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Peter Marshall once said, "While you may beware of the man who tries to explain everything, we must also beware of the man who insists on having everything explained." Thus a man may be judged by his questions as well as by his answers. This is a true test of the intellectual skeptic and the complainer alike. Much of the religious skepticism of our generation (as in former years) is actually gratuitous. The questioner frequently sets up his own definitions and frames of reference. Then he wonders why God does not give a direct reply. But even in the hours of His great compassion and death, Jesus answered some questions with silence. He had nothing to say to the irreverent or to the insincere. Their questions themselves had to be revised.

In His constant clash with the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus laid bare their superficiality and probed their insincerity. Once they came asking, "Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?" But the question itself was a booby trap. He saw through it and asked for a coin, then queried with, "Whose is this image and superscription?" They answered, "Caesar's." He followed with, "Render . . . unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

What are your questions today? Are you asking God to write on the sky for you when He has already written plainly in His Word? Are you dwelling on technical abstractions in order to avoid actual obedience and the way of the Cross? Do you keep asking God for a sign or a miracle instead of letting God make a miracle out of you? Do you avoid the issue of heart holiness by theological hairsplitting and thus fail to become crucified with Christ in your own experience? Do you hide behind the faults of others and rejoice that you are better than the worst professed Christians that you know? Do you make your own private judgment and self-vindication the bases for fault-finding? Is the church always wrong, and are you always right? Then let some of the questions of Jesus probe your inner man today:

1. Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?
2. Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?
3. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
4. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

My heart prays today: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalms 139:23-24).
Word has been received from Evangelist W. F. Miller of Williamstown, West Virginia, requesting special prayer for his wife, who is critically ill. He was called home from a meeting because Mrs. Miller had had two severe heart attacks.

Pastor T. T. May reports from Lexington, Kentucky: "First Church, on April 14, broke all previous attendance records with 456 present in Sunday school. Now in the midst of the best year in the history of the church, with bright prospects for the days ahead."

Rev. Glen W. Abla has resigned as pastor of the Sapulpa, Oklahoma, church to accept the pastorate of First Church in Clovis, New Mexico.

Rev. W. Q. Sheridan writes that he has resigned as pastor of the Chattanooga Valley, Georgia, church and has entered the evangelistic field.

I SAW A MAN WEEP TODAY

By W. R. WISE, Pastor
Renton, Washington

Of all things! He was weeping because he was called on to work on Wednesday night and therefore would have to miss the midweek prayer meeting.

Let me tell you about this man: He was saved and brought into the church through the Sunday school and the Boys’ Club from an unchristian home. Two years ago he was elected to our church board and was elected by the board as our church treasurer, although he was just twenty-one years old.

It is no wonder that Dick has the confidence of all the church. He is a consistent Christian. He loves not only prayer meetings, but every service of the church.

Dick went to his boss and told him that he sure hated to have to work Wednesday evening and miss prayer meeting, since he was already having to work some Sundays and miss the Sunday morning worship service. The result was that he not only gets Wednesday evenings off but also has Sunday as his day off.

Thank God for such men who love the Lord and the church supremely!
The Witness of the Spirit

By EVANGELIST ROBERT EMSLEY
Naziarene Elder, British Isles South District; now evangelizing in the U.S.A.

It seems to me that to understand correctly "the witness of the Spirit" one must divide the experience into two separate parts.

The first one comes when at the altar of prayer we lean upon the promises of God and accept the benefits of Calvary and the Holy Spirit for regeneration or sanctification.

The second one is a progressive experience and is not only (as Wesley puts it) "an inward impression on the soul" but is also an outward expression of living a life in harmony with the will of God and in the light of His Word.

Concerning the first experience Rev. E. K. Wordsworth has written: "We can sing, 'Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!' and we have passed from the guessing—hope so—think so—stage. We know we have passed from death unto life."

Wesley's Aldersgate Street experience gave him the testimony that "I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins—even mine—and saved me."

Dr. J. Glenn Gould states that this "inner assurance" is threefold in nature: (1) the witness of the seeker's own heart (1 John 3:21); (2) the witness of God's Word (Romans 8:16), and (3) the inner illumination of the Holy Spirit (Romans 10:9-10).

Arvid Grady when he wrote to Wesley about the "witness" said it comes when we
(1) "Repose in the blood of Christ."
(2) "Have a firm confidence in God."
(3) "Have a persuasion of His favour."

John Wesley himself, in his famous sermon on the subject, emphasized that the heart should be "resting in the arms of Jesus, . . . be clearly satisfied that God is reconciled, iniquities forgiven, and sins covered."

To quote E. E. Wordsworth again: "To sustain the witness we must trust and obey, pray, read the Bible, have right relationships, keep a steady faith, a good testimony, and a sober walk. Keep our eyes upon Jesus, and the promises of God and not on our feelings."

The progressive experience of the witness of the Spirit (the "outward expression" rather than the "inward impression") should be present not only in the regenerated but also in the sanctified. In fact, John Wesley says, "By the fruits which He hath wrought in your spirit, you shall know the testimony of the Spirit." "The immediate fruits of the Spirit ruling in the heart, are love, joy, peace, bowels of mercies, humbleness of mind, faithfulness, meekness, gentleness, goodness, and long-suffering. The outward fruits are the doing good to all men, the doing no evil to any, the walking in the light, and a zealous uniform obedience to all the commandments of God."

In another place Wesley emphatically states, "I lay it down as an undoubted truth—the fruit of the Spirit is the witness of the Spirit."

We should remember that, whilst the outward fruits should ever be displayed, the inner witness can vary. In Wesley's Plain Account he says the inner witness is (1) not always clear, (2) sometimes it is stronger, (3) sometimes it is fainter, (4) sometimes it is withdrawn (for instance during sickness and low physical strength), (5) yet should be clear and steady.

Failure to note these truths has caused many heart searchings, doubts, and perplexities. Perhaps we should also note Samuel Chadwick's mention of what he calls the "nine graces" of the Spirit. He places them in three divisions but points out that all nine belong to all three divisions.

In relation to God: love—a loving heart; joy—a merry heart; peace—a tranquil heart.

In relation to men: long-suffering—forbearance; gentleness; goodness.

In relation to ourselves: faithfulness; meekness; self-control.

Finally, St. Chrysostom (A.D. 398) wrote, "When the Spirit beareth witness what further hesitations can exist?"

"And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us" (Acts 15:8).

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith . . ." (Hebrews 10:22).

"Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit" (1 John 4:13).
Benjamin Must Go!

By J. J. STEELE, Pastor, First Church, Coffeyville, Kansas

“All these things are against me,” cried Jacob when only nine of his sons returned from their first trip to Egypt to buy food in the days of the famine in Canaan. Simeon had been held hostage by the ruler of Egypt until they could return to their home and bring their youngest brother, Benjamin, to Joseph's house. But Jacob was afraid to give up his beloved Benjamin, youngest son of his dear, departed Rachel. “Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away” (Genesis 42:36).

His sons had reported that no more food could be bought in Egypt, and they were to see the face of Egypt's ruler no more, unless Benjamin was with them: “And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you” (Genesis 43:3).

But Jacob stubbornly refused to let Benjamin go. Little did he know that he was holding up the great program of God, and of world redemption, by his refusal to surrender his dearest treasure. He could not see that the very things he thought were against him were the things that would lead to the most wonderful event of all his long life—his reunion with his supposedly dead Joseph. For this glad reunion was postponed at least several months by his own fear and lack of understanding.

Could it be that we hinder God's plan for us personally, and the whole program of God generally, by refusing to surrender our own “Benjamin”? Are we so blind to the divine plan that we think His plan is against us? How often we cry, “These things are against me,” when we are asked to make some sacrifice, or endure some affliction! We misinterpret God's dealings with us when the way gets rough. We doubt His love when things go wrong, when the hardest things in life may be incidents leading to the fulfillment of our fondest dreams.

