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HIS CHURCH

The Church of Jesus Christ is the most powerful force in the world today. His Church has survived against all the foes on the outside and the renegades within. Even to this hour, when the tide of evil runs rampant, the great Church of God lives and moves on.

The reason for the indestructibility of the Church of Jesus Christ is that it is of divine origin. In His tremendous discourse describing the Church to Simon Peter and the other disciples, Jesus said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). Paul confirmed Christ's purchase and provision for His Church when he declared, "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:25-27). Thus Jesus gave himself for His Church; and every redeemed, true believer is a member of His great Church.

We are tempted to look upon the Church only from our limited view. We see it with its human frailties, weaknesses, and even failures. But here is Christ's view—"a glorious church" without "spot, or wrinkle"! Only men redeemed from all sin and evil, whose hearts are cleansed and indwelt by the power and person of the Holy Spirit, can claim membership. And such a band of people so characterized are a positive, dynamic, victorious spiritual force in the world!



By A. Percy Rainey St. Catherines, Ontario

he Ojibwa Indians called the lake "Wawa," their name for "wild goose," because in the fall of the year great V-shaped flocks of wild geese would break ranks and settle down to rest on the lake before continuing their migration from the northern nesting grounds to the southland.

A huge statue of a Canada goose, fashioned of metal from the iron mines of the area, now stands at the entrance to the town of Wawa, situated on the lake of the same name, and not far from the rocky shoreline of Lake Superior.

Before men developed this beautiful vacationland and provided motels, lodges, and camping grounds in a setting of rugged beauty for those who want to "get away from it all," the wildfowl had learned the secret of a quiet rest in the midst of a long and strenuous journey.

There must be something the Lord has to

say to us through the voice of the wild.

The Israelites, while travelling through the wilderness, were promised rest at the end of the journey. This would be a glorious hope to them, because they were oppressed by many foes. The Egyptians, when they realized the loss of their slave labor, took out after them in hot pursuit. Had it not been for the miraculous deliverance in the providence of God, they would have been taken back into slavery.

Right from the creation of the world on throughout history, God made provision for a day of rest. If the wildfowl in their flight across the thousands of miles of lakes and rivers and forests and streams know by instinct that there must be a period of rest, then men ought not to be less aware of this necessity.

A famous physician, Sir James Crichton Browne, said years ago, "We doctors, in the treatment of nervous diseases, are continually compelled to prescribe periods of rest. Some of these periods, are, I think, only Sundays in arrears."

Possibly the most important rest of all is rest and peace of spirit.

The writer of the Book of Hebrews, after drawing his illustrative material from the fact that God rested on the seventh day and the fact of the children of Israel failing to possess the land because of unbelief, made a spiritual application when he said, "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it" (Hebrews 4:1).

Then he adds, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9).

What sort of rest is he talking about? This is something about which a person should not be casual. It is the rest of holiness of heart. It is the rest of total surrender of self to God.

> There is a place of quiet rest, Near to the heart of God; A place where sin cannot molest, Near to the heart of God. O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God, Hold us who wait before Thee Near to the heart of God.





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he power of the printed page is legendary. "The pen is mightier than the sword" is more than a time-worn adage. What awesome power the pen has wielded in the Church! How thrilling to read the recorded revelations of God-in Old Testament history, foretelling the unfolding and consummation of the plan of redemption! And the ministry of the pen in the Early Church—a ministry that endures to our day, teaching, admonishing, edifying!

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As the history of the Church unfolds, one thinks of Martin Luther with his majestic hymns and Bible commentaries. What a formidable pen he wielded!

And John Wesley! No man before or since appreciated so keenly the potential of the printed page in disseminating the gospel and in nurturing the spiritual life. His tracts and pamphlets, inexpensive though they were, yielded such unexpected profits that Wesley was alarmed lest he should suddenly find himself a rich man.

Unlike the spoken word, a message in print can be reread and passed from hand to hand, multiplying its yield 5-, 10-, and 100-fold. Translated, the written message leaps language barriers and finds readers in every corner of the globe.

Dr. Frank Laubach has done more to wipe out illiteracy than any other one man. He was speaking from observation when he said that if he had \$100 million to spend in evangelism he would invest every cent of it in the spread of Christian literature.

Who would care to estimate the influence of books such as John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress and Hannah Whitall Smith's The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life, to name only two of many such religious classics?

Thousands of words have been written extolling the power and glory of the printed page, but only eternity will reveal the extent of that influence.

Dr. William Stidger's tribute to books seems to be appropriate here, especially the few lines that read:

of the PRINTED PAGE

Books! Books! Books! And we thank Thee, God, For the gift of them, For the glorious reach And the lift of them; For the gleam in them, And the dream in them; For the things they teach, And the souls they reach!

The Christian Evangelist, in the issue of March 24, 1958, printed this deserved encomium to books: "A book is a special friend that offers you comfort when your life shatters, companionship on the darkest, rain-swept night, tenderness when you need affection, breathtaking thrills when you're bored. A book brings you God's Word, gives meaning to it, shows you how to live by it, offers you hope and strength and faith."

In the preface of his book Living for the Dying, Paul F. Anderson writes: "Before the Communist takeover of China one of Peking's leaders was quoted to have said, 'We must have an army of writers as well as an array of fighters. Writers are as important as an army at the front.' The weight and import of his words were re-emphasized some time thereafter by an observant missionary to that land who told us, 'We lost China—not at the edge of the sword, but at the point of the pen.'"

This brings to mind Red China's recognition of the power of print. Chairman Mao's little red book has saturated the country from center to circumference. Children lisp its precepts as soon as they can read; workers, students, professional people memorize its philosophical principles and order their lives thereby.

The Soviets spend \$100 to our \$1.00 on literature. In 1964 Russia published over 78,000 book titles compared to the United States' output of 28,500. Karl Marx's *Das Kapital* vies with the Bible in output. It would be difficult to overestimate the widespread influence of the *Communist Manifesto*.

Both China and Russia have demonstrated the challenging truth of Dr. George Buttrick's words, "Printed words can be read, digested, reprinted and bequeathed to posterity." In this context how significant the words of Frank Laubach, "The only thing greater than the terror of this day in which we live is the greatness of the opportunity for the use of Christian literature"! And that is a segment of the program to which your Publishing House is committed.

The ministry of Christian literature has many facets: books of devotion, guidance, inspiration, doctrine, Bible study, biography, church history, worldwide missions, Christian Service Training. Books for every age, for every aspect of Christian living and outreach—you'll find all these categories in the listing of books bearing the signature of Nazarene Publishing House.

Periodicals constitute a considerable part of NPH output: our official paper, *Herald of Holiness*; the quarterly devotional guide, *Come Ye Apart*; *Other Sheep*, a monthly magazine of missionary information and inspiration; and of primary importance, our comprehensive list of Sunday school literature.

Others speak of the Church of the Nazarené as "the singing church." Gospel music is a bigitem by which we serve our own denomination and many other evangelical groups.

Church and Sunday school supplies comprising many hundreds of items are made available for local churches.

Your Publishing House is not an agency or branch of the church. It is THE church in one vital aspect of its ministry of evangelizing and nurturing the Christian life.

A commercial institution? Yes, we buy and sell and manufacture. Business procedures are a way of life with us. But a business operated for the glory of God and the redemption of souls.

In the power of the Spirit your Publishing House pursues its calling of spreading the gospel by the printed page to the uttermost parts of the earth.

So we submit, for your support and your prayers, YOUR Publishing House, seeking divine leadership in all our transactions as we seek to serve the church and the world. YOUR Publishing House with the blessing of God and the support of the church, enjoying a measure of success, with enlarging borders, with a worldwide ministry; a business institution where, please God, the secular will always be subservient to the spiritual in all its plans and pursuits.



By J. Fred Parker, Book Editor Nazarene Publishing House

schoolteacher gave the following assignment to her class: Write to a famous person and ask for the one piece of advice he would give to a sixth grader. Janice wrote to one who was used to answering questions—Abigail Van Buren. The answer she received from "Dear Abby" is a classic:

"If I could give a sixth grader only one piece of advice it would be: Read.

"In books can be found a wealth of knowledge and pleasure. The wisdom of the ages, the best that has been thought and felt and said, awaits you. Sample it. Read for fun, for pleasure, for information."

What refreshing words in an age when reading has largely become a lost art! In this fast-paced, pleasure-sated age, the contemplative pursuits such as reading have been unfortunate casualties.

The paradox is that we have more books available today than ever before, and we have more evidence of reading skills—but we have less reading.

Three billion dollars was spent for books in the United States alone last year—double the amount of 10 years before. This, of course, does not mean double the number of volumes, for one of the most inflated commodities, pricewise, has been the book. But 750 million volumes is a lot of reading material.

It perhaps should be noted, too, that the increase in number of volumes could be almost completely accounted for in the textbook-reference area and in the exploding paperback field. (And it is common knowledge that most of the latter titles are of dubious worth.)

Why don't we read more books? Why is it that the newly literate man in some remote country has an insatiable appetite for reading material, while our books gather dust on the shelves? Maybe he is geared to a slower tempo and has the time as well as the inclination to read. The problem with us is that we seem to have neither.

As with every other human activity, how-

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ever, we must often deliberately take time to do the essential things—perhaps even *make* time.

Pearl Buck vehemently denounced those who claimed they did not have time to read. "This means simply that they have no interest in meeting great minds," she said. "It means that they have no interest in developing their own minds and hence their own personalities."

To grow intellectually, culturally, and spiritually one can ill afford to neglect to read. One is as foolish to expect to maintain physical health without adequate diet as to starve oneself in this area.

For Christians this is particularly significant. As John Wesley said, "Reading Christians are growing Christians; when they cease to read, they cease to grow."

But then arises the next question: What shall we read?

Many are the accolades which have been heaped upon books as the "messengers of the ages," "fountains of inspiration," and "treasure houses of truth." Someone wrapped it up with this: "A book is a garden, an orchard, a storehouse, a party, a companion by the way, a counsellor."

Helen Keller, whose ability to read at all was a miracle, said, "Truly each new book is as a ship that bears us away from the fixity of our limitations into the movement and splendor of life's infinite ocean."

For all that, one must admit that there is much that is cheap, tawdry, and downright evil on the bookstands today. Even the best-seller lists are dominated by unworthy books (a shameful commentary on our times, by the way).

Therefore it behooves us to be highly selective in our reading. The warning of the late Dr. A. W. Tozer is pertinent: "It is vitally important that we read the best and nothing but the best. Today we must practice sharp discipline in our reading habits."

The Nazarene Publishing House feels a special stewardship in the area of furnishing the best in Christian reading materials. Since it is the largest publisher of holiness books in the world, this sense of mission becomes all the more significant. The House prints about 650,000 books annually, with 45 to 50 new titles coming out each year. But unfortunately, apart from our missionary books, which receive the impetus of an organized reading program, readership is comparatively meager.

It is almost incredible that the average sale of our regular books is only about 3,000—this with a membership of over 500,000. Even if two people read each book purchased, this would still mean that only 1 out of 100 Nazarenes will read the average book the Publishing House produces. Perhaps 4 out of 5 read none of them at all.

The reading goal of the average person should be at least six books a year. Horace Mann advised, "Resolve to edge in a little reading every day, if it is but a single sentence. If you gain fifteen minutes a day, it will make itself felt at the end of the year."

I have a friend who often greets me with "What are you reading these days?" The question usually supersedes such amenities as inquiring about the state of my health. Actually he is, in a way, inquiring concerning my mental health. Suppose the question were addressed to you. Most people do not read a book a year, let alone have one in process all the time—as my friend's question would imply.

Some try to survive on a newspaper/magazine diet. These publications are not without value, but the real gold mines for the reader are found in books. They come in all sizes and cover a multitude of subjects. Some will be more meaningful to the reader than others. But they all stand with open doors, inviting the inquiring mind and questing spirit to come inside. Here we may share some moments of inspiration, mull over some provocative truths, explore the heritage of the past, receive spiritual instruction, and gather some treasured thoughts to brighten a barren tomorrow.

Buy yourself a book. Read it. Share it with a friend. Remember the oft-quoted statement: "The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read." \Box



By A. F. Harper, Kansas City, Mo.

ne evening John Wesley dropped in at a prayer meeting on Aldersgate Road. His heart was strangely warmed, not by the preaching of a sermon, but by words from a book. The leader read aloud from the preface to Martin Luther's commentary on Romans.

Thank You, Lord, for the man who wrote that preface. He made a path along which the Spirit of God walked into another man's life.

