

Tablets of Stone

General Superintendent Williamson

GOD WROTE the Ten Commandments on tablets of stone. This fact signifies that the Decalogue is permanent in its authority.

The moral law is a transcript of the holy character of God. His requirement for man is a revelation of himself. It is a verbal declaration of eternal, spiritual law that is backed by universal sanction. The law of God can be transgressed, but it cannot be broken. The transgressor breaks himself upon the immutable law.

Jesus gave a spiritual summary of the law when asked, "Which is the great commandment?" He said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." That is the pure essence of the law. It is the irreducible, spiritual minimum. However, it does not make the Mosaic law less exacting. To live by the law of love is far more demanding than to conform to the requirement of the letter of the Ten Commandments. For amplification of Jesus' interpretation of the law, one must read the entire Sermon on the Mount. To obey His higher law is to meet the demands of that charter of the Kingdom.

Is such lofty living within our reach? In the new covenant of grace God fulfilled His promise first given by Jeremiah. He said, "I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people" (Heb. 8:10). Through the regenerating, sanctifying Spirit, the law of the Lord is graven upon the tables of the heart. Then a life conformed to its demands is possible.

Jesus said that He was not come to destroy the law but to fulfill. In His own life and death He did fulfill all the law's demands. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1).

"FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, EVEN YOUR SANCTIFICATION" (I Thess. 4:3)

TELEGRAM

Georgetown, B.G.—Great victory attending Dr. Hugh C. Benner's visit; many finding God. Georgetown church dedicated; 506 in record Sunday school; opportunities unlimited.— AULTS.

NEWS IN BRIEF

District Superintendent Harvey S. Galloway of Central Ohio sends word: "Rev. A. L. Milliron, pastor of Morse Road Church, Columbus, Ohio, died suddenly on the morning of Saturday, June 6. Funeral services were conducted by the district superintendent at the Columbus Morse Road Church and at the Shelby Church of the Nazarene, his home church."

Rev. George D. Riley, retired Nazarene elder, of Haverhill, Massachusetts, died June 13. Funeral services were on June 16, in charge of Dr. J. Glenn Gould. He was the father of Dr. John E. Riley, president of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho.

Rev. Milton Harrington has resigned as pastor of the church in Lovington, New Mexico, to accept a call to pastor the church in Woodville, California.

Rev. Keith St. John has resigned as pastor of the church in St. Louis to accept a call to pastor the Grand Rapids East Church, Michigan.

Rev. Weldon H. Stone has resigned as pastor of the San Luis Obispo church to accept the call to pastor the church in Banning, California.

Rev. Morris Chalfant, former missionary to Africa, has accepted a call to pastor the church in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Rev. L. D. Morgan has resigned as pastor of First Church in Danville, Illinois, to accept a call to pastor First Church in East Liverpool, Ohio.

Rev. Gordon Woods has resigned as pastor of Northside Church, Chicago, Illinois, to accept a call to the church in Daytona Beach, California.

Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven (Luke 10:20).

To know our name is "written in heaven" not only makes us happy here but furnishes us with incentive sufficient to help us onward, so that one day we shall see the Book of $L^{if_{0}}$ and our names inscribed therein. —E. F. WILDE.



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SEVEN Stewardship Indispensables

By Earl C. Wolf*

1. A sense of the ownership of God and the trusteeship of man. God makes investments in us. We are but the managers of these entrustments.

2. An acceptance of the scriptural plan of tithing as the starting point for giving.

3. A willingness to go beyond the Biblical minimum of the tithe—putting a *plus* into one's giving. Here *Pastor, Oxford, Pennsylvania

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desire and ability are determining factors.

4. A desire to share in the urgent task of saving men and to invest in the building of an eternal Kingdom.

5. A determination to keep the door of the heart open to the needs of the church, but closed to greed and self-indulgence.

6. A grasp of the truth that faithfulness in giving is a witness to the fact of an abiding faith in Jesus Christ.

7. A grateful recognition of God's alabaster box at Calvary. Here the Father poured out the best He had in the atoning death of His Son. We must pause long enough at the middle cross and know again that there is no genuine stewardship without a full and complete consecration of all we have and are—the dedication of life's total entrustments.

When Heaven Listens

By Arthur H. Townsend*

THERE is a beautiful story told of reaction france who were beloved for their loving sympathy and kind deeds; but not one of them could sing. Try as they would, the music in their services was a failure, and it became a great grief to them that only in their hearts could they make melody unto the Lord. Then one day a traveling monk, a great singer, asked for lodging and entertainment. Great was their joy, for now they could have him sing their services, and they planned to keep him with them always. But that night an angel came to the abbot in a dream. The angel said:

"Why was there no music in your chapel tonight? We always listen to the beautiful music that arises in your services."

"You must have been mistaken!" replied the abbot. "Usually we have no music worth hearing; but tonight we had a trained singer with a wonderful voice, and he sang the service for us. For the first time in all these years the service was beautiful!"

"But up in heaven, for the first time in all these years, we heard nothing," said the angel softly, as he smiled sadly.

Worship is a wonderful privilege. But worship must come from the heart. "For man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on [and listens to worship from] the heart." Lip service should never take the place of heart service; lip worship should never take the place of heart worship. When our hearts are in tune with heaven, then heaven is in tune with us.

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A Brand from the Burning



"FIRE! FIRE!"

A little girl was awakened in the parsonage at Epworth, England, by fragments of burning wood which fell on her covers. It was a cold midnight, February 9, 1709.

Samuel Wesley, the village rector, awoke with a start.

Susanna dashed quickly through the flaming hallway to the nursery, where three more little girls and two boys, John and Charles (not yet two months old), slept with the hired girl whom old Samuel had brought to help his good wife, now expecting her ninth child. With Charles in her arms, the nurse and the three little girls were herded down the steep stairs by Susanna, while the rector awakened the rest of the youngsters.

But little Jackie slept on, forgotten.

Downstairs the door was barred. Precious minutes were lost as Samuel returned to his room to fetch the keys to the front door, which was locked as a safeguard against the hostile parishioners who for months had been waging an anonymous persecution against the pastor and his family, who dared speak out against sinful traditions. When finally the door opened, the flames were too hot for the children to wade through. Samuel turned to the garden door but Susanna, unwilling to depend on one exit, began sending the bigger children through the windows.

On the outside, good Samuel stopped to count his brood. Only part way through, it came to him, like sudden disaster news.

"John is not here. He's still sleeping inside, upstairs."

Mr. Wesley dove into the flames with reckless abandon. Part of the thatched roof was gone and in moments the building would cave in. As he leaped to the staircase it crumpled under him. Wading out of the burning treads, his soul wrenched in agony, he fell to his knees. Scarcely had his prayer begun until a shout went up from the onlookers. Little Jackie had appeared at the upstairs window. One neighbor ran for a ladder but everyone knew it was too late for that. The men made a human ladder of themselves and brought six-year-old John Wesley down to safety just a few seconds before the building collapsed. An east wind had fanned the flame past a point of redeeming any of the parsonage or its contents; but as Samuel and Susanna knelt on the lawn with their family, they made a magnificent silhouette against the red glow of their earthly belongings.

Samuel beckoned to the crowd: "Come, neighbors, let us all kneel down, let us give thanks to God. He has given me all of my eight children; let the house go, I am rich enough!"

And rich he was, for plucked from the burning was his son John, whose little shadow of that night would step out of the silhouette to stretch across England and around the world with a spiritual awakening of holy fire.

(To be continued)

Studies in the Epistle to the Hebrews

By H. Orton Wiley*

IV. The Meaning of the Covenants

WE POINTED out in our last article that the two stages in the revelation of God depended upon the character of the mediators—the former, through the prophets, being limited and preparatory; the latter, through the Son, perfect and final. The two covenants therefore, corresponding to these stages in revelation, may be said to represent, *first*, two historical stages in God's revelation; *second*, two levels of Christian experience; and *third*, two stages in spiritual progress.

1. Two Historical Stages in Revelation: Law and Grace. The Old Testament was preparatory to the New. It was characterized by law imposed from without, and constituted a disciplinary period—a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. This is still its office, for discipline must ever precede true liberty; repentance, forgiveness, and death to sin, the new life of holiness.

2. Two Levels of Christian Experience: Life and Love. No one has a proper concept of the dispensations who does not see in them characterizations of experience as well as successive periods of history. Spiritual life is given in regeneration, and this life is a holy life which manifests itself in expressions of love. All the graces of the Spirit are contained in it, and these are capable of continuous growth. But St. John makes it clear that slavish fear may exist in the heart side by side with divine love, and that perfect love casts out fear which hath torment. "He that feareth is not made perfect in love" (I John 4:18). Entire sanctification is that work of grace by which the heart is purified from sin and filled with love to God. It is the loving of God with all the heart,

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soul, mind, and strength—a heart upon which the law of God is written and in which the Comforter abides.

3. Two Stages of Spiritual Progress: the Word and the Spirit. The progress of the Christian in spiritual things is likewise marked by two stages *—first*, the acceptance in simple faith of the Word, and second, the illumination of the Word by the Spirit. The weak link in our spiritual progress is the failure to accept the promises of God in simple faith. Without this there is no increase in holiness, no growth in grace. In my earlier ministry I would pray for hours in order to get grace enough to preach. I now see that I was praying in hope rather than in faith. We are entirely sanctified by faith in the blood of Christ, but we fail sometimes to grasp the truth that, after this, we need a Priest through which to live —a Priest of life. Seeing this, I then turned everything over to Him as I would to a receiver. Christ became the Priest of my life. I dared believe the promises of God, that He would care for my life and ministry as He cared for the cleansing of my heart from sin.

My first experience in this conscious trust in Christ as the High Priest of my life may appear simple to some, but to me the fragrance lingers yet, although it was many years ago. The college finances in those days were meager and we had been reduced to such straits and so run-down-atthe-heel that we were almost ashamed to appear in public. But God heard that definite venture of faith. I received a letter in a few days with forty dollars in it. I never knew from whom it came but there was a brief note with it saying, "Use this for clothes." Otherwise, I would have distributed it in small amounts to my creditors. I said, with my heart all but bursting with love and joy, "My great Receiver knows what I need and cares for me better than I could care for myself!"

Then came the test of my life. Our youngest daughter was injured in a terrible automobile accident. With nothing behind us financially, the devil said to me, "How about your Receiver, your High Priest now?" I replied that if ever I needed such help it was now. Money began to come in, mostly small amounts and with no names attached. I felt an urge to keep track of the amounts sent in, which amounted to one hundred and fifty dollars. The doctors and hospital were very considerate of my circumstances, and when the bills were all in they amounted to one hundred and fifty dollars. You say that was a coincidence -well, why did it stop just then? I never received a dime after that. I am simple enough to believe that God knew exactly what I needed. Yes, believe the Word of God; walk out on the teetery end of the promises, hold steady in defi-nite believing, and God will make the promises a reality in your heart and life. We honor God when we believe His Word. We can never enter the realm of the Spirit's help until we dare believe the promises.



HOLINESS, HOLINESS!

By Bernard W. Culbertson*

To MEET the everyday needs of every man's $T_{\text{life, I}}$ am finding again and again that holiness is the answer. In the final analysis, it is the answer to every spiritual question and it is the solution to every spiritual problem.

A rodeo cowboy had been converted, but lacked the power to stand spiritually until, in a recent revival, he received light on the second blessing. Walking in that light, he let the Holy Spirit come in and change his nature. Now he is a victorious, witnessing Christian.

A middle-aged woman who professed "everything in the Book" had been a constant source of trouble in a local church for many years. Recently, in a revival, conviction gripped her heart and she came confessing her need and her sins to the Lord. She had become aware that "... the old man, which is corrupt ..." had been in control of her life and her influence too long. Later in the meeting, after confession and receiving forgiveness, she came seeking holiness of heart. The blessed Holy Spirit came in and the old man died. How many more church problems could be solved if more such folks would but have Judgment Day honesty and seek to follow the Bible teachings of holiness!

In our work of evangelism we see the crying need of more and more holiness preaching, teaching, and living. The young person seeking a steadying influence within his life will find it in holiness—the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. The housewife who needs victory over the daily problems that are hers, and the wear and tear at her nerves, will find a divine poise and inner peace in holiness-the presence of the abiding Comforter. The workman who daily meets men who know not God, but winces and quails because they make fun of his Christianity, finds a victory and deliverance from such a "spiritual inferiority complex" when the Holy Spirit comes to abide. He may, as the apostles, speak the word of God with boldness.

