The Traveler’s Prayer

General Superintendent Young

Our Heavenly Father, we seek Thy face before we take the road again today. This endless travel makes us feel like a religious vagabond. Save us from withering self-pity, and keep our sense of mission vivid and keen. Make us constantly aware that our work must be done in Thy sight, and not for men.

Be our protection on the crowded highways, and give us wise caution and a simple trust in Thy guiding hand. Save us from drunken drivers and from disastrous accidents. Lift us from the drudgery of the road by a fresh awareness of Thy presence. Even when the way seems lonely, give us songs in the night.

Remember our loved ones as they carry on at home. Give to the mother of our home the needed patience and strength for her double duties. Save her from fretfulness and from corroding care. Reveal to her again the rewards of faithfulness in the hidden place of service. In our absence, protect our tender children and save them from the snares of evil. May they never taste the deep sins of earth. Show us how to make our life a beacon to guide their feet into wisdom’s path.

Let Thy light shine through us to others today. Make us a true witness of Thy grace, and teach us how to turn chance encounters into timely opportunities to serve. Forbid that the annoying vexations of the road should make us restive or peevish. Give us the radiance of Thy love and the tranquillity of Thy peace. The problems that confront us, even the cutting words and strife of men, are known to Thee. When those that we have trusted fail—even those in high places—let us lean hard on Thee, the source of all our strength. Some young and struggling Christians are looking to us today; may we not fail them or Thee. Save us from fearfulness and dismay. Help us to make this day’s run with joy.

When this particular journey shall end, bring us home again with a sense of mission accomplished. Then when life’s short day is done and all our wanderings are past, bring us to Thy everlasting home, where partings cease and where Thy presence is our everlasting joy. In His worthy name. Amen.
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Telegrams . . .

Roanoke, Virginia—Virginia District Assembly best ever; good attendance, wonderful spirit of blessing and unity. Dr. V. W. Littrell’s eloquent solid gains in all departments. Membership up 171, for total of 2,769; Sunday school enrollment increased 470, giving total of 5,873; N.F.M.S. “Star” district, under leadership of Mrs. V. W. Littrell, and N.Y.P.S. honors-Rating society. Finances increased 42,594, giving grand total for all departments of $369,569. Dr. Littrell giving excellent leadership under a three-year call. Mrs. Littrell almost unanimously re-elected as N.F.M.S. president; Rev. E. M. Fox, Sunday school chairman, and Rev. Dave Radel, N.Y.P.S. president, both re-elected. Dr. G. B. Williamson presided with ease and confidence. The Virginia District praises God and marches forward.—A. H. Johnson, Reporter.

Ada, Oklahoma—Father (Rev. Lum Jones) passed away last evening (August 17) at seven o’clock. Funeral services on Saturday, in First Church of the Nazarene, Ada—Glen Jones, Superintendent of Southeast Oklahoma District.

Rev. Earl G. Lee, former Nazarene teacher and missionary to India, has been called to pastor First Church in Nampa, Idaho.

Rev. Charles J. Muxworthy has resigned as pastor of First Church in Red Deer to accept the call to pastor First Church in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Rev. E. E. and Ora J. Turner send thanks for “a grand response on our golden wedding day on August 3. We received 175 cards and letters and many lovely gifts.” They express deep gratitude for the kindness of their many friends, also for continued prayer, as Mr. Turner is now “confined to the bed most of the time.”

Rev. Glenn R. Evans has resigned as pastor of the Jackman Road Church in Toledo, Ohio, to accept the pastor of the Northside Church in Danville, Illinois.

Special meetings in observance of the centenary of the birth of Dr. Samuel Chadwick, noted British holiness expository and author, will be held this month in Leeds, and at Cliff College, near Sheffield, England. Dr. Chadwick died in 1892.

Listeners in the greater Chicago area will be interested to know that one of our Nazarene chaplains, Major C. L. Chilton, will appear on WGN-TV, Channel 9, Chicago, Monday through Friday, September 12 to 16, on the program, “Five Minutes to Live By.” Times of these appearances are 8:55 a.m. and 12:55 a.m. daily.

Rev. William Lambert, age eighty-one, a veteran Nazarene pastor, died on August 11 at the home in Lakewood, Denver, Colorado. Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Esther Lewis (wife of General Superintendent V. H. Lewis), of Kansas City; and two sons, both in the Nazarene ministry: Rev. J. Willmer Lambert, of Oakland; and Rev. Willis J. Lambert, of Taft, California.

Pastor Dallas Baggett sends word from Charleston, West Virginia: “Davie Creek Church celebrated its thirtieth anniversary on August 7 with 1,603 in Sunday school, two splendid messages by Rev. Hugh C. Benner, souls won to Christ, and other victories. Appearing on the program with Dr. Benner were Rev. Mrs. Florence Welling and Rev. Claude Bailey.”

Evangelist Everett E. Herron writes that he has left the field to accept the pastorate of the Calvary Church, North Royalton (Cleveland), Ohio, on the Akron District.

After serving the church at Tipton for eleven years, Rev. Darl Swisher has resigned to accept a call to pastor the Hammond Hessey Church, Indiana.

Rev. Donald E. Matthews, pastor of the Bon-Air Church at Kokomo, has resigned to accept the work of the church in Tipton, Indiana.

After pastoring South Side Church in Omaha, Nebraska, for three years Rev. Norman R. Franklin has accepted the work of the church at Casa Grande, Arizona.

After four years as pastor of Southside Church in Pueblo, Rev. Harold J. Westlund has resigned to accept the work of Eastside Church in Denver, Colorado.

Rev. John D. Rhume writes that he has accepted a call to pastor Grace Church in Tyler, Texas; and he assumed his duties there late in August.

I will praise thee, O Lord, with all my heart; I will shew forth all thy wonderful works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High (Psalms 9: 1-2).
More people were contacted for Christ by the people called Nazarenes during the “One in a Million” witness in 1958 than by any other method we have ever tried.

During this coming November we have set as our denominational goal to witness to TWO MILLION people. Each witness is to be a personal contact, to include a personal testimony of salvation, to express concern for the soul of the prospect, to include an invitation to attend your church, and to include the gift of the pamphlet **Have You Tried Christ’s Way?**

The personal witness of a Christian to another person is not a new method of evangelism—it is a rediscovered one, which has always been effective when honestly tried.

Long ago “Andrew, . . . first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias” (John 1:40-41). In that same century the woman at the well of Sychar had written of her, “And many . . . believed on him for the saying of the woman” (John 4:39). Our Lord himself introduced “personal witness evangelism” when He sent out the seventy disciples two by two; and they came back thrilled by their initial experiences of personal witness, saying, “Even the devils are subject unto us” (Luke 10:1-17).

