Do We Want Freedom?

General Superintendent Young

There is a price that we must pay for our spiritual emancipation. God demands more than robot-like response from men created in His own image. In the fullest terms we must accept God's revelation of what sin is and what it does or miss the full benefits of the divine redemption.

Long before Calvary, Moses encountered humanity's perverseness in the chosen people, Israel. When he undertook to lead them from slavery to a land of freedom, he suffered as much opposition from his own people as from Pharaoh and the Egyptian taskmasters. At first Israel had been the slaves of their oppressors, but soon they made themselves slaves of their own evil and defeated hearts. Every difficulty they encountered set them longing again for the life of serfdom with its fleshpots and outward security. Even when Moses brought them to the Red Sea crossing, at the sight of armed Egyptians bearing down on them they cried against Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? . . . For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness."

Similarly, when they learned that there were giants in their land of promise they turned back and moaned, "Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt!" Small wonder that that generation should wander in the wilderness forty years and perish there!

In the twentieth century the issue remains unchanged. Do we want spiritual freedom? And at what price? Nearly every man has some ugly sin(s) he would like to be rid of, but divine help comes only when we turn our backs on all known sin. It is also apparent that many Christians long at times for the freedom and zest of the Spirit-filled life. But we meet the surest test of our spiritual desire when we face up to the divine commandment of full surrender and abandonment of all self-will. The Master himself puts it gently but clearly when He says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matthew 11:29).
Telegrams . . .

Pasadena, California—The greatest revival in several decades has fallen on the campus of Pasadena College, with the opening services. Hundreds of students and townspeople sought and found God as President Russell V. DeLong preached with the blessing and power of the Holy Spirit. Dormitories and classrooms were scenes of numerous spiritual victories; Dr. DeLong's dynamic messages on the doctrine of sanctification resulted in hundreds of testimonies to the experience, and dozens testified to receiving definite calls to Christian service. Without a doubt this is the greatest year that Pasadena College has ever seen.—Kenneth S. Armstrong, Reporter.

Neodesha, Kansas—The fall Sunday school conventions of the six zones of the Joplin District saw record attendance with a total of 1,200 Sunday school workers. Dr. A. S. London, national Sunday school evangelist, brought shocking truths from a compassionate and fervent heart. The Londons are great workers of the Lord, and with Rev. Dean Baldwin, district superintendent, is pressing into a new year determined to see even greater gains.—Wendell Paris. District Church Schools Chairman.

Evangelist V. S. Rushing writes that he has left the field to accept the pastorate of the church in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mrs. Myrtle Jay writes to request prayer for her husband, Rev. W. P. Jay, who returned from the hospital late in October, making his third trip since his second stroke last April. Brother and Sister Jay celebrated their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on October 25. Brother Jay is still paralyzed on his right side and cannot talk. Their home address is 2254 E. Vassar Street, Fresno, California.

Pastors J. Scott and Dorothy Newell completed five years of service in Zelienople on September 7, and have now accepted the pastorate of the church in Union City, Pennsylvania.

After pastoring the Emmanuel Church in Phoenix, Arizona, for almost six years, Rev. R. A. Noakes has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church in Racine, Wisconsin.

For the second time in two years the Mount Pleasant Area Ministerial Association of Mount Pleasant, Michigan, has unanimously chosen Rev. Paul Mayfield as president. Brother Mayfield is serving his third year as pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in Mount Pleasant. The Ministerial Association comprises more than twenty pastors of the area's churches.

Rev. J. L. and Christena Bates, Nazarene elders, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on December 2. Open house will be held at their home in Noble, Oklahoma, Sunday, November 29, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and friends are invited. They have pastored and labored faithfully in the ministry for fifty years; for thirty years they pastored churches in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, and Arkansas.

. . . thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield (Psalms 5:12).

HOMESPUN MEDITATIONS:

By PAULINE E. SPRAY

"Pulley-Bone" Wishes

In the chicken's anatomy there is a certain bone that is often sought after at the dinner table. It is the furculum—the forked bone in front of the breast-bone which is found in most birds, and is commonly known as the wishbone. Some call it the "pulley bone."

Children have long had the idea that, when two people make wishes and then pull on the wishbone until it breaks, the person holding the longest piece of bone at the end of the contest will receive his wish.

Should you happen to be at our house when we are having chicken for dinner, you might hear one of the girls say, "Dibbies on the 'pulley bone.'" In other words, "I have the first bid in for the piece of meat which contains the wishbone."

Many people are indulging in wishful thinking. It is surprising the number of people who are guided by daydreams—dreams which seldom come true.

When it comes to investing money, many people are hoping to realize an unbelievably great profit overnight. Some people are holders of losing stock; yet they keep hoping against facts that the price will somehow rebound and they will become wealthy the easy way.

Then there are people who are the same about their Christian experience. How they long for religion like Sister Jones's or Uncle Billy's! But a mature Christian experience does not come by wishful thinking. Christian graces are obtained by perseverance and cultivated by diligent effort. Oftentimes the price for such an experience is very costly.

Usually the most victorious Christians are those who have gone through the fiercest battles—triumphantly.

We read in God's Word: "If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path" (Proverbs 2:4-9).

Solomon was a wise man. He knew that it takes real effort to cultivate a close companionship with God, our Heavenly Father. Such fellowship comes as a result of something more than wishful thinking or the making of "pulley-bone" wishes.
Several mornings ago I heard a religious broadcast taped from Japan and what song came across those ether waves? My husband's favorite song (sung in Japanese)—“Wonderful Grace of Jesus.” I have tried to think of my first acquaintance with Dr. Lillenas, and I believe it was at the Nazarene Publishing House in 1913. I shall always recall his sincere friendliness and when I told him I appreciated the use of the beautiful minors in his songs he replied: “Glad you do; some don’t.” The Norwegian melodies that his Lutheran mother taught him in his early childhood reflected his constant use of the minor chords, for example his: “I Know a Name.”

We received a letter from friends in Pasadena, California, written on August 18 and the first line read thus: “Brother Lillenas died today,” and the message did shock us. But Dr. Haldor Lillenas, “purveyor of praise,” really will never die because of the “Wonderful Grace of Jesus” he experienced and wrote about and because of the thousands of songs and hymns he authored. It was this writer’s privilege to have Dr. Haldor and Bertha Mae Lillenas as guests in our parsonage and church at Marshalltown, Iowa, the day and night of December 4, 1944—this was just a few weeks before the “home-going” of Bertha Mae Lillenas. It was at this time that I showed Dr. Lillenas some poetry and songs I had written and accumulated down through the years. His encouraging remarks and the insistence upon “keep writing profusely” were incentives to me that have resulted in various types of publications from that time to this.

Among other advice that Dr. Lillenas proffered were these suggestions for song writers: “The words are the message which may be sung over a million times, and the most important part of a sacred song—if the words are weak, the song will die.” With a merry twinkle in his eyes and a chuckle in his voice he added: “Stick with one subject. Don’t try to preach a sermon on every doctrine in one song.”

In the spring of 1947 it was again our privilege to have Dr. Lillenas and Lola Dell Lillenas in our home and church for services. It was at this time that he stated publicly: “At first I wrote my songs in a wide range, but found it was better to screw my songs together more closely—to an octave—where they live, move, and have their being.” He gave the following explanations about several of his songs:

“Always”—“There were two incentives for writing this song, the one from a highway sign—‘Always Inn’; and then the second was whenever I heard Irving Berlin’s ‘Always,’ I thought there should be a hymn by this title written about something more enduring than human love. This song of mine lends itself to responsive hymn singing—one group sings the first phrase, while the second group responds—‘Always.’ Try it for variation.”

“Theme of My Song”—“This was written in Oklahoma City and was a song born in a dream. It came as a strain in the night and I sat up in bed and sang it. Notice it is not, ‘He is the Theme of my lovely song,’ but, ‘He is the lovely Theme of my song.’”

“Jesus Will Walk with Me”—“I wrote this song for guitar because of the poor accompaniment I had in a revival meeting—some pianists don’t play right what is written and many more read extras into the accompaniment that is given.”

