 McKenzie, Corpus Christi, Texas, has entered the field of evangelism after ten years in the pastorate. He is a strong and able preacher, carries a burden, and prays much. It is my feeling that he will do any church much good, and it is my hope that our churches and pastors will keep him busy in this field.—James C. Hester, Superintendent of San Antonio District.

WEDDING BELLS

Jan Christy of Drexel, Missouri, and Velma Snodgrass of Hastings, Nebraska, were united in marriage on June 27 at First Church of the Nazarene in Hastings with Rev. Norman Bloom, pastor, officiating, assisted by Carl Dooley.

Miss Karen Kirby Peer of Spring Hill, Kansas, and Mr. Joe K. Robertson of Bethany, Oklahoma, were united in marriage on July 21 in the chapel of First Church of the Nazarene, Bethany, with Dr. Donald Metz, professor of religion at Bethany Nazarene College, officiating.

Miss Jean Marie Wolfstenholm of Sidney, Nebraska, and Dwain Huebert of Anchorage, Alaska, were united in marriage on July 14 at the Sidney Church of the Nazarene with Rev. C. B. Johnson, grandfather of the bride, officiating, assisted by Rev. A. M. Wells.

Miss Alma Tutton of Newmarket, and Mr. Keith Petersen of Toronto, Ontario, were united in marriage on July 7 at the Newmarket Church of the Nazarene with Rev. A. Petersen, father of the groom, officiating.

Miss Constance Jeanne Fosdyck of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Airman Paul J. Qualls of the Lincoln Air Force Base were united in marriage on June 29 at the Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Ottumwa, Iowa, with Rev. Lee I. Best, uncle of the bride, officiating.

Miss Loreta Broyles and Charles Hatfield were united in marriage on June 29 in Alma, Arkansas, with Rev. Boyd Hancock officiating.

Mrs. Louise Nolt and Mr. Clarence Thayer were united in marriage on June 23 in Pasadena, California.

Miss Donna Jean Morris of Fort Shafter Honolulu, Hawaii, and Mr. Eldan O. Kaukonen of Eureka, California, were united in marriage on June 22 at the Post Chapel, Fort Shafter, with the father of the bride, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James E. Morris officiating.

Miss Barbara Nelle Harcourt and Mr. Joe Leland Gary, both of Durant, Oklahoma, were united in marriage on June 8 at First Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Harold C. Harcourt, father of the bride, officiating.

Miss Cynthia M. Povejof of Henryetta, and Norman A. Sayers of Cherokee, Oklahoma, were united in marriage on June 1 at Henryetta First Church of the Nazarene with Rev. David F. Krick officiating.

BORN

—to Keith and Gail (Zea) Powell of Harvey, Illinois, a son, Timothy Mark, on August 3.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Farmer of Russell Springs, Kansas, a daughter, Connie Marie, on July 23.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Warner of Champaign, Illinois, a son, on July 22.

—to Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Jasper, Jr., of Rio Linda, California, a son, Kevin Douglas, on July 19.

—to Rev. and Mrs. K. Dwight Southworth of Buffalo, Oklahoma, a son, Tod Dwight, on July 16.

—to Charles and Wanda (Stockton) Bennett of Bothell, Washington, a son, James Edward, on July 10.

—to Wesley and Joyce (Swartz) Burgo of Cashien, Oklahoma, a daughter, Dana Dalleen, on July 2.

ADOPTED—by Rev. C. Richard and Donna (Ogden) Hayes of Exeter, California, a baby boy, on June 28;

he was born June 25, and has been named Steven Richard.

—by Frank and Lois Wright of Elk Grove Village, Illinois, on July 25, 1962, Susan Marie (born May 21, 1957), and her brother, David Charles (born March 15, 1958).

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

—by a mother in Kansas for her unsaved children, that God will undertake in the many big problems she faces, and touch the heart of a loved one before it is too late;

—by a friend in California for a young man, a backslider, after being very active in church work—he has a family;

—for two sisters in Michigan who need to be sanctified wholly—it is urgent;

—by a Nazarene in Colorado for an unsaved sister in Illinois, also that God will heal her of ear trouble;

—by a Christian friend for the "salvation of my family—my father is seventy-seven years old; and for divine guidance in my life; also that God will undertake in a very serious matter which affects the welfare of many others";

—by a friend in Michigan for an unspoken request, that God will bring it to pass, or help her to be content without it;

—by a lady in Texas for her husband, who has cancer, that God will heal—she believes He is able; also that all their needs may be supplied;

—by a Nazarene lady in Indiana for several special requests for friends and loved ones, that God will undertake;

—by a Nazarene preacher in Indiana for her daughter, gone from home for a year (still only in her teens)—for her safety and return home; the mother does not know where the daughter is;

—by a Christian friend in Tennessee for a cousin in Kentucky who because of trouble has turned to alcohol, has two little girls who need their father—that God may undertake and lead this young man back to himself;

—by a Christian lady in Texas that God will help her along every line to keep her faith and trust in Him, also for her unsaved children to be brought to salvation.