We should never forget that the New Testament Church did not win only by the gifted preaching of Peter, John, and Paul, but by the faithful personal witness of a multitude of unnamed Christians who talked to others about Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. These were ordinary people who through prayer and the Holy Ghost and their personal witness were so able to influence the society of their day that Paul could write of “the saints . . . of Caesar’s household” (Philippians 4:23).

As never before, Nazarenes the world around are being urged to be resolutely and constantly committed to “Personal Witness Evangelism.”

In recent days the Department of Evangelism has sent out thousands of pieces of literature to district superintendents and pastors for this concentrated effort during November. A miracle in contact and growth could happen in all of our churches and revival come to our Zion if Nazarenes everywhere prayerfully accept the challenge of “Personal Witness Evangelism.”

**Personal Witness Evangelism is scriptural.** God sent His Son to “seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10), and our crucified, risen Saviour commissions His redeemed children to “go.” This scriptural imperative is still needed in personal outreach, and it is still His command that you and I take the gospel to men and women and boys and girls everywhere and anywhere they are. **Personal Witness Evangelism is logical.** If a thoughtless, godless generation forget and neglect the way of God, then the only sensible thing for the Christian of 1960 to do is go where the people are.

**Personal Witness Evangelism is fruitful,** for not only will it reach people for Christ, but it deepens the faith, enriches the experience, and adds to the joy and power and effectiveness of the Christian who witnesses.

**Personal Witness Evangelism is essential** to Christian victory in our personal lives. It must be more than just a “November” effort; it must become an integral and essential part of our everyday Christian lives—not earmarked for any particular month or year, but the normal program of our everyday lives to witness to Him.

God did not raise up the Church of the Nazarene to be just another denomination, no matter how successful! The Church of the Nazarene was born to wage militant war against sin, and its chief concern is to perpetuate second-blessing holiness. The pioneers of our church set the pace in personal witness evangelism, and we need today Nazarenes of like vision, passion, and spirit, so that by divine intent, and not human design, “Personal Witness Evangelism” shall become our battle cry.

Dare we be content to occupy just what we have? That is what will happen unless every member of every Church of the Nazarene the world around catches the vision and responds to the challenge of this quadrennium to put “Evangelism First.”

The complexion of society may have changed since the days of Dr. Bresee, but we are still under
orders, as he was, to everlastingly, enthusiastically, and victoriously "give to every man the gospel in the same measure as we have received it." Personal Witness Evangelism has all the spiritual resources available to insure victory.

If God's people which are called by His name will practice the preparatory art of intercessory prayer, be filled with the Holy Ghost and equipped with the Sword of the Spirit, they shall be invincible in Personal Witness Evangelism.

May this second concerted effort throughout our church for personal evangelism eclipse anything we have yet done. We are being challenged to lay hold of a wonderful opportunity. Let us not fail!

Sovereign Lord

By LAWRENCE B. HICKS
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In the Greek New Testament at least seven words exist which our King James Version has translated with the English word "Lord." One of these, used some ten times, is the word Despotes. From this Greek word Despotes we get our English term despot. We think of a despot as an absolute ruler with extreme power to rule and whose word cannot be questioned. This is the word (Despotes) used in the text for this brief article. This text is from Revelation 6:10: "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"

It will be noticed in the text of Revelation 6:10 that the character of this great Despotes ("Lord") is set forth as "holy and true." He is too good to do wrong. He is too steadfast to all His promises to make any mistake. Consequently, this great Sovereign One is the only perfect Ruler that the world can ever have. He is the same One described in Revelation 17:14 as the "Lord of lords, and [the] King of kings." He is referred to in I Timothy 6:15 as "the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords."

It seems that the best translators of the Greek New Testament into the English language have felt that this word (Despotes) is not fully given by the one word "Lord." They suggest that two words be used, both of which are strong words, to fully give the best meaning of the term. Thus the title of this article, "Sovereign Lord."

Another look into the text of Revelation 6:10 will further reveal some of the offices and power of our "Sovereign Lord." He will "judge" the wicked. In this one thinks of the words of Abraham in Genesis 18:25. How well do these words fit into the character of our "Sovereign Lord" as set before our eyes here in Revelation 6:10! A "holy and true" One will surely "do right"! To "avenge" the righteous by the just punishment of the wicked is well within the rights of our great Lord.

The will of this "Sovereign Lord" is the main concern for all Christians in this present life. Oh, to find that will! To be able to say with St. Paul, "The will of the Lord be done," is the real heart cry of every sanctified believer. Whether it be in the things big or small, the will of our Sovereign Lord is the whole desire of our hearts. Sanctification is in the realm of God's absolute will. To have the awful hindering element of the "old man" crucified (Romans 6:6) must be the consistent and continued prayer of every born-again child of God until that glad hour that he by faith enters into an experience of entire sanctification.

Our "Sovereign Lord" knows best. His choices of the affairs and events of our lives rest on His absolute and superior wisdom. Who can instruct Him? He knows the number of each grain of dust in the various points of the universe. He has counted the very hairs on each of our heads! No falling meteor or dead bird escapes His eye. He sees our good; He sees our bad. He knows. Therefore His choices are the best for us.

FORGOTTEN LOVE LETTER
—THE BIBLE

By ALICE HANSCHE MORTENSON

Our Father has sent you a letter from heaven,
A letter from Jesus to you,
To tell of His love and the home He's preparing
And what He expects you to do.

At first you were thrilled and joyfully read it,
Pursuing its pages with tears;
But now it's forgotten—though just where you laid it—
And His voice has grown dim through the years.

Oh, seek His forgiveness and lovingly open
Those beautiful pages once more.
That your robes may be white and spotless to meet
Him
The moment He calls at your door!

So carefully follow each word of instruction,
Drinking in all of His love.
And He will forgive you, for there "it is written"
In His letter to you from above.

And when you've been with Him up there through the ages,
United with loved ones you've known,
You'll find all the glory He wrote on those pages
And more—in your heavenly home!
Spiritual Enemy No. 1 — PRAYERLESSNESS

By H. RAY DUNNING, Pastor, Jacksonville, Arkansas

There seems to be a direct correlation between verses 17 and 19 of First Thessalonians 5: “Pray without ceasing. . . . Quench not the Spirit.” Here the Holy Spirit is presented under the symbol of fire as He abides in the heart of the Christian. While the exhortation is in the negative, the positive might be stated: “Keep the fire of the Holy Spirit brightly burning on the altar of your heart.” The admonition in verse 17, “Pray without ceasing,” provides the bellow's to cause the fire to burn.