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”—“This was written in the year 1917 in Olivet, Illinois. Our funds were depleted after we had built a little bungalow and we scarcely had enough to furnish our house. We had no piano at that time, but I had purchased a little wheezy organ at one of the neighbors for the sum of five dollars. With the aid of this instrument I wrote this hymn, which is probably my best known. I sold the copyright for $50.00 and have frequently had to pay the copyright owners $50.00 for permission to include it in one of my own books.”

On Saturday morning, May 31, 1947, at Marshalltown, Iowa, where we were pastoring, we had an entire Lillenas program aired over a local broadcasting station with Dr. and Mrs. Lillenas as guests. Among his songs used were: “Wonderful Grace of Jesus,” “The Garden of My Heart,” “The Calvary Road,” “Where They Need No Sun,” and “Don’t Turn Him Away.”

In Plainville, Kansas, the Lillenases and Shafers were guests at the Ira Mayhew farm home for dinner and we had just received an African instrument...
—a *dupela*—that we had not mastered. We gave this musician a try. With a few "plunks" on its metal strips he laughingly remarked: "It has minor tones but certainly doesn’t have our scale, so there is no need to compose using this. I’ll stick to my little organ or the piano." The very next night he made heartstrings throb and vibrate as he played the organ and sang his "My Wonderful Lord" in American and then in his native Norwegian tongue.

In the last communication from him concerning permission to reproduce one of his songs and song stories for *Conquest* (he was always helpful in giving me addresses and permission to use songs), he stated he was continuing to improve from his accident and when he was recovered enough he would plan to be with us in a service here at Winfield, Kansas. But God released this poet, singer, musician, writer, preacher, and Christian gentleman—this "purveyor of praise." We felt we owed him this tribute—to have enjoyed personal acquaintance with perhaps the most eminent gospel song writer of the last half-century whose world-wide ministries have splashed joy and inspiration along the various "melody lanes" he has traveled these many years with us.

"The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few" (Luke 10:2), was given us by One who could see the need not only then but also now. We have many Christians who are working at the job; but compared to the great need, we still do not have enough consecrated workers.

Have you ever seen the ripened golden grain going to waste because of the lack of harvesters? Every means is put into use, and not one stone is left unturned in order to save the most important commodity—food. This we must have to keep the inhabitants of the world alive.

How important is the harvest for God in a needy world? It would be a tragedy if the Church were like the fellow I heard of recently. He had completed spacious granaries for storage of the grain. The new elevators were placed in position. It seemed that all was ready for a bountiful harvest of a prosperous farmer. But the tragedy occurred! He looked for the shade, sat down, and began to pray loud and clear, "Lord, send in the grain! Lord, send in the harvest!" It is no wonder that his family looked upon him with pity. Then men in white coats came and took him to a hospital for "shock" treatment.

We have some beautiful buildings and adequate facilities. It would likewise be a tragedy to say, "We keep the doors open," or, "If people want to come, they will come." More interest should be taken in the harvest. It is the "lifeline" of the church. No harvest—no life. If we fail to have revivals our church not only will suffer now but will fail in its task. To have a great harvest demands all hands at work. Many pieces of machinery are used during the harvest. Ground is prepared, seed sown, and needed repair work done on machinery.

During the harvest all hands are busy—big, little, old, and young are working either in the home or in the field. Swathers, combine operators, truck drivers, elevator operators, and some to use the scoop and broom are necessary. If any one of these departments breaks down, the harvest is hindered. Full co-operation is needed for the big harvest. Every little cup on the grain elevator is important. If one should be absent, or fail to do its part, then the grain will flow unevenly from the elevator into the bin.

Everyone has an important job in the harvest for souls! We can have a revival if we take the same kind of interest that is shown in the harvest of grain. If the harvest of grain is important (and it is!), how much more important is the harvest for souls? A soul is worth more than the whole world. We cannot know when the storms of life will "shell out" the ripened grain and the harvest be wasted. The storm clouds rising in the northwest may change to an orange glow and lose a barrage of hailstones that would destroy the valuable grain.

On the Day of Pentecost the disciples received a "built-in" motive for harvest. If someone had suggested to them, "Let’s just keep the doors open," they would have been overrun by the harvesters going to the harvest field. The Holy Spirit had enlarged their vision, unlocked barred doors, and sent the Spirit-filled into the city square, and from house to house, to reap a harvest of souls. They changed their prayer to, "Lord, help me bring in the harvest; make me a full-time harvest hand."
AGAIN?

Yes, Giving Again!

A PASTOR SPEAKS—

Prophet Ezekiel’s eyes beheld the wonderful vision of a river flowing from the house of God whose banks were lined with evergreen trees and whose branches bore a new crop every month. Such lovely symbolism portrays the Church and the life of every Christian. Not once-a-year service or prayer meeting just when we feel like it, or a spasmodic gift, but new fruit every month. November is a wonderful month for autumn fruit. Choice of all is the tasty fruit of generous giving. The great Gardener comes by appointment for the new fruit of the month—gifts from our hands for others. Passers-by ask, “Why give so much?” Radiant fruit-tree Christians declare, “It is not because our church asks, but because giving is our nature.” Yes, this year my God-given, fruit-bearing nature compels me to give again—

• Because our world is so needy. Millions are stricken with the malaria fever of sin. Only the gospel of Christ can rescue sick souls from this horrible epidemic.

• Because our gospel is the only remedy. False isms flood a desperate world, but only the love of Jesus has power to cancel sin.

• Because our Master commands. Jesus’ own words sing out, “Ye are my witnesses,” and, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

• Because our task is not completed. Cries for heart peace rise from countless villages for the coming of Spirit-filled missionaries.

When our voluntary devotion and sacrifice for the cause of Christ exceed the compulsory devotion and sacrifice of the Communists, then, and only then, will Christianity outstrip communism in its race to control the world. Will your offering for world evangelism on November 22 be a true measure of your devotion to Christ?

It was my privilege to give in the Thanksgiving Offering last year. I plan to give again this year because it is part of the general missionary program of the Church of the Nazarene.

I plan to give again because it is one way in which I can materially help support the missionaries on the foreign fields, contributing to the maintenance of their “lifeline.”

I plan to give, sacrificially, doing without something I want in order that others may have something they need.

I will enjoy giving again this year because I feel that “thanks living,” for me, can be climax only through “thanks giving” for God’s program of missions.

MRS. R. D. HENRY
First Church of the Nazarene
Hutchinson, Kansas

• Because our sons learn by example. Parents’ sacrificial lives preach unforgettable sermons that inspire young people to follow the blood-stained footsteps of the Saviour, who “went about doing good.”

• Because our reward is eternal. Christ promises a soul-winner’s crown of glory and a radiance as brilliant as the stars.

• Because our personal debt is so great. A kindergartner tired of playing with her doll, so Mother placed her on her lap and asked why. “I got tired of loving dolly.” “Why, Dear?” asked her mother. “Because she doesn’t love back.” “Is that why you love me?” the mother asked. “That’s one ‘why,’ but you can’t guess the best ‘why’—it’s because you loved me when I was too little to love you back.”

Yes, I plan to give again. My hands join with your hands this November season to bring gifts of new fruit for world evangelism, and on and on until He comes.

ALLEN B. MILLER, Pastor
Central Church
Kansas City, Kansas
Quite certainly on the threshold of a “bright new day” for Nazarene higher education, thirty-five of the denomination’s leading educators met on the campus of Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville, October 12 to 15. It was the seventh biennial educational conference sponsored by the Department of Education.

More and more, as educators exchanged viewpoints in general and group meetings, it became evident that the majority of the problems faced were those attendant upon a good measure of success rather than from weakness and breakdown.

Presidents brought reports showing that total enrollment was at a peak of 5,110 in the 8 colleges and Seminary (see separate report next week).

Dr. Hugh C. Benner, general superintendent, gave a keynote address which, in a manner, pointed up the conference theme: “Looking Ahead—a Decade of Decision.”

He advocated “more effective co-ordination of our educational efforts,” and said:

“We need a more adequate over-all, unified concept of Nazarene education. The call among college leaders is for a greater mutuality of spirit, bigness of heart, objectivity of judgment, utter unselfishness, and a high order of educational and ecclesiastical statesmanship.”

He said that Nazarene colleges not only must be true to the Christian faith, but also be “centers of a constant revival of militant vitality.”

