IN THE EVENING of the day of His resurrection Jesus stood in the midst of a small band of His fearful disciples. After a word of greeting He showed them His hands and His side. This was unmistakable identification and full proof of His rising from the grave. The Man of Sorrows had engaged all the concentrated forces of evil in mortal combat. He was wounded unto death but it was not possible that He should be held of it. Now the Cross and the tomb are not the symbols of His defeat but of His triumph over them.

Sight of those Calvary wounds confirmed the faith of all the disciples, including Thomas. More than that, they gave inspiration and courage to those crusaders who brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. They proclaimed deliverance to the captives.

Jesus did not promise ease, comfort, or security to those who would follow Him. On the contrary He said, “If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you: . . . In the world ye shall have tribulation.” But He had said, “Peace I leave with you.” Now with His fresh wounds to strengthen their faith He said, “Peace be unto you.” He knew if they were to win in a struggle against satanic powers they must have inner quietness and calm.

Jesus also used the sight of His pierced hands and side to reinforce His unique wording of the Great Commission. While they beheld He said, “As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.” Here was motivation so compelling that passing time could not abate it. The vision could not be dimmed by worldly attractions. Neither could grim prison walls, cruel beatings, or threats of death cool their passion to be faithful to His command.

The sight of those wounds gave new assurance that the Christ who was alive forevermore would fulfill the promise. “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end.”

It was as though His hands with their bleeding wounds were placed in ordina-

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Williamson

God grant that those Calvary wounds may speak again to all Thy people.
THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HOLINESS

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THE SUPREME IMPORTANCE of holiness is seen in its relationship to God. Holiness represents the highest of Christian values. Among the revealed attributes of God, holiness stands out in all of its matchless purity and loveliness. The purity of the Christian God distinguishes Him from the heathen deities. The purity of man distinguishes him from his unsanctified associates.

Holiness is peerless as it stands alone towering above other things of greatest worth in heaven or on earth, for time and for eternity. Holiness is the righteousness of God. It is imparted to man. It is God's nature that has come to dwell in the human heart. It is God's holiness within man that makes him pure in his thoughts, his words, and his deeds. Man is holy only as long as he is possessed by the Holy Spirit. The indwelling Holy Spirit seeks only to do the will of God on earth as it is in heaven. From within come righteousness and truth.

Holiness is significant because of its perfect purity. It is clean, virtuous, priceless, undefiled, and beautiful. Nothing is quite so distinguished as purity in its loveliness. Holiness is inviolable. It is freedom from the guilt, power, and pollution of sin. Sin has no contribution to make to any life, but holiness edifies each life it touches. Holiness excels in piety, reverence, and uprightness. It is sublime.

Holiness is always in obedience to the will of God. It is sincere in its desire to please God in all of its attitudes and actions. It has moral rectitude. It is spirituality in its purest form. Holiness manifests itself in honor, justice, and honesty. Holiness is God's standard for human conduct. "We should have nothing in our character or conduct unworthy of the One we represent." Holiness of heart is a necessary qualification for man to see God. Holiness and happiness are as inseparable as misery and sin.

The seraphim in heaven cry, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3). These angels with six wings are the flaming ones who burn in love in the presence of the holiness of God. They are supremely happy being near God. Our happiness in heaven or on earth will be due to our being holy and being with God. When man partakes of God's holiness he enjoys the nature of Deity. He feels set apart, cleansed, sacred, hallowed, and sanctified. God cleanses the heart from the inborn nature of sin.

Holiness in man makes it easy to make a complete, everlasting commitment or dedication to God's will. This giving of one's all is deep and abiding. It gives the participant an unaltering faith, a rest of faith, a full assurance of faith. The heart is filled to overflowing with love. It is the moral perfection of the soul. Holiness means death to the self-life. It is an overcoming, victorious power, a living and walking with God. It is a pure heart rejoicing in God our Saviour.

Holiness is the culmination of all that is noble, good, true, right, and beautiful. Holiness produces thoughtfulness. It is anxious to aid the needy, to be concerned for the unfortunate, to care for those that have lost their way. Holiness is never rude, or crude, but shows itself as love in the affairs of life. Courtesy blends beautifully with holiness.

Holiness of heart gives one a peace of mind. It drives away doubts and fears. It gives joy in the place of sorrow. It gives power to perform whatever God wills. It is the culmination of the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, and goodness. It is moral perfection in principles and in practice. It is Heaven's gift to man.

Holiness of life is provided for all: it is needed by everyone, free to everyone, and adapted to everyone. It is the secret of a happy life. It is victory over sin, self, and the world. It produces cleanness of acts and habits. It is contentment in one's daily walk. Holiness produces meekness and destroys pride. It is temperate in all things. Moderation is its motto. Truth is seldom found in extremes.

The characteristic that elevates holiness to the pinnacle of values is the "love of God [that] is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost" (Romans 5:5). This, says Henry Drummond, is
Spiritual
INVENTORY
CAN Be
Dangerous!

By MICHAEL HUTCHENS
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ONE WAY the business world has of determining how successful it has been in selling certain items is to take inventory. By using this method, the businessman can decide how much of a certain product he has sold and how much of it is still on hand. By this process the merchant can determine what products have been selling well and which have not, and on this basis decide which products to purchase again, which ones to replace, and which ones to omit all together.

In the spiritual realm it is good that we take spiritual inventory at times. God’s Word tells us: “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves” (II Corinthians 13:5). And we do need to examine ourselves in the light of God’s holy Word to see how well we are doing in living according to God’s will for our lives. Many who do not do this find themselves either in the legalism of the scribes and Pharisees, or in the carelessness of much of today’s church membership. They drift along unconcerned about their spiritual status. At times we do need to take spiritual inventory.

However, in the lives of people who want with all their hearts and souls to follow Christ, there is a danger that the pendulum may swing to the opposite extreme. There is a tendency to take spiritual inventory so much that taking spiritual inventory is all that is ever accomplished. There is a danger that a person becomes so introspective that he has no time left to consider: How are others doing? What about my fellow Christian who needs a lift? What about the sin in the world, and how can I help combat it? How can I win my neighbor who is lost in sin, and headed for eternity without God?

It is possible for us to forget some of the other “weightier matters of the law” (Matthew 23:23). We could forget the basic principle that one way to be spiritually successful is to give ourselves in seeking to help strengthen our fellow Christians and to help win others to Christ.

