Nehemiah with a burdened heart and unmixed motives had undertaken the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem, which had lain untouched for 140 years. It was a gigantic task fraught with many difficulties from within and without.

Not least among his problems was the opposition of Tobiah and his followers. Tobiah, we are told, was not a Jew but an Ammonite:

The Company of the Compromised

General Superintendent Powers

But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, and conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it (Neh. 4:7-8). So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month of Elul, in fifty and two days (Neh. 6:15).

however, contrary to the divine decree, he had married a woman who was a Jew and his son had married a Jewess. Gathered together under the leadership of Tobiah, these compromised Jews, their friends, and relatives became one of the greatest hindrances to the advancement of the work of God. Apparently they allowed family ties and personal friendships to override their moral sense and spiritual duty. They did the wrong thing, and they did it in the wrong spirit. Their weapons were cruel ridicule, vicious threats, slander, conspiracy, and active opposition. Theirs was not simply the difference of viewpoint which frequently occurs among brethren and which is tempered by charity and brotherly kindness and thus preserves priceless Christian fellowship. No, this was corroding carnality, bitter, vindictive, rejoicing in the suffering, humiliation, and defeat of those whom they opposed. They were “very wroth” at any report of progress or advancement in the work of rebuilding the walls.

What a sad, depressing picture! The work of God was carried forward in spite of this sad condition, but it was damaged and hindered. God will carry on His work and build His Church, but this story should serve as a warning to all of us. Our love to God must always be supreme in our lives. Human relationships with relatives or friends must not deter us from doing right in the fear of God. The Bible does exhort us to use much prayer and wisdom in the handling of delicate problems growing out of our human relationships but never to the extent that we become members of the company of the compromised.

If we keep filled with the Spirit, we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. Compromise is ruinous when expressed either in deeds or in spirit quality. We must prayerfully watch both what we do and the spirit in which we do it.
Boll Weevil!

By MRS. LOUISE ADAMS
Pastor's Wife, Canton, Illinois

Recently while returning from a revival in Louisiana, we were stopped atop a bridge connecting the state lines. A government inspector asked if we had any cotton aboard. He said that's just like sin. I thought about that statement for quite a while, then turned to my husband and said, "That's just like sin." This boll weevil is only about one-fourth inch long and its life span is only about three weeks, but throughout the season it punctures the cotton bolls and bolls and lays eggs in them.

Sometimes sin comes in a small and insignificant form (or at least we think) but it isn't long until the vitality of the whole being is sapped. It doesn't take long for this "little sin" to gnaw its way into the very internal tissues of our souls.

This boll weevil insect was first known in Central America and the West Indies. It started out as a very little thing and it has spread into Mexico and on into our own cotton-growing regions at the rate of about seventy miles a year. Also this deadly insect of sin, although small in the beginning, continues to spread until all spiritual life is damaged.

Occasionally we find that it spreads in the church and thereby damages the plant life of people, just as the weevil does to the cotton bolls. The damaged bolls remain upon the plant but they become stunted or dwarfed.

If we who follow after Christ do not watch the "little things" in our lives, we too may become stunted and dwarfed in our souls. The devil doesn't care to the devil how much we go to church or take part in the program of the church as long as we are puny, weak-kneed Christians. But the need of today is not for dwarfs but for spiritual giants, strong and bold to cry out against sin and wickedness.

Let's give ourselves a good "crop dusting" until the last bit of sin is destroyed and we can be live, growing, and productive Christians.
A thirty-hour bus ride and a tactful winner of souls thrilled me with . . .

GREYHOUND EVANGELISM

One of my frequent embarrassing moments, the result of a vagrant memory, was the prelude to one of the most memorable experiences of my visits to America.

“Dr. Frame of Scotland,” was the startling greeting extended to me by a passenger who joined our Greyhound bus as we traveled through Kentucky on our way to Florida.

“Do you remember the last time we met? You took me for dinner to the Fitzpatricks in Lurgan and to the Jamiesons in Belfast for supper.”

The names of two of my friends in Ireland gave me a clue. He turned out to be Ephraim . . . one of the fine GI’s who visited our homes and churches during the war years.

Our conversation quickly revealed that he was unique among my American acquaintances. He had never been to college. He did not possess an automobile. On his farm he had neither electricity nor a tractor. He was still a bachelor at forty.

This unknown Nazarene soon demonstrated, however, that he was one of the most remarkable characters that I have met. He unwittingly made the Greyhound bus the most important classroom in which I have ever sat. He transformed a tedious thirty-hour bus ride into a series of thrill-packed sessions on personal evangelism.

His first companion in the seat immediately in front of us was a middle-aged lady. He opened up conversation with her and in a short time we were listening to another domestic tragedy. Forsaken for another woman, she was on her way to the city to seek employment. Her bitterness poured out in alternating outbursts of despair and cynicism.

With consummate ease he began to witness to her about what Christ had done in his life and he made her hopelessness an opportunity to tell her about the wonderful grace of God.

Her seat was occupied in the next city by a native of Georgia who loudly declared that once he left it this time he never wanted to see it again. Ephraim’s question, “Why?” gave him the opportunity to inform the whole bus that he now owned a tavern in Florida. I was not disappointed in thinking that the next few hours would be interesting.

Tavern strategy tried to counter Ephraim’s glowing testimony with a barrage of confessed church-going, morality, and charity and quite logically he ended up with a vigorous defense of the drink traffic. Then our veteran swung into his counterattack and, through a skillful use of the Bible and the lessons of the experience of himself and his buddies, he soon demolished all these specious arguments. He then pressed the claims of Christ and all was done with amazing wisdom and kindness.

I have never been able to solve the mystery. At a bus depot twelve hours away from our tavern friend’s declared destination he failed to rejoin the bus.

Jacksonville brought Ephraim his next companion. She was a young lady who had made lavish use of all the resources of fashion and beauty culture. What point of contact could our sober-minded veteran make with this human butterfly?

He entered into a pleasant conversation with her about vacations. She was looking forward with keen delight to cocktail parties and dances; he, with equal anticipation, to the Nazarene services in Miami. Startled though she was by the contrast, she was nevertheless deeply moved as he told her of the abounding joy that Christ had brought into his life.

It seemed to me that we reached Miami far too quickly, for it brought to a premature end a glorious adventure in soul winning. That Greyhound bus had staged for me the greatest convention in
evangelism that I have ever attended. Passion instead of platitudes, practice in place of theory challenged and condemned me. If no soul was converted during that journey one soul was inspired to new evangelistic effort.

Cany on, Ephraim, your effective and contagious witness until every Nazarene has caught your vision, shared your passion, and been inspired to join you in your soul winning and you will have shown us the way to revival.

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit
THROUGH THE PREACHING OF SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS

By E. E. ZACHARY, Superintendent of Northwest District

Something wonderful happened in my home church, Yakima (Wash.) First, last Sunday (February 10)! The Holy Spirit moved in upon the services through the ministry of my pastor, Rev. J. Paul Downey, and sixty-two people were saved or sanctified. The theme of the preaching? Scriptural holiness!