As far as we know, Luke never preached a sermon or gave a testimony in prayer meeting at least there is no record that he did. But how poor our lives would be without just one sentence from his Gospel: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11)!

And how much less we would know about God's plan for our lives without a line from Luke's second volume, "When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place... And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:1, 4).

Thank You, Lord, for Luke and for his pen.

Power

In commenting on Jeremiah 29, Matthew Henry wrote: "We may serve God and do good by writing. . . . whom we cannot speak to, we may write to; that which is written remains."

Ours is an age of communication explosions. We are grateful for a thousand gospel radio programs; we thank God for a Billy Graham on television. But the roles of writing and reading have not declined. Radio sermons are written. Television scripts are read.

Men write books to persuade us that the day of books has passed, but it has not. If our part of God's work is to grow, the Nazarene Publishing House must keep on printing. Today we must write well in order to capture the attention of busy men—but we must keep on writing.

Books

In writing and publishing there is seedtime, and harvest. For 30 years H. Orton Wiley thought the thoughts of God and painstakingly put them into writing. In 1940 the Nazarene Publishing House began to print the 3-volume, 1,500-page set on *Christian Theology*. Today wherever men in Wesleyan circles discuss the truths of God, you find quotes and footnotes from this work.

From 1963 to 1969 a team of 40 writers, 3 editors, and a publisher wrote and published the 6,000-page, 10-volume *Beacon Bible Commentary*. Today more than 15,000 preachers and teachers are guided by it as they seek to guide others in truth and righteousness.

Periodicals

Not all worthy things are permanent. We breathe deeply as we gaze in awe at one of God's everlasting hills. But we also catch our breath at the beauty and fragrance of a rose that is here today and fades tomorrow.

Periodical literature is like the rose. With one exposure it must reveal its beauty and scatter its fragrance; then its brief ministry is gone.

Gone? Not if one reader was drawn closer to God because it was written. Not if one teacher was better prepared to point children to the Saviour. Not if one young person resolved, I shall serve God-and "if I perish, I perish."

When the written word opens a door for the entrance of God's Holy Spirit, that word has fulfilled its destiny. It may never be read again, but its ministry lives on in transformed lives.

Every three months the mailman visits our 5,000 churches. He delivers 1.5 million of these printed ministers. If your congregation is of average size, you distributed 300 of them to your people this month. A publishing house staff of 284 dedicated Christians prints them and ships them. Probably 100 writers, editors, and secretaries prepare them for the printer.

Writers

Who are these writers and editors? Harold Englund says, "The Christian writer is a teacher, an analyst, a prophet, a comforter, an angry conscience. He needs to be caught up into the presence of God and remain there until something of a divine perspective anoints his spirit and suffuses his work."

Professor Dare of Greenville College adds, "He must possess a devout spirit, the capacity to say something about God, and the ability to say it well."

These qualities are not unique to writers. They are essential to the ministry of every Christian preacher and teacher.

The writer's responsibility, however, is

magnified by the high-speed printing press. The teacher's ideas are shared with a few; they are accepted or challenged only by his class. The writer's ideas are shared with thousands who read them, test them, accept or reject them.

If we writers miss the truth or say it poorly, our error is grievous. If our ideas are right and good, our ministry is great.

Thanks

Dr. Leslie Parrott writes: "Except for the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of Christ, the greatest possession of the Church has been the miracle of the written word.... No mechanical invention has equaled the power of the printing press. Our choirs practice—our congregations sing—our preachers study—our laymen learn—our children memorize—our minds are enlightened—our emotions moved—and our wills activated through the materials that are turned out by the Nazarene Publishing House."

From Texas a laywoman expresses her thanks: "What I read today has warmed my heart, strengthened my faith, and blessed my soul....I'm glad people write....I was hungering and thirsting for—I knew not what. Through the *Herald of Holiness* I was led into the experience of entire sanctification. I say thank you, and thank God for Christian literature. I'm glad people write."

PEN POUNTS

With the increase in production and use of "bugging" devices and availability of keeping records on the life of every person alive through computer memory banks and microfilm files, there is today a growing anxiety about the invasion of privacy.

By secret surveillance, a public or private agency can "snoop" on any of us and build a record of our lives to be used against us when appropriate, necessary, or convenient. Future employment, appointment, or other kind of opportunity could be destroyed by an examination of our personal files.

The prospects of this kind of violation of our rights to keep our personal lives private makes us feel as though we are being crowded into a corner.

But there is a device which has been around for centuries which can do still more damage to reputations and destroy more opportunities than anything modern technology has developed.

Anyone can use it. Groups and agencies often use it as a means of building flies on individuals.

That little device is still called the tongue. James warns us of its dangers in the third chapter of his letter.

Real or imaginary data is transmitted through a

system called the "grapevine" (a euphemism for the gossip line), not to computer memory banks, but to human memories (which are much more effective), where it is kept and recalled in private conversations or formal committee meetings.

Usually, nothing is said to the subject, so the record is a "secret" to him. Innuendo, guilt by association, or circumstantial assumption shared either consciously or unconsciously can plant suspicion and leave the individual defenseless. Right or wrong, it is on the record.

This is not meant to increase the anxiety of that person suffering from paranoia. It is but a reminder in the midst of the great concern over "bugging" and "Watergate" that the greater danger is still "gossiping."

The gates we need to watch are the "gates" of our mouths. Or, perhaps, since what comes from our mouths is out of our hearts, we should let the Holy Spirit be the Keeper of the gates of our hearts.

By Daniel Steele, Columbus, Ohio

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usic was not mentioned when the building of a centrally located publishing house was authorized by the Third General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene held in 1911. Periodicals, books, and Sunday school supplies were the chief concern.

Several small, revival-type songbooks had been released by the old Nazarene Publishing Company in Los Angeles, but most of the music materials used by our scattered churches were provided by several independent publishers.

But this condition did not last long. Not only did music characterize the services of the young and growing churches, but there was an effervescence of spirit in that music that led to the label "the singing church."

The new Publishing House in Kansas City soon recognized the need for and assumed the responsibility of providing suitable music.

The first major step was taken in 1921 when Waves of Glory, No. 2 was published. The compilers carefully studied every song and hymn with the Nazarene service in mind. This first venture in producing a quality songbook proved eminently successful and served the church well for more than a decade.

In 1930 the Publishing House brought Haldor Lillenas, ordained minister, songwriter, and publisher, to Kansas City to establish a Music Department. This department (Lillenas Publishing Company) has experienced a steady growth, and today it holds a place in the front rank among all publishers of religious music.

Haldor Lillenas was endowed with that remarkable gift of supplying songs that fit into the Nazarene service. Many of his own compositions were quite simple, but they were singable and they spoke the language and expressed the spirit of the people called Nazarenes.

The publishing of congregational songbooks was only one phase of a great ministry in serving the music needs of the church. There came a steady flow of materials for local church musicians and evangelistic singers—books of solos, duets, trios, quartets, and music for choirs.

For many years Lillenas publications have been known for a wide variety of special-day materials, including the extremely popular *Program Builder* for Christmas, Easter, and other special days and events in the Church. Choir cantatas of many grades and descriptions were widely distributed.

As other music needs became evident, the Publishing House moved in to supply these needs. Keyboard music for preludes, offertories, and general use began with the fine quality works of the late Wilda Jackson Auld, accomplished Nazarene pianist and teacher. Today the Lillenas catalog displays many keyboard works from a number of the world's finest evangelical artists. There are also graded materials to assist beginners in hymn playing from their first lessons.

As the church has grown, choirs have also enlarged and improved, and there has been an increasing demand for choral music to fit varied types of services. The several earlier choir books and the popular "Chorus Choir Voices" series were not enough.

It therefore became necessary several years ago to launch an extensive program of choir books and octavos, beginning with the "Sanc-

> By Floyd W. Hawkins Music Editor, Nazarene Publishing House

tuary Choir" series and the "Evangel Choir" series.

Today Lillenas offers seven outstanding octavo series for youth and adult choirs and many choir books of various types and grades. This music, which includes hundreds of titles, is being used by Nazarenes and other Evangelicals throughout the whole world.

In recent years there has been an upsurge of interest in youth choirs, and singing groups have been organized throughout the country. Some of these travel extensively. All of this interest has created a demand for music to fit the youth of today.

In response, a large volume of music has been provided including several musicals such as Life, Love, and Celebration of Hope. The last was prepared for presentation at the General Convention of the Department of Youth held in Miami last year.

In keeping with our church's continuing emphasis, the Publishing House has released a

special musical expression of salvation and praise—Discovery.

Among the hundreds of music items issued by our Publishing House, one volume stands uniquely alone . . . the hymnal. It speaks for the church as no other music publications speak.

The church may not be judged by its special books, revival or chorus books. But the hymnal, in a class by itself, represents the church as no other book does aside from the Manual. A congregation may not be identified by its building nor by its furnishings, but you will learn much about the church as you examine her hymnal.

Furthermore there is a unifying power in joining with Nazarenes around the world, all singing from a common hymnal. Worship in Song, released at General Assembly time last year, is the pinnacle publication of the entire Lillenas line—the most important contribution through which the Music Department of the Publishing House serves the church.

When the canoe was launched, it capsized. He hauled it to the beach, found another log, and began again.

Once more a man came along and offered advice. Pointing to the monstrosity the Indian said, "That boat over there is everybody's boat. This boat is Indian's boat."

Many persons will attempt to tell us how to build our lives. But there is danger in designing our lives according to the directions of others. In so doing we run the risk of capsizing and, unlike the Indian, we do not get the opportunity of a second try.

To be sure, we need help in building our lives; so God has given us two kinds of directions which we can follow. One is an outer set of directions and the other is inner. The outer set is God's Word; the inner set is the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

These two sets of directions never contradict each other. They are mutually supportive. If we pay close attention to the Holy Bible and the Holy Spirit, we can be assured of building the kind of life that will stand the test of time.

The Bible tells us that we are to make certain additions to our faith: virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity. By so doing we shall never fall (nor sink!) (2 Peter 1:5-10).

If others give us directions for living that are supported by the Word and the Spirit, let us thank them for the reminder. On the other hand, if their directions cannot be thus verified, let us ignore them and go on about our task of life-building.

What if Noah had accepted ark-building directions from his contemporaries? Human history would have ended with the Flood! Instead, Noah carefully followed God's blueprints and "prepared an ark to the saving of his house" (Hebrews 11:7).

May God help us to do the same!

LIFE-BUILDING

An Indian was carving a canoe out of a huge log. A friend said, "Chief, I think she's too wide for her length." So the Indian narrowed it down. Later, another man told him the stern was too wide, so he cut it down. A third person suggested that the bow needed changing, so he changed it.

BY JAMES D. HAMILTON, Kansa

SEARCH

SPIRITUAL

STABILITY



aul was in chains, his future devoid of human hope. As he "dipped his pen in the blood of his heart" and wrote his last letter to Timothy, his primary concern was not his own personal comfort or future.

True, the aged missionary asked for his cloak, books, and parchments (2 Timothy 4:13). He also wrote about his friends, some of whom had forsaken him or done him harm (2 Timothy 1:15; 4:10, 14).

The dominant note of his letter, however, was not his personal well-being or future but the future of the faith. He wrote: "So, my son, be strong in the grace that Christ Jesus gives. Everything that you have heard me teach in public you should in turn entrust to reliable men, who will be able to pass it on to others" (2 Timothy 2:1-2, Phillips).

The sobering charge to Timothy is our charge, too. It has been well said that "the church must teach or die." Had the generations from Timothy to today failed in passing on the great truths of our faith, we would have no saving message. Our serious task is to pass on to others and to those who follow us the Christian message of redemption.

This task is a total church responsibility. Every department and commission of the general church must share in this responsibility. Every institution needs to take seriously this charge. Every district leader and program should be related to this assignment. Every local church must see its primary task as the perpetuation of the saving message. The justification of any organization in the church is its contribution to this supreme commission.

Christian Service Training is dedicated to passing on to others "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). It aims to do this in two basic ways.

First of all, it seeks to train lay leaders in all phases of the work of the local church so that they will be effective in communicating the gospel. Trained laity is the pressing need of the hour if we are to communicate our faith to this generation.

Paul wrote to Timothy, "As for the instructions I gave you in the presence of many witnesses, transmit them to trustworthy men, that they may be *competent to teach others*" (2 Timothy 2:2, Moffatt). Marion Lawrance once said, "The greatest need in the church today is for trained teachers who will put the whole mind into preparation, the whole soul into presentation, and the whole life into illustration."

