"A boy will seldom go wrong tied to a man going right"
—LeRoy Haynes
FALSE PRETENDER or backslider, Simon Magus was not eligible to receive the Holy Spirit. Peter’s rugged rejection was not without sufficient cause. “Thy money perish with thee” sounds harsh. But there are times when severity leads to repentance. This Peter expressed, “Repent . . . of this thy wickedness, . . . if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven.”

There are three evident reasons why Simon was a “reject.” First he had a ridiculous idea of the price he should pay to receive the Holy Ghost. He thought the gift of God could be purchased with a token price paid in filthy lucre. There is a real sense in which the Holy Spirit is a “gift.” But from the viewpoint of a seeker there is a price to pay. It is total and final commitment—“a living sacrifice,” obedience in every known duty, crucifixion of self now, and permanent identification with the Cross. Of such a price Simon had no conception.

A second cause for the rejection of Simon was his confessed reason for desiring the Holy Ghost. His proposition was, “Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.” He was concerned for personal power rather than a pure heart for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. He sought self-exaltation rather than God’s glory or spiritual blessing for others. He would have power to be a showman and to achieve distinction without self-abnegation and dedication. He wanted results without paying the price. He was like others who seek power that they may consume it in fulfillment of their own ambitions and who would employ the gifts of the Spirit for their own vainglory.

The third and fundamental cause for denying the Holy Spirit to Simon was, as Peter said, “Thy heart is not right in the sight of God. . . . Thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.” From this fountain of corruption within him came his distorted view of the cost and his own low motive for desiring the Holy Ghost. The fountain must be made pure that the water may be sweet, and the tree good that its fruit may be good.

The fullness of the Spirit is for those who are new creatures in Christ. It is available only to those of the Christian fellowship. Jesus said the world cannot receive the Spirit. He spoke of “the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive.” But just as sure as only believers can receive the Holy Spirit, so sure all believers may receive Him. “I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh,” And, “The promise is . . . to all that are afar off.”
“CAN THIS BE the place to which my dear old friend has come to spend his last days on earth?” I asked as our urban-oriented car came gratefully to a halt at the end of a devious, dusty road. Yes, there could be no mistake about it—the sweet little lady in the doorway had to be the twin sister of my friend. She scarcely needed to identify herself. Her facial expression, her hospitality, her very atmosphere had the stamp of my dear friend.

She led us to a tiny room in the rear of the ancient farmhouse, the same house in which my friend and his sister had been born seventy-nine years before. The old clock, chairs, even the organ were the same as they had used in childhood. Yes, Paul Hill—theologian, preacher, district superintendent, philosopher, hymn writer, etc., etc.—had been working his way back. This was the place, and almost the hour.

The first appearance of my friend was a great shock. His face was as thin as any refugee’s. The flesh of his arms seemed only loosely draped over the bones. At first his eyes appeared fixed and glassy—reflecting no recognition.

We spoke. Only a questioning response at first. Then it began to register who we were—Brother Smith, his pastor, and Brother Adams, his friend, had come to see him.

“Brethren, I’m so glad you’ve come.” His eyes were brightening now. “I’ve been waiting for you. I’m much better.”

“Much better?” I wondered. To me he looked horrible.

“There’s more of the real me here today than you’ve ever met. There’s less of the seeming me. Very soon there will be no more of what seems to be Paul Hill. I shall be only what I really am.

“I know that I am all the Lord’s, as God counts all. I am so near glorification that I know I’m holding nothing back from Him. My spirit and mind are blending with His until I know I can say I am sanctified wholly—as He means sanctified wholly.

“I see no reason to change anything about my faith. I was saved as a boy under yonder clock shell. Shortly thereafter, under the preaching of L. Milton Williams, I was sanctified in a hall in Malone, New York. Now I’m all ready to go. Just think, very shortly I’ll be starting all over again with a new, young body. Death isn’t the end. It’s the beginning. Let me take your hands, brethren. Oh, it’s beautiful to die! It’s beautiful to die!”

Having had many encounters with the great mind of Brother Hill, we knew these were not the fevered flashes of a dying philosopher. This was his incomparable way of telling us that the inner man was shining brighter and brighter as the outward man was perishing. Every utterance was a sublime example of this truth. For an hour he was the doorkeeper of heaven. In mercy and love toward us, the Heavenly Father permitted him to keep it ajar so as to let some celestial shafts shine through on us.

Since there was obviously no need to pray for him—what could we ask for a man anticipating death as a thing of beauty?—we asked him to pray for us. What a prayer! Standing in the doorway of heaven, speaking to the Father just inside, our wonderful friend was asking Him to bless us, to make us good ministers, and to save us eternally. I’ve never heard prayer sound so real, so natural, so normal. There was something very different about the prayer. It had no end, no “Amen.” This was in line with one of the points of the valedictory.

Among the unforgettable points of that valedictory was a repeated assurance that each experience of the Christian had its own vocabulary. After repeating to us some of the terminology of salvation and sanctification, he told us that God was giving to him the beginnings of words to express the glorified experience. At that point he could only feel the gestation process going on in his mind. He could almost bring forth those glorious words, but could only feel them at that time.

“The word ‘Hallelujah,’” he said, “seems to be the word connecting the highest praise of earth with that of glory. That word I can give you.” Back to the prayer:

“In place of an “Amen” our friend said, “Hallelujah!” And he went right on saying, shouting, singing, “Hallelujah!” The last thing we heard from our dear friend, Paul Hill, words of the world’s grandest oratorio, words of his audition for the heavenly choir, “Hallelujah!”

There were only two in the audience for the valedictory of Paul S. Hill, preacher, poet, song writer, theologian, philosopher, saint. Thank God, I was one of them. (He died peacefully the next day.)
How's Your Appetite?

By MARLENE M. SWAIM, Nazarene Laywoman, Ontario, California

AS EVERY PARENT KNOWS, all normal, healthy babies come into this world equipped with a good appetite, and they never hesitate to demand its satisfaction, regardless of time or circumstance! Moreover, as growth and activity increase, the appetite also increases. The infant is at first able to take only a few ounces of milk; but as he grows, the amount and strength of the formula increase in proportion to his capacity.

Soon he is not satisfied with milk alone, and cereal is added, then fruits, vegetables, and meats. As he grows into childhood and then to physical maturity, his body demands adequate food to develop and maintain its energy and health. Usually, as an adult, the more active person needs a larger amount of food to maintain health and strength than does an adult who leads a more sedentary type of life.

Lack of appetite is usually a cause of worry and alarm. Who hasn't heard of worried parents who have "feeding problems" with their children? Every pediatrician is familiar with the baby or child whose mother "just can't get him to eat a thing." They are worried, and rightly so, for lack of appetite is abnormal and refusal to eat is not consistent with normal good health.

Lack of appetite can have many causes. Sickness of all kinds is a notorious appetite-killer. Sometimes we become too tired to eat because of physical exhaustion. An upsetting event or nervous strain or excitement can rob us of appetite. Sometimes when food is continuously dull, tasteless, and unattractive, eating loses its appeal. And everyone with children knows that too many sweets before dinner can spoil the appetite.

Now just as a newborn infant has a natural desire to eat, so does the newborn "babe in Christ" have a hunger for spiritual food. It is a gift from God, and He bestows it on every new Christian. It is a hunger for spiritual food. It is a gift from God as every parent knows, all normal, healthy babies come into this world equipped with a good appetite, and they never hesitate to demand its satisfaction, regardless of time or circumstance! Moreover, as growth and activity increase, the appetite also increases. The infant is at first able to take only a few ounces of milk; but as he grows, the amount and strength of the formula increase in proportion to his capacity.