Moses, Paul, and other great men in the Bible were those who expended themselves for Christ, and not those who sat around taking spiritual inventory. One thing that is necessary in having a good spiritual life is to give one’s self to Christ in service to His cause. Jesus said, “He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it” (Matthew 10:39). He also admonished us to “go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in” (Luke 11:23). Spiritual success is not found so much by looking inward as it is in actively serving Christ.

To reiterate, we must take spiritual inventory at times with God’s leadership and in the light of His searching Word—to evaluate our relationship to our Lord and Saviour. Otherwise we may find ourselves with spiritual anemia. But let us go beyond this type of life, into a life of service to Christ and concern for others. For spiritual inventory can be dangerous if it does not deepen our sense of obligation to others and the whole of the work of God’s kingdom.

The Cover . . .

The portico of the A. B. Mackey Library at Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tennessee. Named for Trevecca’s distinguished president, this is a three-story combination stone and brick building constructed on a functional modular plan with approximately twenty-four thousand square feet of floor space. The main floor houses a reference reading room, a staff lounge, offices for librarians, and workrooms. Open study and study carrels are also provided. The third floor contains the periodical reading room, as well as special-purpose rooms. The ground floor provides ample space for future expansion.
HOW GOOD IT IS to serve the Lord Jesus and feel the warmth of His presence! I see His good hand in my profession, and feel His sustaining grace and power. If difficulties arise and I cannot see the way clearly, I think, “The Lord is my shepherd”; after a prayer of commitment I leave the matter with Him. As you know, in due time the answer comes and my heart fills with thankfulness to Him for His help.

A year or so ago a large company doing government work took over my office location and I was forced to move. Having no place to go, I sold my dental equipment and quit business. I have a cousin, a dentist, who heard of my predicament and said he would like to have me in dentistry with him, as he had unoccupied space in his dental suite.

My wife and I took a three-month vacation, visited friends, and had a lovely trip. When we returned I found a fully equipped office including high-speed equipment waiting for me, and nearer my home, too. Both God and my patients were bountifully with me, His children! How I marvel at His grace and tender mercy!

I know that in whatsoever place or situation God places us, there is a need, something which we can do for Him. I am sure that I am here to be a light, reflecting the Light of the World. This I try to do by my life, by helpfulness and carefulness of others, and when opportune by a word for Him.

In dentistry there is a close, personal relationship with people, so that it is much easier to direct the conversation into spiritual channels. I remember a teen-ager, a fifteen-year-old boy, who came to my office for relief of pain some time ago. He said he was running away from home on his bicycle. He was a tough-looking lad, and I wondered about the advisability of speaking to him about the Lord Jesus.

I have a rule always to speak of the Lord when it is brought to my mind, feeling that the Holy Spirit is leading. So I told him that Jesus cared for him; if he would yield his heart to Him he would get guidance and help. To my amazement he said he had gone to a Nazarene Sunday school in a nearby town. I forgot my schedule and talked with him for an hour or so about the meaning of salvation and the peace that could be his.

I never saw him again. Did he take the way with Jesus? I have no way of knowing; for at that time he did not make a definite decision for the Master. Times like this leave us cast down because we could not bring one to a clear decision; however I am sure that God will bless the seed sown.

At another time in talking with a patient I learned that she was a Nazarene pastor’s daughter. I invited her to church but, as she was unsaved, she did not come. As time passed I continued to invite her. After about three years she came, and before long was saved and her family. Years have slipped away and they are still serving our Saviour.

At times we reap where others, parents and the church, have sown. How truly blessed it is!

I have heard of coaches in sports who are said to “build character.” I am sure that many do this. However, I have found that the essential requirement of character is both the soundest and quickest at an altar of prayer. In no other way can a solid foundation be laid, one which will last through life. People see this in you and respect it.

“So long as a Christian believer sincerely presses after Christian perfection, he is safe, because he is in the way of duty; and were he to die at midnight, before midnight God would certainly bring him into Christian perfection or bring Christian perfection to him.”—John Fletcher.

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SOME TWO YEARS AGO the distribution of cranberries was prohibited immediately when it was learned that a spray used in their growing "might be a contributing factor in cancer."

Today tobacco is known to be a major cause of cancer as well as heart disease. This "twenty-poisoned weed" robs men of many golden years of their lives. It offers its patrons a program of "suicide on the installment plan." Has the Church of Jesus Christ any responsibility to speak out against "King Nicotine"? The Church of the Nazarene answers in the affirmative!

Nazarenes are not alone in this matter of warning the membership. The Methodist Discipline speaks clearly as follows:

"In the interest of a larger Christian influence and service we urge our people to abstain from the use of tobacco in all its forms. . . . We remind our membership that the principle of right example must be considered in regard to the use of tobacco."

Before me lies the most pungent treatment of the subject I have ever read. It is the work and study of a prominent Baptist. He does not hesitate to state that he is convinced the use of this poison is a sin! Further, no open-minded person would dispute the claim that that which injures a minister's influence will also hinder the testimony of a layman.

The "Nazarene" is the example of the people called Nazarenes. We ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?" The Scriptures say, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow in his steps" (I Peter 2:21). It is quite preposterous to feature Jesus as enslaved by the tobacco habit while talking of freedom in the Spirit! It is wrong to do anything that would be inconsistent for Jesus to do.

The bodies of the saved belong to Christ. Consecrated bodies are to be used only in ways that please the Sanctifier. The conscientious Christian cannot do things he knows to be harmful to "the temple of God" (I Corinthians 6:19). In I Corinthians 6:20 we are instructed to "glorify God in your body, and . . . which are God's." Modern scientific warnings testify that the weed of twenty poisons stunts the mind, affects digestion, renders mothers unable to nurse their young, and hinders the athlete.

The writer knows that it would be terribly wrong for his twelve-year-old daughter to use tobacco. But if he used it, his example would teach her that there is no harm in it. If it is all right for me, it is all right for my wife to use it. There is nothing in the Bible to justify a dual standard of conduct in any area of life.

One way to recognize sin is by its effects in the enslavement of the will, which God purposes to remain free and sovereign. The Bible says, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof" (Romans 6:12). We are to bring our bodies into subjection and not permit habits to become fastened on us until we become poor, helpless, enslaved victims fancying ourselves free! Our bodies are to be brought into subjection.

The Bible does not mention tobacco. It did not grow in Bible lands in Bible times. White men discovered it among the American Indians. Though the Bible, therefore, states no specific law against the weed, it does speak of principles of purity, cleanliness, and liberty. Paul says in I Corinthians 6:12, "All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any."