The famine in Canaan forced Jacob to final surrender. After many months of holding up the program of God, he said to his sons, “Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man: and God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved” (Genesis 43:13-11).

This was desperate consecration. This was final capitulation to God's program. It took this to move forward to that thrilling moment when Jacob would see Joseph, his long-lost son. If he had refused, his fondest dream would never have been realized.

By our refusal to surrender our dearest “Benjamin” we can hold up God's program, hinder His blessings, prevent His fulfilling our fondest hopes, and shut ourselves completely off from the divine program. Only by surrendering our “Benjamin” can we hope to see the faces of dear, departed loved ones, and most of all, our own blessed Lord. One unsurrendered “Benjamin” can hinder the whole program of redemption.

What a meeting! What a reunion that was when Jacob met Joseph in Goshen! It was beyond all that he could ever imagine. And what great surprises, beyond all our thinking, await those who bear patiently the sufferings, the sacrifices (so often misunderstood), we endure in this life! What a time God has getting some of us to make the surrenders necessary to work out His program for us!
I recently had an experience with our local church board which gave me cause to once again thank God for laymen with conviction. Two giant outdoor signs had been standing, throughout my pastorate, on the property adjoining the church, as close to the line as possible. To some extent they blocked the view of the church. The representative of the sign company came to me one day with the news that they were going to have to move them off the property and of course wanted to move them over the line onto ours. I tried to discourage him but he was persistent, even offering to make some other concessions in addition to the regular rental fee—so I took the only course of action that was left: I referred it to the church board.

With them it was not a matter of the money involved, which to a small, struggling church would have been a good boost, but it was a question of the advertising matter. One asked the question, "Don't they advertise beer?" to which I replied, "While I've seen beer ads on this company's signs, there have never been any on these adjoining the church."

But another spoke up and rejoined, "They advertise TV and it advertises beer, so what's the difference?" Other things along the same line with reference to advertisements of nudity and other objectionable features were raised until finally the N.Y.P.S. president observed, "I don't think we need the money bad enough to let the devil advertise on church property," and the chorus of "Amens" told me it was time to take a vote.

I had stood on the side lines and waited to see their reactions. And I thank God that there are still laymen in the Church of the Nazarene who have rock-ribbed convictions that will not let them compromise one inch, even for a financial remuneration for the church.

In a day of bustle and din we need to discover the value of . . .

Sacramental Silence

By WOUTER VAN GARRETT

We are living in a day that is filled with restless seeking. Many of us deceive ourselves into thinking that activity is the only thing that really counts. There are those who feel convinced that what the world needs is "sacramental silence." And what is sacramental silence?

It is the silence that grows out of quiet and meditation and prayer. We may well ask, "How can we achieve that kind of life?" Surely man knows of his value in this scheme of things. He is aware of his purpose in this world. He is also aware that with most people this purpose can be achieved if there are patience, courage, and a willingness to achieve. Confidence in self and in one's mission goes a long way to bring about an adjustment, and with the right attitude there is a good prospect for success in life's effort.

There is a great need for quiet and silence, so that there may be time to think and to listen to the voice of the Spirit. "Be still, and know that I am God," (Psalms 46:10) said the Psalmist of old. The popular obsession of our day is a nervous
restlessness, an impatience to be on the move. We feel impelled to be doing something, not concerned so very much whether or not it is worth doing. We feel that it is a great hardship if and when we are compelled to remain quiet or silent. Our present generation knows little of the virtue of silence. We feel normal when there is a continuous rush and noise. Many a man looks upon stillness with suspicion; he thinks it means inactivity or even laziness.

We have schedules to follow, meetings to attend, appointments to keep, and so we rush from one place to another; and all for what? We are alert upon our feet, but have so little time on our knees. The time is now upon us when leisure is bringing us more free hours than ever before, and for the thoughtful person this means that we have more time for quiet and silence. As we use the periods of silence properly we discover a new reality in living; we find ourselves.

The serious-minded man wants to live effectively, not merely exist. No one could hear a great symphony if he kept rushing up and down a busy city street. No one could talk about sensitive things in a noisy factory. Great souls are never brought intimately close together in a confused and nervous crowd. Few of us, except those with trained ears, could hear the song of a bird above the noise of a train. The Psalmist of old called people back to trust in God. He called them away from the noise and bustle of the crowd.

In our busy world, with its many avenues all claiming to point to real living, we must not be carried away by false sounds and signs. The world needs men and women who are prepared to lead not merely in things of the material world, but even more needful are the leaders who can lead in the spiritual realm. Every Christian has a contribution to make to this great need, and he can best make it by living the right kind of Christian life. Each one can so maintain contact with his Christ that he is aware of God’s power within himself.

Friendly discussions with other followers of the Lord, the preaching of God's Word, the reading of the Holy Bible, all these are aids, but we can use other channels to bring about the realization that the Spirit of God lives in the hearts and lives of His people.

There is no great mystery in learning the value of silence as part of the divine program for life. Steady self-discipline, good habits, simple prayer life, moments of meditation, and a daily living of the light of life as it is revealed to us—all these will help. We analyze and rationalize, and as a result we may get some sort of picture of the whys and wherefores, but it still is true that the central value of life is in Christ, our Saviour.

We are more than cogs in a monotonous machine; we are sons of God. Day by day as we strive for quiet and meditative silence, we steadily and increasingly hear the voice of God within us. We need to transform our lives by trying to avoid haste, rush, impatience, and tension. As we manage to lay these disturbing elements aside we become more and more aware of the voice of the Infinite.

The Influence of A TWO-DOLLAR BOOK!

By A. S. LONDON, Sunday School Evangelist

When I was but a small lad my mother bought a large, red-backed, two-dollar book on The Life and Work of D. L. Moody, and gave it to me. Mother was not a highly educated woman, but I will always believe that she bought that book purposely to help influence my life for Sunday school work. She used psychology!

I sat down on the floor in the north room of the old home place and looked at the pictures in that book, and prayed out of my childish heart that God would permit me someday to do what Mr. Moody was doing.

The fact that he started a class of boys in Chicago with 14 the first Sunday, and in twelve months had 650 enrolled impressed me deeply. Mr. Moody later preached to five and ten thousand people in his evangelistic campaigns. He won a million people to Christ. He was not highly educated, had but little money; nevertheless he stirred two continents in the work of evangelism. He started a movement that was felt around the world before he died at the age of sixty-two.

When Mr. Moody was on his deathbed he asked for his Bible. Propped up in his bed he read the fifth and sixth chapters of John’s Gospel. Then he took his pencil and wrote on the margin: “If God be your Partner, make your plans large.”

Reading about Mr. Moody with his black horse and buggy, out visiting, seeking for boys who were out of Sunday school, brought tears to my eyes as I sat on the floor turning the pages of the two-dollar book. Mr. Moody was not an ordained preacher. He went to his grave as a layman. It was my privilege to talk with one of the ladies who helped to lead the great evangelist into a deeper Christian experience. I also talked with a man who for years traveled with Moody in Sunday school work.

Just recently it was a great joy to speak in the Moody Memorial Church of Chicago to 525 people in their annual dinner meeting of the Greater Chicago Sunday School Association. I thought of
LIKE A TREE

III. DELIVERED FROM DISEASE

By CARLTON P. GLEASON, Pastor, Grace Church, Toronto, Ontario

We are so much like the trees in many ways. The tree, like all life, is a beautifully functioning organism that must conquer many foes and find fulfillment for many needs, that it may survive. It has respiratory, circulatory, and digestive systems and must therefore eat, drink, breathe, and in most climates also sleep. It is subject to the inroads of time, disease, and many other mortal enemies. It can fall victim to bacteriological and pathological diseases, and once so infected it must conquer to survive.