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District Assembly Schedules

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North Carolina September 19 and 20

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HUGH C. BENNER:
North Arkansas September 26 and 27

V. H. LEWIS:
Joplin September 20 and 21

District Assembly Information

NORTH CAROLINA, September 19 and 20, at First Church, 1217 E. Green Street, High Point, North Carolina. Rev. A. M. Hicks, pastor. General Superintendent Young. (N.F.M.S. convention, September 18.)

SOUTH ARKANSAS, September 19 and 20, at First Church, Maryland Avenue & Battery Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Rev. Thomas M. Hermon, pastor. General Superintendent Powers. (S.S. convention, September 17; N.F.M.S. convention, September 15.)

SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA, September 19 and 20, at Church of the Nazarene, 506 S. Rock Island, El Reno, Oklahoma. Rev. Ervin Emmert, pastor. General Superintendent Williamson. (N.F.M.S. convention, September 17-18.)

JOPLIN, September 20 and 21, at Forrest Park Baptist Church, 7th and Rangeine, Joplin, Missouri. Rev. Joe Jones, 1116 Jasper, and Rev. John Roberts, 2800 Connecticut, entertaining pastors. General Superintendent Lewis. (N.F.M.S. convention, September 19.)

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

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

the **A** *Answer corner*

**Drug Companies Honored
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CHICAGO (EP)—A special luncheon here June 25 honored contributors to the Medical Assistance Program (MAP) of the Christian Medical Society.

Three furloughing medical missionaries—M. Hunter Smith, M.D., Nigeria; Gretchen Berggren, M.D., Congo; and Howard Moffett, M.D., Korea—gave examples of how donated drugs were being used.

The occasion for the luncheon was the sixth anniversary of MAP. Mr. J. Raymond Knighton, Nazarene layman and executive director of the CMS, stated: "When the first truckload of material arrived at our old office in the Loop, we had no vision or idea that this program would develop this way. We thank you of the industry for your part in this mutual endeavor."

Eric Wilson, of the contributions committee, Eli Lilly Company, challenged his competitors, "We in the industry have a big job in getting our surplus goods to MAP. We at Eli Lilly give to the CMS because we are completely satisfied with the policy and philosophy of their program."

**Methodist to Become
Chief of Army Chaplains**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—President Kennedy has said he intends to nominate Chaplain (Colonel) Charles E. Brown, Jr., (Methodist) to succeed Chaplain (Major General) Frank A. Tobey (American Baptist) as Chief of Army Chaplains.

Brown's name will be sent to the Senate for confirmation in the rank of major general, the White House said.

Chaplain Tobey plans to retire October 31 after completing four years as Chief of the Chaplaincy Corps.

Chaplain Brown, fifty, is a decorated veteran of World War II. He has served in the chaplaincy since 1941 and is currently commandant of the Chaplains School, Fort Slocum, N.Y.

U.S. Methodism's 200th Anniversary

The Methodist Baltimore Conference voted to observe what it considers to be the 200th anniversary of Methodism in the United States with a month-long series of celebrations beginning Christmas week, 1962. The eighteenth-century arrival in America of Robert Strawbridge, an Irish-born evangelist, is the focal point of the observance. He is believed by conference authorities to have come to Maryland in the winter of 1762-63, bringing with him the new methods of preaching and Christian discipline advocated by the Wesleys in the Church of England.

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

My Roman Catholic son-in-law says the verse, "And those sins which ye shall forgive shall be forgiven, and those sins which ye retain shall be retained," is the proof that the Catholic church has for confession to a priest and this gives the priest power through Christ to forgive sins. Would you please explain?

This is an ancient claim made more plausible by lifting the verse out of its context in John 20:19-23. The actual wording in the King James Version is, "Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained" (v. 23).

The passage deals with the appearance of Jesus to His disciples on the evening of His resurrection, during which He said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Then He "breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted," etc.