It is the consensus among the most spiritual and useful Christians that the use of tobacco by Christians is inexcusable. Professing Christians who use it would be far more effective were they to overcome the habit. The religious world offers no prominent or effective soul winner who uses tobacco. The Christian conscience of today speaks out loudly against it. Many addicts today admit to a troubled conscience.
The habit is costly. The writer has seen people who had to borrow money to place food on the table—but they still smoked! They find money for tobacco when they have money for nothing else. If men must give account to God for every idle word, then surely they must give an account for such misspent and wasted dollars!

It is right to have a standard here. Let our attitude toward the victims be not one of condemnation and denunciation, but of compassion, pity, and helpfulness while we war with all our might on the weed of twenty poisons.

**Time spent in pitying one's self is the worst kind of idleness.—E. W. S.**

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**Church of the Open Heart**

By JAMES W. McNEELY

IN RECENT YEARS various religious organizations have attempted to establish a particular public image in the selection of their church name. The word “open” appears frequently now in such titles as “Church of the Open Door,” “Church of the Open Bible,” etc. To this list might be added the “Church of the Open Mind” for those congregations so liberal they stand for nothing, or the “Church of the Open Palm” for groups whose primary concern is material expansion.

The true body of believers, generously manifesting the interworkings of love between the brethren, might be called the “Church of the Open Heart.”

The world has never stood in greater need of this latter group than it does today. The shifting of masses of population and the intermingling of people of varying social positions have placed new tests on the Christian’s capacity to love his fellow man. Thus the “Church of the Open Heart” has become as much an imperative today as it was in that first century when Hebrew and gentile were thrown together in their places of worship.

The “Church of the Open Heart” has no special pew for the man “wearing goodly apparel,” nor does it place a premium on the head of failure. It has no peephole called prejudice through which it studies the stranger on the threshold while deciding how wide to open the floor.

With confidence that it is the stagnant pool, not the bubbling spring, which is contaminated as the unclean scoop up handfuls of water to drink, the Church invites all, even the vilest of sinners, to come and partake of the waters of life. We do not, however, become a haven for the lonely simply by advertising ourselves as the “Church with a Welcome.” More is required than a church sign, a slogan posted on our bulletin board, or a motto printed in our weekly paper. In fact a church need not talk much about its friendliness; for love, like the church furnace, is either working or it is not, and the visitor quickly senses the difference.

We may boast that our doors are open to all, forgetting perhaps that even traps have open doors. It matters little that people can come uninvited into our sanctuary if they can never get into our circle. In the “Church of the Open Heart” the individual is more than a digit on the statistical scoreboard in the race with last year’s record or this year’s goal.

The early Christian Church exemplified the all-embracing arm of Christian charity. There was, for example, a disciple called Ananias living in Damascus. Word had come to him that the believers in that city had become the latest target of a zealous Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus. He who had overseen the martyrdom of Stephen now approached this distant outpost of the Christian faith with orders to bind the believers and return them to Jerusalem.

In such a setting we witness Christian love in action. Ananias is making his way across Damascus and is now knocking at the door of one Judas on the Street called Straight. At the sight of him who just last week breathed out “threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord,” Ananias, in an outpouring of Christian love, uttered the two simple words, “Brother Saul.”

If the Christian must love his enemies, then surely he must not be contemptuous of his friends. God, who is willing to make all men sons, is grieved when we refuse to make some men brothers.

Until our Lord returns, the world needs and God demands the “Church of the Open Heart.”

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**It's not hard to get the church to laugh; it's not easy to get the church to weep. Our great need is a spirit of compassion.—Edward Lawlor.**
Are You on a... 

CASUALTY LIST or an HONOR ROLL?

By ROBERT E. HARMON, Pastor, Pasco, Wash.

SOMETIMES we pass the time by reviewing the fate of our classmates or associates. Discussion discloses that most of our friends are doing well and serving honorably. Unfortunately, however, we discover some on a casualty list of one kind or another.

In the fourth chapter of Second Timothy the Apostle Paul provides a list of his associates. There is Demas, who for love of this present world had deserted the cause. Crescens was preaching the gospel in Galatia. After organizing the church at Crete, Titus went to Dalmatia. Luke was rendering valuable service by accompanying the Apostle. Mark was becoming more useful. Tychicus took over Timothy’s place at Ephesus. Carpus kept some things at Troas for the traveling evangelist. Erastus was serving as a chamberlain in Corinth. Trophimus traveled with St. Paul from Macedonia to Troas and Jerusalem and then toward Rome, until he was left behind at Miletus, sick. Then Alexander had a record of being more of a hindrance than a help.

There is always a little hurt in us when we locate a friend who is failing. We wonder why and we wish that it were not so. We blame the devil for the defeat. We’re sure that difficulty and competition have taken their toll.

I watched a place go out of business last week, another one of the hundreds that voluntarily go out of business each year in our state. The owners of this business were my friends, and I was hurt. But then I realistically realized that one out of five small businesses quit in a year’s time, difficulties and competition taking their toll.

Just recently I read in the Herald of Holiness that seven out of ten young people leave our churches during the six high school years. I felt hurt. Why is it so? The devil must be working overtime. It is difficult to stay true to Christ; the church does have so much competition.

A few weeks ago we had snow and I saw a woman driver get stuck on about a five-degree grade—going into the shopping center. Others had been making the grade, but not in this case. The more she tried, the more “stuck” she became. Finally she just turned around and went back.

Too many of our converts aren’t making the grade! Some of my friends tried and then turned around and went back. I’ll admit I chuckled a little as I watched the woman driver get stuck in some snow, but I’m bothered by Christian casualties.

We’ve heard of people having every opportunity to succeed. Well, the Apostle Paul had every reason to fail. The record tells us that his message was strongly opposed, no one took his part, and all deserted him (II Timothy 4:15-16). But the Lord stood with him and gave him strength and

Closed Doors

A door slammed shut!

With eager step approached expectantly.

So fierce the shock!

When wooden wall

Abruptly says:

“I’m in. You’re out.

Stay out!”

A door slammed shut!

A friend with whom I’d share from heart to heart!

What deeper pain!

In ivy wall

Which chills and shakes:

“I’ve locked my heart.

Stay out!”

A door slammed shut!

On path of faithful toil and future hopes.

Does service cease.

Usefulness end.

When barred gate tells:

“Not needed now.

Stay out!”

A door slammed shut!