When a criminal becomes such a threat to the peace and safety of the nation that he becomes the most wanted of any fugitive from justice, he is labeled “public enemy No. 1.” In like manner, if we can discover what constitutes the greatest threat to the religious experience, then we may term this threat “spiritual enemy No. 1.” It seems to me that prayerlessness meets the requirement.

I adjudge this to be so because here is the point where backsliding begins. Those who have lost God out of their lives will invariably testify that it was at the point of keeping up the devotional life that they first began to slip. Someone has observed that “we may preach and perish but we will not pray and perish.”

This position may further be seen from the nature of religious experience. It is not primarily a legal relation which binds us to God: it is one of personal fellowship. It is true that we are both justified and adopted (legal terms); however, this legal action only brings us into that relationship with the Lord which is the primary objective of the atonement: the restoration of fellowship between a holy God and fallen man.

We may illustrate with the marriage agreement. If a husband and wife have nothing more holding them together than a legal bond, that is, a marriage certificate, the home is on shaky grounds. Certainly the dissolution of the legal bond of matrimony begins with the loss of love and the cessation of the enjoyment of each other's fellowship. No doubt we can affirm that at this point is the beginning of all divorce. His closeness brings things into truer focus.

And it is easier to extinguish embers than a roaring conflagration.

We would like to suggest that (1) prayerlessness causes one to lose his relish for spiritual things. One of the first things the doctor asks in a physical examination is, “How’s your appetite?” A jaded appetite is a sign of poor health. It seems to be a law of life that the more one communes with God, the more ravenous his appetite for spiritual things.

One of the most inspiring things to me was a man who was sanctified in my church in the years of middle life. His appetite for the Bible and the things of God became ravenous overnight. I found him at the bookstand at the district assembly purchasing ponderous volumes of commentaries. He was making an effort—as he said—to catch up on what he had missed. His attentiveness to and eagerness for the truth were a genuine inspiration to the preacher. No wonder God called him out to preach, even then!

Everyone may not manifest such relish in just this outstanding manner. However when one has no zest for Bible study, and can miss the means of grace without seeming to feel the loss, it indicates an inner lack. Prayerlessness is undoubtedly the largest contributing factor to such a condition.

Prayerlessness will also (2) cause one to lose his keen distinction of questionable things. It will cause the black and the white to run together into a dull gray. One's sense of perception will be rendered insensitive to matters of questionable import until he will eventually see little or no harm in things that highly sensitive people (through prayer) shy away from. It is always interesting to note how important little things become in a person's mind when the Lord comes very near. His closeness brings things into truer focus.

As a teenager I was hard pressed (like many today) to find something to do. I was obsessed with a desire to attend a certain event of a questionable nature. After I had questioned my father, he suggested that I call the pastor. I inquired after his judgment and his advice was timely and effective. He said, “Son, you pray about it.” But the very thought of making my attendance at that event a matter of prayer settled it once and for all—I didn’t go.

Finally, prayerlessness will (3) cause one to be less than his best for God. Without the presence of the Holy One, our efforts are utterly futile. It is the place of prayer that surrounds us with...
that anointing which gives adequacy in the hour of need. How sad to come to the crisis time and find that our resources are insufficient, that we are unable to “come to the front” because of a central lack in our lives! How different it would have been if the blaze had been maintained through prayer!

If prayerlessness is “spiritual enemy No. 1,” then surely prayerfulness is “spiritual energy No. 1.” Prayer is a blessed privilege, but it is also the lifeline. May we not sever our connection or cut off our resources; rather, may we, as Paul said literally in Second Timothy 2:1, “keep in touch with the power.”

After visiting a radar station
I was reminded that—

**“He Knoweth the Way That I Take”**

_by Ruth Kinnersonley_

In the interest of public relations the ministers and wives of our city were invited to the radar base a few miles south of the city. It is one of the chain of such bases that guard our northern border against enemy attack. Since we are on the path of the short route over the Arctic Circle, we are more conscious of our border position than in days gone by.

We enjoyed a nice meal at the officers’ mess. The chaplain in charge pointed out ways that we could help serve the men stationed there and integrate them into the churches of the community. He also mentioned the restrictions that the government has set up about calling or holding services on the base itself.

Following this we divided into groups and made tours of the base. After visiting the barracks and chapel, we climbed the ladder into the balloon. This was the first thing we had noticed as we traveled along the highway. Although the dome-shaped structures are called balloons, I was a little surprised to find that they actually are just that. They are made of synthetic and inflated by constant air pressure. Here the antenna of radar is at work sending out beams constantly in every direction. This was the reason there was no superstructure, only the balloon. The balloon offered protection from the elements but set up no barriers that would interfere with the transmission or interception of the beams. We also noticed large heat lamps that would clear off any ice or frost that would form in the sub-zero weather and cause interference.

Our tour ended with our visit to the operations building. “This is why we are here,” said our guide. Here we found a beehive of activity. There was an entire room of machines and indicators. They were highly complicated and highly technical. This was where the reports from the balloon were interpreted. Two men sat constantly watching for light spots on the radar screen. They were relieved every hour or every half-hour at night. They must be ever vigilant. Others were recording the data.

Several men were working on the large lighted chart at the front. They continually chalked, erased, and re chalked the location of every plane. They were following the plane’s height, distance, speed, and direction. The guide said they recharted a plane every two minutes, or possibly every three minutes for slow-flying craft.

Such are the miracles of modern science. I make no pretense at understanding radar, but did find it interesting. It gave me a wonderful feeling to know that twenty-four hours a day our border was being watched and someone knew what was going on in the air for miles around.

I received a wonderful spiritual lesson from this trip. I thought of Job. He was in a hard place. He was perplexed. He hardly knew himself where he was. Yet he hadn’t lost hope, for he said, “He knoweth the way that I take” (Job 23:10).

God has a wonderful radar system in the skies. He knows which way we are going, how fast we travel, and just where we are right now. I like to think that we send out the beams ourselves just as the antenna from the balloon sends out the waves. Our daily lives determine the signals. The recording angels interpret the material and record it and set it up so God knows just where we are all the time. Praise His name!

The earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation (Psalms 24:1-5).
Tithing is found to be—

THE SECRET OF A SUCCESSFUL CHURCH

By GORDON E. SYMONS
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Recently while reading Second Chronicles 31, I discovered the secret of a successful church. I'd like to pass it on to you.

King Hezekiah, a good, God-fearing king, was leading the people back to the old-time, old-fashioned principles laid down by the Lord years before. The people had already repented of their wickedness and determined to love and serve God to the best of their ability. They had destroyed the images, idols, and heathen worshiping places which they once frequented.