You have, no doubt, seen tree surgeons fill cavities in valuable trees and thought no more of it than you would of a mason patching a sidewalk. However, if that surgeon is to be successful in saving the tree there are vital issues with which he must contend and principles of life to which he must conform. Cavities are usually formed where a limb has died or been torn off by the wind and the exposed area has deteriorated as decay-producing pathogens have found lodgment there.

Before the surgeon operates, that cavity is filled with decay and topped with toadstool-like fruiting bodies. To save the tree it is necessary first of all to remove all dead and dying wood fibers and chisel back to solid wood. Should one assume this were sufficient he would be sadly disappointed, for we still have the decay-producing pathogen to contend with. The mycelium or feeding roots of a pathogen are implanted deep within the sound wood and if left there will continue to grow behind the cavity-filling, producing yet more decay and fruiting bodies.

To prevent this the surgeon applies a solution of bichloride of mercury to the wood about the infected area, destroying the mycelium. This having been accomplished, the cavity is properly shaped, prepared, and filled with a substance that will provide a sound surface, excluding all else and forming a protecting covering for the formerly exposed areas. The life principle of the tree functions to produce healing about the injured area as the cambium growth seals off the wound.

How tragically like the tree we are! Exposed to the inroads of spiritual disease, we become morally decadent within and marked by the fruiting bodies of sin without. Thank God, there is a Heavenly Surgeon! He comes to the yielded heart and takes away the accumulation of sins and removes the moral decay from the heart, making us new creatures in Christ Jesus. But that is not all! God’s Holy Spirit in refining, purging fire reaches deep within our natures and destroys the roots of the disease, the mycelium of sin. Then He fills our hearts with His presence until all that defiles and destroys shall be excluded from within and we are sealed by His abiding love to grow and completely recover from our disease.

“Like a tree . . . his leaf also shall not wither” (Psalms 1:3).
Be courteous (I Peter 3:8). Sit thou here (James 2:3).

They Spell

WELCOME

With Seats

By LOUIS McCURDY

A local family who rarely attended church was entertaining week-end visitors who were regular churchgoers. They were discussing the merits and demerits of the seven churches in their small town, trying to choose one to attend that Sunday morning. Presently the host's teen-age boy informed them, "If we go to Bethel Chapel, they always have a back pew reserved for visitors." Bethel Chapel became the choice of the entire group because it was probable that the group of eight could all sit together without having to go too far ahead of time.

In contrast, another church in that area has a seating capacity of sixty-six and, on a Sunday morning during summer holidays, an attendance of eleven were scattered through the sanctuary. Had there been a group of four to visit their church that day they could not all have sat together even though there were fifty-five empty seats! They apparently expected no visitors, had no usher on duty, but they did have an abundance of empty seats.

Another nearby holiness church has a seating capacity of sixty-five, with a summer holiday average of about fifty. Yet in this sanctuary it is seldom possible for a group of three visitors, coming to church on time, to sit together. The fifteen vacant seats are mostly front seats! This group of people welcome their visitors with many words, warm handshakes, and generous hospitality; yet the lack of seating courtesy has a tendency to repel visitors rather than to attract them.

Any local family with visiting friends like to sit together, rather than be scattered into two or more groups. Therefore any church can profit from this natural desire by careful planning, by efficient ushering, and by the unselfish co-operation of the congregation. A family with week-end guests would be tempted to travel extra miles to the chapel mentioned in our opening paragraph. There they would have a fair chance of being seated together, which makes their guests feel more at home.

We could well afford to pattern after this chapel which enjoys many visitors during the holiday seasons. The local people soon learned of seats consistently reserved for visitors there, and Bethel Chapel has profited by it. Holiness churches could make sure that an usher is always on duty to seat together that group of friends who chance to visit our community and who choose to honor our sanctuary with their presence on the Lord's day.

A foreign accent, a dingy room, and poverty could not destroy—

Her Happy Heart

By FLETCHER GALLOWAY
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The growth of a big city frequently leaves blighted areas in its wake—areas once prosperous and desirable that become run-down. In just such an area stood an old, unpainted house. It had been turned into cheap, one-room apartments rented mainly by old-age pensioners. I climbed the stairs to a dingy back room in this house and there I found a happy heart. I was her pastor for nearly twenty years and I know.

She had very little to make her happy. She had been born in a foreign land to which she had no hope of ever returning. She had no relatives or close friends.

She was no longer young. Youth has a magnetism, but her youth was gone. She was nearing seventy when I first knew her. They say that as people grow older they ought to put forth an effort to make at least one new friend every year.
I think that is right because old friends drop off one by one and new friends are harder to make the older we get, so it requires effort.

Money is a magic key. Some people have a following because they are wealthy and prosperous. All she had was her pension check.

There are some who have personal magnetism and who are blessed with gifts. She had very few. She spoke with a strong foreign accent. She was not personally attractive and of course could not afford good clothes. Some people can “look like a million dollars” even in “hand-me-downs.” She could not. I never even hinted to her that her services were not appreciated because I knew it would break her heart, but I had several people who were new in the church that had telephoned me and requested me to forbid her to call. I did nothing about it because I knew they would appreciate her when they came to know her better.

If anyone ever had a right to be unhappy this woman did. But one day, long years before I knew her, she met the Lord. She had been saved and sanctified and had become one of the charter members of old Chicago First Church. She loved the Lord and in trying to show her love for Him she found the priceless gift of happiness.

She had one talent. She had good health. And so she took her one talent and boarded the buses of the Portland Traction Company and traveled into every nook and corner of the city, seeking out lonely, needy hearts and trying to bring them a little cheer. She took copies of the Herald of Holiness, the Other Sheep, Sunday school papers, and copies of the church bulletin. Flowers never withered in the church on Monday because she had them on their way immediately to some sick person or shut-in. She made more than one thousand calls a year and kept going right up to the time when the ambulance carried her to the hospital.

She lived to a good old age and she had a surprisingly large funeral. There was no one to sit in the family room, but as the people filed by her casket many tears fell. She did not have much to give her Lord but she gave Him all she had, and in the giving of it she found happiness for herself. If she was ever lonely it was a well-guarded secret. I never found it out.

3,450TH VISITOR during this fiscal year signs the “guest book” at the Publishing House. H. Wallace Parker, of San Diego, California, (formerly a member of Los Angeles First Church) made this written comment in the book: “A tremendous display of organization.” Rev. and Mrs. Harold Morgan and son, pastors in Kansas City, accompanied Mr. Parker (who is related to Mrs. Morgan) on the tour.

What a Garden is—

By Justa Lee Allen

I'm glad I know what a garden is—
I hope that you know too—
Cool trailing ivy on the wall;
Nearby, fair lilies straight and tall,
Blue hyacinths, and roses red,
Camellia, mignonette, monkhead;
Verbena bow in prayer with me,
While smilax teaches constancy—

Each one, from fern to goldenrod,
Reflects the attributes of God.

I'm glad I know what a garden is—
You know, if you've dug there, too,
In God's good earth, on hands and knees,
Where burdens lift and hearts find ease
While learning secrets of the sod,
While hearing whisperings of God.
I'm sure I know what a garden is;
You know, if you've dug there, too—
It's an altar of God where, on our knees,
We find eternal realities!
Meet the man who told us to “Leave It There”

By ART RAKESTRAW

In a recent issue of the Herald of Holiness, Dr. C. B. Strang, of Chicago, calls our attention to this thought in that beautiful hymn “Take Your Burden to the Lord and Leave It There,” and I would like to tell our readers something of the unusual history of the author.

Charles A. Tindley was born a slave in the “Eastern Shore” of Maryland, that peninsula extending into the Atlantic between that ocean and the Chesapeake Bay. The exact date is uncertain, but it was 1850 or thereabout. He was therefore a good-sized boy when the Emancipation Proclamation set him free. Education—he had none—being unable to read or write until he was a grown man.