Of house, of heart, of hopes—so sad each one!

But sadder far

Outside heaven’s door

It, when you knock.

Must Jesus say:

“I know you not.

Stay out!”

By HELEN R. SULLIVAN
rescued him from every evil, to save him for the heavenly Kingdom, glory to God (vv. 17-18). Paul was on the point of being sacrificed, but he could say, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day” (II Timothy 4:7-8). Paul’s name was placed on “Heaven’s Honor Roll.”

The Lord has a plan and a task for each of us. And He is counting on us to be faithful and productive where He has led us to serve. He’s keeping a record of our activities too. Are you on the Lord’s casualty list, or on His “honor roll”?

“Just as Adam’s creation and fall were in fact the creation and fall of man, so the resurrection of Christ was, under its most significant aspect, the coming into being of a redeemed humanity. In raising Jesus from the dead God created man afresh—man beyond the blight of sin and death, man as he was meant to be, at home with his Creator and, therefore, at peace with his whole environment and within himself.”—John Knox.

HE ABIDETH FAITHFUL

By EDWARD G. WYMAN, Nazarene Missionary, British Honduras, C.A.

IN SECOND TIMOTHY 2:11-13, St. Paul gives us what we might call a “rosary of faithful sayings.” Some think that these verses are part of an ancient hymn. It could very well be true, for the theme is worthy of a hymn, and a grand one at that. In these verses the Apostle tells us in substance:

If we die to sin through Christ, we will live forever with Him in a heaven of perfect holiness. If we die a death of martyrdom, a martyr’s crown awaits us. If we patiently bear our cross below, we shall have a crown of joy, glory, and immortality above. If we deny His claims, His cross, His gospel. He will deny us on that last great day.

To this he adds, “If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful.” Let me emphasize the last three words, He abideth faithful.

“He abideth faithful”—He remains faithful always in all circumstances.

Here is a song in the darkest night of trial and test.

Here is a light at the end of the longest tunnel of tribulation, temptation, and misunderstanding.

Here is a solid rock on which to cast our anchor.

Here is a fixed guiding star by which to steer and guide our course through the night.

Here is a sure foundation on which to build our house of life.

I can’t help thinking that in a sense it would have been sufficient if Paul had said only, “He abideth.” That alone would assure us that there is something solid, dependable, lasting, enduring, unfailling, permanent.

If ever there was a time when we needed such an assurance it is now, for we are told that, when the flying B-52’s of the air-borne alert of the Strategic Air Command are in operation, they carry the equivalent of 25,000,000 tons of explosive power, which is twelve times the explosives used in all of World War II, including the two atomic bombs. Already they are speaking of the DOE (Death of Earth) reaction. Already the general plan for a Doomsday Machine has been worked out in theory by an atomic scientist.

But there is one assurance to which my faith holds fast with glad confidence—He abideth faithful.

Or, as the author of the Hebrew letter expresses it, “Thou remainest.”

When all of one’s savings gathered by hard toil and rigid economy are gone—Thou remainest!

When one sees the work of a lifetime go up in the flames of a devouring fire—Thou remainest.

When the death angel snatches the one nearest and dearest to us—Thou remainest!

When our fondest hopes, plans, and ambitions are shattered and lie in ashes at our feet—Thou remainest!

When judgment fires take their awful toll on a world of sinners lost forever—Thou remainest!

Here is a faith to sustain us: faith that God’s will is good, acceptable, and perfect; faith that, though all else changes, He will never change—His kindness will not depart, neither will His covenant of peace be removed. This is a faith that sustains us in the very midst of the storm—for there is no storm in our hearts while we trust in Him. So whatever life gives, whatever it withholds—nothing can take from us the truth, the confidence, the glad assurance of the faithful saying—He abideth faithful!

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The Transforming Power of the Gospel

The name of Charles Darwin has become almost synonymous with the theory of evolution in our modern world. But there is a little known episode in the life of Darwin—who incidentally was a minister's son—that illustrates the marvelous power of the gospel of Christ.

On a visit to South America, Darwin found a tribe of people who were but little better than animals. Their minds were undeveloped and childlike, their bodies were ravaged by disease, and they lived in filth and degradation. According to Darwin's views, it would take thousands and thousands of years to bring these people to the ordinary level of civilized life.

SO NIK YFARS F.YFFR, Darwin made another visit to these people who had interested him so much. He could scarcely believe his eyes. The natives now wore clothing. They could read and write. They had schools and churches. In every way they gave evidence of a tremendous cultural elevation. Inquiring as to the reasons behind this unbelievable miracle, the scientist was told simply; "Missionaries have come." Once more the gospel had proved itself the miracle power of God to change and transform.

Here is a power that works in society because it grips the heart and meets the need of the individual. Over and over, humanitarians have attempted to transform human life by altering the environment. It has been assumed that men are naturally good, and if their surroundings are favorable, it has been argued that they will develop good moral character.

OVER AND OVER, the effort has failed. The finest housing developments quickly become slums if the will to improve is lacking. The irreducible fact is that evil in this universe did not begin in hell, but in a rebellion of an archangel in heaven. Sin on earth did not start in a slum, but in the beautiful Garden of Eden. While not denying the importance and influence of environment, it still must be said that man makes his own environment far more often than the environment makes the man.

For a world in the shape of ours, the only real hope is the liberating, elevating power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. If world missions were ever op-}

Climbing Higher

It is not often the editor would want to share a purely personal letter with the readers of the Herald of Holiness. But the circumstances surrounding the following and the intrinsic value of its message justify printing it in full.

Early Friday morning, March 22, word was received in the Herald office of the unexpected home-going of Dr. B. V. Seals, superintendent of the Washington Pacific District. Not many Nazarenes have been better known or more dearly loved than this man so great in his tenderness and thoughtfulness. The following Tuesday, coming almost as a voice from beyond the veil, I received a letter Dr. Seals had written and mailed two days before the angel called to take him home. It follows, with apologies for the personal reference:

"DEAR DR. PURKISER:

"Just the other day I read your editorial in the March 13 Herald of Holiness about "Acts" and Prayer." It seems like they get better all the time. "I certainly do appreciate your writing. These have been some difficult days, but God has helped us again and again.

"I read a story about a couple who were trapped on the beach in a horseshoe cove by the incoming tide. The only possible escape was the steep cliff behind them. As she looked at the dizzy heights she begged him to go on without her. But he put his hands on her shoulders and looked into her eyes and said, 'We must climb or drown.' The water was already washing around their feet and they did climb and were saved. Later when they were married, dark tragedy stalked into their lives. But again he put his hands on her shoulders and said, 'We will have to go higher, like we did that time by the sea.'