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Now just as a newborn infant has a natural desire to eat, so does the newborn "babe in Christ" have a hunger for spiritual food. It is a gift from God, and He bestows it on every new Christian. It is a natural, normal sign of spiritual life and health. Moreover, as the Christian grows and progresses in his spiritual life, his appetite for spiritual food increases. And if his spiritual appetite does not increase, spiritual growth cannot take place and he becomes spiritually anemic, lifeless, and inactive. Indeed, if his appetite is not aroused and whetted, sooner or later he will starve spiritually, just as surely as a person who refuses to eat will starve physically.

Children who have no desire to attend prayer meeting, who have no appetite for the Word of God, who feel no desire to have personal devotions, or constraint to pray, should be a cause for alarm. These things are the very lifeblood of Christian growth and are absolutely vital to maintaining spiritual life. Just as food is necessary to maintain physical health and life, so prayer and Bible study are necessary to maintain spiritual experience and victory.

But why, if newborn Christians naturally have spiritual appetite, do many of us lose this desire for the things of God, and become spiritually sick? Perhaps for some of the same reasons we lose our physical appetites. We work hard all day and are tired, and it requires more effort to go to prayer meeting than to stay home relaxing in an easy chair with the paper or the television set. Or we don't take time for devotions during the day and at night are "too tired" to do more than fall into bed with the hope that God will understand we have so much to do that we just didn't have time for Him today!

And how about too many "sweets"? Have we let ourselves have too much "candy"? Too many TV programs, too many of the frills and frivolities of life, too much "running around," too much time "playing" when we should have been doing some.
thing for the Lord? All of these things, though not necessarily bad if taken in small amounts, can kill our spiritual appetites if taken in overdoses.

Lord, search my heart! Do I “hunger and thirst after righteousness” as I should, or have I allowed myself to become spiritually anemic? Do I look forward to church services, Bible study, and private prayer, or do I consider it a drudgery, something I “have to do to live”?

As healthy, “alive” Christians, we should be hungry for these things. They should be a joy to us. We should find as we grow spiritually that our capacity and appetite increase constantly and that we are always hungry for the things of the Spirit, always longing to be “more like the Master.”

How’s your appetite?

ABOUT A YEAR AGO, Wife and I were doing some shopping in Washington, D.C., when I noticed that one of the clerks had a drawl which was most familiar. I jokingly asked, “Are ‘you all’ from Charleston?” Her face brightened and she answered, “Yes, how did you know?” In the words of scripture I could have answered, “Thy speech bewrayeth thee” (Matthew 26:73).

The Apostle Peter had an experience something like this, although it was not such a pleasant one. Peter was in the palace of the high priest, having followed Jesus “afar off,” when a damsel accused him of being one of the associates of Jesus. Peter denied vigorously. Soon another maiden repeated the accusation, and Peter denied and swore. After awhile some of the people who heard Peter’s denial came to him and said, “Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee.” 

The fact of the matter was they were listening to his drawl rather than to his words. They concluded correctly that here was a Galilean. They put two and two together and came up with four, while Peter kept insisting they had added wrong.

This illustrates most accurately that one is known by his speech. One usually speaks the language of the country where he lives. More than that, he usually speaks the dialect of the particular section of the country in which he lives. This has a spiritual application.

This is true not only in a physical sense, but in other ways. One’s intellectual status can be determined, at least somewhat accurately, by his speech. One’s social position can be classified. And what is more important, one’s spiritual standing is revealed by his speech. Of course this does not always give a complete picture, but it does give some important insights into what a person really is.

It is impossible for a person to be transformed by the power of God without its changing his manner of speaking. He is bound to drop some words and phrases from his vocabulary, while he picks up some new ones. If a person really has been changed and is a new creature in Christ, you couldn’t talk to him very long without finding that he is a citizen of the heavenly land. His speech will betray the fact.

This is true, because “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh” (Matthew 12:34). One’s heart, in the sense that the word is here used, is the center of one’s thoughts and affections. It is the spring from which flows all of one’s conversation. It is the plant which produces in proportion to one’s faith. It is the plant lately grown from a minute mustard seed. And from this ever-bearing source come words to bless and heal, and thoughts to strengthen and help, or words to hurt and hinder, depending on the condition of the heart.

The Apostle James says it this way: “Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh” (James 3:10-12). It must be one or the other.

Solomon had a good grasp of the subject when he said: “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (Proverbs 4:23). The fruit that one’s life bears was born in the heart. Solomon was adding “line upon line” when he said, As a man “thinketh in his heart, so is he” (Proverbs 23:7). We could elaborate on this point and say, “As a man thinketh, so he will walk, and so he will talk.” A man’s walk and talk will give a pretty clear picture of what his heart is like.

One may speak correctly grammatically, but with words which are discolored by disease of the soul. They can be barbed to the extent they will be felt by the tender flesh of another’s feelings, and so wound and cripple. The kind of words one uses, and the uses for which he employs them, will comment clearly on the condition of his heart.

Peter’s lie may have been believed, but his drawl was telling the truth on him. Remember, you are branded by your speech!
IT IS POSSIBLE for a habit to be physically unhealthy without being morally unholy. Holiness is a fundamental requisite to abundant living. Neither the spiritual, social, nor physical life can be fully adequate apart from the experience and condition of holiness.

A holy heart is not, however, a cure-all; neither is a clean life always an abundant or wholesome life. We may have some practices and habits which do not have a moral dimension and are not subject to alteration by the work of divine grace upon the heart and life. A person who has spent years forming a set of bad habits may find that he continues to have these habits after his life has been completely dedicated to God and cleansed from all that is basically carnal.

People in our tradition often think first of such habits as addiction to tobacco or alcohol as being the bad habits which must be given up as we pursue the Christian way. Certainly these are evil habits, and since they are detrimental to the health of body and mind, our Manual forbids them and we forsake them. These two habits are not, however, the only ones which become debilitating grooves in our pattern of living.

Many godly people are damaging their health by habits which are not mentioned in the Manual and not officially frowned upon by the church. These habits are perpetuated with a good conscience even though the person involved may be continually doctoring in order to live with the condition the habit induces. The physical health, the family health, and the marital happiness may all be undermined by habits which are not thought to be immoral or unchristian.

Some genuinely sanctified people have a habit of being late. They are good people and often capable people, but they are so inconsistent in their arrival time that they cannot be used. The church needs their help but cannot depend upon them. The Sunday school and church must always get started without them. Everything that is done must have other people to carry the load and originate the program, for they will come late. Then the poor people who are so capable, and yet so worthless because they are late, will feel hurt because they are never used. What ulcers they cause everybody else!

Some families have a habit of fighting the clock in the morning. They habitually set the alarm late, then snatch a snooze after it rings. The rest of the morning they spend in a mad hurry to get the children off to school and the adults off to work. The result is an inadequate breakfast, swallowed whole! Children are projected down the road toward the school so emotionally upset that they will likely fail their grades in the first two classes of the day. Dad will be fortunate if he does not have a car wreck on the way to work, and Mother is a wreck by the time the last one is out of the door. What an ulcer factory such a home becomes! It is not that they are busier than others. They have just formed a bad habit.

The habit may have been formed in the home of one of the marriage partners prior to their marriage and was communicated to the home at the time of their union. It passes on to each child as he lives in the situation of exposure. It becomes a way of life for every member of the family and will in all likelihood be communicated in turn to the homes established when the children marry. It is not heredity, but habit.