But Brother Tindley was not content to live his life in ignorance. By the aid of children’s primers and with some neighborly assistance he learned to read, and from that time on he devoured everything he could lay hands on. I cannot give the details of his conversion or call to the ministry, but when he died some twenty-five years ago he was pastor of a large Methodist church in Philadelphia, one of the largest in the country and doubtless the largest Negro church anywhere.

He was an unusually gifted orator. My mother related being at one of his services when he presented a touching Biblical scene, and men and women alike wept and sobbed all over the auditorium. He believed in segregation, that is, a voluntary and reasonable segregation, which he evidenced by having a section of his church reserved for the white folks.

One Sunday morning a derelict, a white man, somewhat under the influence of alcohol, staggered up the aisle when the invitation was given, knelt at the altar rail, and was gloriously saved.

Several weeks later this man appeared on the rostrum in the embrace of the pastor. “I have been looking up this man’s ancestry,” he said, “and found that he came from the same part of Maryland where I was born, and furthermore, that his grandfather owned me when I was a slave.” Christianity does just that.

“If We Neglect”

By E. E. WORDSWORTH

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation? (Heb. 2:3.)

If they who had lesser privileges, lesser light, inferior knowledge than we have, to whom God spake in divers manners by angels, prophets, and dreams, fell under the displeasure and wrath of God, and were often punished by great destruction—how shall we escape the uttermost wrath of God if we neglect our responsibilities in the light of Calvary’s cross, the Day of Pentecost, an open Bible, a sanctified ministry, and all the exalted privileges in this full-orbed day of Christianity? If their offense was high, ours is indescribably higher.

The salvation mentioned in this text means the whole system of Christianity. How shall we escape if we neglect it?

Neglecting the things of God for the things of earth.

Neglecting the things of eternity for the things of fleeting time.

Neglecting prayer for another hour of cheaply contrived suspense on the radio.

Neglecting the Bible for the favorite TV program.

Neglecting holy meditation on heavenly things for the cheap story or comic magazine.

Neglecting the means of grace for selfish indulgence.

Neglecting soul winning for passing pleasure and cheap entertainment.

Neglecting the inner man for the outer man.

Neglecting the soul for the body.

Neglecting God for self.

“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?”

Of the many causes of failure, few rank higher than neglect. It operates in every field of human activity. It is more stealthy than a beast of the jungle, more subtle than a serpent, more harmful than strychnine, more deadly than poison. It appears completely innocent of evil intent, yet is eternally guilty. Stripped of its pleasing outer gar-

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ments, it is a lie, a fraud, a cheat, a swindler of the first magnitude. In any language, it is poor farming, poor business, poor engineering, poor housekeeping, poor bookkeeping, poor religion.

Neglect spells postponement, denial, forgetfulness, indifference, inattention, carelessness, lukewarmness, disregard, death. We do not say the Bible is untrue, but we neglect to read its sacred pages and meditate on its spiritual truths. We do not vote to discontinue the means of grace but find it very convenient to stay at home. We do not denounce having revival meetings but we fail to bear a burden for the lost and try to win them to Christ and the church. We do not oppose having a spiritual church, a sanctified pastor, a Holy Ghost-filled evangelist, but we are conspicuous for our absence on days of fasting and prayer.

How many prize highly the possession of the graces of the Spirit—meekness, patience, temperance, gentleness, goodness, long-suffering, mercy, justice, and such like? How many love the truth for truth's sake? How many kneel bow in agonizing prayer? How many are hungry and thirsty for God and His righteousness? How many are really Spirit-filled, divinely anointed, heaven-envisioned, and at their very best for God?

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" How?

If a mother neglects her baby, she lacks affection. If a doctor neglects his patient, he is guilty, if not a criminal. If a soldier neglects his duty, he is a slacker. If a businessman neglects his business he is a failure. If a sea captain neglects his ship at sea, his ship, crew, passengers, and cargo sink in the depths of the ocean. If a farmer neglects the ripened grain, he loses his harvest.

O friend, beware of the stealthiness, deception, guile, subtlety, and danger of neglect. Beware of the heartless, deliberate, mocking cruelty of this evil thing—neglect.

Take heed! Be not deceived! By any custom—by any habit—by any indulgence—by any prosperity—by any anxiety—by any pressure. “Let no man deceive you.”

“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?” How?

How will you escape the awful judgments of God? How will you escape being eternally lost in hell? How will you escape the endless punishments of the doomed and the damned? HOW?
Boys' and Girls' Camps Are Tops!

There's nothing which brings me more pleasure than boosting something in which I believe. Since this is the case, I am happy indeed to write an article in behalf of our boys' and girls' camps. I travel over the country quite a bit, and everywhere I find that those who have tried the boys' and girls' camps, without exception, praise them. This is easily understood when the results of these camps are considered.

Last year 98 camps were reported from 57 districts. In these camps there were 14,262 campers, 1,500 more than in 1955. But here is what ought to rejoice all of our hearts: More than 8,000 junior and teen-age youth responded to the call of God during these camps. I'd like to know where you will find anything else in our church that can reach as many of our youth for God in the same length of time and for as little money as these camps do.

Of course, the preparation for what is accomplished in these camps, the foundation which is laid, must be credited largely to our Sunday schools and church services. Nevertheless, in the local church there is not the opportunity for bringing about decisions that is found in these boys' and girls' camps. They are the climax of our work among our boys and girls.

It is almost criminal to let a summer pass without having camps for the boys and girls. These camps are usually held from Monday through Friday, on a district level. The program includes worship, study, training, and recreation. Here is a summary of the advantages of the boys' and girls' camps as they have been formulated by Rev. Lyle K. Potter, director of camps and caravans:

1. In a program of twenty-four hour living together the camp situation helps teach our youth the real meaning of applying their Christian experience to the whole of life.

2. In the inter-personal relationship between eight or ten young people living together with their counselor, the counselor has an opportunity of personal work at its best for a whole week.

3. Nearness to the handiwork of God in nature adds to the possibilities of learning and evangelism.

4. Provide fellowship with other Christians of the young person's age-group which has meaning to the full development of Christian character.

5. Many of life's greatest decisions are made in these summer camps.

Every local church ought to feel responsible for getting every boy and girl it can into these summer camps. In addition, in homes where there are boys and girls, every effort should be made to provide a way for them to go to these camps.

I can't here go into the suggestions for promoting the summer camp, but I have read them over carefully. There are ten of them on the sheet which the director has sent me. Personally, I think they are all good and legitimate suggestions. Why not send a card to him, asking for the sheet giving these ten suggestions for promoting the summer camp? Write Rev. Lyle K. Potter, 6101 The Pasco, Box 6076, Kansas City 10, Missouri.

Little Talks on the Holy Spirit:

15. The Work of the Holy Spirit in Conversion

In the last article of this series of "Little Talks on the Holy Spirit," the work of the Holy Spirit in conviction was discussed. Now the activity of the Holy Spirit in conversion is considered. The word conversion is used on purpose, because it includes justification, regeneration, adoption, and the witness of the Spirit. In other words, it has to do with everything which occurs when one passes through the first crisis in religious experience. The theme which was presented in article fourteen in this series prepared the way for repentance and faith on the part of the sinner. Then repentance and faith followed, if the individual yielded to conviction and co-operated with the Spirit of God. As a result, there was conversion. In thinking about justification, regeneration, adoption, and the witness of the Spirit, the various phases of what is popularly known as conversion, especially regeneration and the witness of the Spirit will be emphasized. This is done, not because the others are unimportant, but rather because regeneration and the witness of the Spirit are more closely associated with the agency of the Spirit in the Bible.