Unfortunately for me, I was not present because of my responsibilities elsewhere on the district; but, more important, my family was there. My children may speak with firsthand knowledge of the outpouring of the Holy Ghost in mighty, mass sweeping power, as well as an understanding of the doctrine of scriptural holiness. Personal experience stamps this noble doctrine as a reality from God. The children of our church will not have to be content with hearing of the mighty work of God in the past, but they have seen it and felt it in their own generation!

In some quarters, it is well known, we are accused of no longer preaching holiness because we refuse to preach fads and “for doctrines the commandments of men” (Mark 7:7). Unthoughtful people have always been present, since the first days of the Christian Church, to make outward conformity to prescribed ideas of what sanctified people ought or ought not to do as evidence of holiness. On the other hand, we have always had people who oppose the preaching of scriptural holiness, as one recently complained of the pastor, “All he knows how to preach is holiness, holiness!” Carnally-minded people have always opposed it, because it goes deep to destroy the carnal mind.

While there are many worthy and noble themes in the gospel, the central purpose of redemption, provided by the death of the Saviour, is to make men fit to live with God forever. The only requirement He has made is holiness: “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love” (Eph. 1:4).

Let there be no mistake, we are a holiness church! Our emphasis from the start was, and still remains, scriptural holiness—with the emphasis on the scriptural. We reject fads and freak attachments because our calling is to preach scriptural holiness as a second work of God’s redemptive grace, wrought by the cleansing baptism with the Holy Spirit, and that the true signs of this wonderful work of grace are the solution of the personal sin problem and the establishment of perfect love as the new motivation of life. Furthermore, it is our stated and unqualified purpose to carry this same truth, without variance, into the second fifty years of our church’s life.

John Wesley said: “Where Christian perfection is not strongly preached, there is seldom any remarkable blessing from God. Do not forget strongly and explicitly to urge the believers to go on to Christian perfection. When this is constantly and earnestly done, the word is always clothed with power” (Wesley’s Journal).

My pastor has been true to his calling; he has preached it plainly, persistently, and scripturally, without fads or freak attachments, and the result was a mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God last Sunday morning with scores being saved and sanctified.

Do You Know . . . ?

380 missionaries are serving the Church of the Nazarene on foreign and overseas home mission fields, and they are supported by over 1,400 national workers.
Christian Steadfastness

By ARTHUR HEDLEY

Stand fast in the Lord (Phil. 4:1).

To “stand fast” means to remain firm, unmoved; to hold one’s ground no matter how fierce and prolonged might be the assaults of the enemy. In the old Greek training grounds the first words of the trainer used to be, “Stand firm.” It is comparatively easy to drive back an enemy in the first rush, but the crucial test comes when he attacks again and again with renewed vigor.

This exhortation of Paul to the believers in Philippi to “stand fast in the Lord” implies that they were beset by certain foes and that it was necessary for them to be watchful; ready, resolute, courageous, to hold their ground however long and bitter the conflict. Nothing gave the Apostle greater joy than to see his beloved converts remaining steadfast and true when their faith was assailed by adversaries who used every means possible to destroy their faith and hope in Christ.

Writing to believers in Colossae, who had proved themselves to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ, he told them the joy it gave him as, from afar, he beheld their courage, their powers of endurance, their refusal to give an inch of ground to the enemy: “I am absent from you in body, yet in spirit I am present with you, and am delighted to witness your good discipline, and the solid front presented by your faith in Christ” (Col. 2:5, Weymouth).

In the pagan city of Philippi believers would often be persecuted because of their faith. Paul himself had been shamefully and cruelly treated by its citizens. His converts would be threatened, ostracized, and many would suffer material loss. Possibly he had these pagan persecutors in mind when he exhorted believers not to be “terrified” by their “adversaries” (Phil. 1:28). They disturbed the faith of some by insisting they must submit to Jewish rites and ordinances if they would be saved.

But perhaps the greatest danger threatening these Christians, who once had been addicted to gross pagan vices, was the presence in Philippi of certain false teachers who taught that, since the soul of the believer is saved by faith, their personal conduct was of little concern. So long as the immortal spirit sought after God it mattered not how they used their mortal bodies. By their distortion of the truth and their licentious conduct these false teachers dishonored the Cross in the eyes of unbelievers.

With hot tears streaming down his cheeks the Apostle warns his converts against these “enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction” (Phil. 3:18-19). Knowing the trials and dangers which beset them, the Apostle exhorts believers to be steadfast and true. He knows not whether he will be liberated and able to pay them a visit. Whether so or not, he longs to learn that they are standing “fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel” (1:27).

We need especially to give heed to this apostolic injunction: “Stand fast in the Lord,” in our own day. We are living in a time of great stress and strain. Two world wars and much talk of a third and more terrible war have had a tragic effect on the moral and spiritual life of many. During long years of tension they gradually become slack in their devotional exercises. They ceased to pray, to read the Word, to attend the sanctuary, to associate with fellow believers, and thus became an easy prey to Satan. When assailed by trial and temptation they failed to “stand fast in the Lord,” and today they are found in the ranks of the enemy.

I think of one man who is typical of so many. He was a faithful member of his church, engaged in public prayer, conducted family worship in his own home, and was a faithful witness for Christ in a godless factory. Then came the war and he had to work practically every Sunday throughout the war years. Slowly but surely he drifted from Christ. He lost his hold of spiritual things. Wearied, exhausted after long hours in the factory, he was too tired to pray, to read his Bible, and the end of the war found him bereft of any spiritual desire. Who can estimate the number of professing Christians that have failed to stand their ground, when tried and tested, because they neglected every means of grace, without which we must fail!

There seems little doubt that it is going to become increasingly difficult to “stand fast in the Lord” in the future. A faithful servant of Christ told me how difficult it was for her to witness for Christ in an office where she was the sole Christian, and where it was hard to rise above the worldly
atmosphere which surrounded her. The Sabbath is fast losing its sanctity, and the attraction of the radio and television tends to have a harmful effect upon many believers. Many influences are at work which are turning Sunday into just another day.

There will be much to distress and discourage us in the coming days. We shall need a strong faith, a great courage, and much patience if we are to remain "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). Because times will be hard and difficult we shall often be tempted to take the line of least resistance, to give ground. But for the sake of our immortal souls, for the sake of Christ's kingdom of love, truth, and righteousness, for the sake of those who look to us for an example, we must "stand fast in the Lord." Against every assault of Satan to move us from the "hope of the gospel" (Col. 1:23) we must stand firm as a rock, even as soldiers who hold a vital position will suffer death rather than surrender or retreat.

The whole secret of steadfastness lies in our continuous union with Christ. Through faith we have entered into a spiritual union with Him. We are now in Him as really and vitally as the branch is in the vine. In Him is fulness of life and power, and to dwell in Him is to have His life. His strength and power constantly flowing into our lives. To live in Him and He in us is to be strong and equal to every emergency. To abide in Him is to be victorious, to have His infinite resources at our disposal: not to abide in Him is to live a defeated life, for our Lord says, "Without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

It is by constant communion with our risen Lord through prayer, meditation on His Word, fellowship with Him in service, that we become so rooted and grounded and established in Him that nothing will move us in the day when faith is severely tested. As the roots of our lives strike deeper and deeper into Christ through continuous fellowship with Him, so shall we "stand fast in the Lord" (Phil. 1:1). The secret of strength and victory depends on our looking to Christ, and to Christ alone, for all the grace and strength we need in our conflicts with Satan. "Be ye strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might" (Eph. 6:10).