This habitual tension keeps the persons affected emotionally edgy, tense, and involved. The climate of frenzy affects their eating, their working, and their recreation—if they have recreation. Food is swallowed hastily, meals are eaten in emotional tautness, and digestion is hampered. Doctors cannot cure the bad habit, so they give tranquilizers in order to compensate for the emotional elevation produced by the home life. Eventually this will not suffice, and more serious illness will result.

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Some husbands have a habit of being undependable as to their time of arrival for meals. Some
wives are always late with meals. Some children
are allowed to form habits of tardiness at appoint­
ments. The Manual does not forbid this habit and
a person can be sanctified and have the habit,
but what a waste of life it is!

Some men love their wives and are absolutely
ture to them. They are Christians and are morally
unquestionably sound, yet they have a habit of
speaking roughly or discourteously. Such men
know that their “bark is worse than their bite,”
but they keep their poor families in constant hid­
den fear and insecurity because of a habit which
they should by all means break. Children can be
lasting injured emotionally by such a habit.

Some wives love their husbands and would not
kill them even if they had a gun and knew how
to shoot it. Yet they will nag, pick, find fault,
and keep their poor husbands in a state of constant
suffering. A cutting tongue hurts! A whining voice
hurts; and a picking, critical attitude hurts.

Of course the kindly husband won’t spank the
wife and tell her to shut up, and he won’t leave
home. He’ll just swallow the big lump in his
throat, say as little as possible, and try to live peace­
ably with the situation. The wife is so accustomed
to speaking sharply that she does not know she
does it. Any habit we form which makes it im­
possible for our mates to relax and enjoy us will
cost a high price even if it can be accepted in our
concept of Christian living.

Some folks, on becoming Christians, have given
up drinking, smoking, and swearing, but they don’t
overcome the habit of criticizing. They may have
formed the habit in childhood. Now that they
are adults they still tell everything they hear, talk
about everybody who is talked about, and seem
utterly unable to keep a secret. They can testify in
prayer meeting, enjoy a blessing when the spiritual
tide is high—and we do not say they are not true
Christians—but their habit will spoil their influ­
ce, deprive their lives of value, and make them
a constant problem to the people who live around
them. The habit is likely one of the most com­
monly accepted ones to invade the framework of
the holiness profession. This does not make it
morally right nor does it make it physically health­
ful.

Bad habits make us misfits among others, tense
in our own systems, and insecure in our living.
They are hard to break but they are too costly
to live with.

Fundamentally, any habit is morally wrong for
us if it injures our health, lessens our usefulness, or
diminishes our influence for Christ. Anything I
do which injures another is immediately given a
moral dimension. If I persistently tolerate a habit
which is thus morally wrong, it becomes incompat­
ible with my profession of holiness. I should not
give up my profession, but I should immediately
bring up my standard of living.

I Like the
HOME
DEPARTMENT
Ministry
By A. C. WILEY

I AM A LAYMAN. I am not a minister. And yet
I am a minister. For I work with the Home De­
partment and it affords me almost unlimited op­
portunities to minister to others. I have been priv­
eliged to be a Home Department worker for a
number of years. I want to give briefly a few re­
actions to this work.

What Serving Others Through
the Home Department Has Meant to Me

Serving God through the avenue of the Home
Department has given me a greater love for God
and a deeper love for people. It has brought great
joy to our hearts as we have seen many elderly
people saved. When God answers your prayers with
souls, you will push out and go when it would be
easier to relax and take it easy. When we see so
many people—both young and old—not going to
church anywhere, it makes us afraid our time is
running out to get the job done God has for us
to do. It is a privilege to visit people on Satur­
day, pray with them, and see them come to church
and find God on Sunday morning. These are some
of the things the Home Department has meant to
me. Going out as a Home Department worker,
finding the needy, bringing them to our church,
and seeing the willingness of our people to supply
their need, has brought deep satisfaction. We have
found our people so willing to meet the needs of
others!

What Has the Home Department
Meant to Those We Have Worked with

We have seen the Home Department ministry
help many to have a greater love for God and
the Church of the Nazarene, understand holiness
better and what it means to live a clean life. By
reading the Herald of Holiness, the Other Sheep,
Sunday school literature, and good books, we have
seen people begin to seek the better things in this
life and to see that God could do for them what
He has done for others.

One man was saved and testified that he was
ready to die and said on his deathbed he was
going to heaven. He never had the privilege of
attending our church. We gave him a Christian funeral in our church, and saw his wife start to attend, and join the church. She paid her tithe and never missed a midweek prayer meeting. Now the third generation is in the church. They are diligent workers, helping to get boys and girls to summer camp and into the Sunday school, helping to get them saved and into the Church of the Nazarene.

Home Department work has kept many an elderly person from giving up. After he was shut in and couldn’t do as he one time could, it wasn’t easy for him. What a joy to try to meet the needs of these people! We have helped furnish food for their bodies, clothing for their backs, shoes for their feet, beds to sleep on, stoves to cook on, washing machines to wash with. We now have a room at our church and the people bring the things in, and all we have to do is go out and give them to those who need them. We always give the things out with prayer and in the name of our church.

What the Home Department Has Meant to Our Church
I would have to say only the Judgment will reveal what the Home Department has done for our own church. When you do good things, are kind to the aged grandfathers and grandmothers who are ill, when you have stood by, and the time comes to lay their armor down, they tell others what the Home Department has done for them. They want the Church of the Nazarene to take over. Now the fruit of the Home Department ministry has just begun in their home. Remember what the scripture says: If you give a cup of cold water in His name, it shall not lose its reward.

We know that God is going to give out the rewards. He is seeing all things. Lots of one's work is never placed under the spotlights. All of the church may not see the homes you have worked in, the old people you have encouraged by visiting them regularly, not missing a single appointment you have made. But you and the church will be rewarded for this thoughtful ministry. And what a challenging ministry it is! The Home Department work reaches those of all ages—from the crippled child to the aged in the wheel chair or hospital bed. The Home Department worker shares the love of Christ with them all.

Our Sunday School's Biggest Payoff

By WILLIAM L. McKEE
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CONTRARY to the belief of some, rally days and special days are significant to the growth of our Sunday school. The Bible regards special days in relation to the Church in both the Old and the New Testament. There are three such festivals that were outstanding and important.

The Passover was first celebrated on the fourteenth day of the first month, which fell in April of our calendar. This festival was instituted in memory of deliverance from Egypt. Thousands of Jewish families traveled from far and wide to meet at Jerusalem in the Temple to praise God for their deliverance.

Pentecost, sometimes called The Feast of Weeks, or fifty days after the Passover and the day of first fruits, was originally appointed as a simple thanksgiving for the harvest which was gathered between Passover and Pentecost. In the Christian Church, Pentecost came seven weeks after Easter in commemoration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Tabernacle Ingathering. This festival commemorated the tent life of the Israelites during their forty years of wandering in the wilderness. It was a feast of great joy, a time of rejoicing, meeting new friends and old acquaintances.

Many of the special days of the Old Testament were carried over to the New Testament. The people of this time, however, went overboard and seemed to multiply their feasts, rallies, and special days to the extent that these days became a mere formality.

We have reason, therefore, to believe that special days, special ingatherings of the people, were approved by God and recognized by our Lord Jesus Christ. If the special days of Bible times were significant and had an important place in the life of God’s people, then surely our rally days emphasize the importance of Sunday school and church attendance. They help in a great way to sustain the religious life of the children of God and also win the lost to Christ.