First, it is God who justifies, and God who adopts into His family. These are legal terms which have to do with man's standing in relation to God. Also justification by faith, in the New Testament, is often contrasted with justification by works, or by the works of the law. Christ and the New Testament writers were anxious to stress the truth that man cannot be justified by the works of the law; he must be justified by faith in Jesus Christ. Further, as we have indicated before, the Holy Ghost is the active Agent in justification by faith and adoption into the family of God. He is not so often, as we have already stated, associated with these aspects of conversion as He is with the other two—regeneration and the witness of the Spirit.
One of the outstanding points in Jesus' message to Nicodemus was that he must be born of the Spirit. In response to Nicodemus' question, "How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter to Nicodemus was that he must be born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:3). That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:3-6). Nowhere in the Bible is there any more significant statement as to the activity of the Holy Spirit in regeneration than is found in these verses. In addition, being born of the Spirit parallels the thought of being born again, or being born from above. Thus, being born of the Spirit is identified with the new birth—regeneration. This message to Nicodemus is also closely associated with the term "quickened" (Ephesians 2:1, 5; Colossians 2:13), and the phrase "passed from death unto life" (John 5:24; I John 3:2). Again, Paul says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (II Corinthians 5:17). Then in Titus 3:5, Paul speaks of "the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

Therefore it is easy to conclude that being born again, born of God, born of the Spirit, quickened, passing from death unto life, becoming a new creature, coming out of deadness in trespasses and sins, the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost are parallel in meaning—and the one agency in this work is the Holy Spirit.

Next, the witness of the Spirit is considered. At this point the Spirit is so definitely connected with what takes place that we call it "the witness of the Spirit." It is the witness of the Spirit to the fact that the Christian has been adopted into the family of God and thereby becomes a child of the King of Kings. But the witness of the Spirit has come to mean more than that. The Bible clearly teaches that we can know that we are saved, converted, changed—justified, regenerated, and adopted into the family of God.

John Wesley made a significant contribution to the understanding of this doctrine. All Arminian conservative thinkers largely follow Wesley in their analysis of the witness of the Spirit. The key passage on this subject reads as follows: "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear: but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Romans 8:15-17). The important verse here and for the whole New Testament on this teaching is the sixteenth: "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Another significant Bible verse should be mentioned in this connection: "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father" (Galatians 4:6).

Wesley and those who have followed him have insisted that the witness of the Spirit is twofold—direct and indirect. (Please remember as we discuss these that both of them are the witness of the Spirit. One is the direct witness of the Spirit to the Christian's consciousness; the other is the indirect witness of the Spirit to that consciousness.) The last means that there are certain changes which have been brought about by the Holy Spirit in conversion which indicate to the one who has experienced them that he has passed from death unto life, that he has been saved. More important than this indirect witness is the direct witness of the Spirit. It is not easy to explain, but it indicates that the individual, when he has been saved, is given a direct consciousness of that fact by the Holy Spirit.

Wesley was especially known for his doctrine of assurance. It held almost as important a place in his thinking as the doctrine of entire sanctification. He believed that a person could not be saved without knowing it, and he believed the same as to entire sanctification: both are witnessed to by the Holy Spirit, and undoubtedly, in each case, there is the double witness of the Holy Spirit—the witness of the Spirit with our spirits. Most writers are ready to hold that the Greek term here (Romans 8:16) definitely implies the twofold situation; that is, the witness of God's Spirit, the direct witness to our salvation, and then along with this the witness of our own spirit, which is the indirect witness of the Holy Spirit.

There is nothing connected with Christian experience which is more important than the witness of the Spirit. Christianity, especially insofar as the two great crisis experiences of conversion and entire sanctification are concerned, is lost in a fog of confusion when the doctrine of assurance is given up. It is of little value to tell me that I can be saved and in the same breath tell me that I can't know it. I not only believe that I can be saved, but I believe that I can know that I am saved; I not only believe that I can be sanctified, but I believe that I can know when I have been sanctified. These are basic truths which cannot be slurred over if Christianity is to hold its vital place in the world.
Intercessory Prayer

(Printed: Genesis 18:20-33; 19:29)

Golden Text: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself (Leviticus 19:18).

Preceding the lesson of today is the scripture concerning the separation of Abraham and Lot. Abraham permitted Lot to make his choice concerning the land. Lot chose temporal prosperity and the riches of the land of Sodom. Sodom was of the world and a city of great wickedness. Lot not only pitched his tent toward Sodom, but he landed in the city. To take a wrong direction and make a wrong choice means in the end the wrong destination. We need to ask ourselves, Which way am I traveling and where will my pathway lead me in its final destination?

Today's scripture lesson gives us the account of God's pronouncement of judgment, a judgment of doom, upon the city of Sodom. But Lot was in that city and Abraham went to prayer in behalf of the city. This is one of the remarkable illustrations of the power of intercession. God did not refuse Abraham a single time but He came to the place, in answer to the prayer of Abraham, where He agreed to spare the entire city for the sake of ten righteous. Surely the righteous are the salt of the earth. Lot was in the city of Sodom. Worldliness had captured his soul. Lot had no altar in Sodom. He had risen in the eyes of men until he was able to sit in the gate of the city, the judge's seat. Lot wanted the riches of this earth and the standing among men that earthly possessions gave him. He got what he wanted, but he had to take the consequences. Worldliness is that which characterizes a life that thinks in terms of the temporal rather than the eternal, that puts trust in things rather than in God. Worldliness always leads to spiritual destruction. Lot lost all of his possessions in the fire; he lost his family to the devil, and he was saved only because God remembered Abraham.

Abraham was magnanimous in his surrender to Lot and in his choice. Abraham took the hill country, both literally and spiritually. Abraham lived where he could have the blessing of the Lord and wherever he lived he built an altar unto the Lord. Where are we living today? Do we have altars? What holds our affections, and in what do we trust, the temporal or the eternal?

We read in Jude 7, "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, . . . are set forth for an example."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT

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### Foreign Missions

#### Prayer Request for Bolivia

The Bolivian government is making a brave effort to get its country on a sound basis, and is putting a tremendous effort to get its country on a sound basis, and is putting a tremendous effort to get its country on a sound basis. Since the present officials are favorable to the lands of those who would like to overthrow the present government. Since the present officials are favorable to the lands of those who would like to overthrow the present government.

We would like to tell you that God has been blessing the work here in Lower California for Christ. This area, especially the states of Durango and Sinaloa, are new fields for our church. We need your prayers. —Charles Storjard, North Mexican District.

### Cuban Camp Meeting

We have just closed the most wonderful camp meeting of our history. The second night of the camp one of the national pastors, Hildo Morejon, who recently lost his wife and infant son, sang a special song and the glory of God came down upon the camp in a manner to equal anything that I have seen in the homeland. Never again can our people be satisfied with little blessings.

During the altar services scores of new people sought God. Backsliders were reclaimed and folk who had sought holiness for several years were beautifully baptized with the Holy Spirit. Differences were made up and hearts were warmed to a new love for Christ and His church. We feel that a new day has begun in the Nazarene work in Cuba.

One of the outstanding elements in the camp was a constant spirit of earnest prayer. There were many who fasted also. And the camp was preceded by much prayer. Our ministers are agreed to carry on the plan of Monday night ten o’clock prayer meetings among themselves. We want more of this same good thing that God has revealed to us at our 1957 camp meeting.—Lyle Prescott, Cuba.

### Revival in Chota

By NOREEN GRANTZ, Peru

The last of January we began a reviv­val campaign in Chota which was to last nine nights. Although a series of services of this length is common in the States, here we do not usually have more than five or six night services in one series.

Twice a year in Chota we have our young people’s and missionary conventions for the zone of the Sierra or Mountain. This year we felt a need for an extra series of meetings to revive the local church and reach the unconverted in this needy town.

The meetings were a success from the very beginning. Rev. Baltazar Rubio brought clear, convincing messages every night with souls seeking God after every service. There were several new converts and many reclaimed. The last Sunday morning was climaxed by a heart-searching sermon on the steps to

### Outdated Literature Needed

Rev. David Browning has just written from British Guiana saying, “We had an average attendance of over 1,800 in our Sunday schools last year. Most of our literature for these schools is from the packages of used and outdated materials sent to us. Our supply has dropped to a mere trickle. Please call the people’s attention to our need.