You may be a farmer, doctor, bricklayer, student, teacher, or otherwise. Whatever the walk of life, the situation you face, the spiritual problem, the great provision by God for you is holiness, holiness, holiness!!

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Back to the Old Paths

By Joe Bishop*

(Jeremiah 6:16)

THERE is a story told about a certain spring that was supposed to have medicinal properties. It was said that all who would drink thereof would receive healing for their sick bodies. As time went on houses were erected near the spring and hotels were built nearby. People seemed to lose interest in the spring and it was soon forgotten.

One day there came a visitor to this place and asked about the spring. The reply to his inquiry was: "I do not remember the location of the spring. So many things have happened around here that we have lost interest in it." This is a sad description of many professing Christians today. They seem to have forgotten the location of the Fountain of Living Water. They have become so busy with the affairs of this world that they are reaching for the shadow and missing the object. Many of our old-timers will remember the story given in one of our old readers about a dog crossing a stream with a piece of meat in his mouth. When he saw its reflection, he grabbed for it and lost the meat. O God, help us today not to miss the object by reaching for the shadow. May we not become lost somewhere on the circumference. We need to get back to the center. I fear sometimes that we are majoring on minors and minoring on majors. We need to relocate the spring.

I know someone will say, "He is living in the past," when I mention this, but my heart is mightily moved today as I think of the past. There was a day when we had plenty of time to get blessed. But now we are in such a rush that we almost tell God if He is going to bless us He will have to do it in a hurry. We are all rushing to get somewhere so we can go to some other place. I am sure we never want to return to the old days, but I am quite certain all of us would love to recapture some of the spirit of those bygone days. Dear reader, it still takes time to be holy. May God have mercy on all of us and help us to find the spring and to cry out for the old path. because here is the peace and rest that we need so badly.

We hear Paul say, "For to me to live is Christ." He had found the *spring!*—and he never lost sight of it. Hear him say at the close of his busy day, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith," so that I am now ready for anything that may arrive. Truly, he had found the Fountain that never runs dry.

Our business as a church has ever been to make men see that Jesus is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. When I met the holi-

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ness people nearly forty years ago they were singing that old song, "I'm Glad I'm One of Them." It reads like this:

There are people almost ev'rywhere Whose hearts are all aflame, . . . They are telling now both far and wide That His pow'r is yet the same, . . .

Then it was that my heart began to hunger and thirst and burn within. I wanted full salvation and freedom from all sin. I am glad to add my testimony that today I am "one of them." I, too, have crossed the river of Jordan; I am in Canaan land. Truly, there is no thirsting for life's pleasures, nor adornings rich and gay; for my poor heart has found a treasure, one that fadeth not away. Praise God! I am now about to have a religious spell. My cup runs over when I think of that beautiful city that is soon to come down. I intend to meet Him in the air. Don't you?

Jesus Christ is the issue today. He made himself the issue. He said, "He that is not with me is against me." No room here for fence straddling. Our sole business is to glorify Christ. Even God asks us to glorify Him. Theoretically we agree to this, but do we practice it day by day? Note that Paul did not say, For me to live is Christ first, but, For me to live at all is Christ. He is to be the Alpha and Omega of my life.

Our Christian faith can be set forth in the following: (1) faith in Christ, (2) fellowship with Christ, (3) faithfulness to Christ, and (4) fruitfulness for Christ. Everything grows out of our relationship with Christ. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Dear reader, do we always manifest the spirit of Christ?

Many are turning over a new leaf, making new resolutions. But what some people in the church, as well as those outside the church, need today is a new life, not a new leaf. If we have life we will do those things He bids us to. Then we can say,

> Not for ease or worldly pleasure Nor for fame my prayer shall be; Gladly will I toil and suffer, Only let me walk with Thee.

What we need above everything else is to find the *spring* our forefathers found. Give us the *spring* which the Quakers, the Moravians, and the early Methodists found. My heart's cry today is, "Lord, lead me in the plain path, keep my heart on fire, keep me shining in the camp until the break of day." I am doing all I can to rescue the perishing and to care for the dying. This old world is sick unto death and needs Jesus to come and heal its broken and bleeding heart. There are more broken hearts and broken homes today than ever before. Truly we ought to lift our eyes and look on the fields, for they were never whiter than now. My prayer is, "Lord, melt me, mold me, fill me, and use me to win a soul today."

FROM A HILL

By Grace Noll Crowell

Out from Nazareth lifts a hill Where one can stand and view the sea: The Mediterranean, blue as the sky,

Blown by the wind continuously.

And almost in fancy one can trace

Faint footprints left from the long ago,

When the young Lad, Jesus, climbed that hill To watch the brave ships come and go,

And to view the caravans with their loads

Wending their way through the desert sands, Down routes of trade where the long lines curled, Bearing the fruits of other lands.

And Jesus, the Youth, as He scanned the sea Was sensing—beyond the sea's far rim—

The roads that led to eternity,

And a world in desperate need of Him. Oh, how marvelous, oh, how good, To stand on a hill where He has stood!

"Good Morning, Friends"*

By Milton Thomas

THE DOCTRINE of holiness in the Wesleyan tradition and the holiness movement teaches that after conversion there is a certain deficiency in the Christian life caused by the presence of the nature of sin. This is a condition or state of the heart and not an act, so it cannot be forgiven at conversion. It can be removed only by the cleansing accomplished by the Holy Spirit. This cleansing is a second crisis experience following conversion.

The book, Bible Holiness, by Dr. E. P. Ellyson, covers that doctrine in a reasonable, logical, and scriptural presentation. It is a text for Christian Service Training in the Church of the Nazarene. It will find acceptance in classes and private reading and also within churches of a similar doctrinal background. It is a reprint of an earlier publication by this teacher of Christian theology. The professor possesses the ability to present Bible truths in a simple, clear, and vital way. It will be welcomed by people within the holiness movement as an aid to understanding this particular doctrine and the life which issues from such a personal experience. It will also prove helpful reading to anyone who is seeking a deeper experience in the Christian life.

Its treatment covers the entire range of relationships to Bible holiness from the coming of sin and its meaning to the descendants of Adam, through its meaning to regeneration or conversion, baptism with the Holy Ghost, the second blessing, the life it requires, and then going on to

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a perfected life. The opening chapter deals in general with the meaning of holiness in its various phases from the sacramental to a moral understanding, involving devotement to God, who is a moral Person. Among the holy elements found in Christianity is a holy heaven. The heaven of Christianity is a place where there is no sin, evil, or the effects of sin. The life which prepares for heaven is a life from which sin has been cleansed.

In concluding, I present two quotations from this volume. The first gives the essence of Christianity and reads thus: "Christianity is more than devotement to a supreme being, even a holy being, even the true God; it includes something that must come before real devotion and the true worship of God are possible. Man is now fallen and sin has separated him from God. Sin must be dealt with and gotten out of the way before there can be any true worship and fellowship with God. We cannot have the true religion and pass by or discard the Blood of the atonement and the salvation that is thus provided. Christianity means a work of salvation unto holiness in the person who accepts it, as well as a devotement to and worship of God" (page 16).

The second tells how to keep from backsliding from holiness, in these words: "We have said that there is no necessity for backsliding, that no one need to backslide. This being the case, very great care should be taken to prevent any such tragedy from coming into the life. But there are those who do backslide, and this is a very great shame. We may give a closing word here in suggesting how one may keep from backsliding. This may be done by constant obedience and walking in the light; by keeping the heart always loyal to Christ, by keeping all under and all the time under the Blood; by a quick correction in case of accident and discovery of a mistake, and the confession of faults; by continued prayer and faith" (page 115).

Bible Holiness is written by E. P. Ellyson, is published by the Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, Missouri, and sells in paper covers for \$1.00. Order direct from the Nazarene Publishing House, Box 527, Kansas City 41, Mo. I shall also be happy to help you plan your reading program. You may write me, Rev. Milton Thomas, Hazen, Pennsylvania, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope for reply. I hope you enjoy reading Bible Holiness and that you will be listening in again next week. The "Bookshop," same time, same station.

Dr. Ellyson's birthday will be on August 4, at which time he will be eighty-four years of age. He makes his home in Kansas City, Missouri, at 3539 Garfield.

The Christian who does not believe in missionary work had better not read his New Testament. It is a record of missionary zeal and accomplishment.

Spirit of Sacrifice

By Ira E. Fowler*

IN THE Second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians we read these thrilling words. "And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved" (12:15).

What a man Paul was after meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus; not too many before or since, like him! I believe that Paul came nearer being like the Master than anyone else; yet Paul was a man of like passions as we are. He was not a god or an angel, but a man.

The outstanding characteristic of Paul's entire life of ministry was his great "spirit of sacrifice," his willingness to work, pray, give, and love for others. A spirit of sacrifice was one of Paul's distinctive qualities.

In our text, Paul declares, "I will very gladly spend and be spent for you." Paul was willing to spend time, strength, interest, in fact his all, even to the extent of complete loss of himself. "Very gladly," Paul says, I will do this for you. I will not give of my means to others because of what I shall receive in return; not because it will make me popular, or because it will cause others to love me more, for the opposite is all too true. For here the text continues, "though the more abundantly I love you, the *less* I be loved." Yet knowing this, Paul states, "I will very gladly spend and be spent for you." Very gladly, and not in a grudging spirit, which is the opposite of the spirit of sacrifice!

Paul's spirit of love and sacrifice was propelled by a greater power than human. He had been touched by the Divine. Herein lies the difference. Paul might have said, "All of Christ and none of self," or, "Like a candle I will be, which consumes itself to give light to others." Why? Because Paul was empty of self. Paul was dead to sin. Paul was dead to self and selfish glory, and filled, yea, overflowing, with the Holv Spirit and divine love. Paul had the spirit of his Master. Christ saved his heart, ruled his life, and permeated his entire being.

Would not this be the correct answer to meet the world situation of today? Surely carnal weapons will not bring the desired peace. They who wield the sword shall also perish by the sword. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the only thing that will stem the tide of sin. Yet it will take a real "spirit of sacrifice" to send the gospel of Christ to the ends of the earth. Budgets, tithes, allocations, and offerings are only figures until we receive the Spirit that Paul received.

Is such an experience possible today? Verily, for Christ is the same both vesterday, today, and forever. He still fills and thrills the heart, as in days of yore. Draw near to Him with full assurance of faith. Cling to Him, walk with Him, talk with Him, abide with Him, and verily His love and Spirit will be reflected in your daily life.

O Father, grant that the beauty and sacrificial love of Thy Son Jesus, that so characterized the life and labors of Paul, be in a measure at least seen in my life.



It Makes No Difference

IF THEY HAVE MOVED

By Dean Baldwin*

A MOTHER and her son had been coming to the church quite regularly. They were especially faithful to the Sunday school and morning worship services. One morning they were absent. The next Sunday they were not in the services again.

That week I went to the address that had been given me for their residence. I knocked and a strange young lady whom I had never seen before came to the door. I asked about the mother and son who had been absent for the past two Sundays and was informed that they had moved out of the neighborhood. After getting their new address, I asked the young lady if she had moved to this house. She told me that she and her husband and little boy had just moved from Kansas City. They intended to make Springfield their home. As we talked further, I asked them if they attended church regularly in Kansas City. They did not. I invited them to come to our Home Builders Sunday-school class the following Sunday. Then she told me that she and her husband had been seeking the Lord in their home and trying to be converted, but somehow they could not seem to find victory. They were reading their Bible and seeking, but as yet they had not been saved. I told her that I would come again soon when her husband was at home.

In the next few days I returned and found the husband there. They were a fine family, and how I prayed that we would be able to win them! So,

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after visiting awhile, we soon began to talk about the church and living a Christian life. We prayed together.

The next Sunday it was a joy to see this fine family in our services. They seemed to fit right into the young married group and in a very few Sundays, when the invitation was given, they came to the altar and prayed through to definite victory. Today they are a happy Christian family living for the Lord.

I am so glad I did not thank her and walk away when I found the other lady had moved.