“This might be the time for a careful reappraisal of our teaching methods and purposes as related to our mission as a church,” he continued. “I see the mission of our church as calling for the cooperation of every available resource. In no wise are we, in the will of God, to be just another denomination. We are appointed to make a unique contribution in the realm of aggressive holiness evangelism and of holy living.”

Nazarene colleges “must take a strong position relative to worldliness, standards of deportment, dress, activities, and associations.”

Attending the meeting were presidents, deans, business managers, deans of students, field representatives, and others.

A “higher education service” at the General Assembly was tentatively planned for Wednesday night, June 22.

Among the topics discussed in group sessions were capital fund raising, recruitment, more support for education from the General Budget, Bible schools, junior colleges, a Nazarene university, and holiness standards on campuses.

Dr. S. T. Ludwig, education department secretary, said at the closing meeting that copies of the discussion summaries would be “channeled to the proper individuals and organizations.”

Dr. A. B. Mackey, president, and administrative and faculty members of Trevecca who assisted were gracious hosts in the southern tradition.

The educators expressed gratitude to the Board of General Superintendents for their interest and support. Action on the Seminary’s invitation to hold the 1961 conference in Kansas City was referred to the presidents’ meeting in January.

—Nazarene Information Service

Casual Christians

By GRACE CAIN

Commercially we have gone all out today to promote casual living, the popular way to live. Note the many casual items advertised: clothing—shoes—furniture—dishes—cars. Just name it—there’s something in the casual line for you.

One day I overheard a conversation that went something like this: “What about Frank?” Alice said to Bill. “Is he a Christian?”

“Well,” Bill replied hesitantly, “I’d say he was a casual one.”

For several months I’ve watched Frank’s life in order to find the formula for a “casual Christian.” This is what I found.

(1) Frank professes the name of Christ, but he’s rather permissive about his faith. His motto seems to be, “Every man’s entitled to his own belief.
EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE'S NEW $515,000 Science Building, Shrader Hall, (Wollaston, Massachusetts) was opened September 29 for classes and laboratory use. It was named in honor of Dr. James H. Shrader, professor of chemistry and chairman of the Division of Science and Mathematics at E.N.C. Dr. Hardy C. Powers, general superintendent, dedicated the building.

Why should I shove my religion down someone else's throat?"

(2) Frank seldom attends prayer meeting. Oh, he has nothing against it. He'd be the last one to say that the church should abolish it. But then—there are other things that he'd rather do. He can pray whenever he wants to. Frank knows nothing about carrying a burden for souls—truly a casual approach!

(3) Frank knows that men without the Lord Jesus Christ are lost. He agrees that it's a good thing that there are missionaries that are willing to go. But as for Frank, well, he takes the casual approach. Missions are really not "down his alley." Missions do not touch his pocketbook or his heart.

(4) Frank doesn't tithe his income. Oh, he gives what he can. A dollar or two now and then. Once in a while, around Christmas or Easter, he might write a check for fifty dollars. After all, he doesn't get a raise in salary every time living costs go up. He has to provide for his family.

(5) Frank's children do pretty well what they please. You seldom see them in the house of God. Frank doesn't want his children to "turn against religion," so he says little about it at home. Frank has been questioned several times about the conduct of his children. He shrugs and says, "No need of getting ulcers. Lots of kids have to sow their wild oats." A good casual approach, I'd say.

Concerning casual Christians the Apostle Paul declares, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Romans 8:6). Also consider, "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead" (Revelation 3:1); and, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:15-16).

I read these words and tremble because I see Frank's name on the judgment list of God as clearly as Belshazzar saw the handwriting on the wall. I tremble, too, lest I take a casual approach and cease to intercede for Frank. For I feel, in observing his life, that he has never had a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God keep me from any casual approach toward spiritual things. "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Colossians 2:8).

Even our best cannot match the great needs of the missionary areas of our church. But we dare not do less than our best! Give more to the Thanksgiving Offering this year!
God Gave a Gracious Revival

By WALLACE A. ELY

Mile after mile of country space is populated by souls who must someday meet God in His last great judgment, but many of these souls know not God in the free pardoning of their sins. Block after block of our cities has souls bound for eternity, millions of whom are without God and without hope in this world. All these souls were made in the image of God, but most of them have unforgiven sins which separate them from God. They are wandering alone, spiritually lost and crying, "Come over . . . and help us."

A minister who was about to hold a revival meeting in his home village knew every man, woman, and child in his little town. He felt so cold and unspiritual that he dreaded for the revival to start. Wanting to have a great revival more than he had ever wanted to see one before, he tried every known means to become filled with the Spirit of God, but every effort failed.

Then he remembered that Jesus said, "Look on the fields." Walking to each of the homes where a total of 367 persons lived, he lingered a moment thinking of the spiritual condition of that home. Almost every one had at least one lost person in it while some of them had not a single professed Christian. Others had monsters of wickedness which brought much moral, physical, and financial danger to that vicinity. After he had thought, then he prayed for each of them.

True! He had missed his lunch! But he had prayed for every man, woman, and child and now he approached the revival with a broken heart. He sought and received the infilling of the Holy Spirit, who then gave him power and comfort such as he had never had before. One of the greatest revivals that town had ever known resulted, for he preached about our crucified, buried, resurrected, ascended, and glorified Lord with great power.

Supposing his own town to be a fair sample of other parts of his country, he thought of the need in his county, state, and nation. Then he thought of the millions of people in the world. Realizing that only a small per cent of these had accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, and that millions had never heard of Christ, he could hear the hosts of earth call, "Come over . . . and help us."

We too must hear the desperate cry, "Come over . . . and help us," from across the tracks, across the town, across the country, and across the seas, if we are really sanctified to the Lord. As soldiers of the Cross we have our marching orders, "Preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Churches which have yielded to self-satisfaction and become cloistered groups with a formal piety sometimes band themselves together to enjoy one another. These have little or no vision of the need and they hear faintly or not at all the call for help, even though this call arises the world over. Such was the condition of the Jerusalem Church in the early days of Christianity and the Lord scattered them by terrible persecution. The Scriptures say, "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). God will have His way with His own because His way is best for mortal man just as much as it is for angels. Sometimes we need anguish to bring us to the divine purpose for our lives and drive us everywhere preaching the Word.

Yes, we can touch every soul on earth, for our prayers have no limitation of space or numbers. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" in world missions as much as it does in individual lives. Do we pray regularly and earnestly for all people everywhere who are telling the good news of redemption?

We are commanded, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2). This should be one of our most earnest and constant prayers. It affords us a wonderful means of coming over and helping.

Thank God for a church that trains young people to be missionaries, sends them out as heroes of the Cross, and stands behind them with prayer, love, and financial support, whether on the field or on furlough, in health, sickness, and old age. I'm glad to give generously in the Thanksgiving Offering for missions.
Our financial support to the cause of Christ at home and abroad is a witness to all men everywhere. It is a privilege to bring our whole tithes and offerings into the storehouse of the Lord. Our testimonies will be from our mouths only if we are not willing to help pay the cost of wheels that roll the servants of God to preach the gospel, of food to give them strength, of clothes to keep them warm, and of roofs to give them shelter.

But nothing will take the place of our telling others what Christ has done for us. Jesus told the man who dwelt among the tombs, out of whom He had cast the legion of devils, “Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee” (Mark 5:19). This man had experienced great things from the Lord, and he had a great story to tell. All of us can have great experiences in the Lord. We do not have to first be possessed with a legion of devils which the Lord casts out of us. Indeed, the greatest experiences come by living within the center of God’s will. We live pitifully beneath our privileges if we do not fully experience what is promised in God’s Word. “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7). Pages could be written quoting from the Bible, giving promises to those who walk close with God. We have an experience to tell which will lead others to a saving knowledge of our Lord.

Nothing will put us closer to the center of God’s will than to ask persons, without God and without hope, to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. It is a great day for a Christian when he can help a fellow Christian to grow in grace, and to increase in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Whether it be to lead a lost soul to Christ or to help build up a brother in the most holy faith, our own rich experience will be the best means to accomplish the desired ends.

Yes! All of the souls of earth are crying continually, “Come over . . . and help us.” We must go personally, as ambassadors for Christ, to everyone we possibly can. Then our prayers and our tithes and offerings will send others where we cannot go.