These materials can be sent to either Rev. Donald Ault, P.O. Box 170, Georgetown, British Guiana, South America. Mark packages: "PRINTED MATTER. Used literature for free distribution."

Brother Ault will be on the field by June 1957. He is at present on furlough. It would be best to use the name of Rev. David Browning until that time.
sanctification: crossing the Red Sea and the Jordan River into Canaan land. Afterward, Communion was shared by forty-one believers. Praise God for this week of victory.

God’s Protecting Hand
Sometimes we feel so unworthy of the love and protection and help the Lord gives us. Again this week we were made to realize how He keeps His hand upon us. Dennis and the little neighbor boy were playing in their yard about a quarter of a mile from our house. They heard the dog barking furiously and looked up to see a big mamba snake fighting with the dog. It was right by their house. The snake was standing up about two and a half feet high. The dog continued to go for the snake until Dennis finally came running home and told Elmer to get his gun. We went down but by then the snake had climbed up in a small tree at the side of the yard. Frikkie, the little boy who had been playing with Dennis, had shot it a couple of times with his .22 rifle, and had broken its back. Elmer finished it off. When we had time to look at the dog, we found two little marks on the end of its nose which were bleeding. We gave him all the treatment we could but he died in about forty-five minutes. How do we thank God for His protection over those little boys!

This is a bad time for snakes just now, as it is very hot. One doesn’t have a chance if one of these mambas bites him. This one we killed measured 6 feet 4 inches.—Mary Schmihlenbach, Africa.

Ashes from the Sky
By LESPER HEFLIN, Nicaragua
We were almost buried under ashes this morning. The volcano on the island has been active for a few weeks, rumbling and roaring, throwing off smoke, fire, and huge stones. Last evening we saw no fire, but ashes began to fall, and this morning it looked as though it had so bad if all the ashes fell on the roofs and the ground, but they have sifted through the ceiling of our house and snowed in Nicaragua. It would not be have been blown in through the windows until they cover everything.

The wind is blowing stronger this afternoon and is taking the ash clouds farther away. Overhead there is a wide area that looks like a dark rain cloud extending from the volcano as far toward the horizon as I can see. On either side the blue sky is clear. The people living several miles from here are feeling the effects of this more than we. just now, but tonight when the wind calms down we will be showered again. I hope it doesn’t continue many days.

New Churches
The Boulder Chapel Church, a rural church near Elkton, Maryland, was organized March 31 by District Superinten-
debt, but the congregation has already outgrown this and has launched a $5,000 building fund program. Rev. Gene Faile has been appointed pastor. It is located on the Washington-Philadelphia District.

A church was organized in Green River, Wyoming, on the Rocky Mountain District on February 11 by District Superintendent Alvin L. McQuay. Rev. Lowell Henske is the pastor of this work, which shows very good promise.

District Superintendent John L. Knight organized a new church at Cocoa, Florida, on March 17. The congregation is now worshiping in a new parsonage-chapel building. Rev. R. Lester Hale has been appointed pastor. Florida is the second district with four new churches since the General Assembly.

District Superintendent Leo C. Davis organized a new church at Fort Branch, Indiana, on March 10. The district is giving some assistance to the young congregation in the beginning. They are worshiping in a hall and Rev. Mrs. Walter Bailey is the pastor. Fort Branch is a town of about 2,500 population on the Southwest Indiana District.

A new church was recently organized at Big Lake, Washington, on the Washington Pacific District by District Superintendent B. V. Seals. This little town in the Northern part of the district is located in a fertile valley near Mount Vernon.

All Can Help in Home Missions

We are now in the time of the year for some of our greatest home mission activity. The responsibility of starting new churches to reach people with the gospel does not rest on the general church nor on our district organizations, but must be shared by all of us if we are to meet the need of holiness evangelism today. While the district superintendent and home mission board may give leadership and direction and planning to this task, if our local churches and laymen do not help, it cannot be done.

It takes money for home missions. This money has been called the “best invested dollar in the church.” Our home missions budgets are important today when property and building costs are high and locations are important. But the contribution of the local church is needed beyond the amount of its home missions budget. Churches can help in a summer tent meeting, a home mission revival, a branch Sunday school, a vacation Bible school, looking forward to a possible new church. Young people can be challenged to sing for a home mission campaign, help in a vacation Bible school in a new area, or conduct an opening community enroll-
ment for a new home mission. They will grow spiritually as they enter into this work for the Lord and the church.

The population of our country is on the move. New suburbs and communities are springing up; many cities are without a holiness witness. Working together, we can all help in the church’s home missions responsibility this year.

Overseas Slide Sets

The demand is still great for our slide sets on Australia and New Zealand, as our church in these countries is the subject of the last chapters of the missionary study book, Our Pacific Outposts. Some societies were disappointed in not getting to see the slides of Alaska and Hawaii in the earlier part of the assembly year. These sets are now available without delay. A review of our work in these countries through the slide sets will add much interest to a missionary service. Write today for rental of a set, or for the list of all the home missions slide sets and an information sheet. Address the Department of Home Missions, Box 6076, Kansas City, Missouri. Other sets are available in addition to these.

PONDER W. GILLILAND
Executive Secretary

Juniors in Australia

Saturday afternoon of our district assembly was the N.Y.P.S. convention and Junior Society convention. The juniors were wonderful as they did their play for the group. Before we went up we had a prayer meeting in the tent, and each of the juniors that was in the play prayed. God blessed us there, and He blessed the people as they listened. The tears flowed. As we were leaving the platform we sang “Jesus Died for All the Children.” As we finished, one of our preachers rose and asked the N.Y.P.S. president to have Peter (one of our juniors) lead in prayer. He prayed and again asked the Lord to give us a Junior Society in every church on the Australian District this year. This is our aim this year.

MICHAEL JOHNSON
District Junior Society Director

From Washington

Our Connell juniors wish to make a report concerning our February meetings. I think the lessons in the last quarter of Junior Society Leader were the best we have ever used. Our boys and girls truly learned very much about alcohol and enjoyed the lessons. We

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I am thinking this morning of the chorus we sing so often—as I thank the Lord for “saving my soul” and thank Him also for “making me whole.”

Sin was the quicksand into which I was sinking steadily, inescapably. Hugo writes of the traveler who “recognizes the indescribable terror that he is caught in a quicksand.” He pulls his feet out, only to sink in deeper; sand up to his ankle, to his knee, to his thigh; with every cry he is dragged a little lower; he yells, he whistles, he sobs, trying to hold by a pebble; he raises himself on his elbows to tear up a weak seaweed. Now the sand reaches his shoulders, to his neck. “The mouth cries, the sand fills it, then there is silence. The eyes still look, the sand closes them, and there is night. The forehead sinks, a hand emerges, and disappears. It is the sinister effacement of a man.” This is sin. Thank You, Lord, for drawing me out while there was yet time—I could not do it myself—and setting my feet on the solid rock. (Psalm 40:1-2)

Tuesday:
Sin was the awful loneliness of lostness and frustration. It was Franz Kafka’s confused young man, summoned to appear at the great castle on the overhanging cliff, setting out blindly, taking ways that double on themselves, his path blocked at every turn. Sin is the loneliness of the alien in a strange land; it is the frustration of wandering in darkness. Thank You, Lord, for sending the light; thank You for making me a citizen of the Kingdom whose law is love. (Ephesians 2:12-13)

Wednesday:
Sin was the mysterious, deadly virus that spread a contagion of evil through my system, tainting every thought and action with self, and making my influence on others deadly rather than life-giving. It was subtle, weakening disease that kept me impotent and useless; I could not shake it off. Thank You, Lord, for sending the melt ing spring rains of grace and touching my life to fruitfulness. (Isaiah 40:6-7)

And Keep Me, Lord

Friday:
The approach to sin was listening to another voice than God’s, a questioning, mocking voice that cast doubt on God’s love. Sin was born of a disloyal thought. Thank You, Lord, for giving me a trusting love for You, and help me to keep that love untainted by suspicion. Your will is for my good, always. (Genesis 3:8-15)

Saturday:
The first sin was disagreement with God’s judgment, Eve looked at the fruit, and decided that she knew best. “Unbelief is the killing sin.” Lord, keep me humble enough always to believe that You know best. Keep my mind simple and direct enough to trust Your word even when my limited reason might plead the contrary. (Genesis 3:6)

Sunday:
The second sin was disagreement with God’s will—disobedience, and death. Milton, in Paradise Lost, makes Adam see clearly what he was doing: but out of loyalty to Eve choose the creature above the Creator. Help me, Lord, never to pray, as did the little girl, or dream it could be so—“Lord, please make me good, but not obedient” (W. W. Clax). I want nothing to do with sin.