Our Greatest Need as a Church

By Clyde W. Rather^{*}

As I sAT in my study preparing a sermon for the Sunday service, I began to reflect about the needs of my people, the church, and my own heart. "What is the greatest need of our church today?" seemed to come to my mind. It did not take me long to think of several that might have been considered the greatest. But then it came to me with a flash, almost a revelation. "Your greatest need is the Holy Spirit." Yes, that was it, the blessed Holy Spirit of God.

The early apostles were comparatively powerless and inefficient until they were baptized with the Spirit. From a group of cowards fearfully hiding behind closed doors lest they be seized and put to death for believing on His name, they were suddenly possessed with a power that sent them out to literally turn the world upside down.

The men who have carried the banner of salvation farthest and achieved the most in the Kingdom were baptized with the Spirit. They did not sit down and wait for a steady growth, but with reckless courage they forced a growth, turned something up, launched an attack which carried them far into the enemy's camp, wrestled with God, and prevailed with men. They had the Holy Spirit.

Dr. P. F. Bresee was a flaming leader, for he was endued with the Spirit. Those who worked with him in those early days were also wonderfully endued. Nothing was too hard or difficult for them to undertake. They welcomed trials, and prospered on difficulties that would surely appall many today. What was it that gave these men such vision and insight as they launched out and brought into existence the Church of the Nazarene? They had the Holy Spirit.

Hundreds today in our ministry and thousands of our laity know the fullness of the Holy Spirit; but with some that sense of fullness has subsided. They feel that they have a clean heart but the heart quickening, the burning sense of that glorious fullness, is missing. Some have "served tables," not willingly, but perforce, until the glory

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has abated on their pulpit and pastoral work. They are now seeking to achieve largely in the strength of the human.

The Church of the Nazarene must have a reanointing of the Spirit. All our general leaders long for this; each pastor longs for the same; our splendid laity also desire Him, the Holy Ghost. Great difficulties are upon us. The world is restless and tension across the world mounts each passing day. The sun is going down, our day is about over, and darkness is setting in. Millions are lost. We need a greater anointing, that we may finish the work that we have been called to do. We must have the Holy Spirit.

A fresh anointing of the Spirit would solve every foreign missionary problem. A heart aflame induces generosity and would inspire more fasting and prayer for missions. What would happen if every Nazarene would tarry until he was filled with the Holy Spirit of God? At once we would double our missionary giving, hundreds of young people would be called, and those now on the waiting list would be sent to the field to which they are called.

Everyone who has promised to do something in the Crusade for Souls needs a fresh anointing of the Spirit. Nothing else in the world will cause you to love your fellow man so much that you will go where he is with the news of salvation, and seek to encompass his soul for God, like being filled with the Spirit. Yes, the greatest need of the church today is the Holy Spirit. But He cannot fall on us as a body; He falls on individuals. He will not chase us around and corner us. In order to fall on us, we must wait on Him, "tarry until." We must confess our need. We must lay hold on Him in desperation. We must ask, seek, knock, and "tarry until." The Holy Spirit is our only hope. He is our greatest need. Who will tarry for a fresh anointing, as did those waiting apostles? You can be filled with the Spirit now.

How Firm a Foundation!

By Norman C. Schlichter

These are dark days! The light of holy things Is dim, and faith at times seems shorn of wings,

While hate holds sway o'er every sea and land. But all who truly trust still feel the Hand Whose touch is warm with an eternal love; Whose strength still keeps all worlds there areabove,

Around, below us-in His universe

In place. Some say the darkness will be worse In all the earth as hate breeds hate: but we

Who trust Him as our Saviour. Friend, will be But surer of His goodly fellowship.

He will not let us from His presence slip.

Dark days! But how they clarify His face, Spotlight the firm foundations of His grace!

Why I Believe in Entire Sanctification

By John T. Benson, Jr.*

J BELIEVE in entire sanctification because it is the only doctrine I've ever heard of that gives one a peaceful area within himself completely free from sin and strife.

The news of the day is about war—how to isolate it, contain it, and keep it localized. If we must fight, let it be in Korea or some distant land, away from home.

That is what entire sanctification does; it removes the battlefield from our hearts. No longer are we to furnish a place within ourselves for trench warfare, self-contained fighting, charges and countercharges.

Some time ago a world traveler told of a cruel monument in a European city. Situated on a public square were two strong men fighting. Molded on their faces were hate and fear. Each clasped a dagger. Hand to hand, belted together, they were fighting for a death finish. The inscription on this monument read, "Good and Evil, a part of every man." The monument really represented one man instead of two. It represented a man fighting within himself, offering a battleground for strife, cross purposes, turbulent emotions, and conflicting passions. The fight was for supremacy. Good or Evil must win—one was to stab the other to death.

This monument is a perfect example of the double-minded man. But the sanctified man is single-minded. He has a sanctified will. Evil has been stabbed to death. Good has conquered. Faith has laid hold of God, and the will is fortified by God's immeasurable grace. Rebellion has been cast out. There is no further debating or wrestling or striving within. The mind is for God and good. It's a single mind.

Those who are sanctified wholly can take comfort and joy from the fact that evil within has been stabbed to death. We must remember, however, that sin and evil are still in a surrounding world filled with greed and hate. The important thing is that the battleground is removed from our hearts. No longer is the sanctified man the battleground for the forces of good and evil within himself. Strivings and cross purposes are gone. Within his being is "an isle of goodness" and a "vacuum for evil." It's a pleasant world withincalm and deliberate, warm with inner companionship with God and all His goodness.

I believe in entire sanctification because it enables one to have within himself through God's grace a world unspotted, unblemished, in a surrounding world of sin and evil.



Astonished Saints at the Judgment Day

By E. Wayne Stahl*

SURPRISE was mine not many weeks ago when I received a letter from a lady living in the Western part of our country. She asked permission to include a poem I had composed in an anthology she was planning to issue in book form. My verses were a rhymed version of the twentythird psalm. The writer of the request had this paragraph in her communication:

"The book will be a storehouse of dozens and dozens of various twenty-third psalms, collected from all over the world. In it will be six versions that were contributed by Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, through her secretary. Princess Ileana of Rumania translated, especially for the anthology, her interesting way of reading this famous psalm. Educators, writers, poets, university professors, and many devout Christians will be represented in it through their contributions. The book will contain copies of this famous psalm from most of the famous Bibles and Bible collections; also, dozens of translations from many foreign countries."

Of course I was happy to give permission for the use of my poem based on this scripture, stating in my reply that I felt honored to have one of my compositions included in the anthology.

But here is the interesting thing, to me, about the aforesaid request: so long a time had elapsed since I wrote the poem that I had forgotten all about being the author of it. If the lady had not quoted the first lines, I would have wondered, perhaps, if she had made a mistake in attributing authorship to myself. But these lines made me know it was one of my own metrical creations she had in mind. The poem began thus,

My shepherd is the Lord, and it is He

Who will provide all needful things for me:

He gives me rest in meadows green and fair.

The anthologist must have read the verses in some periodical. But it appears that they were published so long ago that I was unable to find, in my record book of what I offer editors, any notation of them. It was indeed a pleasant mystery.

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But just last evening, thinking of my surprise over the letter of request, and my mystification about failing to remember my composing the poem and my inability to recall in what paper or magazine it appeared, I thought of the delighted astonishment of the followers of God at the right hand of Christ on the ultimate day (Matt. 25:31-46).

He will say to them, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Then He will speak of their deeds of mercy, their actions of love, their many kindnesses, their benevolences and philanthropies to distressed and needy ones in the days of time.

But, overwhelmed with astonishment, these righteous ones will exclaim, "Lord, when did we all these things?"

It would seem that these at the right hand of Christ, in their radiant rapture at beholding that glorious One, had found erased from remembrance 'heir loving service for Him in the years of their earthly sojourn. In a sense, there had come to pass the word of Isaiah, "... the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind" (Isa. 65:17). Holy and blessed amnesia!

Longfellow has some lovely lines about "breathing a song into the air," with its destination unknown to him. Some time later he finds "the song in the heart of a friend." Though I, as a versifier, aim not within shouting distance of the illustrious singer of New England, yet I think I know a little of his gladness on that discovery when I read the letter to which I referred at the beginning of this little confession.

But how unworthy is that joy of mine to be compared with the ecstatic delight of the surprised saints on that Judgment Day when they realize that the glorious Lord has remembered their services to Him, which they had forgotten!

WE CAN GO UP

By Stanley Elster Wilkin

(Based on Num. 13:30 and Exod. 6:6-8)

My soul is on the border line, Of all that Christ would have me be. The Spirit urges me to climb The holy hills of liberty. "Go up at once, dear soul," He pleads: "Go up to conquer and possess." Oh, follow where the Spirit leads! And He will give you peace and rest. The mighty giants you will meet Who have disgraced your Father's throne!

But salvation, full and complete,

Will sanctify His blood-bought own. Go, press your claims in Canaan's land!

Oh, listen not to the voice of sin.

Let the Spirit have full command, And He will surely bring you in.

Attend Church During Your Vacation

By C. R. Lee*

This unique "commercial" should remind all Nazarenes to go to Sunday school and church on their vacation—and to one of our own churches if possible. It should also alert our Sunday schools and churches to the visitors who may be in our services during the vacation season.—EDITOR.

VACATION time is here. Nazarenes and those who attend Nazarene churches and Sunday schools when at home will soon be traveling in all directions.

A vacation is needful for everyone in these busy times. A change of scenery and meeting new people help to relax our tired bodies and calm our nerves. When we return to our homes, duties, and churches, we are like new recruits coming into battle.

Our vacation period will be more enjoyable if we take time to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness by attending Sunday school and church. You will receive new ideas which may prove a great blessing in your home church.

The First Church of the Nazarene in Richmond. Indiana, is located on North Fifth Street at "A," one block north of one of the greatest traveled highways in the nation—US 40; US 27 also runs in front of the church.

The pastor, Sunday-school superintendent, and people of this church are rolling out the "welcome mat" to all Nazarene tourists crossing central Indiana. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. daylight saving time with the worship service following at 10:30 a.m. Each tourist will be introduced and presented a gift from the Sunday school.

We have a wonderful church and Sunday school. At the present time, our church has a membership of 363 and an average attendance in Sunday school of over 500. On Easter Sunday, April 5, our Sunday school reached a record attendance of 1,251.

We have a friendly people with consecrated Sunday-school supervisors and teachers. Our church is highly respected throughout our beautiful city of forty thousand population. We have for our slogan "The Church in the Heart of the City, with the City at Heart." Our welcome is comprised of kindness, courtesy, and appreciation.

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There is strength in real communion with the Lord. Communion is not just an extra blessing in the Christian's life that he can partake of "if he has time." It is essential to his growth. If he wants to be sweet-tempered, kind, loving, peaceable, full of grace, joyful, patient. long-suffering, meek, he must spend much time alone with God. -Exchange

HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

Roy F. Smee, Secretary

They All Tie in Together

A FEW YEARS ago a world church leader said there are three areas the churches have not really penetrated: Hinduism, Islam, and the modern culture of cities. Perhaps communism should be added to this list, but the statement is still true today. More than half the people of the world have never so much as heard the name of Christ.

What a tremendous challenge to the Church of today to give the message of the gospel to a billion of earth's inhabitants! This is the need for foreign missions. The Church of the Nazarene has an important part in this task in our foreign missionary program. We are reaching out in many lands and the effectiveness of our evangelism is best seen in a field where we have long been at work, as in Africa. Let us support the General Budget, which provides the lifeline of our world-wide missionary program. Let us support our colleges and seminary, where our young people are gaining necessary prep-aration for foreign service. Let us pray for "Showers of Blessing," which reaches some with the gospel we are unable to reach in any other way.

As we think of this great missionary need, we realize we must have a strong home base. If we lose out at home, there will be no chance abroad. And we have a great need all about us, for more than half the people of our own nation do not know Christ as Lord and personal Saviour. This is the need for home missions. We have been making an excellent home missionary advance, with pioneering pastors and laymen equal in devotion and heroism to those of any day of our history. Let us support the home-missions budget of our districts. And, if we feel God is directing us to help a home-mission church with our money, membership, and service, let us accept the call as part of our share in evangelizing a lost world.