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Tired of Giving for Missions?

Complete your list and then compare it with St. Paul’s

My Missionary Giving

--- Time prayed for missionaries
--- Meals fasted for missions
--- Encouraging letters to missionaries
$--- Easter and Thanksgiving offerings
$--- Prayer and Fasting offerings
$--- Alabaster offerings
$--- Box work
$--- Other missionary offerings

St. Paul’s Missionary Giving

Five times received forty stripes save one
Thrice beaten with rods
Once stoned
Thrice suffered shipwreck
A night and a day in the deep
In journeyings often
In perils of waters
In perils of robbers
In perils of mine own countrymen
In perils by the heathen
In perils in the city
In perils in the wilderness
In perils in the sea
In perils among false brethren
In weariness and painfulness
In watchings often
In hunger and thirst
In fastings often
In cold and nakedness
“Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily”

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Jack
the GIANT Killer

By JOHN W. EPPLER
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One of the interesting stories of my childhood was "Jack the Giant Killer." Perhaps you remember how Jack had made his boast that he was going into the forest and kill himself a giant. So he set forth in high spirits. Upon entering the forest he came upon two huge giants asleep under a large oak tree, their snores shaking the entire forest. Jack became so frightened that he scurried up the tree to hide. While sitting there so scared that he wished he were anywhere else in the world, an acorn fell from the tree and struck one of the giants on the hand (of course, as big as he was, he hardly felt it). But immediately he growled to the other giant, "Quit hitting me!"

The other giant innocently answered, "I did not hit you," whereupon Jack conceived a bright idea and pulled an acorn and hit the second giant. Immediately he accused his companion of hitting him. An argument ensued, in which the giants pulled up trees and began a fight that completely destroyed the forest and resulted in the death of both giants.

That evening Jack came home boasting that he had killed, not one, but two giants, and he was able to take the whole village out to show them the evidence. All he had really done, of course, was to drop one acorn.

The desire of the devil is to drag the whole world to hell, but standing in his way is a mighty giant, the Church of God. He is no match for it, for it has the Spirit of God within it. He must devise some means to destroy it, so he throws acorn after acorn, each of which really does not amount to much within itself, but as a result he gets a fight started that destroys the church and its influence.

I have seen two ministers in a community begin sparring with one another, and the kingdom of God was the loser. I have seen two laymen or the minister and one of his laymen start to spar, and suddenly the whole church was in an upheaval, torn and divided. I think I can almost hear Satan as he brags to the demons of hell, "Look what I have accomplished!"

And all he has done is to toss an acorn.

For the sake of God and the Church, let's be big enough not to throw any acorns or to pay any attention to any that are thrown.

Only a brief glimpse into the study of astronomy will make us realize with wonder the immeasurable depths of the universe and cause us to feel how insignificant we are in the scheme of things. Also, we are made to think how far away heaven must be. Yet God's Word reveals to us that to those who pray in the Spirit and in His name heaven need be only a prayer away, for there is no space or distance to God.—DOROTHY HOUSE.

NEIGHBORS

By MRS. W. M. FRANKLIN

"Who is my neighbor?" the rich man asked,
As Jesus was talking one day.
"He is the one who needs your befriending,
Needs your kind help on the Jericho way.

"He is the one who has fallen a victim
To men who will rob and torture and kill.
He is the one who needs your affection
When others abuse and treat him so ill."

"Who is my neighbor?" "Just look about you.
See the vast multitude racing toward hell.
These are your neighbors. Oh, hasten to help them!
Give them the gospel; their sadness dispel."

"These are my neighbors? Yes, Lord, I see it—
These who are needing my help and my prayer.
Black people, white people, red, brown, and yellow—
These are my neighbors. These are my care!"
All seventy-four districts in the Church of the Nazarene raise home mission money for extension in their own districts. However the Department of Home Missions through the General Budget supports special projects such as helping to secure permanent property for new churches. Last year this assistance extended to twenty-three districts. Your Thanksgiving offering helps to maintain the church's world program of missions.

Our Home Mission Work

1. The Afrikaans and English Advisory Council that serves as District Advisory Board of the South Africa (European) District. This board represents both groups—the English and Afrikaans people—and has helped greatly in leading the church through difficult times within the life of the nation.
2. Gulf Central District Assembly, 1958, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
3. Today's Germany is very modern, but also carries along ancient traditions and ways. An ordinary milk cow does the work of a horse in this street scene.
4. Our new church building in Pretoria, the administrative capital of South Africa. It is centrally situated in the business area, only a short distance from the capitol building.
Five Thanksgiving Miracles*

Chapter Six of *African Adventure*, by Charles H. Strickland, is entitled “Adventure in Evangelism.” Early in this chapter the author says: “Our meetings have been held in tents, rented halls, town halls, farm homes, and wherever an attendance could be secured. Not all campaigns have been fruitful. Often at the beginning the attendance has been very small. Only a few curious to hear the ‘foreigner with a new religion’ would venture into the services. The prospects have many times been most discouraging, but sometimes most surprising. Just when we concluded there was no interest, we suddenly received an unbelievable response.” Then Dr. Strickland describes some of God’s miracles in South Africa. The day of miracles is not over. I dare anybody to read just this chapter, much less the entire book, and declare that such is the case. God is still on the throne, and He continues to perform miracles.

KENSINGTON

A hall was rented in the Kensington area of Johannesburg, and services were started. There was much advertising, but the “attendance was small and unrewarding, and for some services no one came. Finally all interest seemed to stop. After ten Sunday evenings without attendance, we removed the church sign before going into the hall, only to discover twenty-four people in attendance.” So the services continued. Although no church was organized at that time, today there are four churches in the greater Johannesburg area. This effort, which some might call a failure, laid the foundation for these four churches. The day of miracles is not over!

PRETORIA

Another campaign was held in Pretoria, in a rented hall. “Pretoria is the administrative capital of the Union of South Africa with a total population of 240,000.” Although the attendance was small at first, “toward the end it increased” and finally a number sought and found the Lord in pardon and purity. At the close a church was organized, and “today we have a fine church building and parsonage, and services are being sponsored in other sections of Pretoria with a view to starting another church in the future.”

POCHEFSTROOM, VANDERBIJL PARK, AND VEREENIGING

Carefully planned campaigns were held in Pochefstroom, Vanderbijl Park, and Vereeniging, resulting in a church being organized in each place. “Vanderbijl Park proved to be a real test. The campaign lasted for a month with our largest attendance fifteen and not so much as a hand raised for prayer. We moved Rev. and Mrs. Chris. D. Botha to Vanderbijl Park, and started the church with four members—the Bothas and the Stricklands. It was a humble beginning for what has become today our largest South African church. These three campaigns kept us preaching for nearly three months, but at the close of that intensive period of evangelism we had established three churches and prayed with nearly two hundred seekers.” Certainly these campaigns, and the three churches which resulted, can easily be described as the third miracle of the five about which I am writing.

KIMBERLEY

Another effort centered on Kimberley, “noted as the great diamond-mining center of southern Africa, from which some of the most famous diamonds in the world have come. . . . Several campaigns were conducted to introduce the Church of the Nazarene. A charter was opened and Brother and Sister Pass moved into Kimberley. We were fortunate to have a property in the central area to become available which was formerly used by the Church of England. The faithful and persistent
efforts of Rev. and Mrs. Cyril Pass have begun to bear fruit. Some fruitful campaigns have also been held, and today a good church with a full Nazarene program has been started, which already has assumed its share of the financial load of the work.” This is the story of miracle number four.