Competence is needed by all who are involved in specific lay leadership assignments in the church. Those in administration are "teachers" too and must be concerned about the propagation of the saving message of the gospel.

In the second place, CST seeks through its training programs not only to assist those in specific leadership assignments but to help Christians to become stronger in the faith and to be better churchmen. Through this approach it seeks to strengthen the total witness of the church, so that its communication of the faith will be clear and strong.

A constant ally in the work of the Christian Service Training Commission is the Nazarene Publishing House.

The Nazarene Publishing House supports the work of Christian Service Training in a number of ways. It provides one-third of the operating budget. It publishes quality training texts at minimum cost for our people. The most recent of these texts are: New Testament Evangelism Today (Wesley Tracy), Winsome Evangelism (Ponder W. Gilliland), Tools That Teach (J. Melton Wienecke), The Youth Department Supervisor (Bruce D. Webb), and The Meaning of Church Membership (Jerry W. McCant). Finally, it processes efficiently the orders for materials necessary for the operation of our training programs.

Of our Christian faith Paul said, "Pass it on to others." In this big task the whole church must be involved. The Christian Service Training Commission is grateful for the strong hand of our Publishing House in the common task of communicating to our world the wondrous story of redeeming love.

> By Earl C. Wolf Executive Director, Christian Service Training

LEST WE FORGET

Always on the move, He still had time for everyone. He preached with bold authority, Lovingly blended with tender compassion. Boundlessly excited and always enthusiastic, He remained kindly patient with those who weren't. He worked long and hard, And motivated others to work beside him. Standing tall in the center of public attention, He stood taller vet in private. He not only spoke of a way of life; He lived it and lived it to the fullest. Living to give, He graciously and humbly received. He's retired now, His body marked by the years of wear. Always loving and caring, He loves and cares even now. He has not forgotten, Not his God, his church, his people. But have they remembered him?

His heart aflame with love for God and for

He was younger then,

others.

-Dan Spross Kansas City

(Submitted by Department of Pensions and Benevolence)

Photo by Wesley Sullivan

ON THESE I STAND

I love the dear old Book of God; I marvel at its sacred truth. Some men may laugh and doubt its worth.

But still it thrills me through and through!

I love the precious blood of Christ Which was shed on Calvary; Though some may say, "It cannot be," I'll shout, "Worthy the Lamb, who ransomed me!" I love the blessed hope of heaven, Where all is peace and joy and love. While some may think it just a myth, My heart yearns for my home above!

Other men may choose the darkness, Go on in sin and blindly grope; But I'll stand secure and rest assured On the BOOK, the BLOOD, and the HOPE!

> —John Shank Campbellsville, Ky.

BOOK COLLECTION OR LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

oo many church libraries are like Topsy; they have just "growed" through the years! As new materials were added, more shelves were built and maybe a wall torn down. Eventually a larger room was designated for library use, usually with little or no thought being given to its location in relationship to other church functions and activities.

Library staffs have expanded in much the same way. When the job became too involved or too time-consuming for one person, another was added. No real effort was made to determine personnel needs and define responsibilities. Many churches have *book collections*, but in the truest sense of the word they could not be called *libraries*.

Fellowship halls and gymnasiums are seen to be important for the *social* life of church members; and church boards and architects plan for the appropriate number of square feet, proper lighting, adequate ventilation, etc., to accommodate the congregation. But what about planning for the *cultural* life of the congregation by providing adequate space for an effective church library, or to use a contemporary term, *learning resource center*?

Students of history attest to the place of importance held by the church library during the Middle Ages. The only ones able to read were the priests and monks, and the only libraries in existence were the monastery libraries (with only religious books), and later the cathedral libraries (which included secular literature). The Church had a monopoly on education before the Renaissance, and actually held civilization together for 1,500 years.

With the fall of feudalism and the rise of cities, the spread of commerce, and the advent of the printing press, learning could not be contained by the Church. The church library, as a dominant force in shaping the lives and philosophies of man, began to decline.

There has been a recent revival, however, of the church library as a vital force in the lives of Christian people. A church library movement began about 10 years ago, and now books are not chained to monastery walls but are being circulated among the people.

Statistics released last July at the annual conference of the Church and Synagogue Library Association reveal that: (1) most church libraries are less than 10 years old; (2) they invest from \$100 to \$500 annually in library materials; (3) they have holdings of between 500

> By Roger M. Williams San Diego, Calif.

and 5,000 volumes; and (4) the average circulation is 25 books per week.

While the holdings and circulation figures may seem rather small and insignificant, the trend is very important, and the potential is almost limitless. There are now more than 25,000 active church and synagogue libraries in the United States; more than all of the public, college, special, armed forces, law, and medical libraries combined! This means a circulation of 625,000 books weekly, and an annual circulation total of 32.5 million!

The first step toward organizing a church library is to view it as a MINISTRY. The scope of the church library's ministry is from the child to the golden ager, and from the new Christian to the mature saint. Every individual and organization in the church can profit from its resources.

The inquiring Christian should be able to secure from his church library materials on family-life education, Bible study, visitation, soul winning, vocational guidance, and other subjects of importance and value to him.

Secular books have a place in the church library too if the Christian is to keep abreast of what is going on in the world today. There should be current books that deal with live issues from a Christian perspective: birth control, war and peace, sex, night people, poverty, and the drug culture. Too often church people are shielded to a great degree from many of the hard facts of life. Let them read for themselves.

Although it would be advantageous, the operation of the church library does not require the services of a professional librarian. The technical tasks of processing and cataloging can be done by a layman who loves books, loves people, is willing to learn, and has time to devote to the job.

A library committee is needed with definite assignments and responsibilities, and the library must have a place in the church budget, so that proper tools and resources are available. But establishing a church library need be neither expensive nor complicated!

Somewhere I read that the Word of God can be *imprisoned* in a book, *preserved* in a book, or *released* through a book.

Every local church needs an active church library that will help to *release* the Word of God through providing resources for the needs of its congregation and promoting the circulation and use of them in such a way that the church library will be a complement to the other ministries of the church!

Truly the church library is a *ministry*, and when its value as such is recognized, it will be included in the church budget and the building committee's planning, and will be given the appropriate priority needed to make it effective.

PEN POINTS

I USED TO BE AFRAID OF DINOSAURS

Allosaurus ... brontosaur ... diplodocus ... ichthyosaurus—these names have been with me for many years.

As an undergraduate geology major at the University of Illinois, I became acquainted with these ancient reptiles. From lectures in the classrooms to actually digging up bones in New Mexico, I was fascinated.

Their statistics continue to amaze me: 20 feet to the top of the head . . . 60 feet from head to tail . . . tens of tons of reptilian flesh and bone controlled by a brain that wouldn't overfill a tablespoon. And the diversity: land, sea, and air . . . they dominated it all.

As an eager student, I listened, and read, and thought. I learned that these ubiquitous monstrosities were placed (somewhat casually, it seemed to me) in the "evolutionary" sequence somewhere between fish and mammals. They didn't fit very comfortably, but where else could they be placed?

And I learned that others were upset by the dinosaurs, too. Where did they come from? ... And where did they go? Where do they fit into the animal world?

Later, while working as a petroleum geologist in Venezuela, in a time of personal crisis, I thought about myself. Where did I come from?... And where was I going? Where did I fit, and was there any meaning in life?

A Bible had been given to me and it had lain neglected in the foot locker ever since. Then, at 3 a.m., He revealed himself, the Living Word, through the Written Word.

I accepted Him as my own Lord and experienced the new birth, and went on my way rejoicing. Then up rose the dinosaurs. In God's great world and in His economy, I find reason, and purpose, and order. But *allosaurus*, *stegosaurus*, and all of their kin? I couldn't fit them in, and it frightened me.

Today, I still can't fit them in—but I'm not frightened in the least. I can't understand how any thinking person could ignore the great harmonies of the creation and accept disharmonies of evolution, and I can't understand how God makes red apples through green chlorophyll, and many other mysteries of the world we live in.

No, I don't know where dinosaurs fit into His creation, and it used to frighten me. Now that I know where I fit in, I have no more fear.

I can wait until I see Him to find out about the dinosaurs. Meanwhile, I'm not a bit afraid!

By Fred Kern, Jr. Vancouver, B.C.



BOOKS AND FAMILY LIFE

"The home is still the greatest educational force, and parents who make reading attractive contribute immeasurably to their children's intellectual, emotional, and spiritual development. Forty-one years as a headmaster have convinced me that a genuinely educated person is one who knows how to read and who keeps reading throughout his life."

So says Dr. Frank Gaebelein in the introduction to Gladys M. Hunt's book *Honey for a Child's Heart*.

Mrs. Hunt's book is a guide for the imaginative use of books in family life---and it is superb!

She talks about our responsibility as parents, "to train up a child in the way he should go," and suggests that that responsibility encompasses more than teaching children the facts of the Gospels.

"It is to train the child's character, to give him high ideals and to encourage integrity. It is to provide largeness of thought, creative thinking, imaginative wondering—an adequate view of God and His world," contends Mrs. Hunt.

The author is clear in her belief that a person can never really appreciate the finest in God's world without personal redemption. "But," she says, "many a redeemed person lives in a small, insecure world because he has never walked with God into the larger place which is His domain."

Mrs. Hunt feels that books and the Bible are at our disposal to use wisely for God's glory and our own enjoyment of God's domain.

An aspect of books and reading that interested me was a chapter she entitled "The Pleasure of a Shared Adventure," in which she talked about reading aloud together as a family. Mrs. Hunt shares with her readers the fact that reading aloud has bound her family together in a very special way. "We have gone through emotional crises together as we felt anger, sadness, fear, gladness and tenderness in the world of the book we are reading."

In this regard, Mrs. Hunt oberves that so many parents these days are complaining because they can't communicate with their children. To this she responds, "I want to ask if they ever REALLY thought together about ideas... Knowing someone means sharing ideas, growing together.... You can't one day decide to KNOW your children and have it magically happen." She believes that reading together aloud is one way to help accomplish this.

Mrs. Hunt suggests that when you begin with your first child, start with good but simple stories that were perhaps your favorites as a child or that you've since discovered. Then move along to stories with more involved plots.

When child number two is old enough for the family reading circle, some of the favorite special literature bears repeating and no one really minds. But, advises Gladys Hunt, even though each child deserves some catching up along the way, keep moving on.

For instance, in a family of four children, ages 5 to 12, read aloud with the two older children in mind. The younger children, even though they may not understand everything, will feel the comfort and security of being included in the "inner circle."

Family togetherness is an important byproduct of reading together. But another important aspect of reading aloud together is the opportunity of teaching what is true and good. Mrs. Hunt feels that some of the best teaching times in their family have been in the reading of the Bible and other good books aloud together.

"How would you best be enlightened to some truth," she asks, "by being told that it was wrong to be nasty and thoughtless to others, or to meet and come to love some character in a story and then feel her hurts when someone is unkind and says cruel things?"

The Christian parent has a distinct advantage when he uses both the Bible and good books in teaching important concepts of truth. The Bible spells out the teaching of God's plan for man and also tells us about real people their sins, courage, faith, and disbelief—and then we see the fruit of these characteristics in their lives.

Properly chosen, Mrs. Hunt says that "good books fulfill our human need for adventure and wider experience, but they also provide support for the kind of character development of which the Scriptures speak."

At the end of *Honey for a Child's Heart*, the author has included an excellent, very extensive bibliography covering a wide range of books and subjects for our study and reference.

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Bud Lunn

The Nazarene Publishing House is an integral part of the Church of the Nazarene. It is not like an arm or other limb of the body, but much nearer the heart. It is impossible to think of our church without including the Nazarene Publishing House.

It is an organization of strength and complexity. It is a spiritual force. It is a dispenser of truth and light via the printed page. It is the place and medium through which 284 people serve God and the church.

At the managerial head of this vital and essential institution is an outstanding layman and churchman—Mr. M. A. (Bud) Lunn. His life is centered around the assignment. He is a manager of excellence. He conceives of his position as the place where God wants him to serve, and carries on his duties as one who knows he is called of and accountable to God.

As you would know, his days are always full directing and managing this huge productive organization of our church. The departments included in production are office, proofroom, art-layout, Photon, bindery, letterpress, litho plate, litho press. The office work includes accounting and credit, customer accounts, order-clerical, purchase order, correspondence, Visual Art, sales advertising, subscription all this plus maintenance, mailing, and shipping. No wonder he labors early and late, spending evenings and Saturdays carrying on his work—far beyond the call of duty.