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**What Will TOMORROW Bring?**

*By LOIS M. MARMON*

The other day I turned the radio on ahead of time, so I would be sure to hear my favorite news when it came on the air. I wasn't listening to the intervening program until suddenly the words of the song being sung pierced my consciousness. The song went something like this—to have a good time today . . . enjoy yourself today to the limit . . . for you do not know what tomorrow may bring.

The words brought me sharply "to"—and I thought about them for the rest of the morning. No, we don't know what tomorrow may bring in the way of joy or sorrow, of triumph or discouragement—but the Christian does know that tomorrow will bring him one day closer to the day when he may enter upon eternal life. While most of us love life, and are not in any hurry about wanting to leave this old world, yet the knowledge that each day brings us closer to the day of our death does not spell foreboding but rather the fulfillment of the promise of eternity with our Lord.

If every true and earnest Christian would live each day as though it were his last day on earth, that tomorrow his pilgrim feet might be in that other world to which he looks forward, what a different place this difficult old world would be! Instead of today being filled with cheap, empty, selfish pleasures, it would be filled with the joys of Christian living. And how differently we would direct our thoughts and actions! How much kinder we would be to those around us, how much more considerate and patient, how much more loving, helpful, and unselfish, how much more understanding and tolerant! How much more Christian witnessing we would try to pack into those few remaining hours!

Things would fall into their true perspective—what had seemed so important to us before would seem so trivial. The things we had brushed aside would take on new meaning and value. A prayer would always be on our lips—both spoken and unexpressed.

Of His coming again, Jesus said, "I come quickly" (Rev. 3:10). Will that be tomorrow? And again, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 25:13). Shall we live today in preparation for that coming—knowing full well that tomorrow brings the Christian one step nearer to that precious life beyond?

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Your publishing house has over 200 employees (excluding editorial), representing nearly every state, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Canada, and the British Isles.
To the missionaries: It means assurance—assurance that the budget will remain firm, strong, and dependable, thus enabling the work to which we have committed ourselves to be maintained. For, as far as material resources go, the budget is the mainspring which activates our whole campaign against sin and spiritual darkness in Africa. The Easter Offering will help to provide salaries for missionaries and national workers and necessary funds to run Bible schools for the training of preachers and Christian workers.

To the national workers: It means help which they so greatly need in providing church buildings and parsonages, in financing youth camps, home mission campaigns, and other district projects.

To thousands of our children: It means continued opportunity to obtain an education in a Christian school rather than being altogether denied one, or, where possible to otherwise obtain it, having it under anti-holiness or sometimes totally anti-Christian influences.

To multitudes of the sick: It means the healing of their bodies through the ministry of the doctors and nurses, missionary and African alike, in our hospitals and dispensaries, whose Christlike lives, spirit, and testimony are bringing healing of soul as well as of body to their patients. Many of these people go back to their homes rejoicing in the salvation of the Lord!

To awakening, questioning Africa: It means multiplied thousands of pages of holiness literature to direct their minds and hearts into the ways of God and full salvation.

W. C. Esselstyn
Field Superintendent, Africa

Yes! This Easter Offering will do all of this and more. In Africa it will train Christian teachers and nurses who will shortly be exercising godly influence over thousands of children and adults; it will provide funds for traveling expenses in connection with the supervision of the field in all of its different parts; it will furnish necessary equipment and repairs and funds to help meet scores of other needs in the work of God. It will enable us to plant new churches and help to found new mission stations and expand our borders.

Finally, the Easter Offering will also mean something else to our field. In it our people are beginning to find a way to identify themselves with the whole church and to carry out the injunction contained in the statement of our sainted Dr. Bressee, “We are debtors to give the gospel to every man in the same measure in which we have received it.” As we bring our offerings of love and thankfulness to God this Easter for His unspeakable gift in the Lord Jesus Christ, our Nazarenes out in Africa will also be bringing theirs. Together with the material benefits that accrue to them through this offering will be the spiritual blessing of being able to share even in their poverty with Nazarenes all around the world in expressing their love to God and in helping to make Jesus known to the very ends of the earth in all the fullness of His saving, sanctifying power.
**TIE YOUR OWN SHOES**

By DONALD S. METZ
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A strange, unearthly light was shining in the prison cell. A celestial deliverer was striking off heavy chains and opening massive doors. Peter stood spellbound, yet thrilled beyond measure over his dramatic rescue. The God he served was manifesting His power in a miraculous fashion.

A sudden command jolted Peter. The angelic visitor had issued the commonplace order, “Bind on thy sandals.” If an angel could open doors and break chains, this same angel certainly could perform a simple task like tying on sandals. But he didn’t. For God never intends the special angel to do things for us that we are abundantly able to do ourselves.

This demand that we do for ourselves the possible after God has done the impossible is the genius of Christianity. It is God’s way of getting the best out of us. “Fill the waterpots,” said Jesus at Cana. “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam,” commanded Christ to the blind man whose sight was restored. “Take up thy bed and walk,” were the energetic words to the former cripple. “Loose him and let him go,” were the directions to the bystanders at Lazarus’ tomb.

Binding his sandals made the experience to Peter in after life. If he had flown or been carried from the prison he might have wondered about the reality of the delivering angel. But he never could forget or doubt the event of hastily fastening his sandals.

When the world discovers that we can lace a shoe and transact ordinary business without complaint and with a willing spirit, it will more readily believe that we have been visited by God’s delivering angel.
tors, all college and Seminary graduates, who must work on the side to sustain their families. I have talked with most of them personally about this. Each feels that it would solve his temporary problem, but he did not take enough in the field of education to secure a certificate. Each young preacher I have talked with has told me that if he had known about it he could easily have taken enough in the field of education to be able to teach and still be as far along as he is now. Therefore I would urge every preacher who has not finished college to look into this matter. It will be of untold value to you if, as most preachers do, you must begin in a small church on an inadequate salary. As a district superintendent who is constantly meeting these problems, I would urge you to go to your college president, your registrar, your faculty advisors and discuss these matters with them.

I would also appeal to those in our colleges who have the privilege of helping our young ministers to arrange their courses to take this into consideration. Such a procedure would help hundreds of young preachers to cope with the problem of poor pay, be a boon to home mission work, and help every district in solving the financial or salary problem of the small church.

**Though busy with Christmas affairs,**

**I'm glad I took time to help him—**

**A Brand Snatched from the Burning**

*By WALTER W. TINK, Pastor, First Church, Rockford, Illinois*

I will simply call him Gust, lest I betray a confidence by revealing his real name.

I was practicing with our organist in the auditorium when I heard the faint click of the outer door of the church and suddenly I remembered I had forgotten to remove the night lock. Dropping everything I was doing, I hastened to open the door and found a man slowly making his way down the front steps. I invited him in and he eagerly accepted the invitation.