The third area that the churches have not really penetrated was said to be the modern culture of cities. This strikes closer home than the others. What has the city done to us? It has made us all strangers. Our lives have become compartmentalized, and every relationship must be for a purpose. We do business with certain people. We work with others. We go to church with still others. We live neighbors to some. We have social relationships with a few others. But seldom do these overlap. We know people, but not really. We know only a segment of them. Relationships are impersonal.

The city has made us more materialistic. We cannot live in the city without money. It is our chief pursuit. Nearly everything we have to do with every day is man-made and depends upon money. We live in man-made cities and work in manmade buildings and travel in manmade cars on man-made roads until God seems remote and hardly necessary. The material intrudes on every hand. The result is that we are not only materialistic, but spiritually barren.

This is the need for revivals and visitation evangelism; for times of spiritual refreshing and for warm, friendly, Christian neighborliness that looks beyond the materialism and impersonalism and is concerned with human souls that are starved for God and for Christian love. We must be witnesses. We must rise above the materialistic drag of city culture and let God work through us to touch men on every hand.

Yes, they all tie in together. We cannot successfully operate a church on visitation evangelism alone, nor on home missions alone, nor on revivals alone, nor on foreign missions alone. Each is an essential part of building the kingdom of God. Let us all do our part in all of them.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON By Norman R. Oke

Topic for July 12: A Pattern of Christian Behavior Scripture: Rom. 6:1-14:12 (Printed, Rom. 12:1-2, 9-21)

GOLDEN TEXT: Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good (Rom. 12:9).

Some have accused St. Paul of being nothing but a spinner of fine theories. They suggest that he gloried in abstract thinking regarding great truths of theology, but could never get down to earth. Well, if you are one who has entertained such thoughts about the mighty little man from Tarsus, then turn to the twelfth chapter of Romans and read it carefully. Brother, here Mr. Theory leaves the stage and Mr. Practical takes over the act. The starry-eyed dreamer exits; enter the man wearing overalls with a slide rule in his hand.

Was Paul ever practical in his preaching? Well, how about this, "He that giveth, let him do it with simplicity"? You are really down to brass tacks when you tell a man how to deposit his money in the treasury of the church, aren't you? Then again, "Provide things honest in the sight of all men." It seems to me Paul was getting pretty close to everyday life when he talked about the way the folks were making their living. But again let me quote from the man accused of being a pure theoretician, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him." That is as down-to-earth as the Sermon on the Mount, as practical as the needs that face you when you

walk down slum-alley on the way to work. We must be agreed that Paul had his feet flat on the ground when he wrote this chapter—in fact, so much so that it hits us right between the eyes.

This ultra-practical section of the Roman Epistle is all the more noteworthy when we read it in the light of the first eleven chapters. Here we find Paul glorying in the wonders of the gospel of God's grace. Here he soars in his thinking till our heads spin. He pictures the sweep and penetrating power of the gospel and boasts of the grace of God with absolutely no reservation. You see, that is why the word "therefore" should be underlined in Rom. 12:1. Because of the majestic plan of salvation that will do all that man needs, then this downto-earth call to consecration and this exhortation to holy living has some meaning. Romans twelve without the earlier chapters would be unbased; the first eleven chapters without the admonitions of chapter twelve would be left hanging in the air.

Thank God for Paul, who could walk with God in the clouds and then interpret His great truths to us on the dusty streets of earth.

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You Can Be Saved

PEOPLE often ask, "How can I be saved? How can I become a Christian? What are the steps that lead to Christ?" These questions can be very simply answered. First, you must come to God. Second, you must confess your sins, or confess that you are a sinner. Third, you must repent, or turn away from your sinning. Fourth, you must believe and receive-accepting God's forgiving word now. A fifth step may be mentioned-join the church and be baptized. It is not absolutely essential to salvation. However, one preacher who believes much in his denomination and the value of baptism added it. He emphasized the fact that we must join the church and be baptized, as well as take the other steps, if we would be saved. This isn't bad advice if we think of keeping saved along with being saved. Some backslide soon after they are con-verted because they don't go on and join the church and be baptized.

First, the sinner must come to Jesus if he would be saved. God through the Cross provided salvation for the sinner. God made the first move, but it is up to the sinner to make the next move. He must come. Jesus voiced this thought in these words, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). And again, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). The prodigal son began to get somewhere, from the standpoint of being saved, when he said, "I will arise and go to my father" (Luke 15:18). With those words he began at once to come home to Father's house. If you are a sinner, and would be saved, the first step you must take is to come to Jesus.

Second, the sinner must come confessing his sins. He who comes to Jesus without any feeling of need, with a good opinion of himself and his goodness, will get nowhere. He who comes to Jesus to be saved must come, let me say again, confessing that he is a sinner, that he is desperately in need of the help that the Son of God can give him. The chief thing here is confession to God, and then sometimes there will be certain wrongs which must be confessed to those who have been mistreated. This does not mean that you will have to publicly confess these specific wrongs which you have committed against others -that is, as a rule; it does indicate though that you must go to those individuals whom you have wronged, confess to them the wrong which you have done against them, and seek their forgiveness. Of course this can be done only if they are still alive and can be reached in person or by letter. The sinner must not only come to Jesus, but also he must come confessing. John tells us that God is faithful and just to forgive our sins if we confess them (I John 1:9).

Jesus reminds us of the Pharisee who went up to the Temple to pray. He said, "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners,

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unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess" (Luke 18:11-12). Jesus also informs us of the fact that this man didn't get anywhere in his praying. It was not thus with the publican. Jesus said that he, "standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). The publican came confessing his sins, and Jesus says of him, "This man went down to his house justified." If you as a sinner would be saved, you must not only come; you must come confessing your sins. David, after his terrible sin, said, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned" (Ps. 51:4); and in admitting this he was moving toward forgiveness.

Third, the sinner must come repenting. It is not enough to come to Jesus, or even to come confessing; we must also come repenting. To repent means to have a godly sorrow for sin, such a godly sorrow for sin that we determine to turn our back on it. To forsake sin demands two things of the sinner: he must not only make up his mind to quit sinning, but he must also come to the place where he is ready to do everything he can to make his past sins right. That is the old-fashioned doctrine of restitution. To quit sinning means to quit it; that is, to stop now, and, as far as possible, to undo the sins that have been committed. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 55:7). This is a wonderful promise to the person who comes to God repenting of and forsaking his sins.

Zacchaeus gives us a good illustration of repentance. In Luke 19:8 we have these words: "And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." He was ready, not only to quit sinning at that time, but also to do everything that he could to undo his past sins. Of course God does not ask us to undo what we can't undo, but He does ask us to undo what we can. I am not surprised that Jesus said to Zacchaeus after he had made his statement, "This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:9-10). We must come to Jesus, come confessing, and also come repenting and forsaking our sins.

Fourth, the sinner to be saved must believe and receive. There is a step of faith. If you fail to take this step, you'll never be saved. You

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must launch out on the promise of God, and take the blessing of salvation—receive it at once. Some people fail at this point; they just cannot seem to believe that God will do what He promises to do. They hesitate to take God at His word. But they must always remember that they cannot be saved until they believe. There are plenty of scriptures which prove this truth. In Romans 5:1, Paul says, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Faith is the final step which brings peace with God.

Philip in talking with the Ethiopian said, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37). Then Philip commanded the "chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing." The Ethiopian was converted, and the last step was having faith in Jesus Christ. He did not believe in Jesus Christ just mentally, but he believed in Him to such an extent that he committed his way to Him.

Then Matthew tells us of the woman "which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years." She had so much faith that she felt if she could but touch the hem of Christ's garment she would be healed. She did touch the hem of His garment, and was healed. And Jesus said to her, "Thy faith hath made thee whole" (Matt. 9:22). Thus, finally, it is the sinner's faith that will make him whole, that will really bring salvation to him. He must believe and receive to be saved.

The last admonition is, "Join and be baptized." As I have said, to join the church and be baptized are not absolutely essential to salvation. However, they do help to confirm you in your salvation. If you have met the other conditions as outlined, you should go on and join the church and be baptized. Thus, by joining the church and being baptized, you confess before the world that you are a Christian. Public confession of Christ is essential to living the Christian life. We must not only get saved; we must let those about us know that we are saved. If we are going to stay saved, joining the church-some good Christian church-and being baptized are very important. Most of us who are born again will not make it through to heaven unless we obey this truth.

Thus I have answered the question. How may I be saved? or, How may I come to be a Christian? You must come to Jesus; you must come to Jesus confessing your sins; you must come to Jesus repenting of your sins—turning your back

on them as well as confessing them; and you must come to Jesus believing and receiving. And, finally, if you would clinch these steps which you have taken, you should join the church and be baptized. God bless every sinner who may read these words! May he kneel somewhere as soon as possible, meet these conditions, and get right with God. More than that, God could save you even if you do not have a place to kneel, if in your heart you will come, confess, repent, forsake, and believe and receive. God can answer your faith at once, lift the burden of sin, and give you salvation.

A Significant Trio

 \mathbf{I}^{N} MY recent reading, I ran across three words that I haven't been able to get away from. They were connected with one another, and were meaning, morals, and mechanism. The last term has to do with science, the study of the material world, the physical and chemical sciences. Morals deal with human conduct, ethics. Meaning signifies our beliefs, our philosophy, theology, ideologies, doctrines, or theories of life. Who are we? Where did we come from? Why are we here? Where are we going? When we deal with such questions, we are dealing with meaning, or the interpretation of life. This is a very important question. Little attention was given to it during the present century until a few years ago. There was plenty of emphasis on science and its value in controlling man and his environment. Further, human conduct—how men should live—was given an important place. But beliefs, or meaning, didn't matter. They were not significant.

Now men have awakened to the fact that the world has been starving for meaning. Science, or mechanism, and morals were meaningless without interpretation, or beliefs. And interpretation, or beliefs, can make no impact upon life except through morals and mechanism, or science. But most important for us today, in this connection, is that, as a church, we must make a place for doctrine. If men are deprived of true doctrine, they will sooner or later formulate an ideology of some kind, usually that type which is far from the right. Communism gives us an example of this; it is an ideology. While the world was starving for meaning, we found men so hungry for beliefs that they fell back on an economic materialism which has proved to be very disastrous to the world.

The Church of the Nazarene must not leave off its beliefs, its ideology, its philosophy and theology, its doctrines, or its meaning. We must teach the answers which the Bible gives to these all-important questions: Where did we come from? Who are we? Why are we here? Where are we going? We can't build a system of conduct without answering these questions, and we can't build the proper kind of system of behavior without answering these questions as the Bible answers them. The same is true as to science. We can't trust ourselves to science, however advanced it may be, or however wonderful it may be in its achievements, unless back of and underneath this science there are beliefs about life in general which will stand the test of time and eternity. Conduct, the practical, scientific achievement, deeds of any and every sort, are all shallow, even dangerous, if not based on dependable ideology, meaning, or beliefs. The two great theologians of the Bible are Paul and John, and our ministerial and lay leaders must not be afraid to study them, and acquaint all of our people with them and the great doctrines which they discuss. Without these truths, the Sermon on the Mount is helpless, and modern man's inventive genius, with its gift to the world of many types of gadgets, will be impotent—only morals and mechanism. In other words, meaning is essential to the proper development of morals and mechanism.

Religious News and Comments Edited by Delbert R. Gish

A GREAT exhibition is planned in Jerusalem from September 22 to October 14, 1953, to mark the threethousandth anniversary of the establishment of the "City of David," as it was early called. (See II Sam. 5: 6-9.) The theme of the exhibition is "Conquest of the Desert." A symbol has been chosen: a strong hand of green color thrust through a desert countryside holding the rose of Sharon. The slogan chosen is from the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah: "And the desert shall . . . blossom as the rose."

After a fifteen-month, round-theworld trip, Dr. Eugene A. Nida returned to tell the delegates to the American Bible Society meeting in New York City that the demand for Bibles is now the greatest in world history. There is also a greater move now than ever before to put the Bible into language that can be readily understood. So far. there are some parts of the Bible that have not been translated into languages that 90 per cent of the world's population can understand. Only portions of the Scriptures are available to most people who have them at all. Dr. Nida spoke to the one hundred thirtyseventh annual meeting of the American Bible Society.