Negatively, all was well. They had stopped doing those things which they were not to do. Positively, however, there were some things that they were to do, and so the king brought this matter before the people.

They were to begin tithing!

Some of them had never heard about tithing. They didn't know what it meant to tithe, so they weren't tithing. Others had heard it mentioned once by an evangelist, but didn't really know very much about it. Some knew what tithing was, but they had stopped during their last financial crisis and had never gotten started again.

King Hezekiah explained it to everyone, so all knew exactly what tithing was all about. They were to take the first 10 per cent of their income and give it to the Lord. It wasn't to be given to a neighbor in God's name, or to some itinerant prophet passing through, or to some eloquent independent who had gotten his name on the mailing list—the tithe was to be taken to the Temple, where it belonged. If they wanted to give charity elsewhere, that was fine; but it was not to be taken out of their tithe.

And then, since some of the people still had a little doubt written across their faces, the king made things plainer still. The tithe was to be taken out first!

Some folks thought they could pay their insurance, income tax, savings bonds, and all the other payroll deductions first, then tithe what was left. A few more individuals thought they should pay the rent, the car payment, and the grocery bill, then give God 10 per cent. But as the shrewd old Hezekiah pointed out to them: How can you give the Lord 10 per cent of twenty dollars in the hole?

Finally the king had answered all the questions and explained what the people were to do: give God the first 10 per cent regularly, and periodic offerings over and above this.

"Say!" exclaimed these good folks, "this is a great idea! Why didn't someone tell us about this before? We're going to start tithing right away."

And they did!

And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly (v. 5).

Now see what happened.

The pastor was happy! That doesn't seem like a very important thing, really. But let's look at it from a selfish point of view. If the pastor is happy, he is going to work harder and do a better job of building up the church.

Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged... (v. 4).

God's divine plan for supporting His Church is for its members to tithe. When every member tithes, every bill is paid. I don't know of anything that encourages a pastor more than to know that obligations are being met at the appointed time.

The priests also had their personal needs supplied: ...we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty (v. 10).

The people got blessed! Here is something that is important. People will go to a church where they get blessed. I've known folks to travel miles and miles, past a dozen others, to go to a church where they get blessed. As well as getting blessed at church, we need to get blessed at home and work too. No matter how hard the grind, how discouraging the battle, you can come through anything if you've "got the blessing" of God upon your soul, and these tithing folk had it.

Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord... the Lord hath blessed his people (v. 10).

Not only was the pastor encouraged and happy; not only were all the needs of the church met with some left over; not only were the folk getting blessed in their souls, but evidently God was prospering them materially as well. When they gave...
Pause Renews Faith Among N.P.H. Employees

A day of prayer in two minutes! It amounts to nearly eight hours—an average working day—when each of the more than 200 employees at the Nazarene Publishing House pauses daily at 9:00 a.m. for two minutes of private devotions.

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2) It must not lose sight of the ultimate goal of the church—unbroken contact with Jesus Christ.

To do this, the Publishing House must maintain a Christ-like attitude, and this can be brought about only by the persons employed to serve the church.

Hence, for ten years at nine o’clock every morning each typewriter is stopped, every linotype machine that normally produces two feet of type an hour has paused, and the thundering presses that issue as many as 35,000 impressions an hour have rumbled to a halt.

The silence is deafening.

One has said, “In our reverence we recognize our own inferiority Heavenly Father, who is ever and His great majesty, but we also willing to comfort and guide His bind ourselves closer to our own.”

God the tenth, He made the other nine-tenths go so much farther they were richer than they had ever been before. That’s the way God works!

The work went forward!

In every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered (v. 21).

Because Hezekiah loved the Lord, followed His guidance, and had a tithing people behind him, everything he did prospered. The work of God went forward.

I believe that every Nazarene wants to see God’s work go forward, especially in his part of the vineyard. He wants to see sinners come to know Christ as Saviour; to see Christians baptized with the Holy Spirit becoming mighty, holy witnesses for God; to see the Sunday school reach hundreds of boys and girls for Jesus.

Here is the answer: a people who willingly, cheerfully give their tithes and offerings.

It wasn’t the money itself that brought about these wonderful results we’ve written about. It was the fact that these people loved God so much and were so spiritual that they wanted to give and give that brought God’s blessing upon them.

You can give without loving . . . but you can’t love without giving!
Part of life's testings is its—

**TWILIGHT ZONES**

By D. EDWIN DOYLE

Nazarene Layman, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Each day has two “twilight zones.” The first is that period we call dawn, and comes between the darkness of night and the brightness of full day. The second is called dusk, and takes us back into the night.

In life there are twilight zones also. These are the periods when it seems that all we try to do goes in reverse. One of these times is when we are torn between the horns of a dilemma over decisions of utmost importance. Another would be those times when physical ills attack, and we don't know whether or not we are going to pull through. Deep disappointments in life are another cause for these twilight zones.

There are twilight zones in our spiritual lives as well. These are the times when it seems impossible to know the will of God. Such are perplexing times indeed, but not times for giving up. We must remember that “the trying of our [your] faith worketh patience” (James 1:3). We must remember also that God has no way to work except through human beings as ourselves, and that He cannot always bend wills in time for quick answers to our prayers. When these twilight zones come, we must be patient; for what God hath promised He is not only able to fulfill, but He will fulfill in due time.

Another twilight zone for many Christians is that period from the time their prayers are made and the time when those prayers are answered in actuality. This is the twilight zone of anxiety. Often when this period is prolonged, Christians are prone to cast away their faith. Here is where doubt has its greatest effectiveness. Here is where the majority of Christians who turn back start their descent.

The twilight zone of indecision is where many more Christians meet their Waterloo. The inability to make up one's mind to go God's way is a cause for much instability today. There are too many people asking themselves as Hamlet did, “To be or not to be?” until by the time they have made up their minds, the opportunities are gone. I would be the last to suggest that we should not weigh these things which come up, but we should not weigh them so long as to lose our opportunities of doing good.

In order to weigh these situations properly, we should not rely wholly on our human reasoning. We must take our Bibles and search them for similar situations, and the course of action taken.

Then we must pray until we have been divinely impressed as to what is right. After this we should waste no time in getting at it. We should remember that God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform.

There is one more zone which we must mention. This is the zone of fear. Fear hampers much of the progress that should be made in the field of evangelism today. This zone is a broad one, for there are many things which warrant fear, were the human side alone considered.

We find far too many who fear people, and the opinions of people. Too often we do not do what we honestly feel we should because we fear what people are going to say. Often this fear can be narrowed to a very small group, a husband or a wife, a close friend or business associate. Not too often is it the masses that we fear.