"Our lives have been like that. Time and again we have had to climb higher and find higher ground, but God helps us to do it. Your wonderful articles help us to climb. Keep on writing.

"B. V. SEALs."

Indeed, the life of Buford V. Seals was one of "climbing higher." He has made his last climb, and has now been borne into the heights by the hands
of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is too wise to make a mistake, and too good to be unkind. He leaves to us all his footsteps to follow.

DR. B. V. SEALS was born February 14, 1886, at Kempner, Texas, to a cattle and cotton rancher.

When he was eighteen years old, a girl evangelist from Hemlin, Texas, Holmes College, came to his section of the country holding summer revivals, and won him to the Lord, with scores of others. Two summers later, another campaign, also conducted by her, saw him sanctified. And later, on August 18, 1918, he married the charming evangelist.

To this union, five children were born: Buford Seals, of Portland, Oregon; Catherine Moore, of Seattle; Christell Wordsworth, of Seattle; and Paul and Ralph, deceased.

Dr. Seals's service in the Church of the Nazarene has been long and fruitful. His first pastorate, at Holtville, California, was followed by pastorate at Escondido, California, and Des Moines, Iowa. In 1931 he was elected district superintendent of the old Central North-West District, which included Minnesota and South Dakota, and served seven years. In 1938 he moved to the pastorate at Seattle Central Church, and in 1941 he was elected to the superintendent of the newly formed Washington Pacific District. Under his leadership it grew from 2,056 to 5,166 church members, and from 35 to 66 churches.

Dr. Seals traveled extensively on the North American continent, and twice to Europe in evangelistic work. He was on the Olivet Board of Regents, also on the Northwest Nazarene College Board since 1931, serving fifteen of these years as chairman. In 1949 the college honored him by conferring upon him the doctor of divinity degree. Three quadrennium he has served on the General Board, and two quadrennium on the Nazarene Seminary Board.

He has written two books, Beside the Shepherd's Tent and Stars and Saws, which is just off the press and reflects the rich background of his life.

Dr. Seals was converted in a Nazarene revival— he is a product of the church. He was not a man of formal religious training, yet his constant reading kept his message fresh and effective. He was genuine. He lived deeply. He knew how to analyze problems so that their solution seemed so natural. He was a most congenial and pleasant conversationalist, with a rich mixture of refreshing humor.

He loved life. A few moments in his presence was proof of that. He loved nature, and often took hunting and fishing trips to be near it. He loved his friends, and spent hours with them, great and small. He loved his family. They were ever first in his thoughts and concern. Today he is with Ralph, Paul, Marjorie, and Earl. He always spoke of his wife, children, and grandchildren with glistening eyes.

He was a pastor's friend, a pastor's district superintendent, a builder of men.

He loved evangelism. His logic and spiritual force in the gospel message were dynamic. He led thousands to Jesus in revivals and camps.

He loved the Church of the Nazarene. Her institutions, colleges, boards, and committees, with their ideals, purposes, and goals, received his time unhastily.

He loved the doctrine of heart holiness, clearly testified to the experience, lived its precepts exemplarily, and preached its message scripturally, logically, and convincingly as have few men of his generation.

He loved his Lord. His Christlikeness will be as precious ointment poured forth to inspire and gladden our hearts until we see him again in the world of everlasting joy.

Like the true soldier that he was, Dr. B. V. Seals fell in battle. He had recently finished two meetings in Kennewick and Yakima, both indoor camp meetings, where it was necessary for some of the crowd to stand in order to hear the gospel. Many hard cases came to the Lord, Coming home, he wrote several articles. He talked more like a man entering his thirties than one who had borne the burdens of the superintendent for twenty-six years.

Following minor surgery two weeks ago he never quite regained his health, and his tired heart simply could not go any farther. God sustained him in consciousness until twenty minutes before he left us. His final hours were filled with exclamations and triumphant testimony; his final whisper, scripture.

To his faithful companion, Mrs. Cathryn Seals; son, Buford; and his daughters, Cathryn and Christell, and their families, we give our love and prayers in this time of bereavement. He has left a priceless heritage. May his mantle of faithful Christian living fall upon all of us, and make heaven's hope stronger and brighter, until we meet in that heavenly court of beauty and splendor. — Excerpts from obituary read at the funeral service by Rev. Mark Smith, pastor, Seattle Central Church.

FUNERAL SERVICES for Buford Valentine Seals were held in Seattle, Washington. First Church of the Nazarene, March 27, with Rev. Mark F. Smith, Dr. Seals's pastor (Seattle Central), in charge.

The invocation was given by Rev. Roy Yeider, who also read messages of condolence; with scripture reading by Rev. Dr. John E. Riley, president of Northwest Nazarene College; and prayer by Dr. Lewis T. Corbett, president of Nazarene Theological Seminary.

General Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool spoke for the Board of General Superintendents, and Rev. Smith brought the message. Special music was furnished by Mrs. Jeannette York and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Keller. Dr. I. C. Mathis gave the benediction.

Six district superintendents served as pallbearers: Rev. Raymond C. Kratter, Rev. I. F. Younger, Rev. Bert Daniels, Rev. Alvin McClary, Rev. Arthur Morgan, and Dr. W. D. McGraw. Interment was at Acracia Memorial Park.

Approximately nine hundred persons attended the service, which was directed by Mr. Roy Edwards. Nazarene mortician of Hosel River, Oregon. More than eighty telegrams of condolence were received from a great host of friends.

District Secretary Darrell B. Tente writes: “We of the Washington-Pacific District are shocked at the loss of our beloved leader. He was more than a superintendent. To us he stands as a..."
symbol of evangelistic love for a lost world.

"The following quotation was underlined and marked with Amen! in his handwriting. It is from A Thornless World, by Percy Winsworth. I believe it was Dr. Seals's philosophy of life.

True devotion sees the life-blood of love sprinkled upon all life—the beautiful, the strong, the serviceable, the joy-giving, the enduring; and seeing it there, learns that life is too precious a thing to keep to oneself, to devote with low aims, to handle carelessly or to spend meanly. There is but one thing to be done. It must be given to God—poured out unto Him day by day."