The Sunday School Rally has, in many instances, fallen into the category of mere formality. The name becomes common. One enters into it with little or no enthusiasm. A few flags are waved, a few calls are made. In most instances it has become a gathering place for relatives, old friends, and a few folk that live in the fringe area of Sunday school attendance—those who come to Sunday school attendance.
This type of rally leaves the pastor and superintendent with a feeling of frustration. The Sunday following the rally the attendance is but little more, and sometimes less, than it was before the rally.

This condition reminds us of the car salesman we contacted some years ago. We asked him, “How is business?” He answered, “Well, Reverend, I don’t know. One week we have chicken and the next week we have feathers.” A well-planned and organized Sunday school drive culminating in a rally day is of tremendous value to the Sunday school and church. An efficient corps of workers to handle the crowds and a good, Spirit-filled program will have its effect on the entire community. After the “Big Day” there will be weeks and months of reaping in new contacts for Christ and the Sunday school.

The outstanding success of Evangelist Billy Graham can be attributed greatly to the highly organized rally day of his crusade. The impact of his crusade leaves an indelible stamp upon the surrounding cities. The result of these crusades will never be fully evaluated until the judgment day.

We have been privileged, by actual experience, to evaluate the worth of one good, well-organized rally day a year. In three churches that God has given us to pastor, the rally day has been highly successful. These three churches represent the three types and sizes generally known to our denomination.

The first one grew from 31 in attendance to an average weekly attendance of 596. Taking the late Andrew Carnegie’s motto, “Anything worthwhile is worth planning for,” our church school board planned one well-organized visitation crusade preceding our rally day each year. In our first pastorate God blessed these all-out drives from the very first rally day of 237 to an all-time high of 1,652 in attendance in Sunday school, with over 1,000 staying for the morning worship.

In our second pastorate, the Sunday school grew from 55 in attendance to 197 in 13 months, with an average attendance of 147. The third pastorate has grown from an average attendance of 84 to 240 in five years. Five well-planned, prayer-saturated, yearly Sunday school crusades closing with a rally day have paid off again in our present pastorate. Over three thousand souls have attended these 5 rallies. Rally days in these churches have paid off in church membership with gains from 75 per cent to 300 per cent over the period of our years in the ministry. Many of these members were received on profession of faith. As a result of the rally days, each one of these churches has not failed to make the “Evangelistic Honor Roll” by profession of faith with the exception of one year. One good, well-planned rally day will do many things for the Sunday school including the following:

- Create renewed interest in community and home.
- Create enthusiasm and zeal for the unchurched about us.
- Sharpen the vision of the Sunday school.
- Create work for the entire church.
- Give the Sunday school hundreds of new contacts for all departments.
- Reach the people in the fringe area who come only on special days.
- Project the church into community life and gain the community respect.

YES, RALLY DAYS DO PAY OFF!

THE 3 BROTHERS

HAVE YOU MET THE FAMILY? I’m sure you have. The name is Nazarene. Mr. and Mrs. Nazarene were united in marriage over fifty years ago in the state of Texas. Since that time they have moved into All-the-World. To this union were born three lovely children: N.F.M.S., N.Y.P.S., and S.S. From the first, this was a closely knit family. Each child developed an early interest in the family business.

The parents felt strongly a divine commission that they must win the unsaved to Christ. As the children grew, they each felt this same call upon them.

Mr. Nazarene found three simple rules he must follow to accomplish his commission: (1) Find the unsaved. (2) Know the unsaved. (3) Win the unsaved.

A meeting was called. Mr. Nazarene presented the matter to his family. It was discussed. One suggested that if they were to find the unsaved they must go where the unsaved are! Another suggested they form a hunting party and call it the “Visitation Program.” Mr. Nazarene asked his three sons how they should proceed. S.S. was elected to be in charge of this outreach program, for: (1) he was in contact with all potential helpers. (2) he had the organization through which to work.

Mr. S.S. took responsibility for finding the unsaved. He planned ahead, talked it, got excited. A week was scheduled as a “Week of Hunting.”
The city was zoned, the “hunters” came to the family home—the church—each evening, divided into teams of two, and went into their assigned zones for the “hunt.” Mr. S.S. instructed each “hunter” to secure all possible commitments from each unsaved home to attend Sunday school and morning worship service at the family home on the following Sunday, which he designated as “Visitors’ Day.” He then sent the “hunters” all back into their zones on Saturday to remind the unsaved of their promises.

Visitors’ Day arrived! The “hunters” brought in their game. Mr. and Mrs. Nazarene were astonished and thrilled at the tremendous results. In only one week the attendance was doubled! They were proud of their fine son! S.S. certainly had found them.

Mr. Nazarene now called his family together again. There was one problem troubling them all. They still had not fulfilled the divine commission. They had found the unsaved but they had not won them. They now realized the difficulty of winning strangers. The decision was made that the family must get to know and win the confidence of these unsaved strangers. Suddenly S.S. stood and eagerly volunteered for this responsibility. He assured them again that (1) he was in contact with all potential helpers and (2) he had the organization through which to work. He was given the job.

Mr. S.S. set up a simple filing system into which he placed the names of all members of each family that he had found. He went to his organization and gave each department supervisor the names of unsaved prospects for that department. He then set a permanent “Visitation Night” and urged all his helpers to be at the family home on this night, summer, winter, spring, or fall. The family organized into teams of two and went into the homes to get to know these unsaved strangers. As they went they soon discovered they continually found new unsaved strangers, and their hearts were blessed. The family began to take on a new spirit of optimism and enthusiasm. A real revival began within the family.

Soon many new faces were seen about the family’s home. They were no longer strangers, but they immediately recognized the members of the family when they arrived. Soon they were good friends.

Mr. Nazarene was still troubled however. They had many new friends now. In fact the new friends had confidence in the Nazarene family; they even helped with many chores about the home. They even helped with the expense of many family projects. But Mr. Nazarene was not satisfied. He called another meeting and explained that even though they had found the unsaved, and now knew them, they still had not fulfilled the divine commission! “We must still win them to Christ,” he declared. At this point all three brothers jumped to their feet and began to speak at once.

Successful S.S. was given the floor first. He reminded the family again that he had access to the greatest number of potential helpers and that he had the organization. He pledged to encourage Christian Service Training in soul winning among his helpers. He pledged to encourage special prayer meetings among his helpers. He promised to bring these friends to the morning worship service and thereby get them under the influence of Spirit-anointed Bible preaching. He pledged to impress upon his helpers that they were not only to find and know, but to win the unsaved to Christ.

His brother, N.Y.P.S., stood and reminded the family that he too had an organization, he had helpers, and he too had a concern. He expressed a desire to begin a program of training for soul winning. He too pledged special prayer efforts. He further reminded the family of the family fireside chats they enjoyed each Sunday night. He very earnestly suggested that his helpers could get some of these unsaved friends to join the family circle for these chats. He then suggested these chats might be changed into times of real evangelism. He asked for the responsibility of turning his organized society into a front-line force for evangelism by bringing the unsaved friends of the family into the family home each Sunday evening.

The third brother, N.F.M.S., then spoke. He had been greatly moved by the concern of the other brothers. He spoke of vision, of world needs, of dying millions. He pledged prayer and active support around the home and asked for the privilege to challenge these new friends with the great world need the family had carried on its heart so long.

Mr. Nazarene was blessed and excited at the thought of what could be done if only they could win all the family friends. He suggested they call “Uncle Evangelist” to come and conduct special services. They would then join together and have their friends in the home every night for ten days.
DURING this past vacation season thousands of people have crossed the international border. They have been asked by the customs officer, “What have you to declare?” Suitcases, handbags, etc., were opened for official inspection.