We find that some fear the possibility that they might have to change their occupations. There are those who fear they may have to go to a mission field. Others fear they may have to preach.

Some have not had these fears but they have had others which have been just as difficult to overcome. Among these would be the fear of oneself, the fear of one's inability, and the fear of making mistakes. These are justifiable fears, for all have a part to play in making an attempt a success or a failure. To some degree we all have a fear of failure, and the psychological effect of it is great, and because of it many never try again.

There is no way by which we may escape all these twilight zones. They are lying out there waiting for all. They will not affect all in the same way; they will affect some more deeply than others. Some may lead into the darkness of night while others may clear away into the brightness of a new day. The determining factor is our attitude toward them as they come.

We must remember that these zones are for the testing of those who would follow the Master. He has declared that His people should be a tested and tried people.

**Dear Holy Spirit, Take Control**

By ALICE HANSCHIE MORTENSON

*Dear Holy Spirit, take control*

*Of mind and body, spirit, soul:*

*May every thought and word and deed*

*Be guided by Thy love, I plead.*

*I gladly yield my will to Thine!*

*Oh, make me pure, and do refine*

*With loving service fill my days*

*My heart within this house of clay;*

*Take all the earthiness away.*

*And may compassion, prayer, and praise*

*With Thy humility and grace*

*Until in heaven I see Thy face!*
Standing, left to right: Dr. Charles Thompson, Canadian Nazarene College; Dr. A. B. Mackey, Trevecca Nazarene College; Dr. C. S. McClain, Olivet Nazarene College.
Seated, left to right: Dr. A. K. Bracken, Bethany Nazarene College; Dean Bertha Munro, Eastern Nazarene College; Dr. H. Orton Wiley, Pasadena College; Dr. F. C. Sutherland, Northwest Nazarene College.

This was one of those "firsts" which happen when a denomination is young. It was, to be exact, the night of June 22, 1960, at the Fifteenth General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, held in Kansas City, Missouri.

On this occasion the Department of Education presented its first quadrennial awards—CITATIONS OF MERIT. Previously the college on each educational zone of the church had selected a person to represent that zone whose pioneering service to Christian higher education was outstanding.

As indicated by the picture above, all seven persons were present at the General Assembly and participated in this program.

The citation presented to each of the seven representatives reads as follows:

In Grateful Recognition
of
Meritorious Service to Youth
Through the Medium of
Christian Higher Education
in
the
Church of the Nazarene
Awards This
Certificate of Merit
to
Given at Kansas City, Missouri, on this
Twenty-second Day of June, 1960

In addition to a beautifully framed parchment containing the citation, each representative was presented with a medallion to which was attached a ribbon representing the colors of the institution.

In honoring these leaders among us we pay tribute to their lives of selfless devotion given to the cause of educating Nazarene youth through many years of dedicated service. We gratefully acknowledge our debt to them and the strength of purpose which enabled them to build an enduring foundation which will stand as long as time lasts.—The Department.

It Makes a Difference

By CHARSTEN CHRISTENSEN

"Sir," said the first officer of the "Titanic," "if we veer five degrees to starboard, we can avoid the main ice area—"

"And lose precious time?" interrupted the captain sharply. "Never! A little ice makes no difference to a ship like the 'Titanic!'"

But it did!

A speaker at a high school commencement said, "This generation knows the price of everything—and the value of nothing!"

This accusation is certainly true of more than our current high school and college graduates. It is high time that we who are older sit down and distinguish between price and value. It makes a difference!

About two hundred years ago two men were traveling in Europe. In the evening they came to an inn in a gloomy forest. This area had the reputation of being dangerous.

One man was an infidel. He said to the other, a Christian:

"I don't like the looks of this. I think it is very dangerous—let us not stop here, but try to find another place."

"But it is getting late," protested the Christian. "We may have to sleep under a tree if we don't stop here."

The other shuddered and agreed to stay. Inside, conditions looked little better.

Finally, just before retiring, the landlord turned to his guests and said, "Friends, I always read and pray with my family before we go to bed. May I do so tonight?"

"Most certainly!" responded the two travelers heartily.

Upstairs, the unbeliever said, "I am not afraid now!"

"Why not?" asked the Christian.
"Because our host is a praying man!" answered the infidel.

To convict and convince unbelievers, live out what you really believe inside. It makes a difference!

In a revival meeting a student kept praying for his roommate.

"O God!" was his plea, "save Jim—lay Thy hand upon him!"

This went on for more than a week. Then, nearing midnight of that Saturday, the thought struck him forcibly:

You are the hand of God as far as Jim is concerned!

Early the next morning he spoke earnestly to his roommate. That afternoon Jim was saved.

Put legs under your prayers! It makes a difference!

Alexander the Great once found a soldier who was outstanding in his cowardice. He also bore the name Alexander.

"Either change your nature," said the brave general sternly, "or change your name!"

If you are a Christian, you have taken the name of Christ. Be sure your nature is in harmony with your name.

It makes a difference!

"Once upon a Time . . ."

A phrase often used as an introduction to a fairy tale or some kind of story is "Once upon a time . . ." It carries with it a note of excitement and anticipation, for one never knows what may follow. It also denotes that the story is one of the past and not a current event.

"Once upon a time" may begin the life story of many onetime Christians who are now numbered among the missing. In dealing with individuals outside the church, how many times have we heard, "I was a Christian—once." Or, "I went to the Church of the Nazarene—once." "Once I received an award for perfect attendance." "Once I sang in the choir." "Once I was happy in the Lord's work," BUT—from there on the stories are quite similar.

Due to many reasons, victims fall by the wayside, and to the passer-by show no evidence of ever having known a better way. However, when the opportunity comes to deal personally with them we are often amazed to hear the stories that begin with "Once upon a time."

Pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian workers alike are saying, "If only we could keep all who have come through our doors, we would not have room to hold the crowd!" We are all crying for the solution! There are scores who have attended our services and shared in the blessings but no longer affiliate themselves with us. Can we label them "hypocrites" or say they were insincere? This may be true in some cases but probably not in all. We then ask if it is due to a weak ministry, an unfriendly church, a lack of organization, or find solace in accepting the fact that in the last days there shall "come a falling away."

Perhaps after close analysis we may feel satisfied that we do have a strong ministry, a friendly, well-organized church with a burden for the lost, but still find that many are absent from our pews. This is the heart-wringer of all pastors, the ghost that haunts you in the night and the cold facts you must face in the day.