The St. Louis evangelistic campaign held by Billy Graham in May set alltime records for such meetings there. The grand total attendance was above 380,000. Convention Hall, which seats 12,000, was often filled to capacity and the doors were shut in order to satisfy fire and police department regulations. On the two final Sundays out-of-doors meetings were held. According to estimates, 40,000 were present May 10, and on May 17 more than 50,000. On May 31, Dr. Graham went to Dallas to begin a new campaign, which is scheduled for the 75,000 capacity Cotton Bowl. More

than 200 churches were carrying on preparatory work for the meetings there.

Major-General Ivan Bennett. Army Chief of Chaplains, reports that 642 enemy prisoners of war in Korea have expressed a desire to enter into study for the ministry. Some 30,000 enemy prisoners have enrolled in Bible study courses in the prisoner of war camps.

The Department of the Army has announced a new chaplaincy training program for seminarians. It is part of a broadened drive to find new recruits for reserve commissions to take the place of reserve chaplains who will soon be completing their tours of duty. It is said that 200 vacancies exist at present and that 200 more are due as reserve chaplains are through with their obligations by the end of the year. At any time during their seminary career, seminary men will be eligible to apply for commissions in the grade of Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve. Previously, only those who were within 120 days of completing their training were eligible to apply.

France has officially taken notice of her alcohol problem. On March 3, the French Parliament passed a law that habitual drunkards shall be locked up for successive periods of six months until medical examiners pronounce them cured. Blood tests are to be given to criminals and motorists arrested for reckless driving to determine whether they have been drinking. A law passed shortly prior to this prohibits children under sixteen entering bars or cafes unless accompanied by parents or guardians. Much opposition has come against the new moves by wine and liquor purvevors. These interests have fought hard since the war to keep Coca-Cola and other soft drinks out of France

The London Daily Mail reports alcohol ice cream for sale in England, available in rum, whiskey, and apricot brandy flavors. It sells for the equivalent of \$1.05 per pint, but in no less than two-gallon lots.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Needy Nagoya

THE LORD willing, we shall move to Nagoya this fall. It is in the Gifu prefecture, where there are 156,000 people for every missionary (evangelical). Nagoya itself is a city of 3,000,000 people and is the third largest in Japan. Just about seven years ago it was leveled by war, but already it is nearly completely rebuilt. Pray with us for this needy field. Nagoya has no Church of the Nazarene, but since there are a few Nazarenes there is good hope for quickly organizing a church and building soon. Construction of a house for us is to begin next month. We do sincerely thank you for your prayers. We feel their results here.--REV. AND MRS. HUBERT HELLING, Japan.

Pennies and Farthings

We started receiving birthday offerings here about a year ago. The amount which has come in through this source will testify as to how the people have responded to this new idea to them. Some did not have a penny for each year of their age and I have seen them bring as little as a farthing (one-fourth of a penny) rather than fail to take part in the offering. Some students who were going to be home for holidays when their birthdays came put their offering in before going because they did not want to be left out. It has been a real joy and blessing to see their wholehearted response to this cause of helping to support national workers.—Rev. D. H. SPENCER, South Africa.

A Significant Offering

In this West Indian island of sunshine and flying fish, our Nazarene folk are rejoicing in their first Easter offering for foreign missions. The total may not seem so large to some, and is certainly not so high as we expect it to be next time. But before reporting what that total is let us say that we are rejoicing and praising God that every one of our churches and pastors co-operated with us in this history-making effort.

The love and sacrifice herein represented are more greatly appreciated when one understands that unemployment is a serious and never-ending problem here. Wages are painfully meager. Efficient carpenters, masons, and painters toil here for two dollars and a half a day. Day laborers work for even less, of course. These facts underscore our joy in reporting \$1,525.51 in British West Indian currency.

Two of our new Sunday schools turned in amounts less than \$10.00. The highest amount was \$210.00, from our Foursquare Church, where Sister Matilda Cox Lucas is pastor. She was a student at Eastern Nazarene College in the early twentics. Our people are good givers but have always felt the pressing needs of opening and building new works here on the island. We felt that the time had come when we should have a world-wide vision. May God grant that now, having lifted up our eyes to the whitened fields afar, we shall never lower them .--REV. JAMES H. JONES, Barbados.

Haitian Events

The first session of the missionary council in Haiti was held recently in Port-au-Prince. This was followed by the Preachers' Institute. Six months ago, Mission Field Superintendent Paul Orjala and his wife were laboring alone and had been for over two years. Then the General Board sent Rev. and Mrs. Charles Alstott to help. In a few weeks, Rev. and Mrs. Max A. Conder, who were already in Haiti, were appointed associate missionaries. The staff had been tripled.

God came on the scene in the very first devotional service and His presence was felt to the closing prayer. We all realized that God's help was essential in making our plans for the future and in getting the work on a solid foundation. Plans were made to open the Bible school

by fall and to start the medical work in the Gonaives area immediately. The need of a permanent headquarters site was discussed as well as the need of better buildings for the chapels and day schools. We own no property in Haiti at the present time.

Thirteen workers attended the Preachers' Institute. One had not been held for some time and we felt the need of getting our native workers together for a time of prayer and devotions as well as study and the laying of plans for the advancement

of the work. Problems were discussed and met with God's help. It was a strenuous time, but well worth it, and we feel all were blessed and helped as a result of our getting together.

Haiti is open for the gospel, even though the people are steeped in Catholicism and voodooism. We are depending upon the prayers of our great church in the homeland. With God's help we expect to see much accomplished for Him.—Rev. MAX A. CONDER, Haiti.

THE QUESTION BOX Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. Should a person pay tithe on: (1) The money withheld by the employer for income tax? (2) Money withheld for retirement fund? In other words, should the take-home pay be the basis of the tithe or the gross income regardless of monies withheld?

A. The gross income. Certainly your retirement fund is a savings and will benefit you and yours. Besides, your income tax indirectly benefits you, since it helps your government to meet its obligations. Further, if you begin to exempt taxes from tithe, why ignore the taxes other than those on income? And if you exempt taxes, why not exclude money paid out for rent and food, etc., etc.? At this rate it would not be long until you would have nothing left to tithe. Once again, while we people who live in the United States complain a lot about taxes, we have to admit that we never spent more on ourselves, or lived any better, than we do today. Let's be fair with God!

Q. During our Sunday-school class this morning, the question of capital punishment came up. There were several views on it, and I would like to know your opinion on this subject. Is capital punishment a Christian thing to do to a criminal—this. of course, means the hard, determined criminal?

A. I am for capital punishment. Yes, I believe that it is a Christian thing to do to a hardened criminal who has been found guilty of that which carries with it the penalty of death. And I believe that it is right for some crimes to carry this penalty. Take the case of the Rosenbergs, for instance. They have been found guilty of a crime which carries with it the penalty of death, and I do not agree with those who sought to change their

sentence to something less than death. Their treason imperiled the lives of many of their fellow citizens.

Q. Was Simon of Cyrene, the man who took over Jesus' cross, a Negro?

A. He came from Cyrene, a city of Lybia, in North Africa, but he was not a Negro. He was a Jew who belonged to the Dispersion. Before the birth of Jesus, many Jews were scattered throughout different parts of the world by various captivities. They still looked upon Jerusalem as the center of their religion and life. Thus they came back to Jerusalem as often as they could for the great feasts. Simon was no doubt among the Jews of this group, that is, the Dispersion, and was not a Negro.

Q. When people leave the church. are we to go to them and find out why they left and do all within our power to win them back to God and the church, or just let them alone and seek to get others in? What would you do?

A. I certainly would seek to get others in, but I would not permit this to keep me from going after those who have left the church. Surely I would do all that I could to get them back to the church. We should do our best to keep people from backsliding and all that we can to get them reclaimed if they do backslide. A certain brother said to me some years ago: "I don't believe that I would be saved and sanctified today if it had not been for Brother H. I backslid and went into open sin. When I asked him as my pastor to take my name off the church roll, he said, 'No, Brother B., you are coming back to God.' He would not take my name off the church roll, but rather kept praying for me and coming to see me until finally I came back to God. If he had taken my name

off the church roll when I insisted and left me alone, I am sure that I would not be a Christian today." It pays to hold on to people and keep after those who have gone astray until they come back to God. Some may never come back, but the most of them will if we will be true to God and their souls. Q. The Apostles' Creed is in the Nazarene Hymnal. However, after attending the services in the Church of the Nazarene for some time, I've never heard it repeated. Why isn't it used in the worship service?

A. The Apostles' Creed is not often repeated in most of our churches.

Personally, I wish it were repeated oftener than it is. I am not, however, for saying it every Sunday. We ought to have it enough to familiarize our people with it. On the other hand, I do not care about repeating it every Sunday just as a part of a long ritual which finally comes to mean nothing to most of those who say it.

THE HOME CIRCLE Conducted by Grace Ramquist

When They Are Good Deeds-

I^T was in the afternoon of a hot and tiring day. While my husband was attending to his business, I was wandering around in the downtown area of a Western city. I entered a department store and, feeling a need for washing my hands, I found my way to the lounge. I chose a lavatory and as I started to run the water I noticed a little boy to my left trying his best to get soap out of the dispenser. He looked up at me, and almost I could hear him say, "How do you do it? Don't do it for me, just show me." So with but a word or two I started working the dispenser over the lavatory which I was using.

"You push up the little knob at the bottom and then let it drop," was all I said. The little fellow watched me as I proceeded to get soap powder on my hand and soon he did as he had seen me do, and he also got soap powder in his hands. He rubbed his hands together, but although my soap powder was lathering, his did not. "More water," I said quietly, without turning my head toward him. He turned on the water and soon he had plenty of suds. As I started to get some paper toweling, I noted that the crank on the towel dispenser was too high for the little fellow to reach, so I cranked down his paper as well as mine. Then I tore off my paper and I observed out of the corner of my eve that, after watching me, the lad tore off his paper. I carefully and slowly pushed the used paper towel into the waste container placed for that purpose, and the little boy did the same. Then, without bothering to let him know I knew he had learned the lesson well, I left the room and went on my way.

It was hard for me to explain how I knew the boy wanted to do the work by himself. Maybe I knew because once I was a little girl who wanted to do everything for myself, but was willing to learn from someone else if no one knew I was being taught. And, since my mind often

turns to things of the Spirit, I began to wonder how much religious teaching should be taught in this fashion. A young Christian starts on the road toward heaven. He would like to be a good worker and follower from the beginning, but there are so many things about which he does not know. The old Christian can go right to him and tell him in so many words what he must do and how he must do it, or he can quietly show him what he should do by doing it himself.

And while we are on the subject, whether older Christians know it or not, young Christians are watching and are following them. When they do good deeds, they are observed. When they seek to win others, their example is followed. When they love others and seek to help those in need, the young Christian learns what is expected of him. But when the wrong attitudes are taken by older Christians, what then? Too many times, those too are followed and at what great cost!

My prayer: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

Trust and Believe

The following story was told by a schoolteacher who believes in answered prayer.

Miss Coats was scheduled to attend a meeting of Sunday-school teachers in a church conference. It was summertime and, although she taught school during the winter months, she was free to use her vacation time for church activities.

This summer about which I am telling you, Miss Coats had bought herself only one cotton dress. It was a nice-looking dress, but when it was soiled she had nothing else to wear until she washed and ironed it again.

When it came time for her to attend the church conference in a town some distance away, Miss Coats carefully did up her dress, whitened her

shoes, and started for the train by way of the city bus. As she was riding along it started raining. In dismay she looked at her freshly done-up dress and, knowing there was no way she herself could cause the rain to cease, she started praying. She asked God to please take away the rain, so she could get out of the bus and reach the train in safety, thus arriving at the church conference dry and well-dressed.

Almost immediately the rain ceased. The schoolteacher was relieved but soon doubt came her way. Why, that is only a coincidence, she thought to herself. It would have stopped raining whether I had prayed or not. And then suddenly it began to rain much harder than it had previously done. The gutters were flowing with dirty water. Miss Coats's heart began to beat heavily. The depot was getting closer and closer and soon she would be forced to get off the bus. In desperation, she prayed once again. This time the rain continued. It simply poured down!