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**TELEGRAM**

from the Board of General Superintendents

Mrs. B. V. Seals and family:

It is with deep sadness we have received the word of the death of your loved one and our dear friend. What a wonderful life of service Dr. Seals has given to the Church of the Nazarene! His passing will be felt by people all over the entire world, for he has influenced the entire movement. If any of the general superintendents who are in the country can be of assistance to you and your family at this time, please feel free to call on us. We are praying for you.

V. H. LEWIS
for the Board of General Superintendents

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**CHRIST . . . continued**

A GENUINE Christian's life should be simply Christ continued. I believe the life of Dr. Buford V. Seals was such a life. He died suddenly on March 22, 1963, at the age of sixty-five. He had served in varied capacities in the church for many years as Layman, pastor, district superintendent, member of the General Board, evangelist, and college trustee. But the compilation of the statistics I shall leave to another. The important thing that his bereaved family and the church remember about a long and successful ministry is that his life, in all those communicable characteristics, was Christlike.

Like Christ, whom he loved and humbly followed, he saw the great masses of the world as "sheep without a shepherd." That was the secret of his untiring effort to win them to God. He saw the need as so great it crept into his conversation and prayers regularly. He not only saw them but he had compassion upon them. He loved without reservation and because of this he suffered deeply. We are all capable of suffering most at the point where our greatest affections lie. This would explain sleepless nights and long journeys trying to help a loved one. 

Dr. Seals's plan had lain on his heart. In fact his entire ministry was characterized by this deep compassion and love for souls. He lived "the poured-out life" and, like Christ, led him to give his all in strength and to accomplish the salvation of men.

His message was always a "healing" message. He believed the church should be built by attraction, and thus in full confidence he lifted up Christ. As the end drew near, fortunately his faithful, devoted wife was at his side. One of the children remarked, "Their married life was a forty-five-year honey moon." Others of his family and friends were there. Often he had discussed with intimate friends the prospects of death. But when the hour approached he testified to the hospital personnel and friends, as well as the family. His mind was clear and he said, "Death for the Christian is not like I thought it would be." With his fading strength he placed his hand over his heart and said, "I have the sweetest peace I have ever known—there is no fear." Then "he was not. for God took him".

We turn away from the sorrow and pain of that separation to take up the task he laid down, in full assurance that we shall meet and strike glad hands again in that upper and better land. It may be soon; it can't be long. In the meantime we have beautiful pictures hanging on the walls of memories of "a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith".

HARRY C. POWERS

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**Excerpts from the statement of General Superintendent D. I. VANDERPOOL representing the Board of General Superintendents**

I COME THIS MORNING representing the Board of General Superintendents, individually and collectively, for every general superintendent held Dr. Seals in such high esteem that his home-going certainly has affected our entire board deeply. I bring words of condolences and sympathy for the family and for friends from our board. We feel that the church has lost a tremendous leader, and that a great gap has been made in many circles throughout our church.

I've never seen Dr. Seals do a little thing. He lived a selfless life. I never saw him when he wasn't cheery. He could climb over more stones, and get over more walls, and do it more nearly with a pleasant smile than any man I've ever known. His whole manner of living reminds me of this man Barnabas.

The inspired writer said of Barnabas, "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith, and much people was added unto the Lord." This Dr. Seals was a good man, a kind and loving husband, a gentle and approachable father, a tower of strength to the entire family. His spirit was transparent; he was quick to forgive, always ready to lift the fallen. His life was a constant evidence of his goodness.

Dr. Seals was a great man, well rounded, with nothing small about him. He was a great plus in a wonderful mind that could grasp and hold and analyze important matters of the church and state. A great soul, deeply spiritual, appreciative of the rugged mountains and the pounding surf, poetry, pretty flowers, and little children.

He was full of the Holy Ghost. He radiated good cheer; he was tolerant and unafraid. He was an example of the gospel which we proclaim. He was full of faith; faith in God, faith in people, faith in the future. He was a fruitful man, a pattern for others to follow. Dr. Seals left a shining trail which will inspire others to follow. It is the trail of devotion, the trail of humility, the trail of sincerity, the trail of loyalty, and the trail of loving-kindness. We don't know who rides the storm, who tempests the winds that blow, who is working a life's unfinished piece of tapistry. All will be beautiful when it is finished.

I lift from the last page of his book, Beside the Shepherd's Tent these words:

"I like to think of earth as a dressing room for heaven. If some angel should tell me, 'This old earth where we covered our hills with graves and blind us with grief and where sin holds sway, we would hardly think it a friendly place to prepare people for heaven. The earth is the seed plot from which we shall gather the golden grain to fill the granaries of the skies. Here the trees are grown for the City of God." These are the queries from which we will be hewn for the Cathedral of the Skies. And man, born under the curse of sin and cradled in the neighborhood of demons, will one day sing songs turned to redemption's scheme.

"Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us and is also getting us ready. As our interests here decrease, our interests over there increase; some lights are going out here, but heaven is more luminous beyond."

"Blessed is the man who in reckoning up his gains can enter death as on item. There will be no sin to mortify, no ignorance to becloud judgment, no rebellion to enslave the heart, no evil in selves or companions, no improper desires. But Christ and the redeemed of all ages and loved ones that have gone on before will be there."

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"Oh, I would not want to miss walking up the streets of gold with the saints of that Blood-washed throng playing on their harps of gold!"

We have here Dr. Seals’s estimate and reaction to what heaven meant to him. Today we salute a winner. Dr. B. V. Seals joins the immemorable company walking up the streets of gold. May God bless his memory, and help us to follow on by the grace of God.

Dr. Seals and Nazarene Education

Dr. B. V. Seals made a valuable contribution in the developing of the educational institutions of the Church of the Nazarene. He was a member of the board of trustees of Northwest Nazarene College in our church for nearly five years and of Nazarene Theological Seminary for eleven years. He was always an active member of the boards, boosting the administrations and helping to formulate plans in meeting the needs of the church in providing spiritual leadership for both the ministry and the laity. God used this man of devotion to help the schools to make progress in the difficult years of their history.

Lewis E. Corlett, President
Nazarene Theological Seminary

THE CHURCH AT WORK

LATE NEWS

Telegram . . .

Alexandria, Louisiana—The Louisiana District inaugurated a home mission revolving fund with a goal of $50,000 to be reached over a period of five years. In April we closed a six-day tour with General Superintendent Benner as speaker. During the tour we undertook the goal. We have two zones yet to be reached with this plan, and of these the sixth in the Hawaiian Islands will be the most difficult to reach. The goal has been exceeded in seven years, and have two zones yet to be reached with this plan.