By Stephen S. White

SELF-SUPPORT

The last miracle which we mention here is of a different order. It is found in chapter twelve, entitled “Adventure in Self-support.” “One quiet evening in a church board meeting in Vereeniging a decision was made which has helped to set the pace of self-support on the South African District. Rev. J. MacLachland, the pastor, proposed that the Vereeniging church assume responsibility for all of its financial obligations and trust the Lord to help them to operate without assistance from the district. It was really a step of faith, for it meant that about £25 ($70.00) per month would have to be found in additional income.” The church had a considerable debt, was worshiping “in a small hall, the first unit of the church building,” and was renting a parsonage. “A real test of faith followed this decision when several families who were good supporters of the church were transferred to other areas. This resulted in a reduction of nearly £20 per month ($56.00) from the church income.” Nevertheless, the pastor and the people refused to be discouraged, even though “it is now a matter of record that for two months Brother MacLachland did not receive a salary.” They did not let the district know anything about this. When questions were asked as to how the self-support program was working, they always answered, “God is with us.” Dr. Strickland says, “This spirit of sacrifice and confidence in God has been duplicated only a few times under our observations but never excelled. It has set the pace for a sacrificial ministry in our South African church.” Since then a building program has been launched and the second unit of their building completed. This has more than doubled their capacity. Besides, they have purchased a parsonage property, and have kept up their missionary obligation, “and are at present a 10 per cent church for missions.” Also they now have plans for further “enlargement of the church to care for a growing congregation and Sunday school.” This marvelous achievement inspired other churches in this field to do the same thing—become self-supporting.

THANKSGIVING!

Miracles beget miracles! Five thanksgiving miracles in South Africa! These are just a few of the miracles which God has wrought in this field, and the Church of the Nazarene has many other mission fields where God is at work. Further, miracles akin to these are being performed in the homeland. God is helping us as a church. Let’s keep pace with the Holy Spirit.

But someone may ask, Why do you use the term “Thanksgiving” in your title? This is easily answered. The great Thanksgiving offerings have had much to do with making the five miracles possible. God has to have our help. Our gifts this Thanksgiving will make it possible for God to continue His miracles in South Africa and around the world.

Crucified with Christ

One of the greatest passages in Paul’s writings is Galatians 2:20: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

A new meaning has come to me from this passage. It signifies as never before the fact that if we are “crucified with Christ,” if we are all on the altar and really sanctified, we are one with Him. God help me to live up to the wonder and the depth of this truth. “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

This verse means that I am living the Christ-life now, or perhaps better, that He is living His life through me. Paul says in the beginning of the next verse, “I do not frustrate the grace of God.” I do not fail to be a channel through which that grace can pass. I am one with Christ. His will is my will; His cause is my cause; His yearnings are my yearnings; His passion is my passion; His love for a lost world is my love for a lost world. He is using me, manifesting himself through me, and anything I do is what He does; I let Him take over. I let Him get into the driver’s seat; I let Him take hold of the steering wheel; I let Him do my choosing; I let Him decide what I shall do. I let Him direct the use of my money and my time. He is the center of my interests. His aims and purposes

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are my aims and purposes. "I am crucified with Christ"; I am one with Him. "I do not frustrate the grace of God"; I am a free, open channel for that grace. I no longer live, "but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh" I live by faith in the Son of God. We are sanctified wholly that we may become one with Christ.

This is the meaning of Galatians 2:20. This is the standard which is set before us. Will I measure up? Will you measure up? What a tremendous profession, what a tremendous possession, is this blessing of entire sanctification! It means, I often think, much more than most of us realize. Jesus becomes All in All; He is the One altogether lovely to our souls; He’s the Fairest of Ten Thousand; He’s the Lily of the Valley. He’s the Bright and Morning Star. Jesus is the supreme Satisfaction of my soul. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live: yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God."

Let every Nazarene give gladly and rejoice that these doors are open and that we can share in this world-wide ministry.

Our Own Building in Germany

We rejoiced and were thrilled as the following cablegram was received from Rev. Jerald Johnson in Frankfurt, West Germany:

"HAD FIRST SERVICE IN CHAPEL SUNDAY OCTOBER 18."

The ground was broken for our first building in Germany, the parsonage for the Johnsons in Frankfurt, on May 3, 1959. It seemed to them that the construction would never be completed, for there were many delays. At one time the work on the building had to stop completely for several weeks, until certain assessments could be figured out by the city. But at last the parsonage is complete and the Johnsons have moved in.

The building has been built so the garage and family room serve for the present as a chapel for church services. Now it will be possible for the first time to have a full schedule of church services. Until now, meetings have had to be held in the Johnsons’ apartment living-room. On October 2, Brother Johnson wrote: "We had twenty-eight jammed into our apartment living-room last Sunday night and prospects are really bright. If we had room for fifty, I believe we would be having them.”

Plans for a church building in Frankfurt are still being worked out by architects. This is a slow process. Plans originally prepared were rejected by the city and it has been necessary to start over. We hope that by spring the church will be under construction.

The church is moving forward in other places in Germany. Property has been applied for, for a church in Kaiserlautern. Services have been held in Hanau. Approaches have been made in Stuttgart. People are being converted and sanctified and our investment in Germany has already proved of great spiritual value.
In Madrid, Spain, according to the Associated Press, the prosecution has demanded a three-month sentence for a Baptist minister who is accused of breaking the government seals which were used to close his chapel. The little Baptist church was closed without explanation six months ago and sealed. Two months later the pastor broke the seals in order to hold services. He said he had no idea why the chapel was closed. No answer was given at the trial.

In a copyrighted article Celestine Sibley reports the conversion of Jerome Hines, the Metropolitan Opera Company's famous six-foot basso. She writes that the musical drama in which he now sings ("I Am the Way") means a great deal to Hines because it was the instrument of his religious conversion. She says, "He started writing it as a hobby but midway in his study of the Scriptures he became converted; he calls himself, 'a born-again Christian.' In his own testimony at the Union Mission in Atlanta, Georgia, he recently said that to be reared in the church does not guarantee that you are a Christian any more than to be reared in a garage makes you a car."

Dr. Francoys Duvaler, president of Haiti, may have signed his political death warrant when he picked a fight with the Roman Catholic church. Various other "strong men" in Latin America, including Argentine Dictator Juan D. Peron, were overthrown after clashing with the church.

Rev. Billy Graham, in an interview at Asheville, North Carolina, said several New York ministers told him recently the city is a "racial tinderbox." He said that if the outbreak of juvenile violence in New York had occurred in a southern city "there would have been an outcry for Federal troops."

Where there is a will there is a way, and two west Michigan youths squeezed a six-thousand-mile adventure out of a Model-A Ford and fifty dollars. The two teen-agers, Bob Schout and Jim Riemersma, chugged all the way from Holland, Michigan, to Edmonton, Alberta, for the Fortieth Annual Convention of the Young Calvinist Federation. The fifty dollars was the total available for traveling expenses. Determined to go, but short of finances, these young men were among some fifty young people who drove from Holland to join three thousand young Calvinists for a week of meetings in the Canadian city.

**Servicemen's Corner**

**The Denominational Emphasis**

"To be alone is one of the most terrifying experiences in our lives. As chaplains, we can see how much alone many of the young men are who make their way to our offices. "It seems strange that in the midst of two thousand recruits one man could experience this feeling of complete isolation. Yet for many this is the first complete break of all home ties. In this new, bewildering routine of military life, many men begin to think of the basic religious values taught them by their own church."

"The religious instruction classes sponsored by the chaplain for the men of their own denomination offer to each man an opportunity to identify himself with a distinctive religious group. In the hour given to this activity each Sunday, the chaplain can help to strengthen the ties of loyalty to the home church. In the midst of strangeness and isolation, by association with a clergyman of his church and men from his denomination, he becomes aware of the truth that he is never alone."

"At the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California, every man is given opportunity to enroll for this religious instruction class. The emphasis of religion as an assistance to a man in becoming a better marine is also given. He is reminded of his responsibility to the teachings of his church, and to represent it well while he is in military service. When he meets with chaplain or clergyman of his own group, the ties of the home church remain strong."

"Many who had only a casual interest develop a sincere desire to unite with the church—thus this program becomes a source of strength to the home church. The men are not lost in the maze, but their 'pastor in uniform' becomes the link to home and church while in the uniform of his country."

"The slogan of the Navy Chaplain Corps, 'Cooperation without compromise,' helps the chaplain to erase the concept that when a man enters military service he is lost to the Church. His efforts conserve many and have influenced scores of others to a commitment of their lives in loyalty to Christ. The chaplain seeks to lift all men who wear the uniform of their country, yet the distinctive tenets of each man's faith are recognized and respected."—LT. LEONARD W. DODSON, JR., U.S. Navy.