When we were in the office and the door closed behind me, this man Gust asked me if there was any forgiveness for a man who had committed the sin of blasphemy. He told me he was a member of a neighbor church and that they considered he was losing his mind. But the real truth was that he was having a nervous breakdown and it was because he suddenly realized he was an awful sinner. As he meditated upon the matter he had decided he was such a sinner because about fifteen years before in a business failure he had blamed God, and cursed and swore at God.

I was able to refer him to Matt. 12:31-32 and to show him that all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men except the sin which is against the Holy Ghost. His face lighted up with a wonderful smile at the words of scripture and after a few words of prayer and exhortation he left with a measure of peace.

Two days later (December 20, 1956) my friend Gust called me up and asked if he might have another conference with me and I invited him to come and see me. It was a very busy day with Christmas baskets, programs, and a variety of things to do, so that I somewhat regretted having given him the time, and yet I felt it was important.

As he came in this time he told me that his blasphemy was all under the Blood but that in the light of what he had now seen he could declare that he was the world's worst sinner and he doubted he had ever been really converted and desired me to show him clearly the way of salvation.

As one would lead a child, I took him through the message of salvation. I had him read Isa. 53:5
There are over twenty-five hundred towns and cities in the United States where there is no Church of the Nazarene. There is much yet to be done—the Easter Offering will help us to do it.

and put his name into the verse. Then we moved to John 3:16 and 1 John 1:7 and with simple abandon he knelt on the floor and confessed all his sins to the Lord and accepted Him as Saviour. He left the office assuring me that at last the burden was gone and if he should die or lose his mind, as some feared, he was ready to meet his God.

This morning (December 25, 1956) my secretary called me from her home and said, “Did you see last night’s paper?” I replied that I was sure I had read it and had seen nothing unusual. She advised me to turn to page 27 and the second column and there I read, “Gust L. ------- died at his home Sunday morning at 2:15 a.m. [December 23].”

Now you know why I have entitled this testimony “A Brand Snatched from the Burning.” “It is appointed unto men once to die. but after this the judgment” (Heb. 9:27).

MEN
God Could Use

By LOUIS McCURDY

We then, as workers together with him (II Cor. 6:1).

There is a saying that some people are lucky to be doing the right thing at the right place and at the right time. Things work right for them and they succeed. But in the Christian life success comes from more than luck. On our Christian journey through life we find that it takes a constant and close walk with God in order to feel His leading. Then if we follow Him and obey Him, we will be found doing His will in the right time and the right place.

No doubt many Hebrews longed for deliverance from their Egyptian bondage. Some were probably willing to give up their lives for the freedom of their people. But Moses and Aaron answered God’s call at His appointed time; and by following God’s directions they successfully did man’s part of the job. God was ready to work with them to do His part.

Many of the Israelite soldiers in Saul’s army may have been willing to lay down their lives in order to get rid of their enemy, the giant Goliath. But God had apparently chosen David for this important task. Possibly He wanted to use David’s victory as a stepping-stone for David to ascend to the throne of Israel instead of King Saul. Thus He brought David to the battlefield at the right time and blessed his urge to rid Israel of their giant enemy, the Philistine.

Israel seemed to be too busy with internal struggles to do any missionary work for God in Babylon. But Daniel was a man that God could use. As a captive in Babylon, he loyally and obediently worked, together with God, to bring about the king’s proclamation for the people to worship the God of Daniel. At the time he may not have known the reason for his actions, but he lived to see the success of his labors. His opportune time was God’s appointed time. May God give us the patience, if necessary, to await His appointed time to perform the task for which our hearts are burdened.

Philip left a successful revival in Samaria to go and minister to a lone traveler bound for Ethiopia. He was right on time for his appointment, and was able to lead that Ethiopian to Christ. The results at the time may have seemed small to Philip after

Permits to plant a mission station in Chipoka, Nyasaland, have been received. Send the Grahams and the Halls into Central Africa with a great Easter Offering backing them.—R. Rehfeldt.

The Heavenly Metamorphosis

By E. WAYNE STAHL

I am seeing a butterfly flit in the beams of the morning sun.

As a pure prismatic jewel, a royal and living one.

I remember this winged splendor whose colors all richly flame.

Which was once a creeper in dust, from a caterpillar came!

At present ‘tis not appearing just what the redeemed shall be.

When they in some glad tomorrow their radiant Christ shall see.

But John, in his wonderful letter, makes known with prophetic pen

That, through the transforming vision, like Him they are being then.

Oh, marvelous metamorphosis for these who through time have ranged.

Who can say with Apostle Paul, “In a moment we shall be changed!”

For these who were overcomers by the blood of Calvary.

Made like to Christ’s glorious body their glorified ones shall be!
Thought for the Day

by BERTHA MUNRO

"The Best Pupil"

Monday:
You read it, perhaps, the story of the ten-year-old spastic, pitifully crippled, who was told by a new would-be planner, "You must be Jesus' best pupil." The reason: "In school the best pupil is always given the hardest problem to solve. God gave you the hardest problem of all." The boy’s attention called to his "weakness"—would not be comforted until his father told him he too believed this was true. Possibly some of us need this kind of reassurance. (Heb. 12:6)

Tuesday:
Several years ago someone asked me, "Who are the three best people you know?" Foolish to ask the question, more foolish to try to answer it. But I have lived to see all three, whom spontaneously I named, placed in situations involving unbearable suffering, yet still shining. God knew they were star pupils and could take a stiff assignment. (Isa. 48:10)

Wednesday:
Some lessons must be learned before "graduation." Shall we confess ourselves too dull learners to be trusted with them? That lesson of Job’s is one: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him"—the clear relation to God which loves Him for himself alone, for what He is, not what He gives. "I know that my redeemer liveth, . . . and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet . . . I shall see God." How shall we learn if we have eyes for only His pleasant gifts and clutch them with greedy fingers? (Job 13:15; 19:25,26)

Thursday:
The lesson of the Father's sure guidance comes only by way of the "all things" working together when some of the things apparently aren't working. Often the place of larger usefulness and blessing opens on the other side of the furnace of affliction, and you never would have found it if you hadn't gone through. God smoked you out of your comfortable little corner to get you into the open field He had for you. (Isa. 43:2; Ps. 18:19)

Friday:
Then that refiner's fire and the pure gold—full value of Christian character for me and sound currency for the Master’s use. Dross I never dreamed was there—love of ease and comfort, self-planning and earth-mindedness, tight hold on the things that pass away, snares of love and understanding—how thankful I am that He thought I was a good enough prospect to trust me in the fire! (Job 23:10)

Saturday:
I need the stiff assignment, and God needs advertisements. He needs some good pupil products to put on display. Suffering is an opportunity for testimony, both conscious and unconscious. The better learned the lesson, the more effective the testimony. "How can he stand that and be cheerful?" God’s grace works. (Rom. 5:3-10; Matt. 5:16)

Sunday:
Suffering is a gift; offer it as your love sacrifice to God. Your emptiness is His vacuum to fill with blessing for yourself and others, if you will open it to Him. Suffering is a talent: God cannot trust everyone with it—use it, invest it, develop it for God. He has allowed you to have it because He knew He knew—you can make 100 per cent. His best pupil. He has a workman cannot labor ready.