Edward Laylor, Secretary

EDWARD LAYLOR, Secretary

FOREIGN MISSIONS

GEORGE COULTER, Secretary

A Church is Born

By WANDA KNOX, New Guinea

Last Sunday was a precious time for us here as we watched thirty-seven of our people being baptized and taking Communion for the first time. It was a good climax to a good week. About sixty candidates had been attending baptismal class for over a year, and Wallace had tested them, watched over them, and heard their testimonies. Now was the time for them to come before the church council (their first experience of this sort). I wondered how they would handle it, but I didn’t need to fear—they acted as if they had been doing this all their lives.

Instead of watching the new converts, I couldn’t keep my eyes off David Tian

EDWARD LAYLOR, Secretary

A TRIBUTE

The deepest impression left by Dr. B. V. Seals with me was that living a Christian life was the most natural way of life. I saw this in so many contacts with him. It was exhilarating to those who knew him to find his humor contagious; stimulating, yet always courteous. His emotional commitment to be a soul winner impressed me so much. He was a faithful leader, successful evangelist. Every evangelistic service was a battle to be fought on its own merits. I remember him as a courteous traveling companion when he toured on the district I served as superintendent. One of the most revealing things about him those days was the natural way he talked of God, of heaven, and of his own son who had preceded him into the eternal world. Everyone who went on that tour was heard with favor, for no one could ever doubt who heard B. V. Seals preach but that he talked of something that was vitally real to him.

During the tour I watched the marvelous way in which all classes of people found him engaging. His personal charm was outstanding. His preaching sprinkled with simple humor was at times breath-taking and always revealed a remarkable insight into the Word of God.

Just last January he spoke to me with deep emotion of his concern for evangelism in our church. He wanted his church to retain the glory and greatness of her past in evangelism.

He loved his family. The day when together we made a tearful vow to pray for loved ones of ours outside the fold shall never he forgotten. He loved his church. He loved his country. He loved the great outdoors. He believed in the honesty and the dignity of the Christian ministry. He loved the pulpit. He preached the gospel with authority, and seemliness. He was unflinching in his principles of Christian holiness. He brought his entire personality and strength to the service of his God and his church. He seemed to carry well the burdens of the church that were placed on his shoulder. Of him I can truthfully say that he served God with all his resources.

To his friends he was always a true friend! He had achieved great stature among his fellows. His premature death is a loss to our church. In his passing evangelism has lost a gallant champion! He had vision, heart, and courage! He labored gallantly for those precepts of the gospel that are part of our heritage as a church.

When I received news of his death I realized that he had entered into happiness with God, but there is still with me today the sense of human loss. But his passing is another forceful reminder that there is another world and that we shall meet again. This I believe today.

—Edward Laylor

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satisfied, such an expression of peace

and pleasure would cross his fate as he

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gathers the people together night after

night for singing and praxcr. and he
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ing men to come to service, and was

almost oxer/ealous in this respect.

To accept Christ earlv. We are prepar­

ing for another revival.

The church council decided several
of the candidates should wait another
year before baptism, and we feel God
has given them wisdom in this. I don't
believe I've ever experienced greater
joy than I have this past year as we've
actually watched a church being "born."

Our new school term has begun, so
we are rather pressed for time. We

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The Aspirin Age

The world is full of headaches which

can turn into heartaches if their treat­

ment is delayed. Experience reveals the

fact that man attempts every avenue of

escape from his problems before in de­

speration approaching someone who can

give spiritual guidance.

Aspirin specialists say that drugs can

control emotional turbulence, give peace

of mind, relieve anxiety and tension.

Those age-老 tranquilizers, alcohol and

tobacco, are also promoted to give such

supports. To call this the "Aspirin Age" is a magnificent understatement.

One day I heard a knock at my offi­
cce door. I looked up and a tall, bus­

ty young man in the uniform of his coun­

cy entered. "Chaplain, I don't know what to do or which way to turn. It all started two or three years ago." A problem which had plenty of time to grow is finally brought, intermingled with hot tears, before a minister.

Scenes similar to this are not stran­
gers in the office of the chaplain. This

twenty man, in desperation and as a

last resort, finally sought help outside of

himself. The sorrowful part of this all too common scene is that he waited too long before seeking help and he

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"No Charge" Rest Camp Opens Doors Again

LAKOTA PINES, SOUTH DAKOTA (EP) — Ministers, teachers, and other Christian workers from a score of different denominational groups used the facilities of Lakota Pines during their vacation last year, reports Rev. R. L. Gowen, manager.

Lakota Pines, a Christian Workers' Rest Camp located nearuster, South Dakota, in the Black Hills, will again be offered to Christian workers as a vacation resort. Other Christian people will be welcomed when there is room, says Mr. Gowen.

The camp is unique in that no rates as such are charged, but contributions are received to maintain and operate the grounds and buildings.

To accommodate the economy-minded and outdoor enthusiasts, facilities are provided for the tent and trailer campers. Reservations must be made in advance to assure accommodations.

Christian Medical Society Announces Medical-Missionary Convention


The convention is sponsored biennially by the Christian Medical Society. Men and women in the medical, dental, and para-medical professions will meet with mission executives and other interested leaders from around the world to discuss the increasing challenge faced by the Christian in medicine and dentistry.

In announcing the convention, J. Raymond Knighton, the society's executive director, declared: "The growing significance of missionary medicine in the world makes this upcoming convention an imperative for all who share the burdens of missionary medicine. At this convention the opportunities for service both at home and abroad will be intensively examined.''

Summer Institute of Missions to Include Laubach Literacy Course

Whitworth, B.C., ANS— "Techniques in Literacy Campaigns" will be the title of a course conducted by the world-renowned literacy expert, Dr. Frank C. Laubach, at the Summer Institute of Missions to be held at Whitworth College here this summer.

The advanced program for missionaries and candidates offered in cooperation with the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association and the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, also offers six other outstanding courses, all of which can be taken for graduate credit by qualified persons.

Days for the 1963 institute are June 11-21 and June 22-July 19. For information write Summer Institute of Missions, Whitworth College, Whitworth, Illinois.

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

How can Nazarenes uphold the revised version of the Bible when in Colossians 1:11 it leaves out the phrase "through his blood"?

There are three revised versions altogether, as well as a number of new translations of the Bible. The versions are the English Revised Version of 1885, the American Standard Version of 1901, and the Revised Standard Version of 1952. All of them omit the phrase "through his blood" in Colossians 1:11.