The bus drew up to the stop near the depot. Miss Coats stepped out into the pelting rain and jumped across a fast-moving stream of muddy water. She hurried into the station, feeling for sure that she would be a horrible spectacle at the conference. After she hurriedly purchased her ticket and found a seat on the train, she looked and felt of her dress. It was perfectly dry. She felt of her hair; there was no water there; she took off her shoes and found them spotless, even as they were when she left home.

"Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed" (Jas. 1:6).

The gospel of Christ has been preserved and passed on to this our generation, because from its beginning the best of men have been willing to give their best; and by sacrifice of life, effort, and resources have given us a great heritage. Let us, in the same spirit, give so that generations still unborn might receive this great gospel.—NOEL WHITIS.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Evangelist Bertha Crowe writes: "These are busy days for me. In recent months I have traveled around four thousand miles, and the Lord has gvon me a number of souls praying through for regeneration and entire sanctification. Although taking a rest for a while, I have preached in services for several of our pastors: Rev. Crawford Vanderpool and his church, also one Sunday morning for our church in South Tacoma, Washington. I am now making up my slate for summer and fall, and will be glad to go anywhere to preach Bible holiness; no church too small. Write me, % our publishing house."

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Lawrence report: "We came to Auburn, Washington, in January of 1944, and in April of that year Dr. E. E. Martin, then district superintendent, organized the Church of the Nazarene with eight charter members. We started the work in an upstairs hall, but today have our own lots and a small but permanent building for church use, with room for expansion; it is in an excellent location. The church membership is now thirty-five. We have now resigned to accept the work of the church in Hoquiam, Washington. We were given a wonderful farewell banquet by the Auburn Ministerial Association, also a lovely farewell by to Auburn, He is now directing to Hoquiam. Please pray for us."

This is the architect's drawing of the First Church of the Nazarene, Sixteenth and Webster Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. The church was dedicated on March 15 by Dr. Hardy C. Powers, assisted by the writer: Rev. E. E. Grosse, superintendent of the Washington-Philadelphia District; Rev. V. W. Littrell, superintendent of the Virginia District; and Rev. L. B. Williams. In February, 1950, the present site was purchased. On July 22, 1951, the ground-breaking service was held and construction of the new church began. Our present building, including furnishings and property, represents an investment of at least \$400,000.00. Within the last seven years more than \$204,000.00 has been raised for the new church. The total indebt-edness is \$180,000.00; this is being reduced monthly without strain. Our new church is made of brick, stone, steel, and concrete; it is a 100 per cent fireproof building. The archi-tecture is a combination of colonial and Georgian design with a touch of modern influence. The educational building of three floors has adequate facilities for a fully graded church school. The sanctuary will comfortably seat 600 people, and the lower auditorium will accommodate 400 people. The church is well equipped for Sunday-school departments, with

Fowler, Colorado—God has blessed our church with a splendid revival with Revs. C. W. and Florence Davis as the evangelists. As they preached holiness and exposed sin with the power of God upon them, the blessings of God came upon the services and a goodly number of seekers sought and found the Lord in saving and sanctifying grace. We had two beautiful altar services on the closing Sunday, May 3.—W. M. Roper, Pastor.

Evangelist Gene Smith and wife report: "We entered the Church of the Nazarene in February of 1952, to do full-time evangelism. God has blessed us beyond words with joy in His service. The Lord gave us more souls the first two months than we had seen in our previous four years of ministry; this has repeated itself each two months. During the first year we conducted twenty-six meet-ings, most of them on the Kansas City District. We thank God for the tremendous boost given us by Dr. Jarrette Aycock, superintendent, in helping us to get started. We have held meetings in Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and Kentucky, and in some places God broke through and saved and sanctified souls even before the message. At this writing we are in a meeting in Mayfield, Kentucky, and God is blessing. We have a little time open for the summer and fall; write us, Box 599, Independence, Kansas."

Newman Grove, Nebraska-We recently closed a revival campaign with Revs. Gilbert and Sylvia Anderson as evangelists and singer. The attendance was good, some new people were contacted, and some reached for God. The Andersons' ministry was a great blessing, and very much appreciated by our people. On May 9 it was our privilege to have Dr. T. W. Willingham as speaker in our church. He brought us a very stirring and inspiring message from the Word. On April 21 we were privileged to have Miss Mary McKinlay as special speaker; she brought a stirring message on our work in Africa. It has been a wonderful privilege to have had so many outstanding speakers in our church this past year.-James E. Wallick, Pastor.

Spokane, Washington-Bethel Church has had two very fine meetings this spring. The first was with Rev. Harold P. Gilliam, of Woodland. It was a very fine revival, stirring the hearts of the members and winning new folk to God. Brother Gilliam is an unusually fine evangelist, a splendid preacher with a tender spirit and a passion for souls. A few weeks after our meeting with Brother Gilliam, we had a fine meeting with Rev. J. C. Henson. He is a great preacher and, in spite of his mature age, preaches with great blessing and power. He is a great Bible preacher. and a master at presenting the subject of holiness or stewardship, backed by illustrations from his many years in the ministry.-Harold M. Sorweide, Pastor.

First Church, Washington, D.C.



assembly halls and rooms for 30 classes, church office, nursery, pastor's study, baptistry, prayer room, hearing aids, public-address system, Moller pipe organ, and the facilities necessary to accommodate a Sunday school of 800. The classrooms are made attractive by various shades of blue, green, pink, orchid, coral, neptune, yellow, chartreuse, gray, and tan. Harmony of color and furnishings has been incorporated throughout. As one approaches the main entrance, he is attracted to the soft blue portico. After opening the carved mahogany doors, and proceeding through the colorful narthex, the worshiper enters the sanctuary. The mahogany pews, the aisles carpeted with the red-andblack cathedral pattern rug, the walls paneled with the imported lace flexiwood, the sixteen-foot amber cathedral glass windows, and the chancel embracing the beautiful stained-glass window of "The Good Shepherd" all impress the worshiper with the appropriateness to reverence and the beauty of holiness. Vision, sacrifice, and giving have made this structure possible. We are made to say with praise, "Behold what God hath wrought!"—Roy F. Stevens, Pastor.

Mrs. W. M. Franklin writes: "We are closing our pastorate here in Norris, South Dakota, and this seems to be the last pastorate for my husband, Watson M. Franklin. He began pastoring in 1920 and has pastored to date, except for one year; he has been busy through the years for the Lord. Some of the pastorates have been small, and he has helped by working to support himself and family. God has used him to be a blessing in many lives. When we came to Norris in June of '51 we found a tiny town, in a ranching community, with Indians all around us. Some of our people come from fifteen to twentyfive miles for service. Graveled roads

are usually passable, but those not graveled are often impassable. In closing our work here we planned for a revival in what we thought would be spring weather, with Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep. However, we had rain, snow, and more rain, and the evangelists were hindered in reaching us for several days. In spite of all this, God answered the prayers of the people, and helped the Esteps in a special way. There were fifteen different seekers who testified definitely to being saved for the first time, reclaimed, or sanctified. Six were helped in healing services. Brother Estep asked for a farewell love offering for Brother Franklin,

and the people responded beautifully. Because of poor health, Mr. Franklin is retiring and moving to Chelan. Washington. I shall finish the assembly year here and then go on to Chelan in July."

Dunkirk, Indiana—In May we had one of the best revivals this church has enjoyed for some time. In spite of bad weather, there was good attendance at the services. Rev. O. F. Arnold preached with the anointing of God, and there were twenty-three seekers. The Musical Messengers were the special singers. The pastor was given a good love offering on the closing night.—Reporter.

Pastor A. C. Rowland reports from Nashville, Tennessee: "Bethel Church recently had one of the greatest oneweek revivals in its history. Rev. P. E. Kuykendall was the evangelist, and he was the man for the hour. God gave more than one hundred seekers, and fourteen joined the church on the closing night. The church has purchased more property, and is extending a building program to care for the people who come. This new section will give us some fifteen additional Sunday-school rooms. The Sunday school has increased approximately 75 per Sunday over last year's average, and around forty people have joined the church in the past ten months. We have had good increases in finances, and the pastor has been called for three more years with only two negative votes. This is a great church in a growing section of the city. If you have friends in this community. write us, 432 E. Trinity Lane, and we shall be glad to contact them.

Culver, Oregon—This church recently closed the greatest revival in its history, with Rev. D. C. Van Slyke as the evangelist. Counting as they came, there were forty-five seekers at the altar, and six new members have been added to the church. A generous love offering was given to the pastor and family. During one of the healing services the pastor's wife was wonderfully healed of curvature of the spine, which had caused her to wear a large brace for more than eighteen months. Brother Van Slyke is a powerful preacher of the gospel, and our church was greatly helped by his messages. We praise the Lord for His blessings.—O. H. Ballard, Jr., Pastor.

Evangelist John Wesley Henry reports: "Leaving the pastorate of our El Centro church last January, we entered the evangelistic field, and God has blessed our work. At Orb Bend, California, with Pastor and Mrs. Nutt, in a three-Sunday meeting, much good was accomplished. At Corona. with Pastor and Mrs. W. A. Penner, in a young people's revival, the mighty presence of the Holy Ghost was manifested in the services. A fine number of souls prayed through, including a family of five. The Penners are building a much-needed church auditorium. At Santa Rosa, we found

Sunday-School Attendance Report

| | 195 2 | May | Percentag e |
|---|--------------|--------|--------------------|
| Northern California | 13,111 | 13,794 | 105 |
| Western Ohio | 12,274 | 12,948 | 105 |
| Akron | 9,401 | 10,102 | 107 |
| *Southern California | 8,699 | 10,000 | 115 |
| Southwest Indiana | 8,546 | 9,031 | 106 |
| Northeastern Indiana | 8,550 | 8,745 | 102 |
| Eastern Michigan | 7,725 | 8,207 | 106 |
| Indianapolis | 7,770 | 7,543 | 97 |
| Kansas | 7,250 | 7,508 | 104 |
| *Tennessee | 6,291 | 7,240 | 115 |
| Missouri | 6,934 | 7,072 | 102 |
| *Alabama | 6,346 | 6,941 | 109 |
| Oregon Pacific | 6,236 | 6,485 | 104 |
| Florida | 5,825 | 6,104 | 105 |
| Northwest | 5,856 | 6,086 | 104 |
| Southwest Oklahoma | 5,857 | 5,934 | 101 |
| Northwest Indiana | 5,413 | 5,445 | 101 |
| *Kentucky | 4,609 | 5,035 | 109 |
| *Georgia | 4,543 | 4,931 | 109 |
| Chicago Central | 4,837 | 4,870 | 101 |
| Dallas | 4,744 | 4,816 | 102 |
| *Louisiana | 4,154 | 4,531 | 109 |
| South Carolina | 4,185 | 4,408 | 105 |
| *North Arkansas | 3,607 | 4,053 | 112 |
| Southeast Oklahoma | 4,009 | 3,899 | 97 |
| Northeast Oklahoma | 3,740 | 3,809 | 102 |
| *North Carolina | 3,422 | 3,717 | 109 |
| Albany | 2,863 | 3,023 | 106 |
| New Mexico | 2,870 | 2,948 | 103 |
| Houston | 2,861 | 2,926 | 102 |
| *Wisconsin | 2,056 | 2,415 | 117 |
| New York | 1,741 | 1,761 | 101 |
| North Dakota | 1,579 | 1,691 | 107 |
| *Maritime | 776 | 1,016 | 131 |
| *South Dakota | 716 | 825 | 115 |
| *Alaska | 301 | 486 | 161 |
| Hawaii | 431 | 460 | 107 |
| *The 12 highest districts in percen | tage gain. | | |
| Total Average attendance of districts r | eporting | | 200,805 |
| Total average attendance of districts | | | 146 024 |

Districts not reporting: Abilene, Arizona, Canada West, Central Ohio, Colorado, Eastern Kentucky, East Tennessee, Idaho-Oregon, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada-Utah, New England, Northwestern Illinois, Northwest Oklahoma, Canada Central, Pittsburgh, Rocky Mountain, San Antonio, South Arkansas, Virginia, Washington Pacific, Washington-Philadelphia, West Virginia, Australia, British Isles.