And so I whisper,
"As God will;"
And in the hottest fire hold still.
(1 Cor. 12:9b)

The Upward Look

By FRANCES B. ERICKSON

Life's gifts shall all decay with fleeting time—
The perfect rose must fade and pass away:
Health and strength will fail—and all that's mine
May not survive the passing of this day.

Those friends I love may turn and rend my heart:
The closest ties may yield to treachery.
But perfect faith, like gold that's tried by fire,
Is God's own passport to eternity.

Shall I be tempted to give up the race,
Renounce the Cross—forsake the road Christ trod?
Nay, not when there is still the "upward look"—
The vision of my never changing God!

the Samaria campaign: but it resulted in establishing the Christian Church in that African nation.

A man came to live for a short time in a lumber camp in northern Alberta. Shortly a lady preacher came to pastor the mission there. Their stay in that town overlapped but a few weeks. But the time was enough for the man to develop his faith in God and the pastor, and to be anointed for the healing of his cancer. A human heed, the right time, the right mission, the right pastor, and God performed His miracle!

When we live close to God, what a blessing to know that we have done the will of God at the right time at the right place and in the proper manner! Thus we fit into His plan for the salvation of some soul who might not otherwise have found Him as Saviour.

It is the privilege of every saint of God to be in His divine working plan. By living close to God, and by listening to the still small voice, we may feel His leading and thus fit into the divinely appointed time and task of Him who plans the affairs of each one of us. The highway warning sign of "Stop, Look, and Listen" may be adapted to our Christian lives as "Stop, Pray, and Listen." If we do that at regular intervals along the pilgrim highway, we can feel certain that we are working with God at His time in His place and according to His directions. May God bless us all as we work together with Him.
An SOS Is Sent Out

A car was struck by another car, which was speeding; the driver of the latter was trying to get away from a policeman. The only occupant of the first car, a husband, and the father of six children, was killed. There was nothing to indicate that he was in any way to blame for the accident.

Kansas City was stirred. The wife and mother was visited and asked what she was going to do. She said that she planned to do her best to keep the family together, though they had been depending solely upon the father’s wages. Then the daily paper and others began to send out an SOS for help. People are rallying to this call. The hope is that $25,000 will be raised and the family and home saved.

As has already been indicated, many have been stirred because of the plight this mother and her children were left in by this reckless driver. It is natural for them to be aroused and want to do something in behalf of this home where tragedy has struck.

Nevertheless, if we as members and friends of the Church of the Nazarene could, by virtue of some unusual means, be taken to our mission fields and given a firsthand acquaintance with the needs there, we would be even more aroused than the citizens of Kansas City are about the condition of this home. There are millions of people today in other lands where material needs are met only in a very meager way. Beyond this, there are spiritual conditions which are even more tragic.

Just recently I read a letter from a missionary. She speaks of lands and countries where they have none of the modern conveniences which we have. They would think of us, with all our blessings and conveniences, as being millionaires. Here is one illustration, for instance. Sometimes we run across those in this country who rail on women for wearing toeless shoes. In commenting on this fact, this missionary said, “I immediately thought of one-half the world’s population who have never owned a pair of shoes of any kind. How happy they would be if someone would give them an inexpensive pair of toeless sandals like those worn by our precious Lord! They would consider themselves very rich indeed if this should happen to them.”

It is difficult for those of us who have not been in these lands to imagine the limitations under which many of the inhabitants of the earth live today. And it is even more difficult for us to realize their spiritual need, the darkness of sin which envelops them, the hopelessness, in this respect, which many of them face. If we could really take that trip around the world and see these conditions as they are, we wouldn’t have any difficulty about raising the largest Easter Offering that we have ever had. Out of our abundance we should give our dollars more readily than the people of Kansas City are giving to help this family which has been left without a breadwinner.

Have you informed yourself about the prayer needs of our mission fields, the new fields which we should enter, the calls for more missionaries in the fields now open, the new buildings and facilities we must have if we would accomplish our task as we should? If you are not acquainted with these facts, do your best to find out about them, and then in the presence of God decide how much—not how little—you can give to the Easter missionary offering.

Thank God for a church which believes in missions! Let us, as members and friends of the Church of the Nazarene, arise and meet the challenge which its leaders have set before us.

Little Talks on the Holy Spirit:

13. The Holy Spirit and the Death and Resurrection of Jesus

There is a very significant passage on this subject in Hebrews: “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (9:14)

Notice, it says, “Who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God.” The writer is undoubtedly referring here to the death of Jesus, because the verse begins with these words, “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, . . . ?” It was by the help of the Spirit that He gave Himself on the Cross, that He shed His blood there for you and me. This made it possible for God to purge our consciences “from dead works,” so that we could serve the living God.

Salvation hinges finally and supremely upon Jesus’ death on the Cross.

The Blood, the Blood, is all my plea.
Hallelujah, for it cleanseth me!

Oh, the Blood, the Blood, is all my plea;
Hallelujah, for it cleanseth me!

We are living in an age when the Blood is being discounted by some who call themselves followers of Christ: they are ready to ignore the death of Christ. They will accept His life, teachings, and example; they will talk about the Incarnation, but they have little to say about “The Old Rugged Cross.” But it must be remembered that the Cross
It is no surprise that it has thus made out of every Sunday an Easter Day, an Easter celebration.

My main emphasis here is that the Holy Ghost had a part in this Resurrection. We read in Romans, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (8:11). Notice that the first part of this verse emphasizes the fact that it was the Spirit of God which raised up Jesus from the dead. He had a part in the atonement, the death of Jesus on the Cross, and in Jesus' triumphant resurrection. Upon these two events, more than upon anything else, hangs the salvation of this world, the salvation of every man. Without either His death or His resurrection there would be no hope for you and me. Remember, the Holy Ghost was there. He was busy during the dispensation of the Son as well as during the dispensation of the Father.

What We Believe:

6. Atonement

"We believe that Jesus Christ, by His sufferings, by the shedding of His own blood, and by His meritorious death on the Cross, made a full atonement for all human sin, and that this atonement is the only ground of salvation, and that it is sufficient for every individual of Adam's race. The atonement is graciously efficacious for the salvation of the irresponsible and for the children in innocency, but is efficacious for the salvation of those who reach the age of responsibility only when they repent and believe."

The atonement was wrought by the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross. His shed blood is the only ground of man's salvation. The atonement of Jesus is universal; that is, His death made it possible for all men to find their way back to God. He didn't die just for certain people; He died for all people. Those who are irresponsible and the children who die in innocency receive the benefits of Christ's atonement, unconditionally. On the other hand, those who reach the age of responsibility can partake of the benefits of Jesus' atonement only when they repent and believe. To this last group the benefits of the atonement are conditional.

Here are some of the scriptures which present the truth of the atonement: In Heb. 9:22 we are told that "without shedding of blood is no remission" of sins. In John we read, "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep... As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep" (John 10:14-15). In Mark we have these words, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (10:15). In Matthew we read, "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake..."
it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it: for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (26:26-28).