He must preside and direct meetings as follows: inspirational company meetings, Employee Day, company policy meetings, staff meetings for business of major importance, and almost daily meetings with engineer, production manager, organization manager, and administrative coordinator.

And as if this is not enough, this remarkable man is a member of general church committees including: Investment Committee, Music Committee, Book Committee, general church Laymen's Conference Committee, General Personnel Committee, Communications Commission, Christian Service Training, and General Stewardship.

Leadership essential to our church and management skill in the case of our Publishing House is vital. We have it in Mr. M. A. Lunn.

He came to the Publishing House in June, 1946; he was elected manager in 1960. The organization has grown and increased its contribution to our work around the world under his leadership.

A more personal insight is seen in the revelation of himself the man and the dedicated churchman as included in a recent report of his to the General Board:

"The success of the Publishing House is not reflected in statistics, encouraging though they may be. If there is any satisfaction in the sense of achievement, it is in our wholehearted support of the central purposes of the church, which is to spread the gospel to the far reaches of the earth. This we have tried to do. To this end we have dedicated our best efforts.

"In this day of permissiveness in all areas of society, we must fly the standards of our doctrine and belief at top mast, letting the world and Satan know that we intend to stand firm in the way and follow old paths. As a church, we must heed the admonition of Jeremiah, 'Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not.' This purpose is strengthened by a glorious heritage as we meet the present opportunities with courage. And we face the future as a golden challenge with promise, in the strength of our God, who with His adequate resources will enable us to overcome."

So at the head of an essential part of our Zion stands a layman—a man who is in step with the great program of our movement. It is his keen judgment and business acumen that enable our publishing arm to operate in the black and not only produce over 700,000 books plus millions of pieces of literature yearly but turn its assets and income all to the church.

It is his dedication to God and the application of that devotion to this important assignment that causes our literature to reflect our growth and doctrine.

So in this year's Bible and book issue of the Herald of Holiness we give just honor to Mr. M. A. (Bud) Lunn, executive secretary of the Department of Publication of the General Board and manager of the Nazarene Publishing House—and above all that a churchman of stature and great service to the church and our Lord. \Box

BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS By Dr. V. H. Lewis

editorially speaking

A Salute to the Nazarene Publishing House

Sixty-one years ago last spring an already old brick residence at 2109 Troost Avenue in Kansas City became the Nazarene Publishing House.

It wasn't much of an operation as publishing houses go. Its secondhand linotype and presses were lodged in the basement. Some of the upstairs rooms housed employees. Liabilities far exceeded assets.

Yet two of the living rooms became the meeting place for the first Nazarene congregation in the city. The publishing venture itself was the beginning of the multimillion-dollar concern that is one of the church's most important assets.

Behind the growth of these 61 years is an exciting human drama of sacrifice, consecrated labor of management and staff, and the indispensable blessing of God upon sincere efforts to bring "the full gospel to the whole world by the printed page."

The young publishing program was little more than a year old when a young accountant joined the staff. The son of Danish immigrants, Mervel S. Lunn was first bookkeeper, then assistant manager, and finally manager of the House from 1922 to 1960.

Mr. Lunn's son Meredith A. (Bud) Lunn became assistant manager in 1946, coming to the Publishing House from General Motors Corporation. When M. Lunn retired in 1960, Bud was the unanimous choice of the General Board to succeed his father as manager.

The Lunns, father and son, gathered around them a management, production, and marketing team that could well be the envy of any business in the country. The Publishing House is more than buildings and machinery. The Publishing House is people—some of the finest on earth.

We sometimes try to estimate the inestimable, to measure the immeasurable. It isn't easy, but we try to find the words.

One way is to ask others to help. How does the church size up its publishing operation?

In a somewhat random sampling of church leaders, the major contributions of the House began to appear. The exceptionally large percentage of response—much too large to be reflected in full here—is itself a tribute to the recognized importance of the publishing arm of the church.

Dean Willis E. Snowbarger of Olivet Nazarene College in Kankakee, Ill., observed that the

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"Nazarene Publishing House is one of the big success stories of the whole Nazarene movement. The printed page, music under the Lillenas imprint, and church supplies available to pastors are continuing instruments of worldwide evangelism that can be fully evaluated only in eternity."

Nor should this be taken for granted. "No institution of the church is taken for granted more than the publishing house," wrote Superintendent Murray Pallett of the Northwest European District, headquartered in Denmark. "Not until we came to work in Europe did I realize how difficult it is to do Christian work without the printed page in the language of the people."

There is a strong consensus that the growth of the Church of the Nazarene has depended in large measure on its publishing work.

"Apart from the power of the Holy Spirit and the relevancy of the holiness message, three factors have, in my judgment, contributed to our growth as a church," wrote CST and Stewardship Director Earl C. Wolf.

"First, God has given us leaders of high caliber.

"Second, from our beginnings we have had a strong emphasis on education as well as evangelism.

"Finally, we have had the Nazarene Publishing House. It has been aggressive in spirit, alert to new ways of doing things, but always loyal to our message and supportive of all the church seeks to do as a witness to our day."

That the church has not fragmented as some others have is also due in large part to its publications.

A layman, Dr. George J. Reed, of the United States Parole Board in Washington, D.C., says, "The Nazarene Publishing House has united, challenged, and educated our people in the basic beliefs and life-style of Nazarenes who are committed to God and the church."

President W. Shelburne Brown of Point Loma College in San Diego, Calif., notes one of the unique strengths of the church as "the sense of solidarity that exists among members around the world. There is a 'family' feeling wherever Nazarenes congregate. The work of the Publishing House is directly related to the development of this strength. Common reading material, whether promotional or inspirational, has bound our people together in unity."

The permanence of the printed word in comparison with the spoken word is cited by Chicago Central District Superintendent Forrest W. Nash: "In the ongoing of the Kingdom the strong Behind the growth of these 61 years is an exciting human drama of sacrifice, consecrated labor of management and staff, and the indispensable blessing of God. The Publishing House is more than buildings and machinery. The Publishing House is people—some of the finest on earth.

voices of saints and scholars challenge and guide the church. Were it not for the printed page their words would fade in the passing of each generation. I have been thankful for the Nazarene Publishing House, which has preserved the inspiring words of great holiness leaders."

Seminary President William M. Greathouse describes the Publishing House as "the most prolific producer of holiness literature in the world." As such, the House has served not only our own church but other denominations as well.

The influence of the Publishing House extends far beyond the borders of the continental United States.

From Australia, Superintendent A. A. E. Berg wrote, "Since the inception of our work in Australia, we have counted the Nazarene Publishing House as one of our greatest assets. Without its promotion of the message of holiness through the printed page, we would indeed be limited."

"The building of a distinctively holiness church in Britain demands an adequate 'printed-page ministry," wrote Superintendent T. W. Schofield of the British Isles South District. "British Nazarenes are immeasurably indebted to the Publishing House for its magnificent contribution in this field."

Rector William J. Prince of the European Nazarene Bible College in Schaffhausen, Switzerland, says, "It has been since I have been in Europe that I have come to really appreciate the Publishing House. The strength and growth of the church are both directly and indirectly related to the publishing work."

Printed materials have been essential in evangelism wherever the church has gone.

Dean Homer J. Adams of DeKalb College, in Clarkston, Ga., writes that "the Nazarene Publishing House has demonstrated across the years a strong commitment to fulfill the Great Commission by providing a wide variety of high-quality printed materials."

"The printed word is mightier than bombs," said Dr. George Scutt, superintendent of the Northwest Indiana District, "and in this day of challenge and opportunity we should be wise and zealous in using it to spread the gospel."

Businessman E. H. (Bob) Steenbergen of Ashland, Ky., appreciates the materials that "help Nazarene laymen and ministers in their quest for souls to present the gospel with confidence in word and song."

A "management motivated by souls rather than profit" has "provided Bible-centered materials for us to use in our local church ministries," says Pastor Bennett Dudney of Atlanta, Ga., First Church. "You get the feeling that all of us are working together in a Kingdom-building endeavor."

Nor is the family neglected in the scope of Publishing House interests. Oregon Pacific Superintendent Carl Clendenen remembers that "the catalog of the Nazarene Publishing House in our home served as a store from which to order the books and materials by which my parents and church sought to instruct and indoctrinate us. The NPH is a church-family institution with worldwide influence for holy living."

The contribution of the House to the Nazarene World Missionary Society was stressed by NWMS President Mrs. L. S. Oliver of Colorado Springs. She wrote in appreciation of the 10 reading and study books published each year, as well as the widely circulated missionary monthly, the *Other Sheep*.

Medical Doctor J. Robert Mangum of Nampa, Ida., views the publication of the *Herald of Holiness* as one of the major contributions of the House. "The *Herald of Holiness* is unique in its contribution to our church," he wrote. "In my nearly 60 years as a Nazarene and a quarter of a century close to the several departments of the General Board, I have been in a position to watch the growing contribution which the *Herald of Holiness* has made to the spiritual welfare of our denomination."

Executive Secretary Dean Wessels of the Department of Pensions and Benevolence spoke of the 30-year period between 1933 and 1963, during which the Nazarene Publishing House contributed almost one-half million dollars to assist retired ministers.

Since the department became self-supporting in 1963, Publishing House earnings have been poured into other denominational interests including the debt-free erection of the General Board Building at the church's International Center in Kansas City.

Obviously, no word can say it all. But several respondents thought "service" came as close as any could.

Executive Secretary Kenneth S. Rice of the Department of Church Schools summed up their sentiments: "'Service' has been more than its motto. It has been a spirit and a reality. The Publishing House has always added that 'plus' that helps Nazarenes go 'first-class.'"

So it is. And so shall it continue to be. \Box

Conscious of and grateful for the many evidences of the working of the Holy Spirit through our Zion; yet realizing the chaotic, confused, and complex state of world affairs, the Board of General Superintendents unitedly calls the Church of the Nazarene around the world to five days of special prayer and intercession.

Æ Call and I

We proclaim the first five days of 1974—Tuesday, January the first, through Saturday, January the fifth—as this period.

The purpose of this call to prayer is that during 1974 we all may truly see a renewed emphasis throughout our church upon our distinguishing doctrine of heart holiness. This truth—to which the Holy Scriptures call all believers, and the preservation of which brought forth the Church of the Nazarene—<u>still</u> <u>stands inviolate</u>! This proclamation the hope of securing su intercession during the of 1974 as will assure a of God's Holy Spirit up holiness evangelism. W preciate prayer for even ister. May each, under divine wisdom, preach doctrine of entire sanct by a fresh unction from alty to its authoritative in the Word of God an Articles of Faith of our We call for prayer

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and lay person of the international Church of the Nazarene to fast and pray during the first hour of the first day of 1974–12 midnight to 1 a.m., Tuesday, January first.

As the Holy Spirit directs, let us unite in watch-night services—home, family, or personal groups—in humble, yet glad, anticipation that our Midquadrennial Conference on Evangelism to be held in Kansas City January 8 through 10, 1974, shall ignite a year of holiness evangelism throughout the Church of the Nazarene around the world.

We send forth this call and proclamation with one heart and soul, urging the whole church to join us in this effort, knowing that the God who has given the vision can also give the achievement (Ephesians 1:17-19)!

servants in Christ,

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Viness Evangelism



Mission Possible is the optimistic title of a textbook which will be studied throughout the Church of the Nazarene in February and March of 1974.

The Christian Service Training text was written by Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, executive secretary of the Department of Home Missions. It takes a sure aim at the problems of communicating Christ in an expanding urban world immersed in secularism, and declares that "in the power of the Holy Spirit, ours is a mission possible."

An idea of the dramatic thrust of the book can be realized through the following key sentences, each of which could well be the theme of a powerful outreach sermon.

OUR MISSION

"We came into being as a church, not for the purpose of multiplying churchly organizations or to satisfy the ambitions of a few organizationminded men, but rather to lift up a neglected doctrine concerning the One who changes, sanctifies, empowers, blesses, and sends men out on the mission of Christ."

"So we have come from Pentecost to Pentecost —from a small group of disciples in an upper room in Jerusalem to a worldwide army that shares the indwelling and impelling power of the Holy Spirit. ... The Nazarenes have become an international body of believers with a mission so clearly stated by Jesus."

"A new day of salvation may be dawning, and for this day God raised up the Nazarenes."

"Miracles of early Nazarene history are being repeated in our modern setting as pioneers of faith launch new works on the 'growing edge of the church.""