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by BERTHA MUNRO

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had a number of experiments in which the children took part. We had our town doctor talk to the children one evening for about an hour, with the children asking questions. Some of the children interviewed leaders of the town and got statements from them about alcohol, which mainly consisted of ad-
sence. These were put in the booklets for the juniors, and the ones making the statements autographed them. Our children prepared posters, with a prize given to the one who submitted the best one. I do believe God has blessed our meetings, and if any of our children
should ever drink alcohol they surely would have no one to blame but them-
selves, but I don't believe any one of them ever will because of these won-
derful lessons you gave us. The picture is of our society and our pastor.—Mrs.
CLARENCE FINKBEINER.

Lamplighters in South Arkansas

The young people of the South Arkansas District have demonstrated that being true Lamplighters is not so much a matter of belonging to a League, but it is a matter of carrying out the principle of witnessing in personal evangelism.

Rev. Bob Lindley, district president, reported a recent holiday rally in which 330 persons took part. Following a brief afternoon service, in which attention was given to personal evangelism, the young people went to previously assigned sections of the city to spend one hour witnessing at the homes of people. A great service followed that evening, and there were many testi-
monies and notes of encouragement as the young people witnessed to the mean-
ing of the day to their own hearts. South Arkansas young people have recently
taken the Crossett church as their new home mission venture to be supported
by the N.Y.P.S.

Nazarene Junior Society, Connell, Washington

Richmond, Missouri—On March 17 we closed a good revival with Evangelist and Mrs. L. B. Mathews. Brother Mathews is an old-fashioned, dynamic, holiness preacher and a man of prayer. Our new altar was dedicated by a num-
ber of seekers, many of whom were sanctified; one lady, past ninety years of age, was gloriously sanctified, also sev-
eral young people. Mrs. Mathews, a gifted singer, led the song service and sang specials. Since December of '55 we have been worshiping in our new
sanctuary, which was erected on the basement that served as the church for a number of years. Our new driftwood-
stained pews and altar were installed in March. God is blessing with souls, for
which we give Him praise.—Phil. Williams, Pastor.

Evangelist Ernest E. Odon writes: "On Sunday, April 7, we began a three-
Sunday meeting with our church in Clinton, Oklahoma; will close here on
Easter Sunday. It was good to come for this meeting in the church I pastored in 1941-45, during which time God helped us in the erection of a new church and educational building. Because of a fire where we were living, my home address now is 816 E. Oklahoma, Enid, Okla-
ahoma. I have some open time and will be glad to go wherever the Lord may
lead."

South San Gabriel, California—We are closing our first year here, which has been one of the most enjoyable of our entire ministry. God has given us some wonderful people with whom to work, and we have seen gains in attendance, finances, and spirituality. Recently we had a very successful revival with Evangeli-
sists C. C. and Flora Chatfield. The attendance was very good, a goods number sought and found God, and fifty-two people were in our church for the first time. We count it a privilege to serve this wonderful people, and to work under District Superintendent Shelburne Brown.—VOLA L. VAUGHNS, Pastor.

Wheelersburg, Ohio—The glory of God was manifest from the very begin-
ing of our recent revival with Evangelist C. B. Fugett. He preached with the anointing of God and with liberty. Again and again the altar was lined with seekers, some finding God for the first time and others being sanctified wholly. God came in waves of glory until the church was lifted spiritually to higher ground. A fine class of members was received at the close of the meeting, making twelve new members thus far in this assembly year. Brother Fugett was given a call to return next year. We give God praise for His rich blessings upon us here. W. W. WILDBIRG, Pastor.

High Point, North Carolina—Calvary Church recently closed a good revival with Evangelist Harold L. Thompson. Attendance was the best in the history of the church, with the Sunday school record broken on the closing Sunday of the meeting, and a good number of seekers bowed at the altar. Brother Thompson preached with a great love and com-
passion and stirred the church to greater efforts for God and lost souls.—LAVERTA STIL, Pastor.

Evangelist J. W. Thomas writes: "Re-
cently we had a good revival with Rev.
Loyd Milburn and the Knapp Memorial
Church in Vilonia, Arkansas. God en-
couraged both pastor and people, and also gave seekers for regeneration and
heart holiness. I go next to Hugo, Okla-
am, and from there to Newkirk, May 1 to 12, after which I have some open
dates. Write me at my home address, 615 Cedar, Yukon, Oklahoma."

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Brandon, Manitoba, Canada—Recently we had a glorious revival meeting with Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Sharpies as the evangelists—the most successful meeting this church has ever had. Evangelist Sharpies is a powerful and excellent soloist. Mrs. Sharpies is an outstanding musician; her piano and vibra-harp solos thrilled those present, as did her vocal duets with Mr. Sharpies. We greatly appreciated the splendid ministry of these workers. Souls were saved and sanctified, church members stirred to do better service, and in a healing service several claimed the healing touch of God. Finances came easily, and the church is in a much better condition as the result of this meeting.—E. Louis Miller, Pastor.

Hillsboro, Texas—Early this year we had a revival with Evangelists R. E. and Dorothy Bridgewater. They did some wonderful preaching; the church was encouraged, God gave fifteen seekers, and two new members were received. On March 30 and 31, Rev. Homer Land was with us as special speaker, and his ministry was a blessing to all. There was a good number of seekers, and in spades to the church we had a fair attendance. Rev. A. E. Duke is completing his twelfth year as our pastor, and the church recently extended the call for another year.—Mrs. L. Lewis, Secretary.

Evangelists Betty Wagner and Helen Lively report: “God has been blessing and giving us some glorious revivals. During this assembly year we have worked with Brother Shifley in Dallgren, Illinois; Rev. H. M. Myrick in Indianapolis, Indiana; Rev. L. Sweety, Noble, Oklahoma; and back to Metro­lis, Illinois, with Brother K. Kelly. It was a real joy to work with our home church and our good pastor, Rev. Paul Lee; then to Russellville, Arkansas, with Rev. J. W. Thomas; to Ozark, Arkansas, with Rev. John Thomas; with Pastor Fred Borger, in a revival on the Mt. Vernon Zone; at Union City, Tennessee; and our last two meetings in Illinois at Hull, and Bethel Church near Beardstown. God has given a number of souls praying through to victory, and new members added to the church. We have an open date in May, also some open time in July and August, which we’ll be glad to slate as God may lead. Write us, c/o General Delivery, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.”

Pastor M. E. Scutt reports: “Accepting a call to First Church, Connemara, Indiana, we moved here last August. We have found a fine people, loyal, active, and considerate to us as their pastor. This is one of the oldest churches in the denomination, having been organized in 1910. The church is making progress along every line and we are happy to serve these fine people. They have given us a unanimous one-year call, and a nearly unanimous three-year call to continue as pastor. District Superintendent Luther Cantwell is a wonderful man under whom to work. We want to serve God and the church loyally and faithfully.”