In just a few weeks Nazarenes everywhere will be going out into the highways and byways of a prodigal world with something to declare. Wise travelers approaching border inspection carry in their hands a list of their purchases to facilitate their passage through customs. To assist them in making their Christian declaration during November 7 to 17, wise Nazarenes will have in their hands ten copies of the contemporary-covered, “marked” Gospel of John.

In India 70 per cent of the literature available is Communist. As the grandson of Gandhi has put it, “The British taught the people of India how to read, but the Communists gave them the literature.” The world needs gospel literature. The Church of the Nazarene joins Christendom in an all-out attack against atheism and communism.

Christian periodicals, books, and tracts are of much value, but the Word of God is still sharper than any two-edged sword. Above all, we must distribute the Holy Scriptures.

The plan of our “Witness by Distribution” of the Gospel of John during November 7 to 17 is that every Nazarene will distribute one copy of the “marked” Gospel each day for a total of ten copies.

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Two million witnesses in ten days! This would be an unequalled record in the history of our Zion. If it is backed by prayer and perseverance, plus the genuine motive of wanting to win others, God will bless it. Just think, the five cents invested in this Gospel of John could win a soul to Christ. One Gospel could pass through many hands, touch many minds, bless many hearts before it is discarded.

God is counting on you. Let us live these ten days as if we knew judgment was waiting for us on November 17.

Your church counts on this as a great climax to our quadrennium of “Evangelism First.” Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow may be too late. Yes—today you have something to declare.
Dr. Edward Lavor,
Department of Evangelism,
Gilei The Paseo,
Kansas City 31, Missouri

Dear Dr. Lavor:

Using the sample copy of the "marred" Gospel of John which was given me at the District Assembly. I had the thrilling privilege of leading a soul to the Lord last week.

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After reading the verses in noted sequence, we knelt in prayer and soon he found the Lord. That night he attended Prayer Meeting and testified to our congregation of the burden that was removed and of his assurance that Jesus had saved him. At 8:00 a.m. the next morning, he was at my study to tell me that he was determined to live it, and to request continued prayer and help.

I wrote this one week later, and he is still possessing victory and reported to me in a brief visit this morning that he intends to be all out for the Lord.

I thought I would share this with you--a little bit of fruit which you envisioned possible through this program.

Sincerely,

Frederick F. Fike

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Revival time came. It was soon past. Then one Sunday morning, soon after Uncle Evangelist had gone, the three sons and the parents rejoiced together as they saw many of their new friends unite with the family and take their position as family helpers.

Soon Mr. Nazarene called his family together once again. He declared their house was too small. Every new friend they had won had friends of his own and they were all coming to the home. The family decided to build a bigger house, for now they had many new helpers who had many friends, and many of the friends agreed to help also.

Mr. Nazarene said with a broad smile and in a tone of triumph, "This is fulfilling our divine commission in the world."

Dwight E. Neuenschwander, Pastor First Church of the Nazarene Salina, Kansas
(The Sunday school increased in attendance from 150 to over 300 in less than a year's time. They have just purchased additional property to provide space for additional growth.)

From Caravan to Christian Education

It seems like only yesterday as a young boy, mischievous by nature, but with a passion for adventure, I read the announcement posted on the bulletin board at church: "Caravan Meeting Monday Evening."

We were only a disorganized bunch of wild Indians that met that first evening, but the results of that meeting were to bring dividends far beyond the dedicated leader's fondest dreams.

The untold hours spent in the next few years could not be calculated in seconds or minutes. For tramping hill and dale, and hearing the Word of God read and taught from the front of an open tent, with the leader silhouetted by the light of a sparkling campfire, will forever burn bright in my mind's eye.

Caravan leaders, as well as Sunday school teachers, formed my ideals. Their lives lived before me set a true example that assured me I could not help but succeed in my Christian life. Many times my junior high teacher took his Sunday school to his home by way of the streetcar (for he did not own a car). We had times of fellowship and fun, topped off with a large watermelon feed. Through these class fellowship times we were molded together until the leader's radiant Christian life made me desire to be a Christian.

One of my greatest thrills came as a teenager when I was asked to take a Sunday school class of junior boys. This became a real challenge to me. Although there were others who were more qualified than I, I appreciated the church's confidence in allowing me to serve in the kingdom of God. I was learning to be challenged to do the task God had laid out before me.

As the years passed, I saw the Caravan program in the church dwindle and then completely die as many of the leaders moved to other parts of the country. My heart was broken. I could remember all that had been accomplished in my own life. The church had forgotten the mission of the Caravan that had reaped such big dividends in the past.

One evening the pastor called on my wife and me and expressed to us his desire to see the Caravan program started again in our church. I told him I would pray about it, and not many weeks later I was appointed as a Caravan guide for Trailblazers. Through the next three years my work in Caravan was a great satisfaction. Truly I thought that I had reached God's appointed will, but I was stricken with a severe illness. As I lay flat on my back, God began to speak and say that this was only preparation for a great service in His kingdom.

Today, as I look back over three wonderful years of service as director of youth and education, I can see that any success I have gained can be credited to a faithful God and faithful Caravan and Sunday school leaders who believed in boys and what their potential might be. If someone had failed to take his task seriously, I might not have made the choice to serve God.

This is not the end. Our task is great. We cannot fail! Boys and girls are at the crossroads today. We are, as a church, offering a program to help them make a choice for Christ and the church. We can portray the vision that there are potential ministers, Christian workers, teachers, and souls that are sitting under our influence every Sunday. Many churches are failing to provide the weekday program of Caravan to train our boys and girls to be leaders. Let us awaken ourselves to our task. The fields are white unto harvest.

From Caravan guide to Christian education—this is my story; and many more are ready to accept the challenge, if someone will guide.

—Robert Appleby
Youth & Education Director
Church of the Nazarene
Ferguson, Missouri
In recognition of Christian Education Week, September 29 to October 6, the Herald presents the following guest editorial and the articles on the work of the church school selected by the Department of Church Schools, Kenneth S. Rice, executive secretary.—The editor.

Locating Lives, Molding Minds, and Saving Souls

This is the story of the Sunday school—locating lives, molding minds, and saving souls. It started in the very earliest days of the movement.

Years ago a Sunday school superintendent encouraged the children to bring a friend with them to Sunday school the next Sunday. The little Paxson girl insisted her daddy be that friend. “Stuttering Steve” Paxson was less interested in Sunday school than almost anything he could think of; but, because his daughter wanted him to go with her, he did. And what a life this little girl located!

History tells us that Stephen Paxson wore out two horses traveling over the state of Illinois starting Sunday schools. His horses were so well trained that they stopped every time they met a child. In twenty years this crippled, stuttering man located enough lives to organize 1,314 Sunday schools with more than 83,000 members. He set a record of organizing 47 schools in 40 consecutive days.

On one occasion a friend proposed to invest $50,000 in the purchase of land if Paxson would help promote it. The two were to share equally in the profits. Paxson declined the offer and went on locating lives for the Sunday school and for God. The friend developed his land. Years later they met and compared notes on their work. The friend had doubled his money and “Stuttering Steve” had a record of 50,000 pupils gathered in Sunday schools to study God’s Word. Realizing he could have made $50,000, Paxson commented, “I wouldn’t alter the record nor change the investment.”

These lives located are guided by minds to be molded. It is imperative that they receive the truth of God’s Word. Dr. Wiggam reported in his syndicated newspaper column a meeting of outstanding educators and psychologists at which they endeavored to boil down into a brief statement the secret of human behavior. After an extensive discussion of educational principles and psychological laws, they arrived at this brief statement: “What the mind receives repeatedly and does not reject, it eventually believes; and what a person believes, he does.” It makes a difference how these minds are molded.