There is nothing more evident in the New Testament than the truth that the shedding of Jesus' blood made men's salvation possible. He who discounts the blood of Jesus is trampling underfoot that which alone makes it possible for him to enter heaven.

Christ was a lonely Man, while here on this earth. In so many of His great hours of trial He was forsaken and alone—yet not alone, for the angels ministered to Him, and the Father always heard Him.

The humanity of our Lord Jesus is very manifest in this great hour of trial. He was the Son of Man. Yet He did not fail but triumphed in the words of our Golden Text, "Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

We see the weakness of the disciples in their falling asleep in the great hour of crisis, when their Lord needed companionship and they needed prayer for the trying hours ahead of them. However we need not be too quick to censure them, lest we be found guilty likewise. How many times have we been praying when we should have been praying? Indeed, the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.
We Are Embarrassed!

Through an error we recently corrected the box number of Rev. and Mrs. McCroskey in Manila, Philippine Islands. Now we find that the correction needs to be corrected! Please change their address back to: P.O. Box 3823, Manila, Philippine Islands. And accept our apologies.

Praying for Revival

HOWARD SAYES, Trinidad

We are praying for a mighty revival here in Trinidad. More and more we realize that that is our only hope. If we can see a revival we feel that many of our problems will be solved. God is able and we have pledged ourselves to do our part and to be a willing vessel in the Master’s hand. Please pray with us for God’s visitation on our field.

Prayer Request from Bolivia

Brother VanDevelde is in bed with yellow jaundice. This disease seems to be claiming several new members of the missionary family here in Bolivia. The American Clinic now has three missionaries of other missions and the possibility of having another one soon. We do not know just how serious Brother VanDevelde’s infection is, but we are praying he will not be out of his place of service long. Do pray that God will touch him and return him to good health quickly.

Remember us all in prayer, for we are in great need of prayer and revival.

DULV SAVERS, Bolivia

Prayer Request

The Guatemala Mission Council has made definite plans for opening work in San Martin, El Salvador. Brother Sedat and I along with two Guatemalan brethren have been named to go there and conduct a series of meetings with the purpose of organizing the work. We have had a contact there for some time with an ordained Nazarene elder who is conducting services and is asking us to come and organize the work. This could be our headquarters for an active work in El Salvador. Brother Ingram and I made a visit to El Salvador some two years ago and were impressed with the real opportunities offered by this neighboring republic. The country is small with no Indian population and has an excellent system of roads. There are large areas in which there is no active Protestant work. Please make this project a definite prayer request.

We will probably be conducting the meetings the first part of the month of April.

—James Hines, Guatemala.

New Addresses

Until further notice Rev. and Mrs. Prescott Brels will be at the following address: Rev. and Mrs. Prescott Brels c/o Postmaster Walla Walla, Washington

Rev. and Mrs. John Holstead have a new box number in Formosa. Their address now is:

Rev. and Mrs. John Holstead
P.O. Box 802
Taipei, Taiwan, Free China

Kekchi Scriptures

Some of you have been praying for the Kekchi dictionary. It has been
Youth Camps in Uruguay

The youth camps have just closed with a ringing note of victory. The consecration service of the camp was one of the most impressive services of its nature I've ever seen. It was inspiring to see young men and women, struggling with a life's consecration, decide to cast their lot on the side of the Lord.—O. K. Pirkinson, Uruguay.

Manana Preached
This Morning

ELIZABETH COLE, Africa

Manana preached this morning. He exhorted the patients and staff in the Mindful Leper Colony to go forward, looking unto Jesus, "who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross." Manana's voice trembled just a little as he spoke of the Cross and the sufferings endured there. He understood the meaning of suffering. He had tasted its bitter cup again and again. Had not his beloved mother and five of his brothers and sisters died one after the other with leprosy? Had not he himself suffered and despaired even of life with this same sickness?

When Manana was admitted to this colony in 1928 his face and body were covered with red welts, some of which were open wounds. His eyebrows, eyelashes, one eye, and parts of his nose, hands, and feet were gone. Humanly speaking, death would have seemed a sweet release. Today this same young man stood before us preaching. Healed and happy, he is a trusted member of our staff, ready to serve in the garden, hospital, church, or wherever he is needed. He stood there a precious African soul who was washed in the blood of the Lamb, a living testimony that leprosy can be conquered. This is just one example of what prayer and faith and medical science are doing to relieve those who have contracted this sickness in Swaziland and in other parts of the world.

The good people who are so faithful in prayer for us will be encouraged to know that many of our patients are being discharged from this colony symptom-free each year. Two years ago two of these patients dismissed as cured were turned over to doctors who had given us considerable competition when the work started here.

While we rejoice with the patients who have been healed and who have found victory in Jesus, let us not forget those who have never received spiritual care and the modern treatment for leprosy. In many instances there is still "no room" for these people and at times they are still badly treated, being dependent on food thrown to them as if they were animals. In other instances they are left out or forgotten completely. As we remember in prayer those forgotten ones, may we see the need for the expansion of leprosy work until all those who suffer this disease may have spiritual and medical help. It may be that God's guiding hand will show us new spheres of service, new opportunities for victory, and new territories to conquer for His kingdom. If that be so let us go in and "possess the land." It is even possible that some may overhear the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" To this let us answer gladly—"Here am I; send me."

News from Overseas

On February 6, Rev. and Mrs. Elmer O. Nelson became the parents of a fine baby daughter, Delight. This is their third daughter and the second born in the Panama Canal Zone. They also have one son. Mother and baby are doing fine.

One week later, February 13, a son, James David, was born to Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Johnson at Juneau, Alaska. James has one brother and one sister and it is reported that he and his mother are doing fine.

Dr. Roy F. Smeee at the time of the preparation of this column was in a revival meeting at a church in the Panama Canal Zone at Ancon, February 28—March 10.

Several of the overseas home mission districts have recently held their district assemblies. The South African district assembly was held in Johannesburg the last week of January under the direction of Dr. Charles H. Strickland, the district superintendent, who recently returned after a year of furlough. The Australian district assembly was held the second week of February at Thornleigh in Sydney. General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers presided. The Hawaiian district assembly was held in our newly completed chapel at Waianae, Rev. Joe Wright, pastor. February 7 and 8. Dr. D. L. Vanderpool was the presiding general superintendent. We will give additional information from the reports of these districts as soon as they are available.

New Churches

District Superintendent Orville Jenkins organized the River Oaks Church in Fort Worth, Texas, on January 23 with thirty-four charter members. Rev. Charles B. McColl was appointed pastor. The congregation is temporarily worshipping in the Y.M.C.A. and plans to purchase lots and erect a new church building. This is the third new church on the Abilene District since the General Assembly.

District Superintendent John L. Knight recently organized a new church at Leesburg, Florida. A parsonage chapel has been erected and the Sunday-school attendance is running as high as seventy. This is the third new church on the Florida District this quadrinum.

On February 16, District Superintendent Raymond McLung organized a new church at North Beaumont, Texas. Beaumont First Church and Pastor K. S. White have helped make possible the organization of this new church. Property has been purchased consisting of a frame church building and parsonage, with the church building completely equipped for church and Sunday-school use. There are excellent prospects for splendid growth of this new church on the Houston District.