It is perhaps true that many of these people we shall never see return, but there is a prevention, which, according to the old proverb, is worth a pound of cure. May we who profess the name of Christ realize that we too are capable of falling unless we keep in close contact with the Heavenly Father and ask Him to station a guard at the doors of our souls. The only "eternal security" man has found is in continuous obedience to the will of God.

After finding her way back to God, a young lady stood and testified by saying, "Six months ago I never would have dreamed I'd do the things I have done!" Sin hypnotizes!

O Christian, now is the time to take personal inventory to find the depth of our devotion, the breadth of our vision, and the height of our love to God! May our spiritual biography never read, "Once upon a time . . . !"—ELEANOR MCKINNEY, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
True Holiness

Much that is called holiness would not measure up to the New Testament standard outlined in Ephesians 4:22-24. Here are placed in balance two great essential aspects of what Paul calls "true holiness": the putting off of "the old man" and the putting on of "the new man."

The first, of course, deals with what is sometimes called the negative aspect of holiness. It is the crucifixion of "the old man," the principle of inner sin the Bible elsewhere calls the carnal mind, the mind of the flesh, the law of sin and death, or the root of bitterness. Sinful dispositions and tendencies must be purged out if true holiness is to be experienced.

The new birth takes care of the problem of outer sin, the sins of the life. But nothing short of the thorough cleansing promised to those who walk in the light (I John 1:7) can remove the poisonous root which soon begins to manifest itself in un-Christlike attitudes and evil dispositions. Envy, jealousy, covetousness, resentment, animosity, malice, bitterness, explosive temper, conceit, and deep inner conflicts against the will of God must all be cleansed away.

But true holiness is much more than the absence of sin, just as light is much more than the absence of darkness. It means not only putting off "the old man," but it means putting on "the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (v. 24).

It is in the area of the much more that we most commonly fail to grasp the full truth of our holiness heritage. It is very easy to fall into the habit of thinking of holiness in terms of what sanctified people do not do. There are always two perils in regard to negatives. One is to ignore them, and the other is to stop with them.

The new man stands for positive holiness, for the radiance, the unction, the winsomeness which is a reflection of the abiding Spirit of Christ. The new man is "after God," just as the old man was after the world. He is concerned about the things of God, the house of God, the people of God, and the work of God.

We still have to come to grips with the searching question our Lord asked in connection with His command to perfection in Matthew 5: "What do ye more than others?" (v. 47) It is not hard to tell some things we don't do that others do. We slow up a bit when it comes to telling the things we do which others do not.

The demand for positive holiness is an insistent note throughout the entire New Testament. The empty house, swept and garnished, is an open invitation for seven demons worse than the first to move in and take possession (Luke 11:24-26). Christ not only redeems from all iniquity, but He purifies unto himself a people especially His own, "zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14).

True holiness means that in addition to freedom from sin there shall be the unfolding fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and temperance (Galatians 5:22-23).

Positive holiness brings an increased burden for the salvation of the lost, and an active participation in every soul-winning activity of the church. Jesus always related the coming of the Holy Spirit to the outreach of Christian life in the direction of a lost world.

Not only nature but the God of nature "abhors a vacuum." To be good always means to be good for something. The ambition to be good is commendable, if it does not work out practically in being "good for nothing." After all, what makes holiness attractive isn't what we are not, but what we are.

It is said that, before the great gold discovery in Australia in the nineteenth century, geologists had studied the rock and quartz formations in Victoria and had said that gold was to be found there. But there was no particular excitement, and few went to look. Then one day some natives came in from the bush with nuggets of soft yellow metal in their pockets, and showed them around the town. Before night the great Australian gold rush was on.

The theology of holiness is Biblical and true, but however much it may proclaim, "There's gold in those holiness hills," it takes the actual nuggets to start the search in earnest.

True holiness, then, involves both the negative and the positive. Without either, it is bogus and counterfeit. "Put off . . . the old man, . . . put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."
Lessons from Our Statistics

Statistics have always intrigued me. They are so precise and definite, so cold and impersonal, so sure of themselves. There is never any doubt about what they report. There is no debating with them. They are what they are, and that is all there is to it.

What statistics mean is quite another thing. As has been said, statistics, like a lamppost, may give support to the ailing or guidance to one who seeks light in which to walk.

I have pondered some of the figures for the last four years as they relate to the work of the Church of the Nazarene around the world. We started the quadrennium with 279,835 church members and closed it with 311,299. We began four years ago with 605,084 enrolled in our Sunday schools and an average attendance of 393,403. We now report 696,512 enrolled, and 411,318 attending each Sunday.

To make the 31,161 net gain in church membership, we received 93,819 brand-new Nazarenes. Of this number, 6,084, or less than 10 per cent, came from other denominations. These, however, are a little more than balanced off by the 9,631 who left the Church Militant to join the Church Triumphant.

The number received into church membership by profession of faith was 85,735, or about 31 per cent of the membership at the beginning of the quadrennium. This means, for one thing, that out of every 100 Nazarenes today, 30 have joined the church within the last four years.

However, while we were gaining the 93,819 who joined for the first time, we were losing 52,724 who either went to other denominations, were dropped from the church roll, or slipped out in the process of transfer. I wonder what happened to them. A few, probably very few, found a place of active service with some other group of God's people. The great majority just backslid, drifted away, lost interest, and were scratched off the records.

There is no use dreaming about what would be the case if we had kept all who ever joined us. We didn't, and perhaps couldn't. But no doubt we could have saved many. To this we ought to give immediate and constant attention during the years ahead.

Our understanding of the nature of the Christian life will not permit us to take the attitude that once people are saved they are automatically sealed for glory. This makes conservation of results a vital part of our work as a church. In fact, there would be no Church of the Nazarene today if the founding fathers had not felt the supreme necessity of finding means for conserving the fruits of holiness evangelism.

Along this line we may read another lesson in our statistics. That is the need for patient and consistent indoctrination in the message and meaning of the Church of the Nazarene for the 93,819 who were not Nazarenes as recently as four years ago. Actually 61 per cent of our present membership, if the figures be taken at face value, have joined the church within the last eight years.

It has been said that to be silent on any subject for a generation is to lose it from the faith of the church. But it doesn't take a generation in a group growing as rapidly as we are. A decade, or two decades, will do it.

Then there is the difference between our Sunday school enrollment and our church membership, a figure of 385,213. What a tremendous field for evangelism is here, not just at our doors but actually within our gates! There are almost 100,000 people now attending our Sunday schools who are not members of the church. Here is a challenge we must not neglect.

There are probably many other lessons from our statistics I have not seen. But these which lie on the surface we must lay to heart, and be guided by the light we thus receive.