But beyond the located lives and the molded minds are the immortal souls to save. Amos R. Wells tells of a teacher who was dreaming. In her dream she met Jesus Christ. The Master extended His nail-pierced hands and asked, “Where are the souls of My children?” The teacher said, “Master, here are their bodies. They come to Sunday school very regularly and promptly.”

Jesus took their bodies in His hands, and, lo! they turned to dust before the teacher’s eyes. “Where are the souls of My children?” Christ insisted.

“Here are their manners,” faltered the teacher. “They are quiet and very respectful; they listen very carefully. Indeed, they are beautifully behaved.”

Jesus took their manners, and they also turned to ashes in His hands.

Again the Lord repeated His question, “Where are the souls of My children?”

“I can give You their brains,” the teacher answered. “They can name all the books of the Bible, forward and backward; they can repeat the names of the Hebrew kings. They know in order the seventy events in Your life here on earth; and they can recite the Sermon on the Mount from beginning to end. Really they are excellent scholars.”

Jesus took their brains, and, lo! they dissolved into vapor, and a puff of wind blew them away.

“But where are the souls of My children?” urged the Master, with sorrowful longing.

Then the teacher was filled with an agony that broke the bonds of slumber. “Alas!” cried the teacher, “I have done much for my children; but it is all as nothing, because I have not done the one thing needful. Henceforth my teaching, though it traverse many ways, shall have the one goal, and perhaps it will be given me to dream that dream again.”

With every teacher a personal soul winner, the Sunday school is the great evangelistic arm of the church. Every life located should be assigned to a teacher who is responsible not only to mold his mind but to help save his soul. Someone has aptly...
said, "The pastor stands at a distance from the individual pupils in the Sunday school because of the number of them, the superintendent stands at arm's length, but the teacher stands face to face."

What an opportunity and what a responsibility—locating lives, molding minds and saving souls! This is the story of the Sunday school.

—K. S. Rice

THE CHURCH AT WORK

FOREIGN MISSIONS

GEORGE COULTER, Secretary

Moving Missionaries

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray are home on furlough from Peru. Their address is 6712 Harm's Way, Sacramento 23, California.

Rev. and Mrs. Bronell Greer are on furlough from India. They will live at 4650 No. Redmond, Bethany, Oklahoma.

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Bolenk have arrived in New Guinea for their first term. Their address is Nazarene Mission, Banz, Western Highland, Territory of New Guinea.

Rev. and Mrs. Ray Hunt have arrived in Nyasaland for their first term of service. Their address is P.O. Box 15, Manzini, Swaziland, South Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward Cairns have returned to British Honduras from furlough. Their address is Fitkin Memorial Bible College, Benque Viejo, British Honduras, Central America.

Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Faul are on furlough in the States from Barbados. Their address will be 323 Harvard Avenue, Elyria, Ohio, until November 1.

Miss Esther Thomas is on furlough from Africa. Her address is 1009 Plainfield St., Thornton, Rhode Island.

Rev. and Mrs. Leon Osborn have returned from Taiwan for retirement. Their address will be held at the General Walker Hotel in Berchtesgaden, Germany, November 18-21.

Chaplain (Major) Lyle W. Robinson will be the retreat co-ordinator and he

Important Notice

In the June Other Sheep a request was made for children's books for Mrs. Cora Green in Guatemala.

The Greens have since transferred to British Honduras, where Mr. Green is superintending our work in that country. Those who have books to send to the Greens should send them to Mrs. Elward Green, P.O. Box 95, Belize, British Honduras.

If any of you have sent books to the Greens in Guatemala, would you please write to Mrs. Green at her British Honduras address and advise her of the mailing, so that she can make arrangements for someone to pick up the books in Guatemala?

Another Year

By JOAN SALMONS, Mozambique

Eighteen missionaries of the Mozambique region, under the chairmanship of our greatly esteemed field superintendent, Dr. W. C. Esselestyn, were privileged to be the first to use the board room of the new Nazarene Publishing House near Johannesburg for their second Annual Council, which convened there July 3-5. All of us from Portuguese territory felt the winter cold at that altitude; but inside was warmth, physical and spiritual.

Our N.F.M.S. convention on the evening of the third was capably chaired by Miss Esther Thomas and Rev. Floyd Perkins of our European church, while the business sessions were facilitated by a beautiful spirit of cooperation and unselfishness. An increase in giving and a gain of $145.74.

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Rev. A. M. Doll, our regional supervisor, was re-elected with a vote that, with a little wifely co-operation, would have been unanimous. He is doing a great job.

New Term—New Challenge

Our new school year began with a fine group of students, fifteen new and fourteen former students. This enrollment of twenty-nine is the highest we have had in any one year since I became associated with the Bible Training School in 1955. The varied backgrounds from which our students come make the first few weeks a rather difficult time of adjustment for some, but the Lord has really helped and all seem to be settling in well. This morning during the chapel period we heard the testimonies of many of them. I personally was blessed as I heard them tell of the workings of God in their lives. I know that the people at home are praying with us that these young men and women will be consecrated laborers in the Master's vineyard.—MARY MILLER, Peru.

Wide-open Doors

By MARY FAITH COOLIDGE

Bahia Blanca, Argentina, is a wide-open field—... a city of 160,000 with no organized holiness work. The mission property and Bible school are located very strategically, just five blocks from Central Square. We feel that there is a great future for the Church of the Nazarene in this great city, called the Gateway to the South.

S E R V I C E M E N ' S C O M M I S S I O N

PAUL SKILES, Director

Servicemen's Retreat

The NAZARENE SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION announces that the Annual All-Europe Servicemen's Retreat will be held at the General Walker Hotel in Berchtesgaden, Germany, November 18-21.

Chaplain (Major) Lyle W. Robinson will be the retreat co-ordinator and he
will be assisted by a committee of Nazarene chaplains in this area. Captain Curtis R. Bowers, Captain Calvin G. Causey, and Captain Shural G. Knippers.

The special speaker and civilian representative will be Dr. W. T. Punktser, editor of the Herald of Holiness. Dr. Punktser is a member of the Service-mens Commission, and the other members of this group feel that he will make a great contribution to this military gathering because of his interest in this work.

Announcement has been sent to all service personnel in this area, and we are again urging pastors, parents, and friends to add their word of encouragement to their young people in military service to attend. Remember, they do not have to be Nazarenes to participate.


In an impressive ordination service on Thursday evening, the following were granted elder's orders: Franklin Dunke, Joseph Fidelman, Dale Galloway, Ray Dunn, Albert F. Miller, Pauline Miller, John Montgomery, Vernon Stimpert, John Russell; and receiving recognition of elder’s orders were Miss Sylvia M. Pipkin and Burgess Wogan. Reverend W. G. Zimmerman, lay.

Pittsburgh District Assembly

The fifty-sixth Pittsburgh District Assembly and missionary convention convened in Butler, Pennsylvania, July 16 to 19.

Mrs. Irene Sarber was re-elected as the district N.F.M.S. president. Rev. J. Willis and Mary Anderson, missionaries from India, blessed the convention with their messages. Also Rev. and Mrs. Robert Scott and daughter of Australia were present.

The warm and friendly spirit of Dr. Samuel Young, our presiding general superintendent, endeared him to all in the assembly. His messages of the Holy Spirit moved those present to a greater dedication of love and service.

District Superintendent R. D. Asche, beloved by pastors and people, continued to lead the district in a wonderful way. The past year was one of many victories under his capable and spiritual leadership.