On Sunday morning, January 27, District Superintendent W. Shuburne Brown organized the El Sereno Church with twenty-four charter members. Most of these were adults who joined on profession of faith. Rev. William Flygare has been appointed pastor of the new church, which is an outgrowth of the Alhambra and Glassell Park churches. The congregation is worshipping in property on a two-year lease with option to buy. Both church and parsonage facilities are provided in the building. This is the fourth new church organized on the Los Angeles District since the General Assembly. This is the largest number of organizations on any district this quadrinum.

District Superintendent Lyle E. Eckley organized a new church at Rockton, Illinois, on February 17 in the town hall. Parkside Church at Rockford started a branch Sunday school in this town just south of the Wisconsin border last October. The response and growth
of the group were splendid, enabling a new church to be organized. The excellent efforts of the Rockford Parkside Church and Pastor Robert Clark made possible this new church, the second on the Northwestern Illinois District this quadrennium.

District Superintendent Charles H. Strickland organized a new church at Rustenburg, Transvaal, Union of South Africa, February 20. Rev. C. F. Cronje, who has been working in Rustenburg for almost a year, is the pastor of the new church. This is an important town of 11,000 Europeans located west of Pretoria. The largest platinum mine in the world is situated here. The congregation is meeting temporarily in an Anglican hall. This is the second new church on the South African District since the General Assembly.

On February 1, District Superintendent Nicholas A. Hull organized a new church at Newberry, California, on the Southern California District. Rev. Vincent Smith has been appointed pastor.

District Superintendent W. E. Albea organized a new church at Pigsah, Ohio, just outside of Cincinnati on January 6 with twenty charter members. Rev. A. M. Wilson, home mission chairman for the zone, in co-operation with the Cincinnati Lockland Church pastor, Rev. N. C. McNelly, was instrumental in starting the new church. A number of the Lockland members were living in Pigsah. This is the third new church on Western Ohio this quadrennium.

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MY HOPE
By BECKY MUSE LANGFORD

I have a blessed, wondrous hope,
Assurance, faith sublime
That after this so fleeting life
Eternal life is mine.

My hope—not any deed I’ve done;
My hope—not any race I’ve won;
My hope—not any song I’ve sung—
My hope forever—Calvary!

My hope’s beyond all earthly things,
Beyond all sorrows life can bring,
Beyond death’s bitter, cruel sting—
My hope forever—Calvary!

My hope’s more real than is my breath,
And stronger than my fear of death;
And always mine—however oppressed,
My hope forever—Calvary!

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the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

We believe that Satan was at one time an angel of light. Where do we find proof for the same?

The devil is defined as the evil one. Satan, the greatest of the fallen spirits. One authority gives the following Bible references as a basis for this belief: Rev. 12:9: Matt. 4:8-11: 13:38-39: 25:11; and Jude 6. It is also usually taught that it was the sin of pride which brought about his fall (1 Tim. 3:6).

Who are Gog and Magog?

Gog is a mystic personage who is akin in character to the Gog of Ezekiel 38:2. He is to appear just before the close of the present dispensation. As a wicked leader, he will lead a wicked people, Magog, against the forces of righteousness (Rev. 20:8).

Please explain Luke 11:24. Does this mean that this man backslid and was in a worse state than he was before he was first freed from the unclean spirit?

Sure! There is no place where a person can stand still morally and spiritually. With each new day, we must seek to advance in the faith. Thus, if a man goes back, he is in a worse state than he was before.

In a court trial the lawyer said that the mother should put her family and her home first, and not her God and the church. What do you say?

In the truest sense of the term there is no rivalry between the home and God. There is no conflict between these loyalties. A mother’s service to her God demands that she be loyal to her family. Nevertheless, there are those, and this attorney may be in this group, who feel that a mother’s loyalty to her husband and home leaves no time for God and the church. This is not the case. God expects all of us to love and work for Him, and nothing else can finally take precedence over this demand.

What do people mean when they say that God is still on the throne? I can’t see any sense in it. Of course God is still on the throne and always will be.

You are right. God is on the throne and will always be. But what I hear these people say is that God is still on the throne. That’s a very different statement. By this statement they are just emphasizing the truth that, in spite of all the wickedness there is in the world, God has not been dethroned. More than that, they are emphasizing the truth that in the long run God is going to win in this battle against sin. I am going to continue to sing, “God is still on the throne.”

What is meant by postmillennialism? Is there anything in the Bible to support this view?

One authority sets forth the postmillennial view thus: “It holds that there will be a period of a thousand years during which Christianity will triumph over the earth. This millennial period will be the result of the gradual spread of the gospel and its conquest over all departments of human life. At the end of this period the conflict between the powers of good and evil will be renewed for a time, after which Christ will re- turn in person. Then will take place the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked. This will be followed by the final judgment and eternal awards.”

“In support of the postmillennial view many passages are cited in which the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked seems to take place at the same time; in which this is represented as occurring in close connection with the second coming of Christ on the one hand and the final judgment on the other. The millennial period itself which precedes these events is derived from the same passage in Revelation 20: 1-10. We give a few details of the interpretation. Matthew 16:27 connects the rendering to ‘every man according to his deeds,’ with the coming of Christ in the ‘glory of his Father.’ So also in Matthew 25:31-33, Christ comes and sits on the throne of his glory and judges all the nations. In John 5:28, 29 it is declared that the ‘hour cometh’ in which all that are in the tomb, both righteous and wicked, shall be raised for judgment. In 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 Christ is represented as coming in ‘flaming fire,’ and punishing the wicked with ‘eternal destruction from the face of the Lord.’ ”

These are only some of the proofs offered for this view. Soon I’ll give the same author’s discussion of the premillennial view. I believe there is more basis for it in the Bible.
Fairborn, Ohio—As a people we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the ministry of Evangelist Allen Wagner here at First Church. We had good attendance, and God richly blessed Brother Wagner's ministry with us and gave wonderful progress in the work of the Lord. Men and women of Brother Wagner's come to our way again—Mrs. Munur Wells, Secretary.

Bridgeport, Indiana—Our church recently enjoyed a wonderful youth revival with Rev. Hugh Slater as evangelist, and Miss Phyllis Coulter as special singer. Souls prayed through to victory at the altar, and there were shouts of victory in the camp. The wonderful messages in preaching and singing by Brother Slater and Miss Coulter inspired the hearts of our people to do more for God. We thank God for our wonderful people—they stand by us in every way. Recently they installed a new oil furnace, sanded the church floors, put down a new carpet, and purchased new pews and pulpit furniture and, on the closing Sunday of the revival, the church voted to give us a raise in salary—James Forn, Pastor.

St. Marys, West Virginia—In February we had one of our greatest revivals; it has been our privilege to be in. The special workers were Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter. A month before the workers came the church began to pray and God's Spirit dealt with hearts in unmistakable fashion to rise as the people prayed, witnessed, and worked, and a sweeping surge of revival came upon the services. There was a good group of seekers at the altar, and a fine group of fifteen members was added to the church—Clyde E. Wilson, Pastor.