"Our mission can be no less than reaching all with the claims of the gospel."

THE CITIES

"If Nazarenes fail now to reach the cities, we cannot survive as a strong holiness voice. To ignore the cities is to lose our greatest mission fields."

"There is simply no escaping the fact that we are commissioned to take the gospel to people; and people, to an ever increasing extent, are in the cities."

"Why should we attempt new churches among Europe's teeming millions? The one basic explanation may be found in a deep conviction that life in Christ is a more meaningful quality of life. We start new churches in order to reach more people with the gospel of Jesus Christ."

PREACHING THE WORD

"This is not a time for Nazarenes to keep the gospel to ourselves."

"This is our day. We've been a long time getting ready for this moment, but it is here. We can claim a whole generation for holiness if we will."

NEW CHURCHES

"We believe that it is God's plan for men to be saved in large numbers. This requires rapid multiplying of churches."

"It is not a proposition of having either a few big, healthy churches or lots of little, weak churches. Our mission includes helping every church to gain and grow while giving birth to many baby churches, which likewise must grow. Every healthy Nazarene church should gain new ground for Christ each year."

"What remains is for the church to take seriously its mission fields at home with the same sanctified fervor that it has shown at various times for the fields a long way off from home."

"Our most effective evangelism is found through the rapid and spontaneous multiplication of churches."

"The multiplying of churches will personally involve more people in communicating the gospel of Jesus Christ."

"We simply can't keep up denominational growth and neglect this missionary task at home."

"Where is your mission field?"

John C. Oster, Department of Home Missions

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

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ne of the more familiar ways to give added emphasis to a particularly plainspoken or blunt piece of advice is to say, "And you'd better believe it."

Those words are also used quite often to express agreement with some statement, such as "My, didn't it rain!"—to which someone adds, "You'd better believe it"; or to some observation like "Wasn't that some game!" with the response a vigorous nod of the head and an emphatic "You'd better believe it!"

But that comment can also be made about far more serious and profound subjects. I would like to point to the Bible and state that it is not just another book, but that it is God's Word, and that the Bible is the ultimate Authority as to what man is, and why; and what he can become, and how.

For the Bible is not a philosophy of religion; it is the Proclamation of God's saving action in history—that God is a God of salvation and that He has already redeemed humanity and provided the only reconciliation there is between sinful man and a holy God—and for your soul's sake, and for your destiny's sake, you'd better believe it.

You'd better believe it, for instance, in what it says about man's sinful condition.

God, in His Word, says that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). And if that means anyone, it means everyone. To those who try to hide behind their own decency and morality and church membership and respectable home, God says, "All have sinned." All, in one way or another, have broken God's law or disobeyed God's will; so all need God's forgiveness. All have alienated themselves from God by their rebellion; so all need reconciliation. All are polluted by the stain of inbred sin; so all need cleansing.

But God's Word speaks, not only of the disease, but of the remedy; not only of the problem, but of the answer. And God says that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). And that He has "not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness" (1 Thessalonians 4:7). "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:24). And as for our alienation from Him, the Bible says that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19).

In other religions, man tries—in ritual, sacrifice, pilgrimage, or asceticism—to reconcile himself to God. But the Bible proclaims that God himself has already provided the reconciliation—that man cannot reconcile himself to God; that he needs, rather, to accept the reconciliation that God, in Christ, has already provided.

"By grace are ye saved through faith;" said Paul, "and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). And, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Hebrews 13:12).

That is God's Word—Jesus Christ alone can save, and only through the atoning merits

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of His blood is there cleansing from the pollution and stain of sin—and you'd better believe it. "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

But the Bible also speaks of a coming judgment in which everyone will be judged according to the thoughts nurtured, the attitudes manifested, the deeds done, and the choices made. "We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ," God says (Romans 14:10). And He says that in that day "there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known" (Luke 12:2).

Talk about the revelations of the cover-up in Washington and elsewhere—they couldn't be compared to the revelations at the judgment when all the fancy coverings that men have devised will be ripped off and all the deceitful things men have tried to hide will be revealed!

God says that everyone will be at the judgment—and you'd better believe it, and allow Christ to cover your sins with His blood now —before those sins are all uncovered at the judgment.

But the Bible also speaks of a hell that awaits those who have refused to accept God's forgiving and cleansing love.

I know, of course, that hell is not a popular subject—as a writer in *Time* magazine said recently, "The idea of hell is going to hell." But while men may have thrown it out of their theology, they have not been able to tear it out of the Bible.

For the same Bible that speaks of heaven speaks of hell; the same Bible that speaks of God's love speaks of God's wrath; and the One who spoke more often and more explicitly of hell than any other person in the Bible was Jesus himself. And as long as the Bible speaks of it and warns against it, you'd better believe it. And if your opinions, or mine, do not coincide with the Bible, we had better change our opinions, because we are not going to change God's Word.

But what the Bible really speaks about is love. It is the greatest Love Story ever written. For it is the story of the eternal and omnipotent God, who "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "For God commendeth his love toward us," the Bible says, "in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Believe that (won't you?) and accept His love—His forgiving, cleansing, healing, fulfilling love—and so enter into that love relationship that makes of life a thrilling, exciting adventure. \Box

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

JOPLIN DISTRICT

The sixteenth annual assembly of the Joplin District was held September 6-7 at Springfield, Mo. General Superintendent George Coulter ordained Darrell G. Grant, Delbert Wayne Rose, and Thomas G. Tinker.

District Superintendent James C. Hester, completing the first year of an extended term, reported the following gains: church membership, 212; Sunday school, 125; money raised for all purposes, \$135,820 gain. The district paid 90 percent of its Pensions and Benevolence budget.

(Elders) Clifton Norell and John Moles and (laymen) Don Van Dyne and A. R. Motley were elected to serve on the advisory board.

Mrs. Ruth Norell was reelected president of the NWMS. Rev. Tom Daniels was elected NYPS president. Rev. Bob Lindley was reelected chairman of the church schools board.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA FIELD (report)

The Papua New Guinea field conducted its 1973 council meeting, August 13-17. The board of orders and relations interviewed and recommended seven local pastors for a district license—a first for New Guinea Nazarenes.

Rev. Wallace White compared statistics of growth from 1962 to 1973 as follows: membership has grown from 39 to 867; there was no organized Sunday school in 1962, but now the average weekly attendance is 2,059; churches and preaching points have progressed from 4 to 38, and 13 of these are fully self-supporting; full-time pastors have advanced from 0 to 17; giving has soared from \$310 to \$3,432.

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Officers elected at the meeting were as follows: council chairman, Rev. Wallace White; treasurer, Miss Marjorie Merritts; secretary to the council, Miss Della Mac-Lachlan; medical superintendent, Dr. Gienn Irwin; mission education secretary, Miss Marjorie Merritts; Bible College president, Rev. Bruce Blowers. Elected to the executive committee were Rev. Bruce Blowers, Miss Marjorie Merritts, Mr. Harold F. Frye, and Mr. Neville Bartle.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT

The thirty-third annual assembly of the North Carolina District was held in the new facilities of Charlotte First Church. General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained William W. Johnson.

District Superintendent Terreil C. Sanders, Jr., completing the second year of an extended term, reported 369 new Nazarenes, 170 increase in average attendance, and an increase in giving of \$199,206 for a total in giving of \$1,119,751. This was the first time for the district to surpass the million-dollar mark.

Elected to the advisory board were (elders) McCray Holmes and J. C. Whitener; (laymen) Harold McCue, and Odie Page.

Mrs. T. C. Sanders, Jr., was unanimously reelected president of the NWMS; Winston Hatcliff was reelected president of the NYPS; and Asa Sparks was reelected chairman of the church schools board.

SWAZILAND MISSIONARY COUNCIL (report)

The Swaziland missionary retreat and council was held at Manzini, Swaziland, August 20-24. Rev. W. Dishon, pastor of the Johannesburg Regents Park Church, ministered to the group.

Rev. D. H. Spencer was unanimously reelected to serve as council chairman. The report showed church growth gains—212 church members, 481 average increase in Sunday school attendance and 834 increase in enrollment, and an increase of \$9,567 in total church giving. An increase of 17 Bible school students was noted.

SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA

The twenty-second annual assembly of the Southeast Oklahoma District met at Henryetta (Okla.) First Church, September 6-7. General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Lummy L. Newberry.

District Superintendent Wendell O. Paris, reelected to a four-year term, reported 259 members received by profession of faith and a 10 percent increase in Sunday school attendance and enrollment.

The following were elected to the advisory board: (elders) Harold C. Harcourt and Harold Blankenship; (laymen) Lenard Stubbs and H. C. Rustin.

Mrs. Wendell O. Paris was elected NWMS president; Rev. Jack Smith was elected NYPS president; and Rev. Harold Blankenship was elected chairman of the church schools board.

SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA

The twenty-fifth annual assembly of the Southwest Oklahoma District convened at Oklahoma City, September 6-7. General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins ordained Paul R. Jennings, Kirby Choate, Curtis Martin, Timothy G. Tinker, George L. Wood, Donald E. Burns, and Jack M. Starr. He recognized the credentials of two ministers from sister denominations.

Dr. W. T. Johnson, reelected to a threeyear term, reported 552 members received on goal of 1,000 set for the quadrennium, including 447 new Nazarenes. The district raised \$1,434,192 for all purposes, a gain of \$132,202 over the previous year. The district gave 9.6 percent of its total income for educational budget and paid over 90 percent of its Pensions and Benevolence budget.

Elected to the advisory board were (elders) R. L. Sumner and Jack Woolman; (laymen) Winston Garrett and James Emmert.

Mrs. W. T. Johnson was reelected NWMS president and Rev. Garland Wallace was reelected president of the NYPS. Rev. Charles Stroud was elected chairman of the church schools board.

PUERTO RICO-VIRGIN ISLANDS DISTRICT (report)

District Superintendent Benjamin Roman. Puerto Rico-Virgin Islands District, has reported progress in several areas. He indicated a 56 percent gain over the last three years in membership. Money raised for all



purposes has doubled during the three-year period. Locally paid national workers' salaries have also doubled.

The most outstanding growth in an individual church is that of Barrazas. In three years the church showed a 160 percent increase in membership—now totalling 171. A revival broke out in the church when the pastor's wife testified to a special blessing she received while preparing for church one Sunday morning. Many miracles and blessings have been reported following the outbreak of revival.

GROUND BREAKING

Hartford City (Ind.) First Church broke ground for its new multipurpose building early this year. The building will be equipped with kitchen facilities and is designed to serve the needs of all departments in the church. Cecil Wells, Jr., is pastor.

Davenport (Ia.) First Church held a midyear ground-breaking celebration for its new sanctuary and education unit. The sanctuary will seat 400. The building will be constructed of concrete block and brick veneer and will be built at a cost of \$110,000 with an expected evaluation of \$200,000. F. Thomas Bailey is pastor. The church is relocating on a four-acre tract in the west section of town. Northfield, N.J., Church held ground-breaking ceremonies for its new classroom addition following a fund drive in which 30,326 was received and pledged. The old debt was liquidated and the proposed cost of the addition met. Duane B. Kaufman is pastor. \Box

Dayton (Ohio) Knollwood Church celebrated its twentieth anniversary with a ground-breaking service on its new 58-acre site. The initial church unit is now in construction. Donald King is pastor. □

Broadview (N.M.) First Church broke ground last June for a new annex to house a pastor's study, nursery, recreation room, fellowship hall, and seven Sunday school classrooms. The building will be two stories high. A. T. McKinley is pastor.

The Lowell (Ind.) First Church broke ground at its new site across from the Lowell High School, just off Indiana Highway 2. The facilities, which will be valued at about \$100,000, including furnishings and land, will include a sanctuary and an education and fellowship unit. C. D. Hansen is pastor. □ **Dennisport, Mass., Church** held ground-breaking ceremonies on Sunday afternoon, August 19. Project plans called for completion of the new building about the middle of November at a cost of \$29,000. Donald W. Overby is pastor. The new addition doubles the seating capacity of the church and provides office space, a nursery, six new instruction rooms, and a fellowship hall. Waldron (Ark.) First Church broke ground in July for two buildings—a new four-bedroom parsonage and a new sanctuary. Rev. James Barnard is pastor.

Portage (Ind.) Grace Church held ground-breaking ceremonies for a new sanctuary last June. Work began immediately on the \$40,000 project. The new sanctuary is designed to seat 200 people. Mark



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L. Hostetler is pastor.