Rev. Dean Wommels represented the Nazarene Publishing House; and Dr. Edward S. Mann, president, and the boys’ quartet, presented the work of Eastern Nazarene College.

The assembly concluded with an impressive ordination service as Dr. Young conferred elder’s orders on Raymond W. Hanne, Donald Holsinger, and Ward M. Satterfield. George Emmitt, Reporter.

Oregon Pacific District Assembly

Dr. Hugh C. Benner was the presiding general superintendent at the twentieth annual assembly of the Oregon Pacific District, held in Portland, July 23 to 28.

The high light of the assembly was the report of Dr. W. D. McGraw, district superintendent, and his subsequent election to an extended term of service. Under his leadership the district made outstanding gains throughout the year: 541 members received into membership by profession of faith, a total of $1,052,713 raised for all purposes, and giving to world evangelism that enabled the district to be a “10.2 per cent” district.

The Oregon Pacific District is making elaborate plans to insure a proper welcome as the “host district” for the 1961 General Assembly in Portland.


Dr. Benner was in charge of the concluding service for the ordination of Stephen R. Beals. — Reporter.

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Central Africa Region Annual Council

On last June 11, the second annual Regional Council of the Central Africa Region of the Church of the Nazarene met in Limbe, Nyasaland. A spirit of unity prevailed under the leadership of Dr. W. C. Essclstyn, field superintendent.

Those in attendance were Dr. and Mrs. Essclstyn; Rev. and Mrs. Wiss­ston, Nyasaland. Also we were privileged to have with us Miss Jane Grose.

Reports of the different areas, as well as personal reports, were significant of God's blessing, and showed growth on our region during the year.

We were thrilled to learn that the great Salisbury area is to be opened, and were to be stationed in Limbe at the close of the best revival this church has seen for many years. A number of souls sought God at the altar for pardon and heart purity, and the church in general was graced with a new life.

Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Kirkland will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on October 1. He is an elder on the New England District. They are pioneer Nazarenes, and he began preaching even before he was married. Their address is 444 Smithfield Avenue, Paw­ucket, Rhode Island.

Rev. Wilhe L. McMillan writes: "I have been assigned as pastor of our church at State College, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of re-entering the field of evangelism. The two years spent in building the Kingdom with the fine people of this church was blessed of the Lord. I have some open dates in the spring of '65. Write me c/o our Publishing House, 87 Park Avenue, Mt. Pearl, Newfoundland, Canada."

Delmer, Kentucky—August 4 marked the close of the best revival this church has seen for many years. A number of souls sought God at the altar for pardon and heart purity, and the church in general was graced with a new life. Even the weak messages were given with the power of the Spirit, and her religious readings were well received by large and appreciative audiences.

We pray for God's promise of this wonderful outpouring of His Spirit.—Belle M. Bartle, Pastor.

New Church Organizations Reported


THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Pastor W. C. Wilcox reports: "On last June 23, I preached my farewell sermon on the church at Trenton, Nova Scotia, Canada, after four years as pastor. During that time we received twenty-two persons by profession of faith, saw the finances improve, and the spiritual condition reach an all-time high. The unit and co-operation of the people were heart-warming indeed. We are moving with one Church at St. John's, Newfoundland, under the Department of Home Missions. Rev. and Mrs. Ver­bal Williams pioneered this work, building a church and a parsonage and making friends. Attendance at services is small, but growing. If you have friends here, write us and we'll be glad to contact them for the church.

Our address: 57 Park Avenue, Mr. Paul, Newfoundland, Canada."

THE BIBLE LESSON

By HARVEY J. S. BLANEY

Topic for September 29:

God in History

Scripture: Genesis 37-50

Printed: Genesis 50:13-21

Golden Text: We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to whom are the called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).

Joseph looked back upon the circumstances which had brought him into Egypt as a slave and the vieeissudes which had befallen him there. And he proclaimed to his brothers that the hand of God had been in it all. "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good. Whether he was conscious of this truth through the years is not clear, but from the vantage point gained when he was able to save from famine both the nation Egypt and his own family, he was assured that God had been directing the proceedings.

This statement should not be taken in such a way as to make God respon­sible for all that happened. The broth­er, out of the evil of their hearts, had sold Joseph as a slave. But events which followed, some resulting from Joseph's own good choices and judgment and some from the force of circumstances, brought about results which revealed to Joseph that God was using both the good and the evil to accomplish His will. Like a great designer, God had taken the various colors and fabrics of Joseph's life and formed a mosaic to His liking.

Only a man of faith could have seen that God was working. And only in the life of a man of faith and faithfulness could God have produced the finished product. It is to those who love Him that God works in all things for their good.

It is in history, in the lives of men and nations, not serving as the im¬mediate cause of events, but as the active Agent who is able to make even the wrath of men to praise Him.

An aging lady came to the altar for physical healing. Her cry was: "I have prayed for God to heal me and I have believed He would; but nothing has happened. I have almost lost my faith in God."

It was suggested to her that perhaps God had a design which she could not see and that perhaps her health might come a more perfect plan of God for her. She could not see that as an answer to her faith and like the young ruler, "went away sorrowful, for he had no one to help him." God is in control when what we want, and need, and pray for does not ma­terialize. Perhaps this kind of experi­ence requires rather unusual faith—faith in God's goodness and fidelity when no immediate evidence is forth­coming, rather than faith for what we want as evidence of His care. True faith has patience and insight and can trust until it sees the day of God's vindication.

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MY NEIGHBOR went to a religious play the other night. He came back home telling me that the play's purpose was to show that man is both good and bad. If man leans toward the good, everything will be all right. The ability of God's grace through faith to change man was either completely forgotten or at least running a poor second.

A book I read helps me illustrate to my neighbor how I felt about this play. It is a collection of fifteen conversions of men on Skid Row. Any one of them was ample evidence to me that God can transform human nature. He transformed a life of a drunken derelict called Bill Morrison into a responsible husband. The same policeman who dragged George Lind, who was attempting suicide, from the waters of Lake Michigan led him to God's grace through faith to change his life.

It gives quite a well-known Christian counselor, LADIES . . . Dr. Clyde M. Narramore, These, Too, A Woman's World. Were Unshackled! It did mine.

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NEW YORK—Miss Carol Marie Davidson of Bourbonnais, Illinois, was united in marriage on August 10 at St. Sebastian's Church of the Nazarene, Bourbonnais, with Rev. John R. Davidson, uncle of the bride, officiating.

NORTH CAROLINA—Miss Lois Jane Birchard of Coban, Guatemala, and Samuel Elam of Nashville, Tennessee, were united in marriage on August 24 at the Wiltshire Church of the Nazarene with the pastor, Rev. Alan Smith, officiating.

NORTHWEST OREGON—To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whisbuck of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a daughter, Theresa Kay, on August 25.

NORTHWEST VIRGINIA—To Lee and Faith (Reynolds) Whitmer of South Bend, Indiana, a daughter, Faith Yvonne, on August 19.

NORTHWEST WEST VIRGINIA—Miss Rita Grothaus of Bourbonnais and David Ayers of Kankakee, Illinois, were united in marriage on July 12 at the First Church of the Nazarene, Bourbonnais, with Rev. Forrest W. Nash, officiating, assisted by Dr. J. F. Leist.

Oklahoma—To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whisbuck of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a daughter, Therese Kay, on August 25.

OREGON—To Gary and Barbara (Houghtaling) Fries of Kansas City, Missouri, a son, Gary Ronald, on August 19.
As parents, should we teach our children to fight if others call them names, laugh at them, and tease them, or even pick fights with them?

Not if we expect them to take Jesus seriously when He said, “Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: but I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.” (Matthew 5:38-39).