Nashville, Tennessee—We thank God for the way He has blessed Woodbine Church during the past few weeks. We scored the greatest gain in February in the history of the church, forty-two gain per Sunday over last year. The church has purchased a new rug, a new parsonage, a new Hammond organ, and a Sunday-school bus during the past year. We appreciate the wonderful people of Woodbine Church. They have given the pastor a three-year call without a negative vote—J. H. Rountree, Pastor.

Rev. J. L. Long writes: "I resigned the pastorate at Sheridan, Indiana, on January 1, after having served more than eighteen years; also retired from active pastoral work at that time. Due to a serious operation last August, I have not been able to carry on as before. Thanks to the prayers of our many friends, God raised us up and at present we are in reasonably good health. I wish to thank all those who prayed for me, visited me, and wrote me. I thank God for the privilege I have had of serving the Church of the Nazarene as pastor and evangelist for more than thirty-three years, during which time I assisted in building the Patricksburg, Bowling Green, Jordan, and Freedom churches, serving as first pastor of each, with the exception of Freedom. Also I served as pastor at Fortville, Indiana, for more than ten years, where God gave many wonderful victories. My address now is 40 N.E. First Avenue, Carmel, Indiana."

St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada—This year our young people took full charge of Youth Week services and we had a wonderful week. After a challenging message by the pastor, Rev. E. E. Sparks, on the opening Sunday, the first part of the week was devoted to special services in two of the city's nurses homes; then a giant prayer meeting was held in preparation for the week-end services. Rev. Warren Rogers was with us for a short series of Evangelistic services, which were well attended, and several seekers sought God at the altar. The week closed with Brother Rogers preaching at three services on Sunday—Reuter.

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Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter write: "On account of a change in pastors we have a revival date open, April 24 to May 5. We shall be glad to give this date to any church needing our services as preacher and singers. Write us, 609 N. Mueller Street, Bethany, Oklahoma."
Hialeah, Florida—This church recently closed the greatest revival of its history: good attendance, including many “first timers.” Evangelist C. M. Kelly preached with the anointing and blessing of God, bringing scriptural messages with zeal and fervency. Song Evangelist A. C. Wakefield sang with such anointing that our hearts were blessed to overflowing. Our people fasted and prayed and God answered in a marvelous way, giving victory to people for whom the church had been praying for years. Again and again the altar was lined with anxious seekers and happy finders, many finding God for the first time, and others being sanctified wholly. On the closing Sunday morning, at a combined service, we had a record attendance of 191, with Brother Kelly bringing a very unusual message, emphasizing the power of prayer. God was mightily in our midst, giving a time of salvation and glorious victory. In the evening service again the altar was filled, with shouts of victory and waves of glory. The spirit of the revival continues as our godly it to and waves of glory. The spirit of the revival continues as our godly people sought and found God. Our Sunday school has had a steady increase and are averaging 170 in Sunday school. We greatly appreciated the ministry of these workers.—Mr. J. S. C.

Ponca City, Oklahoma—Our Ponca Indian Church here recently had a glorious service with Rev. G. D. Derthics as evangelist and J. R. Brown as song evangelist. It was a most profitable meeting as eighty-seven of our precious Indian people sought and found God. Our Sunday school has had a steady increase since last November, and Brother Brown did much to boost this work. We thank God for sending these young men our way. The messages of Brother Dennis were anointed of God; he is a man of prayer and carries a burden for the lost. We greatly appreciated the ministry of these workers.—Mrs. Lula Morton, Pastor.

Fairborn, Ohio—In February, the Wrightview Church had a good revival with Rev. Edward S. Barton, pastor of First Church in Topica, Kansas, as the evangelist. We appreciated Brother Barton’s ministry and his wonderful spirit. Several new people were reached for God and new members added to the church. Wrightview Church was organized in July of 1953, with 17 charter members; we now have 110 members and are averaging 170 in Sunday school. Recently we acquired a minister of music, Mr. James Callahan, of the Cooper Trio. Also, we have purchased new property adjoining the church, with plans for a new auditorium. We thank God for a fine group of faithful, loyal, cooperative Nazarenes.—Rev. N. Nott, Pastor.

Pittsburgh District Tour

The Pittsburgh District Tour with Rev. and Mrs. Iyle Potter as the special workers was very successful. The Sunday school, missionary, and young people’s departments were represented by the district leaders, and District Superintendent R. F. Heinlein represented the church.

Good crowds attended the services, and a wonderful spirit prevailed, with information, inspiration, and blessing for all. The local leaders and their co-workers returned to their local churches with a determination to do more for the Master.

Departmental workshops were held for every department, including preparing the regular service. During this time, the district leaders met with the respective groups to give materials, information, and a preview of plans for the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter did a splendid piece of work in adapting their services to the whole program of the whole church, and the district would like to have them back again.—Glen R. Syrber, District Chairman Church School Board.

Tri-State Holiness Convention

Holiness evangelism was the keynote for the Tri-State Holiness Convention attended by about 3,500 persons in Huntington, West Virginia, February 4 to 8.

Nazarene leaders who were the principal speakers included Dr. Hugh C. Benner and Dr. V. H. Lewis, both of Kansas City, and Dr. A. B. Mackey, president of Frence Nazarene College, Nashville.

For the first time in tri-state holiness circles, a special full day was set aside for youth. This proved to be a fitting climax to the convention as 253 persons attended the youth banquet, followed by a holiness rally with 700 persons present, and an altar service.

Rev. John Howald, J. C., Catlettsburg, South Side Church, was in charge of all services as well as youth programs.

A panel discussion on problems and opportunities facing Christian young people brought together four area pastors: Rev. Lawrence B. Hicks, Ashland First Church; Rev. Bernard F. Knox, Portsmouth First; Rev. Walter H. Frederick, Ironon First; and Rev. J. C. Wallace, Huntington Central.

More than sixty Nazarene churches in Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia cooperated in planning the convention, which was one of the most successful in recent times.

Other association officers are: Rev. Kenneth Goif, Ironon Elm Street; Rev. Wm. R. Bennett, Ironon Coal Grove; and Rev. J. C. Spalding, Huntington Central.—For Olsox, Reporter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BELLS—Carol Jean Wilson of Suther- land, Fayette County, and DeWitt L. Nagle, of East Carrollton, Ohio, were united in marriage on February 2, at the Sutherlin Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. George M. Roddy, pastor, and Worthington District Superintendent Rev. B. M. Galer, father of the groom.

BORN—Mr. and Mrs. Nellie Lewis of Northwood, Indiana, a son, Gregory Allen, on February 2.

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---to Roy and Mable Poulter of Kiamath Falls, Oregon, a son, Kevin Joe, on February 11.

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by a Christian lady in Arizona “for the daughter of a friend of mine in Pennsylvania who recently underwent surgery and was found to have bone cancer, that God may have His way in her healing; also for the parents, who need strength during the anxiety for their daughter”;

by a lady in Illinois who has had a serious operation, and is now in a very serious condition—for her health and for her salvation;

by a Christian lady in New York “who is unable to support herself, and several other special needs”;

by a Christian lady in North Carolina for her son-in-law, an alcoholic for more than twenty years—that she believes God is able to deliver him from drink and save him.

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Colorado: July 17 and 18
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