> ERWIN G. BENSON, Field Secretary Department of Church Schools

Pastor and Mrs. Borbe doing a fine job. They have been with this church for seventeen years and the work is going forward for God and holiness. They were in the process of building a fine new church. God manifested His presence with us here. At Arvin what was to be a two-Sunday young people's revival turned out to be a three-Sunday meeting with many young people accepting the Lord, and the altar services were times of great joy and blessing. God met the hearts of young people in the old-fashioned way as they wept and prayed. Rev. Bob Wilden and wife are the fine pastors here, and they said the seekers were all new people. They have a wonderful group of high school young supplying the church in Hemet, Cali-fornia, until assembly time; Rev. Martin Leih is coming as the new pastor early in June. We then go to Holtville for a two-Sunday meeting with Pastor J. L. Wheeler and people. We have some open dates for the fall, September and October, one in November, also some open time for the winter of '54. Write me, 826 N. Van Ness Ave., Santa Ana. California."

Rev. H. A. Casey writes from Miami. Florida: "During the two years of my ministry in First Church, we have added 64 new members to the church, the finances have been good, and our peak attendance in Sunday school was 407. We purchased two transit buses for our Sunday school, and made improvements on our property. God has blessed and given a constant stream of seekers at the altar. I have now resigned to accept the work of our Murray Hill Church in Jacksonville. This is near the naval base, also the marine base in Jacksonville. If you have friends there you'd like to have us contact, write me, 4537 Delta Avenue; the church is located at 1132 Hamilton Street."

Pastor C. Tom Davis of Rose Hill Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, writes: "God in His love and mercy gave me one of the greatest revivals of my eighteen years of ministry, with Pastor Robert E. Stone and his fine church in Dayton, Ohio. Our co-workers were the 'Singing Smiths' from the sunny South. God came in great manifestations of His Spirit, with people praying through in practically every service, and the meeting con-'inued a week longer than scheduled. Professor John E. Moore came by and gave us two nights before going on to his next campaign. The great singing of the Smiths, the prayers of Brother and Sister Stone and their people, the fervent, spiritual singing of Professor Moore, all combined to bring God upon the services. The last Sunday was a Day of Pentecost; six altar calls were given through the Sunday school, in various classes, and, by actual count, 115 people found their way to the altar of prayer. The evening service climaxed with 25 more

at the altar seeking God. In the entire revival, 280 were at the altar and prayed through to a definite experience. Our three Sundays gave a total attendance in Sunday school of 1,949, with 10 uniting with the church. In the special services, many people were healed. We return to the church this fall for another revival.

Haleysburg, Indiana—In May our church had a revival with Evangelist Clifton DeBord, and local talent doing the special singing. God met with us in a wonderful way. Brother De-Bord did some fine preaching with the anointing of the Holy Ghost upon him. The closing Sunday was a day of victory, with ninety-three in Sunday school, and a wonderful altar service with people praying through to God; some souls were saved, and a number received help. Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hart came as our pastors last September, and we love and appreciate them. Brother Hart is a man of God, an excellent leader and preacher. Our church is on the move along every line .-- Emma Wheeler, Secretary.

Evangelist T. M. Anderson writes: "Because of my health following a serious operation, I have asked release from several of my scheduled camps this summer. Acting on advice of my doctor, I will rest most of the summer, and am praying to be ready to take my work in late September and onward as usual. God willing I shall do some writing, and hope to have a book on the press soon. May I have a place in the prayers of His holy people."

Colorado Springs, Colorado—First Church recently closed a very splendid revival with Evangelist Wm. C. Fisher and wife. The preaching and singing were of the highest order and were enjoyed by all. There were 152 seekers at the altar, counting as they came. During the past ten months 48 new members have united with the church, and during the same period the Sunday school has averaged 334. The prospects for the coming year are encouraging, and prayers from the readers of the HERALD will be much appreciated.—C. W. Henderson, Pastor.

Hawaii District

Eighteen months ago, Rev. Reuben Welch resigned the pastorate at Kaimuki Church, Honolulu, and he and Mrs. Welch and little Pamela went to Hilo to start our work there on the island of Hawaii. The Welches did a splendid work in pioneering both these churches. At that time I took over the responsibility of supplying the pastorate at Kaimuki along with my superintendency of the district. Since that time we have seen scores of people praying through at our altars. We have had a net in-crease of 31 members, which has more than doubled the membership. The Sunday school is averaging above 125. The two N.Y.P.S. groups have a combined membership of around 40, and the N.F.M.S. membership is 35. During this past assembly year, closing in March, we gave \$710.00 for missions, which makes Kaimuki more than a 10 per cent church. This was an increase of \$600.00 in missionary giving over the previous year. During this time we have constructed a basement unit to take care of our Junior

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Rev. Ed Phillips and Mrs. Phillips will be coming from Montgomery, Alabama, to take over this pastorate around the first of July. We predict a prosperous future for this work in this great section of Honolulu under the ministry of the Phillipses. CECIL KNIPPERS, Superintendent

Nebraska District Assembly

The report of 3 new Nazarene churches, 216 new Nazarenes, and the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Benner thrilled the hearts of those who assembled for the forty-first district assembly in Hastings, Nebraska.

Dr. Benner presided with grace and efficiency, and endeared himself to the hearts of all with his gracious spirit and his tender and humble attitude. His messages were classics. While they were masterpieces of eloquence, they were so practical and helpful

that it caused each pastor and delegate to feel that the messages were especially for him.

Rev. Whitcomb Harding, God's chosen and anointed man for Nebraska, was re-elected for another year, and his acceptance was received with a joyful ovation. Churches and individuals responded unitedly and gave Mr. and Mrs. Harding a won-derful love offering.

On Tuesday night, Dr. S. T. Ludwig gave an inspiring message on "The Sunday School and Crusade for Souls Now." A Stetson hat was given by Brother Harding to each of six pastors with the most new people attending their Sunday schools in the past six months.

Reports from the pastors were enlightening and encouraging. A total of over \$200,000.00 was given for all purposes.

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the quartet inspired each heart with message and songs.

Mrs. Whitcomb Harding, in her charming manner, raised \$760.00 to complete the missionary cottage on the district campgrounds.

Under the expert leadership of Mrs. George Ronnekamp, the N.F.M.S. made numerous gains during the past year; and Mrs. Ronnekamp was reelected.

Miss Mary Scott, missionary convention speaker, with her unique manner encouraged each one to do more for missions. Many churches gave 10 per cent or more for the General Budget.

The assembly closed with the ordination of four young Nebraskans. Prospects are bright for the new year.

R. EUGENE TWINING, Reporter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION—This is to introduce and recommend Rev. W. M. Hodge, 318 Tenth St., Catlettsburg, Kentucky, who is entering the evan-gelistic field on August 1. He has been a co-operative and successful pastor (serving at Maysville, Covington Eastside, and Catlettsburg First), making a lasting contribution to each of the pastorates. Brother Hodge is a sincere and forceful preacher of the gospel. I trust many doors will be opend to this Christian gentleman and godly brother.— D. S. Somerville, Superintendent of Eastern Kentucky District. District.

WEDDING BELLS Miss Elizabeth Ann Park of Chillicothe, and Rev. John A. Coffman, pastor of the Waverly, Ohio, church; and Miss Carolyn Sherrick of Darbydale and Cpl. Paul Park of Chillicothe, were united in marriage on June 7, at the Chillicothe Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. Dwight Boice, officiating.

Mrs. Winona Brock and Floyd H. Bragg were united in marriage on June 7, at the Wizard Wells, Texas, Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, and brother of the bride, officiating.

Rev. Bertha Carney of Harvey, Illinois, and Rev. Wesley Martin of Worthington, Indiana, were united in marriage on June 4, at Sullivan, Indiana, with Evangelist W. W. Geeding, brother of the bride, officiating.

Miss June Williamson of New Castle and Wayne Powell of Indianapolis, Indiana, were united in mar-riage on May 24, in First Church of the Nazarene, New Castle, with Rev. Luther Cantwell, pastor of the church, officiating.

Miss Gwen Smith of Oakland, California, and Wayne Lockner of Englewood, Colorado, were united in marriage on May 17, at First Church of the Nazarene, Oakland, with Rev. Herman L. G. Smith, father of the bride, officiating, assisted by Rev. Dwayne Hildie.

BORN---to Rev. and Mrs. Leo H. Baldwin of Chandler, Arizona, a son, Timothy Lee, on June 11.

-to Mr. and Mrs. Delmer L. Cook of Boulder, Colorado, a daughter, Joy Rosanna, on June 9.

- to Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Meredith, North Kansas City, Missouri, a son, Stephen Kenneth, on June 3.

to Mr. and Mrs. Bill J. Baker of Fort Worth, Texas, a son, Jonathan Jernigan, on June 2.

-to Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Kellar of Pontiac, Illinois, a daughter, Pamella Mae, on May 16.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Christian lady in Pennsylvania, that God will undertake in a business proposition, that a work may be organized in Virginia, and that they may have a real revival and see the salvation of her son, his father, brothers, and sister—she has suffered terribly with arthritis and needs God's help; by a lady in Oregon, that her husband may be brought to God, and for help in a situation that is urgent:

by a lady in West Virginia for "my husband and me; we are backsliders, and don't love and trust

each other," that God will move things out of the

way for us; by a lady in Arkansas for the salvation of her family, and the healing of a son who has serious stomach trouble.

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Nazarene Camp Meetings

July 9 to 19, Oregon Pacific District Camp, three miles south of Portland city limits on S.E. 82nd Avenue. Workers: Dr. D. Shelby Corlett and Rev. Sammy Sparks, evangelists; Rev. T. H. Stanley, orayer evangelist; Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Spencer, musicians; Rev. and Mrs. James Kratz, children's workers. For information and tent reservations, write Rev. Forrest Hill, Route 1, Box 425, Clacka-mas, Oregon. Rev. W. D. McGraw, Jr., District Superintendent.

July 10 to 18, Pleasant Ridge Nazarene Camp, on Route 76, between Harrisonville and Needmore, Pensylvania. Rev. A. D. Holt, evangelist, and Bly Jackson, singer. For information write Durkee Bard, Knobsville, Pennsylvania.

July 16 to 26, Idaho-Oregon District Camp, Camp Tabernacle, Nampa, Idaho. Workers: Dr. Stephen S. White, Rev. Gene Phillips, and Professor Ron Lush. for information write the district superintendent, Rev. I. F. Younger, Box 526, Nampa, Idaho.

July 17 to 26. Central Ohio District Camp. at the July 17 to 26, Central Onio District Camp, at the Clistict Campgrounds, on Morse Road between Cleve-land Avenue and 3 C Hi-way, Columbus, Ohio. Work-trs: Dr. G. B. Williamson, Dr. V. H. Lewis, and Av. Fred Thomas, evangelists; Rev. H. C. Litle, prayer evangelist; Professor John E. Moore, song mangelist; Dr. R. Wayne Gardner and the Olivet College Ambassador Quartet, youth workers; Mrs. H. C. Litle, children's worker. For information and room or tent reservations, write C. D. Westhafer, secretary, 319 Elm St., Ironton, Ohio. Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, district superintendent. For information and te C. D. Westhafer,

July 27 to August 2, Suwannee River Camp Meet-ing, three miles north of White Springs, Florida, on U.S. Hi-way 41. Workers: Dr. G. B. Williamson, Rev. D, K. Wachtel, and Rev. R. N. Raycroft, evan-

gelists; Professor Paul Qualis, singer. Rev. John L. Knight, district superintendent. For information, write Mrs. C. R. Moore, Box 1049, Lake Worth, Florida.

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August 3 through 9, Illinois District Camp at Nazarene Acres, located tweive miles east of Spring-field, Illinois. (Directions—from Springfield, Illinois, five miles on Route 29 to Rochester, then five miles straight east to Buckhart, Illinois, then two miles north to Nazarene Acres.) Workers: Dr. Hardy C. Powers and Rev. D. K. Wachtel, evangelists; Pro-fessor Curtis Brown, music director. For information write the district superintendent, Dr. W. S. Purin-ton, Box 72, Springfield, Illinois.