Marion (OF: A that broken ground for its new sanctuary and educational facility. The sanctuary will have a seating capacity of 700. The additions will include 22,372 square feet of space at an estimated cost of \$438,000. Glenn Flannery is pastor. William Cole is associate pastor.

Baltimore First Church has broken ground on its new nine-acre site in Howard County. The proposed building project consists of more than 20,000 square feet of floor space. Included are a worship area for 550, educational facilities to accommodate 500, and a baptistry. Buildings will be air-conditioned.

The cost, not including the land, will be in excess of \$600,000. The old church property was sold for \$230,000 with the privilege of one year's occupancy. The church raised \$105,000 for all purposes during the past assembly year. George E. Teague has pastored the church since 1969. \Box

The Crescent, Okla., Church broke ground in June for the construction of a new \$27,000 parsonage. The parsonage will be located in a new housing addition. Bob McCroskey is pastor. □

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hodges of Shawnee Mission, Kans., celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a reception held In fellowship hall of Kansas City First Church. The reception was hosted by their children and grandchildren. More than 200 friends and relatives attended, 11 of whom were present at the wedding ceremony 50 years ago.

Mr. Hodges retired from active service in the Church of the Nazarene at the close of the 1968 General Assembly. He had served as a teacher in Nazarene colleges from 1918 to 1936, when he moved to Kansas City to serve in the Department of Church Schools for 12 years, and in the office of the general secretary for 16 years. He closed his active service with a four-year stint as archivist, organizing the historical records of the church. He has given 50 years of service to the denomination.

The Hodgeses have three sons: Don, a home builder of Clathe, Kans.; Marion, a high school teacher of Wichita, Kans.; and Ralph, head of a "Management Decision" firm of Fairfield, Ohio. They have nine grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Wagner, members of the Thousand Oaks, Calif., church, celebrated their golden anniversary at a daughter's home in nearby Newbury Park. Over 100 relatives, including the couple's 5 children, joined in a family reunion at a buffetstyle dinner. The Thousand Oaks church also honored the couple at a specially planned picnic. Mr. Wagner served as

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church secretary at Pasadena (Calif.) Central Church for over 20 years. He is presently chairman of the Thousand Oaks church building committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Sharpes, Sr., members of the Harrisonburg, Va., church, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on August 21. Four of their six children are active in the Nazarene ministry—Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Sharpes, pastor at Grove City, Ohio; Rev. and Mrs. Ray Sharpes, pastor of Toronto (Ontario) Emmanuel Church; Rev. and Mrs. David Radcliffe, pastor at Fairfield, Ohio; and Rev. and Mrs. Earl Rowan, pastor at Winter Haven, Fla. Other family units include Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Sharpes, Jr., of Broadway, Va.; and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sharpes of Dayton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hunt, members of the Ritzville, Wash., church, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at an afternoon reception. A special program was planned by Mr. Wayne Perkins to recall significant moments for the couple. Rev. William E. Thompson of Spokane extended best wishes to the Hunts and led the guests in a prayer of benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wall were recently honored by the Lynwood (Calif.) First Church in a "50 golden years" ceremony. Pastor Wayman F. Davis presented them a heart-shaped, gold-plated plaque to honor the occasion. The couple have been active in church work and have served in every available office in their local church over the past 50 years.

Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Wordsworth of Seattle, Wash., celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary this year. The Wordsworths have served the denomination as district superintendent, pastor, and evangelist. Rev. Wordsworth has written several books and numerous articles.

Rev. and Mrs. John E. Mellish celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary at their home near Lapeer, Mich. Their seven children were present for the occasion—Rev. and Mrs. (Pauline) Russell Spray; Mr. and Mrs. George Mellish; Mr. and Mrs. (Opal) Roy Roberts; Rev. and Mrs. John W. Mellish; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellish; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mellish; and Rev. and Mrs. James Mellish. Also present were 14 of their 21 grandchildren and 2 of their great-grandchildren.

Following an anniversary dinner, the family assembled under a tree on the lawn of the Mellish home for a praise service, to recognize and thank God for His goodness to them as a family.

Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Heckhert, Allentown, Pa., were honored at a dinner in celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The couple has served the church for nearly 50 years with pastorates in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey. They have also served in an administrative capacity at Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, Mass. They have three daughters: Mrs. Lloyd (Lynn) Lanham, Arizona; Mrs. Herbert (Beverly) Smetheram, Virginia; and Mrs. James (Patricia) Fischmann, New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary with a reception at Logan, N.M., Community Building. Mr. Lawrence traveled to New Mexico in a covered wagon in December, 1914, and homesteaded the property where they now reside (about 10 miles south of Logan). The couple lived three years of their married life in Texas before returning to New Mexico in 1920 for permanent residency.

Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Douglas, Hammond, Ind., celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at an open house in the fellowship hall of the Munster, Ind., church on October 20. The celebration was hosted by the church and the couple's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Scharnberg, of Charlotte, N.C. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas have been members of the Church of the Nazarene for most of their married lives. They have been actively involved in the work of the Munster congregation for the past 24 years.

"A HORA NAZARENA" AIRED ON 28 OUTLETS

The Portuguese broadcast, "A

Hora Nazarena," is now aired over 28 stations with wide-reaching coverage in world areas.

The Brazilian version is heard over the 500,000-watt station, Trans World Radio, located on the island of Bonaire. This station (800 kilocycles) beams the broadcast to Brazil at 9 p.m. on Mondays, Bonaire time. The broadcast is also heard over Rádio Relógio in Rio de Janeiro, first station in Brazil to carry the Portuguese broadcast.

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COLLEGE NEWS

TREVECCA NAZARENE COLLEGE Nashville

THE MISSIONARY CONVO-CATION at TNC sponsored by the Missionary Fellowship was held November 13-15. Services were held at regular chapel times and at 7:30 each evening. Miss Bethany DeBow, missionary to Bolivia, and Sergio Franco, book editor of the Latin Publications Division, Kansas City, were special speakers. Following evening services, the workers held dialogue sessions with students. □

THREE MEMBERS OF THE WILLIAM NEELEY FAMILY, Madison, Tenn., are enrolled at TNC. The boys—Gary, Brian, and Norman—have received financial aid through state grants and National Defense Loans, part-time jobs, and parental support. "Determination" is the key word in proving "it can be done."



The Neeley brothers

DR. G. L. PENNINGTON, director of teaching education at TNC, was recently appointed to serve for two years on the Metropolitan Public School Curriculum Advisory Council. He was selected as one of the representatives to the council from the 13 colleges and universities in the Nashville area.

HOWARD T. WALL, director of student aid at TNC, has been appointed assistant director of the Tennessee Student Assistance Agency. This agency handles the state tuition grants for students attending the 70 public and private institutions of higher education in Tennessee. \Box

EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE Quincy, Mass.

THE BILL GAITHER TRIO

made its first major New England appearance to the ENC campus this fall. More than 4,200 people attended concerts the first day, including 2,000 students and 2,200 people from the educational zone, motorcaders, and ENC personnel.

The trio was on hand to help celebrate the opening of the new Warren C. Lahue Physical Education Center.

The second "Celebration of Dedication," the annual Heritage Day Convocation, was held in the new facility on October 10. Students, faculty, and staff were joined by trustees of the college for the gym's official opening as both an academic and recreational center for the college. Special speaker for the event was Dr. Edward S. Mann, executive secretary of the Department of Education, K.C., and former president of ENC. \Box

THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY at ENC recently received a nuclear magnetic resonance (nmr) spectrometer. According to Dr. Lowell H. Hall, head of the department of chemistry, the new spectrometer "is perhaps the single most important instrument in modern organic chemistry and is widely used in physical and analytical chemistry."

The instrument was purchased on combined grants from the General Electric Foundation and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare under the Title VI matching grants program.

NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE Nampa, Idaho

The original deed to four blocks of property which formed the first site of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Ida., is presented by J. Calvin Emerson (l.), son of NNC founder Eugene Emerson, to Dr. Kenneth H. Pearsall, NNC president, as dean emerita Dr. Thelma Culver looks on. The mortgage, never presented for payment but given as a donation, will be placed in the college archives.



BETHANY NAZARENE COLLEGE Bethany, Okla.

Leroy Spradling, treasurer of the South Arkansas District, presents President Stephen W. Nease, Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla., with a check for \$37,200. The advance payment represents 80 percent of the district's college budget for the year. General Superintendent Edward Lawlor and District Superintendent Thomas M. Hermon look on.



OLIVET NAZARENE COLLEGE Kankakee, III.

THE ORPHEUS CHOIR of ONC has been selected to participate in the National Convention of the Music Educators National Conference (MENC). The convention will be held in Anaheim, Calif., March 22-26, 1974.

ONC'S MASTER OF ARTS **PROGRAM** in secondary education has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The announcement was made by Dr. Edward Eustice, director of graduate studies and professor of education at ONC. Eustice said the plan was first submitted last December and representatives of the association visited the campus for two days in April.

TWO ONC STUDENTS became recipients of awards for papers presented to the Physics Division of the Associated Colleges of the Chicago area. Ron Potts, enrolled in ONC's new interdisciplinary major in the physical sciences with an emphasis in geophysics, was unanimously awarded first prize for his paper. Alvin Bennett, a senior physics major participating in the Undergraduate Honors Research program at Argonne National Laboratory, received second prize for his paper.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES at ONC has authorized the letting of the contract for a \$2 million library addition and learning resources center. The new facility will provide modern library technology, double the study area and after-hours study rooms, and expand the capacity from 81,000 to 175,000 volumes. П

NAZARENE BIBLE COLLEGE Colorado Springs

TWO NEW FACULTY MEM-BERS serving at NBC campus are Ronald L. Attig, teaching in the speech department; and Richard Lee Spindle, who is developing a department of Christian education. П

REV. FRANK WEBSTER of Cardiff, Wales, held the fall revival at NBC. Earnest prayer by the students and faculty preceded the meeting. Scores of students found God's answers to individual needs.



New classroom building under construction at NBC. The facility will give needed space for classrooms and faculty offices. The college expects to occupy the new building early next year.

MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE COLLEGE

Mount Vernon, Ohio

ARTHUR SEAMANS, chairman of the division of arts and letters at MVNC, received this year's award



for excellence in teaching. Dr. John A. Knight made the presentation during an honors chapel service. Dr. Seamans, a member of the Mount Vernon (Ohio) Lakeholm Church, is a member

Dr. Arthur Seamans

of the Modern Language Association, Ohio English Association, and a council member in the Heart of Ohio Girl Scouts Association.

MID-AMERICA NAZARENE COLLEGE

Olathe, Kans.

MID-AMERICA STUDENTS gave a day of their time shortly after school began this year to extend a helping hand to citizens of the Olathe, Kans., college community. They offered free babysitting for younger families and did free yard work, cleanup, household tasks, minor repair work, and painting for senior citizens, and to the convalescing and handicapped. They assisted in two major com-

POINT LOMA COLLEGE

San Diego, Calif. Dr. Charles H. Strickland was the first general superintendent to visit the new PLC campus. He and Mrs. Strickland are pictured (l. to r.) with Dr. and Mrs. L. Guy Nees and President and Mrs. Shelburne Brown. Dr. Nees is superintendent of the Los Angeles District and chairman of the PLC board of trustees. The group is standing in front of Rohr Hall of Science. Dr. Strickland was the

on the PLC campus.

special speaker at the Los Angeles District pastors' retreat, which was held

munity cleanup projects, and some of the students visited area nursing homes.

RICHARD H. STALLINGS, 34, assumed responsibility as director of student recruitment for MANC at the beginning of the school year. Rev. Stallings is a 1973 graduate of MANC and last year served as Sunday school superintendent at Kansas City First Church.

MIKE SLAVEN, junior at MANC, was asked by President Sergio Recio, University of Saltillo in Saltillo, Mexico, to teach American students in Spanish linguistics during the summer months. Slaven was also offered a scholarship to study in Spanish culture.

EMPLOYEES OF THE FED-ERAL AVIATION AGENCY in Olathe are attending classes at MANC this year in pursuit of a B.A. degree. About 100 of the personnel have entered the cooperative program between the college and FAA. Fifteen employees attended a summer school session.



Winners to Walk with Wesley

Dr. K. S. Rice, executive secretary of the Department of Church Schools, recently announced the winners of the denomination's first summer outreach-attendance drive. The drive extended across the months of June, July, and August. Each district and local church competed against their average attendance of last year. It was possible to win by either posting the largest numerical gain or the greatest percentage of increase.