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**By LESLIE PARROTT**

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**Only ordained or licensed ministers of the gospel are entitled to the income tax exemption allowed on "rental value of parsonage" by the tax law. So ruled the Internal Revenue Service in the case of two church employees, one a minister of music in charge of the music and choir program of the church, and the other a minister of education directing Sunday school and youth training programs. Even though both performed some of the functions normally carried out by ordained ministers, I.R.S. holds that they may not exclude the rental value of housing furnished to them in computing gross income.**

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**Nazarene Servicemen’s Commission**

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Urgent Need in Puerto Rico

Please pray urgently for God-called young men to serve God here in Puerto Rico. We need pastors ready to take work. Help us to pray them in.—LYLE PRESCOTT, Cuba.

Prayer Needs at Acornhoek

My work here on the main station continues to take much of my time, but I slip away every minute that I can for religious education classes in all of our churches where there are still schools or where government schools are nearby. We need your continued earnest prayers about the school situation here at Arthurseat. My three-year residence permit is up in December. I would appreciate your joining me in prayer that the government will give me permanent residence in December.—MARGIE FEE, Transvaal, Africa.

New Guinea Notes

The dispensary is now finished except for a little painting. We have moved in for work. We have also applied for a site in the Jimmi Valley and are praying and hoping for it to be granted. We are meeting increasing opposition here. The Catholics are working hard to counteract our influence among the New Guineans. A priest now comes to Kudjip and holds mass across from us each Sunday. Some of our schoolboys have become tired of school and have run away. It is obvious that Satan is stirred up and is working hard to circumvent the work of the Holy Spirit, but we feel that we are making some progress in spite of the problems.

Please keep New Guinea on your prayer list. We cannot hope to be a success in this island unless God helps us mightily.—MAX CONDRY, New Guinea.

Good Prospects in Peru

We have just closed the best district assembly that we have had since I've been on the field. The spirit and understanding between nationals and missionaries were wonderful. The district showed excellent gains in all branches. Many new places are opening up and the new converts are setting a most remarkable and enthusiastic pace for the rest of the field in tithes, offerings, and evangelism.

REMISS REHFIELDT, Secretary

This year in the Montana Zone has been one of the heaviest years of work and responsibility for us, but one of the best. We have maintained the Saturday and Sunday services in Pucara, and held the annual meetings on the zone, which kept us constantly on the go for the past three months.

During the year five new groups were opened on this zone. This coming month I hope to open up work in an entirely new area where no missionary has ever visited before: the Tam-borapa and Shumba areas of the Chinchipa valley, extending from our present work in Jaen and Bella Vista north to the Ecuadorian frontier. The area is well populated for the Montana, and is rapidly eclipsing other areas in importance, since the new, strategic military road has opened this area to commerce.

Due to these military roads that the government is building, we can expect the next ten years to reveal an entirely new character in the work of the Montana of Peru. I believe the present revival in our zone is indicative of the trend the work will take. Join us in prayer that it shall be so.—ELVIN DOUGLASS, Peru.

A New Missionary Reports

The Lord is blessing and I am enjoying my work. The clinic keeps me running but I like it that way. I love the people and greatly appreciate and love our college young people.

Brother Beals is a great inspiration to us and is loved by all. He has the zip that we all need. Everyone says that he is the youngest one in our group, as he seems never to tire and is always right in the middle of everything helping us out. He certainly is full of the Holy Spirit.—ISA SMITH, British Honduras.

"God has covenanted with His people that 'in Christ shall all be made alive.' The risen Christ is evidence of both the will and the power that God's promise will be fulfilled. He is our title deed to life eternal, our victory over our last enemy. He is our surety of the fulfillment of His word. 'If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.'"—LEONARD H. FALK.
prayer that will multiply it and put life in it. Dollars can't save men; they can only open doors for the saving Spirit. And give, listening to the steady singing undertone, "God His beloved Son gave." (Mark 12:14-44; John 3:16.)

Saturday:
A day. This day. It is really your only day. Instead of looking back, use this day to "redeem your regrets." You can, gloriously, if you will use what yesterday's failure gave of sense and understanding of yourself and others. Instead of looking ahead, start now. Then tomorrow—if you have a tomorrow—will yield compound interest. (Psalms 118:26, 32; 90:12.)

Sunday:
A life. This life. You have no other. To invest, you have to let go of it—temporarily. You may not use it for yourself if you wish the larger returns. In fact, left in your hands it will dwindle into nothing. But "if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24).

Nothing new. Just an investment brochure. Just a reminder that the only unproductive "pound" was the buried one; and that the shrewd man will act now.

A student on summer (working) vacation wrote me this week, "I'm finally learning that all of life is constantly a matter of choices." (Matthew 6:20-21.)

The Question Box

Conducted by Stephen S. White, Editor

I am a Christian, but my husband is not. Would it be a sin if a woman became upset when her husband pays more attention to other women than to her?

Undoubtedly you would feel hurt about it, but this does not mean that if you were a real Christian you would want to injure him. "Vengeance is mine," says the Lord (Romans 12:19). Besides, you must be sure that he is doing what you claim that he is. As a minister, I have met some very jealous women and men. They were certainly unreasonably jealous. On the other hand, I believe that any man or woman who lives with a wife or husband who is reasonable can and should live in such a way that there will not be a shadow of doubt as to his or her faithfulness. If you are reasonable, and yet your husband is giving you just cause for being hurt by his conduct, God have mercy on him! He doesn't have to be a Christian to treat you as he should and thereby keep his place as to other women. If he is a gentleman, he ought to be able to do this.

Is there any connection between John 15:3 and John 17:17, where the words are similar? It is strange, indeed, that Christians could not be delivered from sin before the Holy Ghost was given on the Day of Pentecost—and even then, no mention is made of sanctification.

John 15:3 and John 17:17 are not connected as you imply. The words "Now ye are clean" in the first-named verse, do not mean to sanctify or free from sin—the burden of Jesus' prayer in John 17:17. If they did mean the same, there would be no sense in Jesus' petition in John 17:17. Further, there are those who believe that some were sanctified wholly before the Day of Pentecost, but that was exceptional. In connection with your statement that no mention of sanctification is made on the Day of Pentecost, I would call your attention to what Peter says later. In Acts 15:8-9, where he is talking about what happened at Pentecost as well as with Cornelius, he declares, "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." According to this, the hearts of the disciples were purified at Pentecost.

First John 3:9 reads: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." This is being used to claim that a person who is born again cannot backslide and be lost. What about such a claim? Should anyone who does not believe in eradication be admitted to church membership?

First John 3:9, for me, does not mean that a person cannot backslide and be lost. It teaches that a Christian, so long as he is a Christian, will not deliberately sin and backslide, just as an honest man, so long as he is honest, will not steal. We backslide within before we backslide without, and this double backsliding is possible to all as long as they are in this world. Probation does not end until this life is over. I know of no specific rule that the Church of the Nazarene has which would exclude from its membership anyone who does not believe in eradication. However, such a position is somewhat implied in the statement that those who join our church must believe in its doctrines, and one of its doctrines is the cleansing of the heart from sin as a definite second work of grace.

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record says: “They that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). They turned the loss sustained by the martyrdom of Stephen into a profit by multiplying their influence through this scattering process.

Christianity cannot remain static and isolated and remain Christian. In order to hold what we have in the Christian area, we must keep adding to it. We must give our testimony away or give it up. We must share it or it will elude us. We are required to scatter it, keep it in circulation, or communicate it to another if we maintain the favor of the Lord.

The Serving Christians: If we live close enough to the Lord, He will always give us instructions about what we can do to be helpful. In the case under consideration, “the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go . . .” (v. 26). Notice the words of action in this message from the angel, “Arise, and go.”

The Lord never instructs us to settle down to a stalemate. He does not want us to live in barracks. He is interested in having us move out into the skirmish line; take our position at a front line, and engage in active service for Him.

Philip received detailed instructions as to the road to take to his destination and the person he should contact. Although we do not always receive such specific directions, we should let the Lord know that we are ready to serve Him with anything, anywhere, and at any time. That is the “triple A” program of the gospel: Anything, Anywhere, Anytime.