District Assembly Information

CANADA WEST—Assembly, July 7 to 9, at the Church of the Nazarene, 4806 50th Street, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. Entertaining pastor: Rev. D. George MacDonald, 4806 50th Street, Red Deer. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

COLORADO—Assembly, July 8 and 9, at the District Campgrounds, 1755 Dover Street, Lakewood, Colorado. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Henry T. Lep-pard, Box 7672, Lakewood. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

ALABAMA--Assembly, July 8 to 10, at the District Center, Millport, Alabama. Entertaining pastor, Rev. H. E. Benson, Route 1, Millport. Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA--Assembly, July 6 to 10, at the Nazarene Camoground, East 38th Street Extended, Marion, Indiana. Entertaining pastor, Rev. J. R. Shadowens, 1016 West 5th St., Marion. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

CENTRAL OHIO—Assembly, July 14 to 17, at the Nazarene Campground, 2708 Morse Road, Colum-bus, Ohio. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Miles A. Simmons, 481 Arden Road, Columbus. Dr. 3. B. Williamson presiding.

MICHIGAN—Assembly, July 15 and 16, at Naza-rene Assembly Park, Indian Lake, Michigan. Enter-taining pastor, Rev. Vernon L. Ward, Route 2, Vicksburg, Michigan. Dr. D. I, Vanderpool presiding.

MARITIME—Assembly, July 15 to 17, at the Church of the Nazarene, Oxford, Nova Scotia. Enter-taining pastor, Rev. Malcolm Burgess, Box 252, Ox-ford, Nova Scotia. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

MINNESOTA-Assembly, July 22 and 23, at the Church of the Nazarene, 422 Ramsey Avenue North, Litchfield, Minnesota. Entertaining pastor, Rev. J.

M. Anderson, Box 779, Litchfield. Dr. Hugh 🗘 Benner presiding.

PITTSBURGH—Assembly, July 22 to 24, at the Pittsburgh District Campgrounds, Butler, Pennyl-vania. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Paul R. O'Brien, 2013/2 Rear Fifth Avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

EASTERN MICHIGAN—Assembly, July 22 to 24, at First Church of the Nazarene, 60 State Street, Pontiac, Michigan. Entertaining pastor, Rev. K. A. Hutchinson, 46 Norton St., Pontiac. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

EASTERN KENTUCKY---Assembly, July 29 and 30, at First Church of the Nazarene, Bath Avenue at 22nd Street, Ashland, Kentucky. Entertaining bastor, Rev. L. B. Hicks, 1501 29th St., Ashland. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA - Assembly, July 29 to 31, at the College Church of the Nazarene, 119 Northwest Main, Bethany, Oklahoma. Entertaining pastor, Dr. E. S. Phillips, 309 N. College, Bethany. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

SOUTHWEST INDIANA---Assembly, July 29-31, in the Indiana University Auditorium, I.U. campus, Bloomington, Indiana. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Franklin, Moore, 731 W. Howe St., Bloomington. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

WESTERN OHIO--Assembly, July 29 to 31, at the District Center, R.F.D., St. Marys, Ohio. Enter-taining pastor, Rev. Moody S. Johnson, 615 Hoying St., Celina, Ohio. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

EAST TENNESSEE -- Assembly, August 5 to 7, at the Nazarene Campgrounds, Route 2, Louisville, Tennessee. Rev. Victor E. Gray, Route 2, Louisville, Tennessee, district superintendent, is the one to whom mail should be sent. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

ILLINOIS -Assembly, August 5 to 7, at Nazarene Acres, Route 1, Dawson, Illinois. Rev. Frank H. Watkin, 924 W. Edwards St., Springfield, Illinois, entertaining pastor. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

KANSAS—Assembly, August 5 to 7, at the Kansas Nazarene District Center, 16th and Plum, Hutchinson, Kansas. Rev. Mark F. Smith, 500 N. Plum, Hutchinson, Kansas, entertaining pastor. Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

KENTUCKY--Assembly, August 5 to 7, at the District Center, Summersville, Kentucky. Rev. G. Chester Morgan, Summersville, Kentucky, enertain-ing pastor, Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

MISSOURI--Assembly, August 5 to 7, at the Pine Crest Campgrounds, Fredericktown, Missouri, Rev. A. L. Roach, 202 Saline St., Fredericktown, Missouri, entertaining pastor. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

Rev. N. B. Herrell

N. B. Herrell was born at Miami, Indiana, March 8, 1877, and died Sunday morning, May 10, 1953, at his home in Pasadena, California. He was married to Miss Lillian Vandebur at Gainesville, Indiana, December 24, 1903, and to this union were born six children, one, William, having died in infancy.

Brother Herrell entered the ministry early, and in this he was intensely active, his labors having met with uniform and abundant success. He came to Boise, Idaho, from the super-intendency of the Pittsburgh District, and the church there was built largely as a work of his own hands. In 1917 he was elected superintendent of the Idaho-Oregon District, leaving only because of his election as secretary of Home Missions in Kansas City, Missouri. Following this he served as superintendent of the Ohio District and later of the Kansas City District. When he retired from the superin-tendency, he held the record of the oldest superintendent in point of service in the Church of the Nazarene. having served in that capacity for more than twenty-one years.

After retiring from the superin-tendency, Brother Herrell served pastorates at Coffeyville, Kansas: Hammond, Winchester, and Fort and Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Arlington, Virginia. It was at this last place that his



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health gave way and he was compelled to give up the active work of the ministry. He moved to Pasadena in an effort to regain his health, and from here he ascended to his eternal reward on a beautiful Sunday morning, to enjoy face to face the worship of Him whom on earth he had served so long and so well.

Brother Herrell was equally suc-cessful in other fields. He was in-strumental in part in bringing the Illinois Holiness College into the Church of the Nazarene. It was at his suggestion that the name of the Northwest Holiness College was changed to Northwest Nazarene College. During the years of his service in the Northwest he assisted in raising funds to decrease the indebtedness on the college and in establishing the Samaritan Hospital. One of his chief interests was that of stewardship, and following his pastorate at Fort Wayne he spent five years touring the entire church in the interests of this worthy cause. Another of his interests was that of music, having written a number of songs used in our churches, his "Unveiled Christ" being perhaps his best production. The songs used at the funeral service were all of his composition. He was also interested in the Christian Mutual Benevolent Association and was a director at the time of his death.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, Mrs. Lillian B. Herrell; four sons, Samuel, Joseph, Paul, and Benjamin; and one daughter. Mrs. Naomi Strimple: also four brothers, Floyd, Lloyd. Marvin, and M. Herrell; and one sister, Mrs. Hattie Quinn. Funeral services were held at the Bresee Chapel, Dr. J. George Taylorson officiating. Dr. R. J. Plumb preached the funeral sermon, and District Superintendent Brown and Dr. A. E. Samer had the service at the grave. The general superintendents and other general officers sent telegrams of sympathy for the family, and expressed appreciation of Brother Herrell's long and efficient service on the General Board.

In the loss of our deceased brother, another of the pioneers of the church has finished his course, laid down his armor, and taken up his abode among the blessed. In his Christian life he was always optimistic, thankful, and prayerful. Scarcely a prayer was ever uttered that did not begin with words of praise and thanksgiving. He was original in his thinking, and gave his best thought to the well-being of the church. He planned wisely and well in the founding of new churches, in the conduct of debt-campaigns to lift indebtedness of church property, and in advancing the cause of missions and education. We mourn our loss. He will be missed in the assemblies of the church. But we rejoice that he finished his course so nobly and so well, and that he now lays at the feet of the Master the many golden sheaves so faithfully garnered. To Mrs. Herrell, who survives him, and to his children and their families we extend our sincere prayers and sympathy.

May we all meet again in the land where death never comes.—H. ORTON WILEY.

I have known of the life and labors of Rev. N. B. Herrell for over thirtyfive years. For a number of years he was my district superintendent. When I was in educational work, Brother Herrell was a member of the Board of Trustees. Members of his family have been among my most valued friends across the years. To me he has been not only a dynamic spiritual leader but also a valued counselor and friend. N. B. Herrell was a pioneer among us. He helped to lay some of the foundations of church government which stand secure today. He came to the Church of the Nazarene when we were in need of steady hands and loyal hearts. He came with us, not to see what he could get out of the church, but rather how much he could invest in the kingdom of God. He threw his entire personality, Goddedicated as it was, into the work of the church. His optimism, courage, and undaunted faith won many a battle that seemed to be lost.

Brother Herrell was amenable to authority. He believed in the leadership of the church; sought its counsels; and promoted the whole program of the Church of the Nazarene. He was one of the most loyal men I have ever known. (Many a young minister who came under his influence has rem ark e d concerning his inspiring leadership.) He was not afraid to tackle hard tasks. In his latter years, at the request of the church, he undertook problems beyond the limit of his strength, yet under God was eminently successful.

The contribution of N. B. Herrell to the Church of the Nazarene and the kingdom of God can be measured only in God's great day of awards. But his fitted to serve the general church in several capacities. In 1920 he was elected as the first secretary of Home Missions for the denomination. This position he filled with distinction until the General Assembly of 1923. Then because there were heavy fi-nancial obligations facing the young church, the General Assembly felt it unwise at that time to continue this phase of the work. From 1928 to 1932, Brother Herrell was a member of the General Board and during that time chairman of the Department of Home Missions. For a number of years he was a member of the General Stewardship Committee, a responsibility that lay very close to his heart. Author of two outstanding stewardship books, Christ at the Controls and The Way to Christian Prosparity, Brother Herrell extended his ministry in a most vital way.

As I think back across the years of my acquaintance with Rev. N. B. Herrell, this phrase, so descriptive of his life and work, keeps running through my mind—dedicated to serve. Seldom do we see a life so dedicated that has eventuated in such selfless service.—S. T. LUDWIG.



CHAPLAIN Albert L. Gamble writes: "Part of our work here at Lackland Air Force Base is talking with those being separated from the service. The other Friday two colored men came through, being discharged because of fraudulent enlistment. They had told untruths regarding their qualifications to be in the air force.

"It was my opportunity to counsel them and to see one of these men truly repent and receive assurance of forgiveness of God. This man stated that he had learned a hard lesson and was determined to live his life from now on for Christ and righteousness. This is only one of many experiences we have opportunity for in the air force. At the close of a chapel service the other Sunday, eight men stayed on the invitation to remain for consultation and prayer. All received help in their problems. One clearly witnessed to finding Christ as Saviour. Thank God for the open door and the provision by our government for giving Christ to our servicemen. Pray for this work and that the Lord will send forth laborers into the fields that are white unto harvest."

"I hope to express to you in these few lines what Christ means to me. I am in the air force, serving in Japan. I have received the HERALD OF HOLI-NESS, Conquest, and Come Ye Apart through the Servicemen's Commission regularly and I wish to express my gratitude, for they help me to set a better Christian standard in the service.

"I became a Christian a little over two years ago and Christ has certainly performed many miracles in my life thus far. It is good to be able to worship God even when you are far from home and loved ones. My faith in God has been strengthened and I have been victorious through Christ all along the way."—WILLIAM C. DAVIS.



Language was given to us that we might call words of encouragement to fellow travelers, companions in distress. Expressions of cheer add courage to the faltering soul, the while they brush away the clouds of hesitation. --OLIVER G. WILSON. July 1, 1953

HEAVEN'S LAUREATE

(Lines to "Dad" by Elizabeth Herrell)

This is coronation year! From cockney to nobility, Lowly hack to royal coach, Butler, maid, and chimney sweep, Lords and ladies of the realm, All are adorned to honor Her Majesty, the Queen! Most fortunate are those Bidden to the coronation. To see Her Royal Highness crowned Is all a loyal heart could ever dream!

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One bid Dad had to meet the King, Of royal precedence unsurpassed. Prouder colors than any country flies Edged the pages of command. "According to the trickling sands In the hourglass of eternity, The time has come for you to join the celestial patriarchs In making final preparations for the Crowning Day. The line of march shall be through gates of pearl, Down streets of gold (shaded by trees forever green), Thronged with saints all robed in gleaming white (Far richer than ermine or satin sheen). By divine decree, you, as Laureate of Heaven, Shall compose the coronation hymn. For inspiration you may choose The melody of earth, the harmony of heaven, The counterpoint of time, the staff of eternity; The theme—redeeming grace; For rhythm, the beat of Blood-washed feet Marching past the throne. From the hills of Zion, the choirs of heaven Shall join in antiphonal praise as only saints may know, Echoing the rapture of their souls in ethereal song When they behold 'The Unveiled Christ.' All hail the mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace! Come, crown Him Lord of Lords and King of Kings!"