The winners of the all-expensepaid trip to the British Isles and a tour of the historic Wesleyan sites are:

Numerical

Rev. Earl R. Burdick, Pennfield

Journ Brown reporter

Church, Battle Creek, Mich., gained 383 per Sunday.

Pittsburgh District: Rev. Mayne Minich, Church Schools chairman; Dr. Robert I. Goslaw, district superintendent, gained 806 per Sunday.

Percentage

- Rev. Joe A. Larue, Gap Mills church, W. Va., 385 percent increase
- New York District: Rev. Neale O. McLain. Church Schools chairman; Rev. Jack H. White, district superintendent, 10.74 percent increase

The runners-up are as follows:

Numerical—Church

- 1st runner-up: Rev. Randolph Holder, Brooklyn (N.Y.) Beulah Church, gained 363 per Sunday.
- 2nd runner-up: Rev. Coy O. Presson. Sikeston (Mo.) First Church, gained 354 per Sunday.

Numerical—District

- 1st runner-up: West Virginia District, Rev. John Hay, Church Schools chairman; Dr. M. E. Clay, district superintendent, gained 704 per Sunday.
- 2nd runner-up: Missouri District, Rev. Paul Aldrich, Church Schools chairman; Rev. Arthur

E. Mottram, district superintendent, gained 586 per Sunday.

Percentage—Church

- 1st runner-up: Rev. Gilbert Brewer, Williamstown, W. Va., 333 percent increase
- 2nd runner-up: Rev. Coy O. Presson, Sikeston, Mo., 303 percent increase

Percentage—District

- 1st runner-up: Pittsburgh District, Rev. Mayne Minich, Church Schools chairman; Dr. Robert I. Goslaw, district superintendent, 10.32 percent increase
- 2nd runner-up: Missouri District, Rev. Paul Aldrich, Church Schools chairman: Rev. Arthur E. Mottram, district superintendent, 7.67 percent increase

Twenty-five churches increased more than 100 per Sunday and 30 churches realized gains of more than 100 percent increase. Dr. Rice was particularly pleased to note that 23 districts grew past their 1972 yearly average during June, July, and August.

Congratulations to the above districts and churches. Your enthusiastic endeavors have made us all winners! П



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OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

THE "MIRACLE" STORY OF RUTH GRAY, member of Pomona (Calif.) First Church, was first published by the city's "Progress-Bulletin" newspaper in a 1971 interview with Mae Tate, staff writer. The story now has a brighter ending.

Nine years ago, Mrs. Gray's husband was killed in an airplane mishap. Out of necessity, she took over the trucking company and assumed the almost insurmountable debts. Stepping into a man's job was no easy assignment for Mrs. Gray, who is not an advocate of the women's liberation movement.

Mrs. Gray being mother of three children, her new role drastically altered her lifestyle. She relied on God's help.

The company emerged from the red in December, 1969, and by February of the

following year all the inherited bills were met.

Reporter Tate noted, "Through all the years, she has held steadfast to an intense faith in God and the worth of man. Through all her problems, she has often served as consultant and friend to dozens confused and troubled."

Mrs. Gray sold the trucking business earlier this year, 1973, and secured enough money from her investment to assist her the rest of her life. She reflected, "I'm a third-generation Nazarene. Everything my church has taught me about God is true in every phase of life." She further stated that she thinks too often people fail to share their miracle stories and they "don't brag on God."

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tors of the Glendale, Ariz., church, recently celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary and 40 years of ministry in the denomination. Over 125 friends and members of former pastorates joined the Rhones' children at a reception held in their parents' honor in San Marino, Calif.

Rev. Rhone began his ministry in Daly City, Calif. Other pastorates include Lodi, Hermosa Beach, Corona, North Hollywood, San Bernardino, and the Sacramento Arden Church, all in California. During his 16 years as pastor of the San Bernardino church, Rev. Rhone founded Valley Christian School, the first Christian day school in the Church of the Nazarene.

BRITT ZION CHURCH, Britt, Ia., held a mortgage-burning service last summer. Facilities were constructed in 1964. The building has since been air-conditioned. There has been a steady growth pattern through the years, and the church has given at least 10 percent of its income for missions for 26 consecutive years. Rev. Ted Henderson has been pastor since April, 1966.

PASTORS ON THE LOS ANGELES DIS-TRICT met October 30 for a day of spiritual renewal. The topics on renewal discussed by pastors included: His Word, stewardship, church life, Sunday school, witnessing, winning youth, preaching, and prayer. District Superintendent L. Guy Nees led the meeting attended by 83 ministers. The conference concluded with small groups joining in a prayer and share time.

OLATHE (KANS.) COLLEGE CHURCH honored Pastor Paul G. Cunningham, Jr., and his family in a day of special recognition in mid-October. In addition to tributes from local church leaders, the Olighte law enforcement group gave special tribute to Cunningham for his three years of voluntary service as police chaplain. The police department employees and families attended the service as a surprise gesture.

Growth has been significant during Pastor Cunningham's ministry at the Olathe church. The annual budget has increased from \$11,000 in 1964 to \$265,000 in 1973. He received 119 persons into membership between August, 1972, and August, 1973. Membership has increased from 46 in 1964 to more than 500, and attendance during the school year runs 1,200, and 800 during the summer.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

The Nazarene Young People's Society reports that December 9 is the Sunday designated for this year's special American Bible Socity Offering. Through this offering Nazarenes have a share in the support of an organization committed to the spreading of the gospel by distributing the Bible to every man in his own language.

Melvin McCullough, newly elected executive secretary of the Department of Youth, has related an incident from his recent pastorate in Seattle, Wash. A lady presented him a check for \$500 to be placed in the ABS offering. She said, "I know what this organization is doing. . . . I've been in several countries where they are a great ally to our evangelical missionaries. . . . I believe in this work."

In December, 1972, Nazarenes gave a total of \$42,500 with 70 percent of Nazarene churches participating. This figure represents a \$6,000 decrease in relationship to the 1971 offering.

December 9 provides another opportunity to extend Nazarene support to the ABS, and also to continue having a part in this vital means of world evangelism through the printed word. The Bible is for giving. Share it.

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CHURCH DEDICATIONS

THE OTISVILLE (MICH.) RICH-FIELD CHURCH dedicated its new sanctuary, September 23. Dr. E. W. Martin delivered the dedicatory address. The new sanctuary building has 9,000 square feet of space, a seating capacity of 650, and the facility includes 9 Sunday school rooms, administration rooms, and a baptistry. It was built at a cost of \$225,000.

The Richfield Church has enjoyed continuous growth since its organization in 1918. It is known as one of the largest rural Sunday schools in Michigan. The average Sunday School attendance last year was 330, with a church membership of 280. Robert M. Milner is pastor.

SAN DIEGO UNIVERSITY AVE-NUE CHURCH has completed the remodeling of its facilities. The sanctuary was redesigned in a contemporary Spanish motif. Work included producing a new sanctuary and chapel within the existing building, refurbishing other buildings, and the development of an inner court area. The acquisition of additional property was part of the nearly \$200,000 program.

General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe dedicated the newly remodeled church. Superintendent Nicholas A. Hull, Southern California District; State Congressman Peter Chacon; and City Councilman Henry Landt participated in the dedication service. Pastor Leon F. Wyss received 23 members into the church, bringing the total to 100 received for the 1973 year. The church conducts two Sunday morning worship services to accommodate the growing congregation.



December 9-You'd Better Believe It!

December 16—Be Good—for Goodness' Sake!

EVANGELISTS' OPEN DATES

• Evangelist Charles Davidson, 541 Gibson, Fremont, Ohio 43420, has open dates in California for the fall of 1975 (October).

MOVING MISSIONARIES

- DR. & MRS. ALBERT AINSCOUGH have departed for India and will arrive there December 6, 1973.
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ROBERT BREWER from Bolivar Drive, Pa., to Union City, Pa.

- JAY C. BYBEE from Newport (Ky.) First to Jackson (Miss.) First
- KENNETH R. CHILDRESS from Nazarene Theological Seminary to Aroma Park, III. RONALD E. CORBIN from Whittier (Calif.)
- South to Blythe, Calif. RONALD P. DECH from Denver Fruitdale to associate of Ridgecrest, Calif.
- BILL DRAPER from Mid-America Nazarene College to Kankakee (III.) College
- ROBERT D. FALKE from Barnesville, Ohio, to Ashtabula (Ohio) Edgewood
- DAVID FELTER from Stockton (Calif.) First to Sapulpa, Okla.
- STANLEY GERBOTH from Osseo, Minn., to Crawfordsville, Ind.
- BOBBY GRANT from Stanford, Ky., to Albany (Ky.) First
- CARL C. GREEN from evangelism to Billings (Mont.) Trinity
- FRANK L. HEBERLE from Pawtucket, R.I., to Utica, N.Y.
- CLARENCE KINZLER from Riverside (Calif.) Arlington to Nampa (Ida.) College
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- RON PHELPS from Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, to Waverly, Ohio
- R. V. SCHULTZ from Independence Hill, Ind., to Fresno (Calif.) First
- JOHN SHANK from associate to Campbellsville, Ky.
- PAUL L. SLATER from Blue Springs, Mo., to Inglewood, Calif.
- GARY SMITH from Danville, Ark., to Bolivar Drive, Pa.
- KENNETH TURNER from Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla., to Birmingham (Ala.) Ridgemont
- R. E. WESLEY from Springfield (Ohio) First to Gary (Ind.) Glen Park
- RAYMOND L. WISNER from Alturas, Calif., to Oroville, Calif.

VITAL STATISTICS

LOUIS AUGUST BARBEZAT, 95, died Oct. 14 in Santa Cruz, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Freeman Brunson. He is survived by six daughters: Mrs. Norma Leach, Mrs. Ruby Spence, Mrs. Myrtle Pritchard, Mrs. Esther McSpadden, Mrs. Reva Hart, and Mrs. Mabel Hilliker; also, 13 orandchildren.

MRS. ESTHER BORGER, 40, died in Fort Madison, Ia., Oct. 22. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Forrest E. Whitlatch. Survivors include her husband, Rev. Fred Borger; and three children, Pam, Dan, and Kevin.

U. J. BROWN, 83, died Sept. 7 in Jacksonville, III. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. David Penn and Rev. Victor Peters. He is survived by his wife; a son, Leonard; a daughter, Irene Stewart; and three grandchildren.

MRS. E. OPAL HEATH, 67, died July 26 at Decatur, III. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Gilbert Hughes. Survivors include her husband, Edward; a son, Robert; and four grandchildren.

DAVID W. MILLER, 49, died Oct. 2 in Denver, Colo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wayne Nelson and Rev. Robert Spindler. He is survived by his wife, Maxine; one daughter, Mrs. Catherine Livingston; two sons, Bobbie and Larry; and one grandson. RANDY ROBERTSON, 17, died Sept. 21 In a car accident in Burney, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Gerald Manker. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson; a brother, Greq; and a sister, Kelly.

MRS. HAZEL J. RHYNE died Sept. 20 in Nashville, Tenn. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Norman Ritchie and Rev. Harold Tingle. Survivors include her husband, L. L.; and two daughters, Kathleen Bostord and Janice Burche.

MRS. HATTIE SANDERS died June 15 in Dayton, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robert D. Gray and Rev. Dennis Fink. She is survived by her husband, Owen; one son, Marlin O.; and two grandsons.

REV. LUCIUS O. TILLOTSON, 84, died Oct. 23 in De Land, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. Lester Seel, Rev. Richard Tompkins, and Dr. J. T. Gassett. He is survived by his wife, Caroline; a son, Donald; and two granddaughters.

WESLEY S. WRIGHT, 92, died Sept. 6 in Oklahoma City. Funeral services were conducted in Isabella, Okla., by Rev. Bob Shaver and Rev. J. L. Woolman. Survivors include his wife. Ada; four sons, Elmer, Allen, Roy, and Earl; one daughter, Grace; and eight grandchildren.

MARRIAGES

PATRYCYA J. BOOKER and ERNEST B. STREET at Seattle, Wash., Oct. 6.

CAROLYN SUE FOX and GUY MORGAN GLENDENNING II at Victoria, Va., Sept. 22.

LINDA KAYE WOGAN and SGT. JOHN PERRY at McArthur, Ohio, Aug. 11.

LINDA JAN LOCHMAN and JERRY L. HARRISON at Fargo, Okia. Aug. 25.

REBECCA JOANE WIGHT and SAMMY TURNER at Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 22.