The Speaking Christians: Philip was bold in his declaration of the truth. He did not hesitate to bring the subject of conversation right around to religion. Philip did not wait until he had a large congregation to take a text and preach. From his point of view, one person was a big enough audience to deserve this type of consideration. The Word of the Lord describes his action in this manner: “Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus” (v. 35).

If we are speaking Christians, we will often render our most valuable service to just one person. The person-to-person type of declaring the truth is often the most difficult, but it is also the most rewarding. We should always have a ready word for the Lord.

The Scriptural Christians: Philip directed the attention of the eunuch to the Word of the Lord. He wanted the seeker after truth to get his faith found­ed on the Word of the Lord. He knew that there were authority, persuasion, and enchantment in the Word of the Lord.

The Psalmist declared, “The entrance of thy words giveth light” (119:130). The most direct way to bring illumination into the darkened heart of the sinner is to give him a description of his condition from the Word of the Lord. Many times the opportunity to win a soul is “muffed” because we try to argue or reason through the proposition. The light-carrying force of the Word is sufficient to convince anyone of the rightness of the gospel.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT

September 1958  September 1959 Increase

CENTRAL ZONE

Northwestern Illinois *5,937  5,253  -684

Iowa  6,248  6,222  -126

Illinois  9,083  8,937  -146

Wisconsin  2,365  2,198  -167

Chicago Central  6,267  6,021  -246

Eastern Michigan  *9,176  8,780  -396

Western Ohio  15,061  14,569  -492

Michigan  8,945  8,444  -501

Southwest Indiana  9,815  9,291  -524

Central Ohio  14,959  14,370  -589

Northwest Indiana  6,301  5,526  -775

Northwestern Indiana  *5,079  4,901  -178

Missouri  5,512  5,487  -25


SOUTHERN ZONE

Dallas  *4,671  4,957  286

Kansas  8,058  8,267  209

San Antonio  3,399  3,516  117

Abilene  6,003  6,091  88

Nebraska  2,646  2,707  61

Southeast Oklahoma  *3,597  3,639  42

Joplin  4,462  4,471  9

Northeast Oklahoma  4,005  4,011  6

Northwest Oklahoma  6,089  5,971  -118

Houston  3,701  3,616  -85

South Arkansas  3,869  3,729  -140

Kansas City  no report

Southwest Oklahoma  no report

Louisiana  no report

North Arkansas  no report


SOUTHWEST ZONE

Southern California  12,278  12,936  658

Northern California  *14,929  15,171  242

New Mexico  3,183  3,333  150

Colorado  5,906  6,083  177

Hawaii  763  731  -32

Arizona  *4,097  3,932  -165

Los Angeles  10,061  9,649  -412


EASTERN ZONE

Washington  5,338  5,438  90

New England  7,445  7,383  -62

Akron  12,295  12,204  -91

Philadelphia  5,853  5,693  -160

Pittsburgh  *8,237  7,508  -729

Albany  no report

New York  no report

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**News of the Churches**

Evangelist Richard W. Jaymes writes that he will be in a meeting in Roaring Springs, Pennsylvania, closing on December 6; then has an open date, December 9 to 20. He will be glad to go as the Lord may lead. Write him, 622 E. Ash Street, Piqua, Ohio.

The Leverett Brothers, evangelists, write: "We have an open date, January 1 to 10, which we'd like to slate in the central or eastern part of the United States. Write us, P.O. Box 356, Lamar, Missouri."

Evangelist L. A. Richardson writes: "I am an elder on the Southeast Oklahoma District; my wife takes care of the singing, either as director or in the special singing, also does children's work. We have two open dates before Christmas, also have some choice spring dates.

We'll be glad to go to any church as the Lord may lead. Write us, 3104 E. Parkview, Oklahoma City 19, Oklahoma."

Kankakee, Illinois—West Side Church had a fine revival in September with Evangelist D. W. Wachtel and Singer James Bohi as the special workers. There was good attendance, with both Sunday night crowds the largest ever in the church. There were near one hundred seekers, with thirty-three at the altar in the closing service. These workers make a fine team, and they have both been called for a return engagement. On the Sunday following the close of the meeting we received a class of twenty-one into church membership. We are enjoying our work here with these fine people.—George M. Galloway, Pastor.

Clarksdale, Mississippi—First Church recently had a successful revival with Rev. C. E. Shumake as the evangelist. God blessed, and a number of souls were saved and sanctified. During the past year nine new Nazarenes have been received into church membership. If you have friends here, let us know and we'll be happy to contact them. First Church moves on, united in the work of the Master.—C. M. Roby, Pastor.

Linwood, California—In September, First Church had a revival with Evangelist Nettie Miller. The attendance and interest were good throughout the ten-day meeting, and God gave seekers at the altar each service, including the first night. The church is truly revived and some people prayed through to God who had never made a profession before. In all there were ninety-four

**Public Morals and YOU**

There's a new tract just off the press entitled "Before You Light That Cigarette." It was written by a Christian physician, L. N. Gilbert, M.D. The sevenfold warning of the tract is as follows: BEFORE YOU LIGHT THAT CIGARETTE, REMEMBER:

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6. This habit, once formed, is difficult to stop.
7. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Is there someone this tract will help? A teen-ager? A mother or father? A neighbor or friend? You may order "Before You Light That Cigarette" (No. T-625) from the Nazarene Publishing House, Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri.

**Earl C. Wolf, Secretary Committee on Public Morals**
secretary.

Alliance, Ohio—Recently this church closed one of the best revivals of its history. The ministry of Mrs. May Brown was the best, and the people of the church carried the burden of the revival in every way. In prayer services each evening, before the regular services, the average attendance was fifteen; also the people made 535 calls during the meeting. God blessed and gave 105 seekers at the altar. Personally, the pastor feels that the best revivals he ever attended.—J. O. McCaskell, Pastor.

California, Pennsylvania—Evangelist A. Alan Gilmour was used of God in our recent revival. The attendance was better than usual, especially from the standpoint of new people. A goodly number of seekers were at the altar, praying through to definite spiritual victory. Brother Gilmour is a clear, dynamic, God-anointed preacher and ably expounds the Word of God. Our church was greatly helped by this revival which was planned and prayed for months in advance.—E. O. Altic, Pastor.

Rev. Willis R. Scott writes: "After serving for two years as home mission pastor-evangelist for the Akron District, we felt God's call to pastor the church here in Kingston, New York. We enjoyed the work of home missions on the Akron District and appreciated the counsel, wisdom, and guidance of District Superintendent C. D. Taylor. Coming to Kingston, we found a wonderful group of people eager and anxious to do God's work in Kingdom building. We love the Lord and praise Him for His blessings."

Cedar Falls, Iowa—Recently we closed one of the best revivals we have had here. Rev. James W. Humble was the good evangelist, and forty-two new people attended the services with thirty-two different seekers at the altar. This meeting was preceded by a week of prayer, with the prayer hour continuing each night during the revival. God met with us in a gracious way; three new couples were saved, two of whom had never been to church before. We are serving our fifth year here, and rejoicing in serving Him. We have built a new church and parsonage, and plan for dedication services with Dr. G. B. Williamson on December 6.—W. D. Huffman, Pastor.

South Arkansas District Assembly

The seventh annual assembly of the South Arkansas District convened September 16 and 17 at Little Rock First Church, with Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding with his usual dignity and ease. God's presence was felt throughout the entire assembly.

Gains were reported in every department on the district as shown in Rev. W. L. French's report of his three-year call as district superintendent.

Dr. G. B. Williamson and Rev. Mark Moore, superintendent of Chicago Central District, brought forceful, inspirational, and informative messages of the highest type in the evening services.

Ruby Holland was re-elected as district secretary, and C. E. Pickens as district treasurer. Elected to the district advisory board were Kline F. Dickerson and Earl C. Darden, elders; I. L. Stivers and A. C. Luker, laymen.

Delegates elected to the General Assembly were: Ministerial—W. L. French, Agnes W. Diffec, Bill Jetton, and Kline F. Dickerson; lay—Mrs. W. L. French, C. E. Pickens, Charles F. Wilson, and Ruby Holland;—Kline F. Dickerson, Reporter.