The reason is that this phrase is not in the text of the Greek New Testament, of which all our English versions are translations. The Greek simply reads: "In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins." The phrase in question was added by a Byzantine writer during the early Middle Ages, probably under the influence of Ephesians 1:7, which is almost the same as Colossians 1:11, except for the addition of the phrase "through his blood," through his blood.

The American Standard Version translates Ephesians 1:7: "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses." It translates Colossians 1:11, "In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins." Both are accurate and complete translations.

I am a little puzzled by the expression "upheld the revised version." The basic translation used in all of our work is the King James Version of 1611. This is recommended by the Board of General Superintendents for use in public worship. Version of other translations for study and comparison, and none of them is "upheld" as against any others.

You see, the Old Testament was originally written under divine inspiration in Hebrew, with short passages in Aramaic, a similar language, and the New Testament in Greek. So all English Bibles are translations. Since the translation is the work of God, the original is "perfect and entire, wanting nothing," to adapt a phrase from James 1:12. But since translations are the work of men, there is none which cannot be improved upon.

Then too, any spoken language changes across the years. Words change their meanings. A good example of this is "different" in the King James Version of 1 Corinthians 13. A school boy in seventeenth-century England would have had no difficulty at all with Psalms 56:6, "Thou shalt destroy them that speak lying." But since translation is the work of men, there is none which cannot be improved upon.

My husband believes that storehouse tithing is giving a tenth of his income to any department of the church. I've understood storehouse tithing to be paying the tithe into the local church treasury, and that we put offerings over and above into the Sunday school, N.V.P.S., N.F.M.S., and any special offerings. I consulted the Manual and could find no definition of storehouse tithing. Much to my surprise, would you please settle this in the question and answer column in the Herald.

"Settle it. I cannot. But I can give my opinion. Perhaps in checking the Manual, you did not find Paragraph 305: "Storehouse tithing is clearly both the scriptural and practical performance of faithfulness and regularity placing the tithe in that church to which the member belongs. Upon careful reflection the local church is the only storehouse properly recognizable in a scriptural sense. Therefore, to widen the scope of the definition but weaken its import and value, adopted by General Assembly, 1922."

It would be my judgment that the local church treasury is the storehouse intended. However, I would have to admit that the Sunday school, the N.V.P.S. and the N.F.M.S. are integral and essential parts of the local church. The only thing, it seems to me it's not a bad idea to give to the Lord, the benefit of the doubt. Perhaps you could agree on an amount which you both would represent as the local church treasury, and which to your husband would represent tithes and offerings.

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My Vineyard

A FEW WEEKS AGO a Sunday school teacher made this remark: "God may not call you to serve Him in Africa, but if He calls you to be a schoolteacher, remember that you can be a missionary in the classroom as well. You don't have to teach about or even mention religion; your life will speak for you. Your pupils will know you are a Christian."

These words touched me deeply, and silently I vowed in my heart that I, too, would be a missionary to the boys and girls in my charge.

It is ten miles from my home to the school where I teach Spanish to 380 bright-eyed, enthusiastic children, ages nine to thirteen. As I drive along the highway each morning I find myself praying: O Lord, help me today that I may display a Christian spirit before my students. Help me to have each one of them as Thou hastest them, to exalt Thee in such a way that they may feel Thy presence even in my classroom, and that soon their lives may be transformed and made new through faith in Thee. If I must correct them, help me to do it as Thou wouldst do it, with a heart of compassion. Help me to see them as individual souls, each with an eternal destiny, and help me to fully realize my responsibility in shaping their character. And, above all, stand beside me, Lord Jesus, as I stand before them.

I must admit that there are not many opportunities to speak of spiritual matters to these youngsters, some of whom perhaps have never been inside a church of any kind. But as I look into their eager faces, I cannot help but think, Christ died to save all of these, and this is the vineyard He has given me to work for Him. Though it be small, yet in His eyes it is great.—David L. Fletcher, Bethany, Oklahoma.

"We beheld his glory, . . . of the only begotten of the Father" (John 1:14).

The writings of John have always thrilled our souls—especially this verse. But we do not have to live in the days of John to behold the glory of the Son. We can and do behold His glory in every walk of life.

In our local hospital, one of the little girls from our Sunday school lay with the pallor of death on her face. She had not eaten for several days. The angel of death was hovering near. By the side of a weeping mother and grandmother we prayed. We beheld His glory in His healing power. The Son of God came down. the little lass fell into a sweet slumber, and next morning she awakened and said, "I'm hungry." The next day she went home. Every Sunday, seeing her sunning face in our Sunday school, we beheld the glory of "the only begotten of the Father."

The phone in the study rings. A terriified voice speaks. "Thurly to the hospital, our little boy has been struck by a car." The local doctors rush him to the medical center in our capital city.

The hours pass slowly, as we wait for news from surgery. They have said it was a miracle for him to live during the fifty mile trip here.

The desk phone rings. It is the head surgical nurse: "Tell the family it looks bad. Prepare them for a shock, he is not with us."

Calling the family into the chapel, we meet God on our knees. We behold His glory. A half hour rolls by. The nurse is coming. What is the latest? "Something happened—he is alive!"

After five weeks of coma, after much prayer, we see this little boy coming down the aisle of our Sunday school to put in his birthday offering.

No, we do not have to live in only the memory of John's message. It can be, it is a living reality! "We behold his glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father."—Locor, Iowa, Pastor, South Side Church, Franklin, Indiana.

Confessions of a Chicago Criminal

I lived in Chicago during the crime reign of Al Capone. The bootleggers and gangsters were on a rampage. I was among the worst of the lot. As I look back on my life, it is a miracle that Jesus ever looked my way.

Machine guns mowed the hoodlums down by the scores; but I used my tongue. I destroyed the reputations of good people. I mowed them down the way.

I was also a "backbiter." I knifed lots of people in the back. I would put on a disguise of friendliness, creep up in the shadows of self-righteousness, and stab my associates between the shoulders clear through to the heart. I also threw daggers of suspicion, and would leave people bleeding and broken. Then I would steal away.

I was also a robber of the worst sort. I robbed some of my friends of their most treasured possessions, of kindness, of respect, of reputation. I was pretty slick about it. I was never caught—that is—until I looked into the face of Jesus!

Reader, aren't you glad you never sank so low into the depths of sin? . . . or did you? Evangelist C. B. McCaull, Adrian, Missouri.
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