School Days

School days are here again. Students and teachers who were happy to be out last spring are just as happy to be going back this fall. Grade schools and high schools, bursting at the seams, are getting under way.

The eight colleges of the Church of the Nazarene and the Nazarene Theological Seminary are now, or soon will be, in the throes of orientation and registration activities. All indications point to peak enrollments in all of our schools, with increasing problems of crowded classrooms and dormitories.

Opening conventions and the first chapel services of the year are being held, aimed at making the maximum possible spiritual impact on the approximately six thousand students enrolled in our Nazarene institutions of higher education.

Holiness higher education was never more important than it is today. The heart of true education is still the education of the heart. The swelling enrollments of the next few years will tax to the limit the resources of our colleges and seminary. What an opportunity God has given us, and what a responsibility! Let us pray that this year may be the very best in the colleges and seminary of the Church of the Nazarene.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever. . . . Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts (Psalms 125:1-4).

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Thank You
From W. C. Esselstyn, Africa

We want to express our deep appreciation and thanks to all who have prayed for Mrs. Esselstyn during her long illness. Although God has now seen fit to take her home, we know that your prayers have not been unheeded by Him who doeth all things well.

We want also to thank you for your prayers for us who remain, and for the many, many expressions of sympathy and comforting concern.

Two Great Missionary Conventions
Charleston, West Virginia—Dallas, Texas
Charleston, September 8-9, 1960
Dallas, September 12-13, 1960

Host Church: Charleston First, Rev. J. C. Wallace, pastor
Services 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.
Host Church: Dallas First, Rev. Robert Nielson, pastor
Services 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Dr. George Coulter, executive secretary of Foreign Missions, in charge
Rev. G. B. Williamson, general superintendent
Rev. Lyle Prescott, missionary from Puerto Rico
Rev. Ronald Bishop, missionary from British Honduras
Rev. David Browning, missionary from British Guiana
New missionary appointees leaving for their fields
New missionaries from several fields
Furloughed missionaries from several fields

Two full days of missionary inspiration and fellowship at each convention. This is a good chance to let our new appointees and our veteran missionaries know that the home church is standing behind them as they go out to their assigned fields of service.

Everyone is welcome.

Cerratos in Italy
We arrived in Rome at 1:00 p.m., July 18, and took a train from there to Florence and our new home. On July 21 we held our first service, a prayer meeting with thirty-three present. The Lord helped us to speak in Italian for a few minutes. We were able to get our points across and also able to understand the people. I know we made many mistakes, but one must get into the water in order to learn to swim.

We must get started in language school, for I need to learn the correct grammar; and my wife needs to acquire the language, for she is lost here.—Rocco Cerrato, Italy.

Revival in Five Rivers, Trinidad
We just closed a two and one-half week revival in Five Rivers. Each night the church was well filled and there was wonderful interest. A Chinese lady began to come about midway through the week. Each night we could see that her face showed it. We found that she has thirteen children, and two of the older

teen-age boys attended regularly. They were both saved during the meeting.

Her husband is in the grocery business but they have difficulty making ends meet with such a large family. Some of the children were not able to attend the meeting because they had no proper clothing. From our used clothing supplies we were able to give them all something to wear.

During the meeting there were seventy-five seekers. Some new families were saved, came back to be sanctified, and we believe they may come into our church.

Five Rivers is about sixty-five miles from Point Fortin. We drove over and back each night.

Last night Ralph and I had a large group of young people out on a "Moon-inspiration." We met on the beach under a full moon with a campfire and wiener roast; then ended the evening with testimonies and singing. A number of policemen were attracted by the big crowd and came to watch. I guess they had never seen a group of church young people playing games and singing. They seemed to thoroughly enjoy it.—Orpha Cook, Trinidad.

The Sunday School Lesson

Topic for September 18:
Sin Destroys
Scripture: Micah 3 (Printed: Micah 3:1-6a, 9-12)

Golden Text: The ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but transgressors shall fall therein (Hosea 14:9).

The responsibilities of Christians to the world in which we live can be fulfilled neither by becoming like the world nor by withdrawing into the desert and forgetting the world. We must be in the world but not of the world. This is the clear teaching of Jesus (see John 17).

Christian citizenship: Too often we have neglected our responsibilities on the local, state, and national levels because we have felt our opinions did not count. It is right to recognize our limi-
tations as well as our strong points. We must do what we can do!

As teen-agers we can make the cause of righteousness feel. When several of us refused, in our senior year of high school, to attend the senior banquet because of the dance, the class voted not to have a dance in order to have the class fully represented. We attended the banquet. We refused to compromise our Christian experience and standards to have the approbation of the crowd.

As citizens, Christian citizens, we must make ourselves felt in the issues of our day. We must not let the devil run it according to his rules. We may not always be successful, but we will always be on the side of right.

Christian leadership: Micah declares that the oppression of the unfortunate, satisfaction with material benefits, the absence of justice and equity, acceptance of bribes, and even perversion of religion by rulers led to the destruction of the Northern Kingdom of Israel at the hands of the Assyrians, and will lead any nation to destruction.

How can we keep this from happening in our day in our local, state, and national government? We can vote for the best man and pray for our leaders, that God's will shall be done.

It may be that Christians will have to offer themselves as candidates in order to establish righteousness in the land. Certainly it is not out of line with the Biblical injunctions to be the leaven of the world, to let the light of Christ shine in the darkness.

False leadership brings ruin, but righteous citizens and leaders will exalt a nation.

New College Church in Australia

The opening service of the new building for the College Church in Sydney, Australia, was held on Saturday afternoon, May 28. Adequate space has long been needed for the growing congregation meeting at Nazarene Bible College. The opening service was the realization of several years of planning and effort. Dr. Richard S. Taylor, principal of the college and pastor of the church, has given unstintingly of time and energy in seeing the fulfillment of these hopes and plans. He wrote:

"The Lord gave us a wonderful opening service. In answer to prayer, and through the faithful and loyal cooperation and hard work of everyone in both the church and the college, we were able to have everything in readiness. The service was attended by close to three hundred people. We have received many favorable comments concerning the dignity, beauty, and impressive simplicity of the building, both outside and inside. It is very practical and functional for our purposes."

"Already in the first two Sundays which we have worshiped there, the Lord has honored the ministry of His Word in the new building with seekers at the altar, both for sanctification and for the first work of grace. We rejoice in this, and give Him all the glory. Last Sunday night in particular was a real camp meeting service, with a bright testimony meeting and a very deep working of the Holy Spirit in our altar service."