Ropesville, Texas—In February we had a good revival with Evangelist Walter S. Patterson. He was tender, yet very direct in his messages, and God honored His Word. There were seventeen professions, with seven joining the church, six of these by profession of faith. Our people said it was the best revival we have had in years. God blessed in the preparation for the revival in the week of prayer just preceding the meeting. Since our assembly last May we have added five much-needed Sunday school rooms to our building, redecorated the outside of the entire building, and it is all free of debt. Harmony prevails and every department has made progress this year.—Dan D. Jones, Pastor.

Creston, Iowa—Recently our church gave our pastor, Rev. H. F. Smith, a unanimous three-year call; he has been with us less than a year. He has been well received and is a great church leader. God has been helping him to preach splendid messages on regeneration and heart holiness and new people are looking our way. Our Sunday school average for February was eighty-seven, as against sixty-nine one year ago. Recently we had a week-end revival with Brother Robert T. Collins, a senior at Olivet Nazarene College (he is preparing for missionary work), and the Triple Tone Trio, also from Olivet. Brother Collins is a fundamental, dynamic speaker and carries a burden for souls. Waves of glory filled the chapel as the trio sang, and the people were blessed and the church edified. We thank God for His blessing.—D. Ross Cronin, Secretary.

Rev. David K. Kline writes: “Mrs. Kline and I have resigned our position as ministers of radio and music at First Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, and are entering the evangelistic field as musicians and song evangelists and also, if desired, will do the preaching. During the past fifteen years our ministry has taken us to all but three of the states as well as every continent except Australia. July 7 through 14 we will be at the New York District Camp and will be glad to schedule meetings in that area either before or after this date. Also, we have the first two weeks of November scheduled at First Church in Kansas City and will be glad to schedule the meetings in that area about that time. Write us, 5023 West 30th Street. Little Rock, Arkansas.”

The thirty-second annual camp meeting in Lakeland, Florida, was the largest in attendance and most fruitful results of its history. On the final Sunday afternoon there were people present from forty-two states, four Canadian provinces, three foreign countries, representing thirty denominations. Many testimonies of blessings of God were witnessed by the hearts of worshippers, resulting in genuine manifestations of the Holy Spirit. The long altars were filled repeatedly with some wonderful cases of conversion, reclamation, and sanctification. As a result of much praying and deep spiritual emphasis there were miraculous instances of divine healing. Special workers this year were Dr. T. M. Anderson, Dr. Lawrence Hicks, Professor and Mrs. J. Byron Crouse and daughter, Charlotte, and the writer. The camp is under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. McVee, ably assisted by their daughters, Mary and Ruth. The board of trustees is composed of twelve persons from all parts of the country and representing six denominations. Lakeland is a real holiness camp attended by thousands of people from nearly every denomination. The dates for the 1958 camp are February 13 to 23. —Russell V. DeLong, Reporter.

Western Ohio District

Preachers’ Meeting

Another helpful and challenging Western Ohio District preachers’ meeting was held, March 25 to 27, in Springfield First Church, with Dr. Samuel Young and Dr. V. H. Lewis, guest preachers.

Our beloved district superintendent, Dr. W. E. Albee, had a full and varied program, planned with emphasis on evangelism. His direction of the convention, challenging us to put into practice what we have learned, with his warmth of personal interest, points toward still greater achievements on the Western Ohio District.

General Superintendent Young with his ready wit “drove home” many a practical point for preachers and challenged our best efforts to advance God’s cause. Dr. V. H. Lewis, secretary of the Department of Evangelism, in his first trip to our district, stirred us with his intense interest in winning souls and impressed us with his grasp and apt analysis of our church’s evangelistic problems and needs.

Heart-stirring devotional messages centering on evangelism in the departments of the church were presented by Harold Frye, district Junior Society director;
Shawmut, Alabama—Our church is glad to report victory in Jesus, with a wonderful revival spirit in our midst. Last June we had a wonderful meeting: then in September the church had a homecoming with Rev. J. Allen Smith and wife as the workers. Wonderful crowds attended, and the preaching and singing of Brother and Sister Smith were much appreciated. Again in March we had a splendid revival with Rev. R. Barlow and family from Birmingham as special workers. Night after night the church was filled, and best of all was the wonderful presence of God. The church has moved up spiritually. The church board has shown a very high degree of confidence as we begin our third year. Bro. Edward Ferguson, district superintendent, assisted by Rev. Vernon Brumbeloe and family from Birmingham as special workers. Night after night the church was filled, and best of all was the wonderful presence of God. The church has moved up spiritually. The church board has shown a very high degree of confidence as we begin our third year. Bro. Edward Ferguson, district superintendent, assisted by Rev. Vernon Brumbeloe and family from Birmingham as special workers. Night after night the church was filled, and best of all was the wonderful presence of God. The church has moved up spiritually. The church board has shown a very high degree of confidence as we begin our third year. Bro. Edward Ferguson, district superintendent, assisted by Rev. Vernon Brumbeloe and family from Birmingham as special workers. Night after night the church was filled, and best of all was the wonderful presence of God. The church has moved up spiritually. The church board has shown a very high degree of confidence as we begin our third year. Bro. Edward Ferguson, district superintendent, assisted by Rev. Vernon Brumbeloe and family from Birmingham as special workers. Night after night the church was filled, and best of all was the wonderful presence of God. The church has moved up spiritually. The church board has shown a very high degree of confidence as we begin our third year. Bro. Edward Ferguson, district superintendent, assisted by Rev. Vernon Brumbeloe and family from Birmingham as special workers. Night after night the church was filled, and best of all was the wonderful presence of God. The church has moved up spiritually. The church board has shown a very high degree of confidence as we begin our third year. Bro. Edward Ferguson, district superintendent, assisted by Rev. Vernon Brumbeloe and family from Birmingham as special workers. Night after night the church was filled, and best of all was the wonderful presence of God. The church has moved up spiritually. The church board has shown a very high degree of confidence as we begin our third year.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION—This is to recommend Ralph and John Thomas as young evangelists. Brother and Sister Dunmire are wonderful young people, devoted to God and the church. They are excellent singers and the Dunmire family is an accomplished pianist and accordionist. They sing well together, pray, carry a burden for revival, and will fit into the program of any of our churches. Write them, 222 Corsewood Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.—D. K. Wachter, Superin­ tendent of Tennessee District.

WEDDING BELLS—Miss Martha Kleiner of El Reno, Oklahoma, and Mr. Larry Campbell, U.S. Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois, were united in marriage on April 9, at the El Reno Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. J. Louis Emmert, uncle of the groom, officiating, assisted by Rev. Carl Prestice, S. E. pastor.

BORN— to Gene and Barbara (Nabholz) Hudson of Pasadena, California, a daughter, Heather Gall, on April 8.

— to Rev. and Mrs. D. R. O'Kelley of Nashville, Tennessee, a daughter, Cynthia Renee, on April 8.

— to Rev. and Mrs. Arik Gould of Milford, Illinois, a daughter, Debra Ann, on February 21.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Christian lady in California who has cancer, is in pain, and needs prayer and comfort. [Address with details]

District Assembly Information

ARIZONA—Assembly, May 15 and 16, at East­ sidie Church of the Nazarene, 24th Street and Oak, Phoenix, Arizona. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly by or the entertaining pastor, Rev. C. W. Ellis, 24th Street and Oak, Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

WASHINGTON PACIFIC—Assembly, May 15 and 16, at Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene, 3619 Main St., Vancouver, Washington. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly by or the entertaining pastor, Rev. H. S. Palmquist, 613 West 44th, Van­ couver, Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—Assembly, May 15 and 16, at Bethel Park District Center, 100 Bethel Park Drive, Santa Cruz, California. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly by or the entertaining pastor, Rev. W. J. Graham, 713 West Fourth, Van­ couver, Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

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