I do not understand this to forbid defensive action to escape actual physical harm. But in personal relations—for both young and old—it is more Christian to suffer evil than to inflict it.

Can you please tell me if there was baptism in the Old Testament times?

We can't seem to find any reference to it in the Bible.

The term “baptism” does not appear in either of the English translations of the Old Testament or in the Greek translation. However, it is known that the Jews in Jesus' day made a practice of baptizing converts from the gentile religion. Many Bible scholars see in baptism the New Testament equivalent of circumcision under the old covenant.

Will you please explain the word “selah” to me? Should it be spoken when reading the psalms aloud?

"Selah" is a term found seventy-one times in the Psalms and three times in the Book of Habakkuk. It is generally taken to be a musical term, since usually where it occurs the name of the melody is given in the psalm title. It may mean an interlude in the chanting during which the musical accompaniment plays; it may be a liturgical sign (from sald, "to lift up") indicating lifting up hands or voices in prayer; or it may be a word of worship such as "amen" or "alleluiah." The only explanation I would dismiss as implausible is the comment of the wag that "selah" was a word David used every time he broke a harp string! It is customary to read it aloud, although no useful purpose would seem to be served thereby, since we don't know how to translate it.

Could you please tell me if divine healing is or was in the atonement?

I'm not quite sure what you mean by "in the atonement," but if you mean a benefit provided on the basis of Christ's death on the Cross, then the answer would certainly be, "Yes - it is." In this sense, of course, all we receive from the hand of God is "in the atonement." However, if you mean by "in the atonement" that divine healing would be universally available to all without condition other than their faith, in the same way as personal salvation, the answer would have to be, "No." "Gifts of healings" are listed with the gifts of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12, with the statement that the Spirit gives tobelievers differently according to His will. Paul suffered a thorn in the flesh, which he classified as an "infirmity" (II Corinthians 12:7-10). While he was a channel of healing power for many, Trophimus left sick at Miletus (II Timothy 4:20).

I do not mean these words in any sense to discourage prayer for healing, but rather to prevent prayer in the wrong mood or spirit. "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up" (James 5:14-15). Just remember, to "pray over" a person does not mean to pray above him but to pray about him.

What does II Corinthians 13:3-6 mean: give life?

The New English Bible makes it very clear:

"For the written law condemns to death, but the Spirit gives life." This is part of the Apostle Paul's comparison of the old Mosaic dispensation with the new age of grace. As Bishop Taylor said, the stone tables on which the law was written became tombs unless the Spirit puts God's law into our hearts and writes it in our minds (cf. Hebrews 10:16).
By O. JOE OLSON, Director, N.S.S.

Magazines to Merge
Two magazines long familiar to Nazarene pastors and evangelists will merge starting in January, 1964, within a triple goal of increasing reader interest of offering improved service and to effect postal economies.

The new magazine will be named the Nazarene Preacher. It will be a merger of the former monthly Preacher's Magazine and the bimonthly Nazarene Pastor. Dr. Richard Taylor will be the editor.

The office of Dean Wessels will now be the October-November number, now being mailed.

K.C. over 10 Per Cent
Total giving on the Kansas City District this assembly year was $857,118, of which $88,292 went to General Budget and missionary specials. This put the district slightly over the 10 per cent mark for world missions.

Charles Ide Is Back
After ten years as a pastor and evangelist, Rev. Charles D. Ide, Grand Rapids, Michigan, has returned to Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois, as field secretary. He will work at fund raising, student recruitment, and in the alumni area. Known as a man who "gets the job done," Charles Ide was at Olivet, 1950-54. He graduated there in 1915.

Three of the eight full-time faculty men at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City are named Taylor and they are not related. Mendell is seminary dean. Willard formerly was president at Canadian Nazarene College. Richard was founder and president eight years of the Nazarene Bible College in Australia.

Catholic Support of President
Princeton, N.J. (E.P.)—George Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, reported here that President Kennedy has a "continuing hold on the large Catholic vote."

In a copyrighted article detailing his survey, Mr. Gallup said Mr. Kennedy has increased his hold on the "Catholic vote" since his defeat of former Vice-president Nixon in 1960.

That year saw the President receive 58 per cent of the Catholic vote, according to Mr. Gallup. A recent survey of Catholic voters, he said, produced these results:
- Eighty per cent would support Mr. Kennedy against Sen. Barry Goldwater (Rep.; Ariz.);
- Eighty-three per cent would support him against Gov. George Romney, Republican, of Michigan; and
- Eighty-five per cent would vote for the President against Gov. Nelson Rock­efeller, Republican, of New York.

Mr. Gallup, in his report, noted that American Catholics are traditionally Democratic. In 1952, Adlai Stevenson received 56 per cent of the Catholic vote; in 1956, again running against former President Eisenhower, he re­ceived 51 per cent.

Christian Medical Society Names Officers
Oak Park, Ill. (E.P.)—Christian Medical Society, with headquarters here, has announced the names of its officers for the coming fiscal year.

President will be Dr. C. James Kraft, a pediatrician in Dallas.

Vice-president and president-elect will be Martin H. Andrews, who is in general practice in Oklahoma City.

Serving as secretary will be Dr. Harold W. Hermann, with Dr. John H. Dawson as treasurer.

Christian Medical Society is a professional organization of physicians, dentists, medical and dental students around the world, who seek to "present a positive witness of Christ in and through the profession."

Executive Secretary is J. Raymond Knighton.

N.S.S.A. to Meet in Buffalo
Buffalo, N.Y. (E.P.)—This year's National Sunday School Convention, to be held in Memorial Auditorium here, October 2 to 4, is expected to draw ten thousand people from over the United States and Canada as well as several foreign countries.

More people will be involved in this year's program than any in N.S.S.A. history. Nine featured speakers, each well known in his field, will be heard in the major mass meetings. In addition, 175 workshops will be offered on subjects ranging from "Teaching Children to Pray" to "Laws of Sunday School Growth," using the facilities of the Statler-Hilton as well as Memorial Auditorium.

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1 The Springfield, Oregon, Church of the Nazarene, recently dedicated by General Superintendent G. B. Williamson. The beautiful and commodious new sanctuary will seat 375 persons and was designed by Rick Conkin, now of Denver, Colorado. The valuation of the building is $115,000. Rev. A. Furman Harris has been pastor since 1953.

2 Pastor J. W. Ellis, First Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena, California, presents the keys to a new Chevrolet Impala to Rev. and Mrs. Gene Hudgens at the conclusion of eight years of service with the church as associate pastor. Mr. Hudgens has accepted the pastorate of the church in Oxnard, California.

3 Dr. F. Hunter Garrett, loyal Nazarene layman and charter member of the Ventura (California) Church of the Nazarene, recently retired after thirty-five years with the mental health work of the state of California and fourteen years as superintendent and medical director of the Camarillo State Hospital. Dr. Garrett attended old Peniel University, and took his medical degree at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Garrett, left, stands with Dr. Daniel Lieberman, state mental health director, who dedicated a building at the hospital in honor of Dr. Garrett. Five hundred people attended a luncheon in honor of the retiring superintendent, and the Senate of the state of California passed a unanimous resolution of appreciation for his years of service.

4 The Kentucky District increased its Herald of Holiness subscriptions almost 300 per cent this year, from 432 to 1,130. Leading the campaign, pictured left to right, were Rev. Bob Madison, manager; Rev. Cecil Wells, whose church secured the most subscriptions by percentage; Rev. Coolidge Grant, whose church topped the subscription list; and Rev. Dallas Baggett, district superintendent.
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