This, then, has no reference to any

priestly absolution or forgiveness, but to the effects of the preaching of the gospel under the power of the Holy Spirit as given to the apostles. The gospel sets forth the conditions under which God forgives or retains men's sins. Those who repent and believe are forgiven; those who refuse the terms of salvation are left to their guilt. Here, in John Wesley's words, is the "power of declaring with authority the Christian terms of pardon—whose sins are remitted, and whose retained." God alone can forgive sins. There is no evidence whatsoever of the Apostolic Church setting up confessionals and granting absolution for sin.

Will you give your opinion as to the wisdom of keeping an unsaved person in a Sunday school office when that person has sat under the strongest preaching of the church without making a move toward the Lord? The person I have in mind lives a life that is above reproach morally. He attends nearly all services, and has no immoral habits. Isn't it a rule of the Church of the Nazarene that only saved persons shall hold office?

I don't know what the office in question is. It surely would not be teaching or supervising. There are a tragic few today who are like Noah's carpenters in the Old Testament, helping to build the ark they will never enter. Yet there aren't many of them, and the case you describe may not be one such.

The church distinguishes sharply between membership in the church and membership in the Sunday school. The only requirement made for membership in a Nazarene Sunday school is willingness to attend with some degree of regularity and the desire for the help and association the school offers. To be a member of the church, one

must give testimony to and evidence of salvation from sin and either be or earnestly desire to be cleansed from all indwelling sin, cherishing the beliefs and living in conformity with the General Rules of the church. To be an officer of the church, one must not only be saved but in the experience of entire sanctification.

But don't give up too easily with the person you mention. God may yet find a way to this heart, and if there is no compromise involved, don't cut him off. He is not without hope as long as he has any interest in the Word of God and the church.

Is it honest to report over 200 members when you can't find 100; and when only 64 were present and voting for the recall of the pastor? If anyone should be honest, shouldn't holiness people be? Shouldn't the membership roll be gone over every so often and be brought up to date?

Reports of church membership should be accurate. However, failure at this point isn't necessarily a matter of lack of honesty. Usually it is a question of carelessness.

The *Manual* provides that a member not heard from for six months may be removed from the church roll by action of the church board, as may a member who absents himself from all religious services of the church for the same

length of time.

There is one caution, though. This action is to come only "after he has been visited and dealt with faithfully, when possible." It would be well to call a time of fasting and prayer before "cleaning the roll." Each of these names represents an immortal soul for whom Christ died and for whom in divine providence we have become in large measure responsible.

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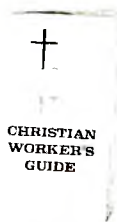
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Family Altar PLAQUE

A dignified, motto-like reminder for all the families who have signed the Family Altar Commitment Card.

Made of plastic, embossed to three-dimension, and specially processed in striking black and gold colors. Easel on back. 3 x 5 3/4".

M-25

25c; 12 for \$2.00; 50 for \$7.50

"Christ Is the Answer" BANNER

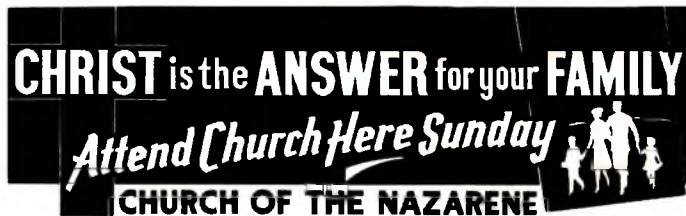
Extend an invitation to the families of your community to worship with you. Display one of these eye-catching signs in front of your church!

Silk-screened on high-grade white canvas in a rich brown with chartreuse lettering. Weather-resistant and colorfast for several weeks' use. 3 x 10 feet.

SI-251

\$5.00; 3 for only \$10.00

U-400 WOODEN FRAME for mounting banners. Size 3 x 10', hardware included. \$3.00 plus postage



CAR STICKER

Make the whole town aware of this "family outreach" project. "Christ Is the Answer for Your Family," is printed in chartreuse Da-glow and brown on vinyl plastic that may be easily peeled off. 2 3/4 x 14 1/2".

SI-250

25c; 12 for \$1.80; 100 for \$12.50



"Christ Is the Answer" POSTER

Placed throughout the church, it will serve as a reminder to keep the home Christ-centered. Designed with picture of family in prayer, in a pleasing green, orange, and brown. 17 x 22".

SI-252

50c; 6 for \$1.00



FOR OTHER EFFECTIVE TOOLS