North Carolina District Assembly

General Superintendent Hugh C. Benn re-opened the nineteenth assembly of the North Carolina District on September 23 in our church at Hendersonville, with Rev. Wyatt Gentry as the entertaining pastor. The sessions moved along easily, without tension, and the presence of the Spirit was manifest throughout. Dr. Benn's ministry met with a vital need among our people, and we greatly appreciated his deeply challenging message on holiness and evangelism.

Rev. John McKay, missionary from India, was the special speaker in the N.F.M.S. convention, on Tuesday. The impassioned ministry of this veteran missionary of the Cross will not soon be forgotten. After a splendid report of her year's work, Mrs. Lloyd B. Byron was re-elected as district president, with a nearly unanimous vote on the nominating ballot. She reported twenty-five "star" societies on the district. On Tuesday evening Dr. Benner gave a most informative message on Japan and Formosa.

The report of district superintendent, Dr. Lloyd B. Byron, reflected substantial gains and steady progress in nearly every phase of the work: 150

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net gain in membership: 191 received on profession of faith; General Budget total of $18,741; and total paid for general interests, $21,480. Membership of the district now stands at 2,825. Dr. Byron is serving the last year of a three-year term. North Carolina is blessed indeed with a godly, consecrated, conscientious leader in Dr. Lloyd B. Byron.

Dr. A. B. Mackey and Rev. C. E. Keys spoke to the assembly on Wednesday evening, presenting a special need for funds to erect the new library building at Trevecca Nazarene College. Around five thousand dollars was underwritten during the service.

Mr. Elvin Hicks very ably represented the interests of the Nazarene Publishing House. Among the visitors introduced was Mrs. A. J. Byron, mother of the district superintendent, who is visiting him for the winter.

In a very impressive and inspiring ordination service, conducted by Dr. Benner, four licensed ministers received elder’s orders—Robert C. Templeton, Ralph Sexton, Jack Jones, and Walter Loftice.

North Carolina is united and steadily marching ahead under capable leadership, with the blessings of God in abounding measure.—Byron E. LeJeune, Reporter.

A retired minister in a Gulf state wrote the following letter:

"Please accept my thanks and appreciation for the Christmas check, also for the monthly checks through the entire year.

"The Lord bless and reward all who have made these gifts possible. These two checks will help pay my expenses for the past few weeks of sickness. The Lord is good and mindful of His own. I am endeavoring to appropriate the twenty-third psalm. May the blessings of God be upon the entire Church of the Nazarene and our altars continue to be a place of prayer and travail of soul, where poor sinners and Christian believers find the mercy and grace of God."

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Evangelists P. P. and Marie Belew report: “Recently we held meetings for two of our churches in Columbus, Ohio: Whitehall, where Rev. C. W. Brown is pastor; and the Frank Road Church, with Pastor Logan Strahm. Both churches are in building programs to house their growing congregations. We had good altar services throughout the meetings, with much blessing on the people. Pastors and people were kind to us.”

New York District Assembly

The fifty-second annual assembly of the New York District convened in Paterson, New Jersey, October 2 and 3, with Rev. and Mrs. Roger Williams as the host pastors. The hospitality of the Paterson people was enhanced through the work done by Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hampton of the Puerto Rican District, East.

Dr. Hugh C. Benner presided and preached with God’s grace upon him.

Rev. Robert Goslaw, reporting in the seventh year of his superintendency here, summarized the work of this first year of a three-year call. His detailed and comprehensive report showed a record gain of three new churches in the past year, and many other encouraging statistics of the seven-year record. His report was hilariously received, after which a love offering was presented to him and Mrs. Goslaw.

District Superintendent Goslaw and District Secretary Jay Patton were elected as ministerial delegates to the General Assembly, and John Carlson and Karl Wiltz as lay delegates.

Spontaneous praise, characteristic of the entire assembly, was especially noted in the report of the Committee on Memoirs, and during the ordination service. Gerald Huff and Earl Landers received elder’s orders in an impressive service.

The messages of General Superintendent Benner, the pastoral reports, revealing the quality of the men as well as the work of their churches, and the total spirit of the assembly denote and predict the blessing of the Lord on the Nazarenes of the New York District.—Roland Stanford, Reporter.

Deaths

MRS. JACK M. BARNELL (nee Lola Jean Estelle) of Bay City, Michigan, died August 10, 1959, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on August 10. She was born May 9, 1935, in Grand Rapids. Reared in a Nazarene parsonage, she was converted and sanctified at an early age. She was a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College (1955) and had just completed her M.A. at the University of Kansas City (in July of ’59). She was very active in the church in all departments. She is survived by her husband, Jack; a son, Bradley; also her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Estelle; a sister, Dorothy; and a brother, Harold. Funeral service was held in the Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Bill Camp, former pastor, of­ficiating, assisted by Rev. Ted Wight, present pas­tor. Interment was in the family plot at Delight.

MRS. LUCY MARIE BOWSHER, wife of Rev. O. W. Bowscher, of Spencerville, Ohio, died July 9, 1959, in a hospital in Lima. She was born Febru­ary 26, 1899, in Angola, County, Ohio. She was converted early in life and has been a devout Christian. In 1920 she was married to Ernest W. Bowscher. In 1940 she and her husband joined the Church of the Nazarene (transferring from another denomination), and the following spring they entered the ministry. Although a constant sufferer...
LEONARD LEE ANKNEY was born June 20, 1920, at Comins, Michigan, and died May 4, 1959, at Globe, Arizona. In 1944 he was united in marriage to Muriel M. Debridge; to this union one son was born. Leonard was a member of the Globe Church of the Nazarene and faithfully supported the church with his time and finances. He was converted some years ago under the ministry of Rev. M. L. Mann.

ERNEST AUGUSTUS BLACKBURN was born December 20, 1878, in Bonkston, Alabama, and died on July 2 in Robertsdale, Alabama. In 1912 he joined the Church of the Nazarene and remained a faithful member for the remaining forty-seven years of his life. In 1906 he was united in marriage to Euia W. Neal. To this union were born ten children, eight of whom attended Trevecca Nazarene College. Two daughters preceded him in death, one dying in infancy, and the other in 1958. He loved the Lord and served Him faithfully. Funeral service was conducted in the Robertsdale Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Reeford Chaney officiating, assisted by Rev. Arthur Kimmery.

MISS ANNIE E. HAAS, age eighty-nine, faithful and well-loved member of First Church of the Nazarene, Allentown, Pennsylvania, died June 18, 1959. Her God-directed life was a blessing to all with whom she came in contact. When illness set her aside a few years ago, she continued to serve by writing numerous letters of encouragement and sending helpful articles to pastors and many others. This outstanding, dependable "pillar of the church" will be sorely missed. Funeral service was held in the Allentown church, with the pastor, Rev. George L. Wolfe, in charge, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. Lloyd G. Gordon. Truly Miss Haas "fought a good fight," and "kept the faith."

Announcements

BORN— to Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Hall of Butler, Pennsylvania, a daughter, Patricia Susan, on October 9.

— to Mr. Lloyd and Alice (Baker) Maynard of Libby, Montana, a son, Forrest Kevin, on October 1.

— to Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Stoll of Vicksburg, Michigan, a daughter, Sherryl Denise, on September 29.

— to Harold and Martha (Winter) Wilzke of Hooker, Oklahoma, a daughter, Carol Ann, on September 27.

— to Rod and Jessie Newman of Seattle, Washington, a daughter, Cathie Grace, on September 26.

— to Mr. and Mrs. Royster Moss of Nashville, Tennessee, a son, Royster Eric, on September 24.

— to Rev. and Mrs. Gayland E. Aubrey of Durango, Colorado, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, on September 12.

— to John and Nancy (Frey) Cresswell of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, a daughter, Cathy Ann, on August 11.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Christian brother in Ohio that he may have a closer walk with the Lord, and for the salvation of his son; by a Christian lady in Iowa "that God will completely destroy every hindrance and block to my accomplishing my work God gave me to do" for the salvation of those for whom she is praying; and for two silent requests:

— by a lady in Georgia that God will answer in behalf of her need at this hour;

— by a reader from Ohio for a daughter who isn't well, that she may be restored to health, also that God will heal a girl who is mentally ill;

— by a Christian lady in Oklahoma for her brother, to whom she is sending the "Herald" that he may be saved—he is "deeply in need of God."

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