ROBINETTE ELAINE POWELL and RAN-DALL JAMES CRAKER at Hayward, Calif., Sept. 29.

BIRTHS

to FRED AND MARILYN (WHITE) BECK-WITH, Saugus, Mass., a boy, Daniel Patrick, Sept. 14.

to REV. KENNETH AND NANCY (FETTY) HALL, Winfield, III., *a boy*, David Wesley, Oct. 25.

to ROBERT AND CAROL (PARTEE) HUB-BARD II, Temple, Tex., *a boy*, Robert Sneed, Oct. 12.

to WALTER H. AND LINDA (FOX) KRINER, Richmond, Va., a boy, David Jonathan, Aug. 5.

to JOHN AND REBECCA (HUTCHESON) LANCE, Redding, Calif., a girl, Jennifer Rebecca, Sept. 21.

to LOWELL AND BETTY (URSCHEL) MOORE, San Francisco, Calif., a girl, Dawn Elizabeth, Sept. 10.

to REV. DAVID AND CHRISTIE (KINZLER) MORRIS, Kansas City, Mo., *a girl*, Cherilyn Elise, Oct. 22.

to GAYLORD AND FLORENCE (WOGAN) PETERS, Zaleski, Ohio, a boy, Brent Warren, Sept. 9.

to LESLIE AND LINDA (RICE) WRIGHT, Long Beach, Calif., a girl, Monica Rochelle, Sept. 25.

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SEMINARIAN MICHAEL FORD SAYS FATHER VEEP WILL RESTORE CONFIDENCE. Michael Ford, 23-year-old first-year divinity student at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Wenham, Mass., praised the appointment of his father as vicepresident as "the Lord's purpose."

"I feel God is directing the people in power," he told a reporter for the Wenham Chronicle here.

"My dad's the kind who does everything very hard," Michael said of House Minority Leader Geraid Ford. "At the office he works hard; and at home, he's a family man very hard; and on the golf course, he plays very hard. He does everything 100 percent."

The young seminarian, suddenly thrust into national prominence, said his father will serve his country well for three years and then let someone else step in who's qualified.

"He definitely does not want to serve beyond 65," Michael said. "He wants to spend his retirement years with his wife and family."

He said there are no ministers in the Ford family, so his decision to leave a political science major and study to become a minister was a surprise to them, but they support him in his new work.

"I came to a personal commitment to Jesus Christ at Wake Forest University last year," Michael told EP News Service. He described his father as "very committed to God," and his sister and mother as being particularly open to the Christian message.

PSYCHIATRIST MENNINGER HITS IGNORANCE OF THE WORD "SIN." NEW YORK (EP)—"Sin" really does exist, according to Dr. Karl Menninger.

The famed psychiatrist is distressed that modern society tries to figure out its problems and talk about morality without ever mentioning the word *sin*.

He is convinced that the only way to raise the moral tone of present-day civilization and deal with the depression and worries that plague clergy, psychiatrists, and everyday folk is to revive an understanding of what *sin* is.

Whatever Became of Sin? is the title of Dr. Menninger's new book, published here by Hawthorn.

The now retired founder of the Menninger Center in Topeka, Kans., makes it clear from the outset that he is not equating *sin* with *crime*. Neither does he want to join forces with the "moralistic bullyboys" nor do anything to escalate feelings of guilt in persons.

He writes of "sin as transgression of the law of God; disobedience of the divine will; moral failure. . . . Sin has a willful, defiant, or disloyal quality; someone is defied or offended or hurt."

CULTIST TESTIFIES: BOY KILLED TO APPEASE SATAN. Recent testimony was given by a young woman at DeLand, Fla., who says she was the priestess of a Satanic cult. She declares that a California boy was tortured and slain in nearby Daytona Beach as a sacrifice to appease "the master, Satan."

Deborah A. Shook, 22, of Washington, N.J., told a 12member circuit court jury that she observed Ross Michael Cochran, 17, being bound to a black wooden altar in the cellar of a rooming house last April and killed. She said she wiped up the blood after Cochran was taken away.

Other perversions were reported in the court which was trying David Hester, 17, of Greenville, S.C., as the cult's "high priest," the warlock who, Miss Shook said, "has the greatest knowledge of the religion."

The defense contends that Hester did not deliver the blow that killed Cochran but that the warlock hit Cochran twice on the head with a tree limb in an attempt to knock him unconscious, so he could save his life after the others had gone.



Why do so many people believe so many different things about salvation? What are we to believe? and why?

Probably the chief reasons for variation in views about salvation are the influence of theological traditions, and the substitution of wishful thinking for the sometimes hard realities of gospel truth.

Broadly, theories of salvation divide into three classes: humanistic (salvation by good works), sacramentarian (salvation through the sacraments of the church), and evangelical (salvation by grace through faith).

Rather than trying to drive out

darkness with a club, let's turn in the light of the Word:

Christ's invitation is universal— Matthew 11:28-30; John 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:3-6.

Salvation is by grace through faith—Acts 16:30-31; Ephesians 2: 8-9; Titus 3:4-8.

Our part is to repent (turn from and confess our sins) and believe— Mark 1:15; Romans 10:8-10; John 1:9-10.

Faith includes obedience and "walking in the light"—Matthew

7:21-23; John 14:15-17; 1 John 1:7.

The Christian is called to a life of holiness: John 17:15-20; Romans 6: 13, 19; 12:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 7-8; Hebrews 12:14-17; 1 John 3:2-3.

"If ye do ... [what is implied in] these [verses], ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:10-11).

Would you recommend <u>Satan is Alive and Well on Planet Earth</u> as a study book for young people?

No.

"Satan is alive and well on Planet Earth," and much that Mr. Lindsey says about his working is unimpeachable.

But the neo-Calvinistic doctrine of eternal forgiveness (that God forgives all future sins at the time He forgives all past sins) and inadequate safeguards against the antinomianism (disregard of moral and spiritual law) that follows such a teaching make the book potentially misleading, particularly to those unschooled in New Testament teachings.

Lindsey totally disregards a whole central line of biblical teaching.

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:1-2).

"For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins" (Hebrews 10:26, NASB).

"He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4).

"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 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" (1 John 3:8-9).

Failure may occur, to be sure. 1 John 2:1-2 fits here: "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And *if* [not *when*] any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

What people need to be told is that God makes provision for sin in the Christian life, but He makes no allowance for it. To teach that defeat is unavoidable is in fact to insure it.

Lindsey also adopts the increasingly common doctrine among neo-Calvinists to the effect that the baptism with the Spirit occurs at regeneration. This is being widely taught at the present time, chiefly to offset the Pentecostal movement.

My comment would simply be twofold:

(1) There were no "unknown tongues" at Pentecost (Acts 2:5-11).

(2) Without putting too much weight on an analogy, even a biblical analogy, there is a difference between being born of the Spirit and being baptized with the Spirit —and baptism must follow birth.

Those who identify the birth and the baptism with the Spirit disregard what Jesus said in John 14:17 to the effect that the world cannot receive the Spirit, whereas His disciples can.

They also disregard the fact that nowhere in the New Testament is anyone in rebellion against God ever said to have been baptized or filled with the Spirit.

This is the reason why the Spirit filled the 120 at Pentecost and not the multitudes gathered there. However ambiguous the evidence in some cases, all who are filled with the Spirit in the Book of Acts give at least some evidence of prior acceptance with God.

Peter promised "the gift of the Holy Spirit" to unconverted people at Pentecost on condition that they first repent, and are baptized as evidence of the remission of their sins. The interposition of baptism requires a time interval, however short, between the remission of sins and the gift (*dorea*, the Spirit's fullness; not *charisma*, a spiritual gift of the Spirit).

Why don't you suggest that your young people study John Seamands' book, On Tiptoe with Joy? They might not find it as titillating as Lindsey, but it is a lot more solid.

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By Ernest McNaught Oakland, N.J.

Joy started into the real-estate business again. Her life had not gone as she really wanted it to go. Divorce, no satisfactory employment, things like that made her start to ask questions.

Louise works in the office with her. Louise had just become a born-again Christian. She couldn't keep her experience quiet. It seemed only natural for her to extend an invitation to Joy to attend the Monday evening outreach Bible study group.

Joy came. Following the discussion, Irene accepted the Lord. It was so spontaneous. She seemed so happy and relieved. Joy asked a lot more questions and went home to think.

Then came the first anniversary celebration of the church. It proved to be a big day: 15 baptized, approximately 250 in attendance (18 had attended the first morning service one year earlier), a baby dedication, a special youth choir, picnic, outdoor evening service. Each activity found more new people coming.

But one big event nobody noticed was Joy.

Many had been counseled on church membership. At the proper time they came forward. Joy came too. She had been to only two Bible studies, never to church.

The question was asked, "Do you acknowledge Christ as your Saviour and know He saves you now?"

This was the moment of decision. Joy knew she wanted to be a Christian. She had not responded in the Monday night study. She wanted to but didn't. Now in front of 250 people, standing on her feet, a smile broke on her face and a joy sprung from her heart. "Yes, I know He saves me now." It was written all over her face.

Church membership became the beginning of real joy for Joy. \Box

TRIP COMPLETED BY NEW WORLD MISSIONS LEADER

Rev. Jerald D. Johnson, newly elected executive secretary for the Department of World Missions, made a trip to Costa Rica and Panama during his first two weeks in office.

Rev. Johnson met with the members of the Seminary Board and missionaries from Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. He then traveled to Panama to meet with the missionaries and the building committee of the Ancon, Canal Zone, church.

Johnson's keen sense of missions and able leadership was a great inspiration and blessing to all the missionaries and church people.

-Elmer O. Nelson, reporter

YOUTH LEADERS WORK ON INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE PLANS

The wheels are turning more rapidly, and the work details continue to multiply as the June, 1974, date of International Institute in Fiesch, Switzerland, comes closer.

District NYPS councils from across North America are registering teen Instituters and making financial arrangements with the general youth offices. The deadline for registration is January 1.

Melvin McCullough, new executive secretary of the Department of Youth, is assuming the role of Institute coordinator. His predecessor, Mr. Paul Skiles, has been asked to continue leadership in finalizing arrangements with the Swiss agencies: Swissair, Furka-Oberalp Railway, and the Holiday Youth Center (site of the World Youth Conference).

At a recent planning conference held in Kansas City, representatives from the Swiss agencies met with Paul Skiles and Paul Miller. Sessions were conducted over a three-day period.

Representing Swissair were Patrick O'Brien, Midwest manager, and Oskar Gnaedinger, assistant manager. From Brig, Switzerland, came Stefan Zehnder and Stephan Rechsteiner of the Furka-Oberalp Railway. Mr. Zehnder is general manager and chairman of the Holiday Center board. Mr. Rechsteiner serves as assistant to Zehnder and is handling the many details of ground transportation, excursions, post-conference tours, and accommodations at the Center.

Headquarters executives and other guests were invited to a



(l. to r.) Stephan Rechsteiner and Stefan Zehnder of Furka-Oberalp Railway; Paul Skiles; Patrick O'Brien and Oskar Gnaedinger of Swissair; Paul Miller.

special luncheon during the conference. Nazarene Publishing House Manager M. A. (Bud) Lunn presented a Bible and Nazarene hymnal bound as a matched set to the representatives from the Swiss agencies.

Stefan Zehnder's response to the gift was meaningful: "Both Mr.

Rechsteiner and I appreciate the outward beauty of these leatherbound books, but we also are very aware of the beauty that is within them. We have also come to appreciate the beauty of the organization and people who call themselves Nazarenes."

-Paul Miller

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Bethany Nazarene College (Bethany, Okla.)	1,420	1,276	1,150	1,050	
Canadian Nazarene College (Winnipeg, Manitoba)	125	152	88	109	
Eastern Nazarene College (Quincy, Mass.)	901	876	806	751	
Mid-America Nazarene College (Olathe, Kans.)	832	855	763	774	
Mount Vernon Nazarene Colleg (Mount Vernon, Ohio)	e 49 3	439	458	421	
Nazarene Bible College (Colorado Springs, Colo.)	610	701	435	469	
Northwest Nazarene College (Nampa, Ida.)	1,007	1,058	944	1,001	
Nazarene Theological Seminary (Kansas City, Mo.)	302	297	231	234	
Olivet Nazarene College (Kankakee, Ill.)	1,782	1,785	1,597	1,565	
Point Loma College (San Diego, Calif.)	1,273	1,196	1,011	1,020	
Trevecca Nazarene College (Nashville, Tenn.)	766	770	718	716	
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