Dr. Taylor has completed eight years of principal of Nazarene Bible College. When he arrived in Australia in 1952, there was no property, faculty, students, or curriculum. Today the graduates of the college are serving as pastors and pastors' wives throughout Australia and New Zealand. Dr. and Mrs. Taylor and their son, Paul, have just returned to the United States; and on September 13, Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Young and family, of Racine, Wisconsin, will sail from San Francisco for Australia, where Mr. Young will succeed Dr. Taylor in the church and school responsibilities.

South African District Bulletin

The South African Nazarene, also called Die Suid Afrikaanse Nazarener, made its first appearance with a June-July issue. This is a new four-page, printed district bulletin for the South African District. Part of it is printed in English and part in Afrikaans. We congratulate Dr. Charles H. Strickland, the district superintendent and editor, for this fine new district bulletin.

ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

Opening ceremony at the door of the new building for the College Church, in Sydney, Australia.
I have a friend who does not believe in fighting for the country, or in voting. Could you give me something about that?

The general principles concerning the Christian and the civil government are given in our Lord's terse command, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Mark 12:17), and in Romans 13:1-7.

With regard to war and military service, there are no easy answers. Our church recognizes the right of any member to register as a conscientious objector. However, we also recognize our obligation to the men in service and the Nazarene chaplains who serve in the armed forces, as is indicated by the work of the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission.

As to voting, it is beyond my comprehension that any person having the right to vote would refuse or fail to cast his ballot. Actually, not to vote is to vote to turn the country and its destiny over to political machines. The surest way to lose our rights is to ignore them. Only God knows what we do inside a voting booth. But He knows.—W. T. P.

Is it ever permissible or wise to speak of other churches, by name or allusion, in a derogatory manner from the pulpit?

Certainly, perfect love should govern our utterances from the pulpit on all occasions. Statements should never be directed toward persons, but to issues.

However, we cannot afford to give the impression that all roads lead to heaven, that any religion is good as long as it is sincere. This is sometimes called "toleration," but it is actually confusion of the worst sort.

Usually we get the darkness out of the cellar faster by turning on the light than we do by beating it with a club. On the other hand, as a friend of mine has often said, "The wicked flee when no man pursueth," but they make a lot better time when someone gets after them."—W. T. P.

Are members of the church supposed to work on Sunday, even if it is right after the night service?

Members of the Church of the Nazarene are pledged to avoid "profaning of the Lord's day, either by unnecessary labor, or business, or by the patronizing or reading of secular papers, or by holiday diversions" (Manual, 1956, p. 37).

The problem, obviously, is what is necessary. My own father was a police officer, and since criminals have no regard for the Sabbath, he had to take his share of the Sunday work.

As for work which is not necessary: one fellow excused his Sunday work by reference to the ox fallen into the pit, which could be hauled out on the Sabbath day. His friend replied, "But if the same ox falls into the same pit every Sunday, you should either sell the ox or fill up the pit."—W. T. P.

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I love my church because of the interest shown in me. I have gone to Caravan three years and now I am a Trailblazer. My guides have always shown very much interest in me. At camp, the counselors and teachers were always very nice to me. I have spent some very happy days in the chapel, tabernacle, and many other places at camp. In Sunday school, my teachers always have been nice and patient with me. I love to be in Sunday school with my friends and teachers. It is truly wonderful.

Put them all together, I would say I have some very good reasons to say, "I Love My Church."

—Jerry Dennis
5th Grade
Grand Prairie, Texas

Selected to Serve

The following have recently been elected or re-elected to serve as district N.J.S. directors for 1960:

William Parks—Akron
Mrs. Edgar Bibb—Alaska
Mrs. L. L. Edwards—Arizona
Mrs. Myrtle Johnson—Australia
Mrs. D. Tarrant—British Isles North
Rev. L. McNeil—British Isles South
Miss Irene Duncan—Canada Central
Rev. G. F. Ferris—Canada Pacific
Harold Young—Central Ohio
Mrs. Coreen Litsey—Hawaii
Mrs. Emma Miller—Idaho-Oregon

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JUNIOR FELLOWSHIP  •  TEEN FELLOWSHIP  •  YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

L. PAUL SKILES, Secretary

Nazarene Junior Society

Many of our districts have conducted talent contests in the work of the N.J.S. The following is an essay submitted by a junior boy from the Dallas District.

I Love My Church

God has always been the dearest One in my life. The church almost seems like home to me. I have been in church all my life and I was saved in vacation Bible school. That is one reason why I love my church.

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A CHAPLAIN REPORTS

"At the close of my tour of duty in a foreign land, I bow humbly before the Lord and express thanks and praise for His goodness and mercy to me. The thirteen months away from family and friends and country were long and lonesome, and in many ways weary and exhausting. On the other hand, they were days filled with opportunities and challenge.

"Korea has been called by many service personnel a 'Hardship Tour.' But to me it was more of a 'Heartache Tour.' The separation from family and friends, inadequate facilities for comfortable living, inclement weather, and many other things tend to make for unhappiness. But I count it a privilege to have been in Korea. I have met many wonderful people, including missionaries of various denominations, and of course Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Cornett, our own missionaries. I have visited in many Korean villages and churches, and have gotten a close-up view of the work and the needs of the missionary program in this land of poverty and spiritual hunger.

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Wisconsin District Assembly

The Wisconsin District had the distinct privilege of sharing with Dr. V. H. Lewis the blessings—the telegrams and the flowers—of his first district assembly as presiding general superintendent.

With the challenge of "Evangelism First" burning in his own heart—where under God it had its nurture—Dr. Lewis drew plainly the plan of attack which the great army of the people called Nazarenes will wage for Christ during the coming quadrennium, or until Jesus comes!

Beginning the morning of August 4, the assembly completed its business on the following afternoon with the ordination service of Sunday morning placing the seal on the district assembly for 1960. M. L. Donaldson, H. Reidel, and R. W. Sharpe were granted elder’s orders.

The united spirit of the district continues under the dynamic leadership of Rev. D. J. Gibson, district superintendent, now going into the third year of his extended call, whose strenuous schedule is an example of consecration.

After feeling the pulse of the front lines which echoed in the pastoral re-
ports and sensing once again the vigor of united consecration, we feel confident that Nazarenes in Wisconsin will see a fruitful year in God's harvest field.

Our camp meeting, which accompanied the assembly in Wisconsin, witnessed not only the shouts of victory from redeemed souls, but also a sweeping inventory of each Christian's life under the picturesque preaching of Rev. Harold Daniels, superintendent of the Illinois District. The southern flavor of the Singing Pioneers brought new life to old favorites—we appreciated their ministry in song—.

Northwest Oklahoma District Assembly

Due to the construction of Bethany First Church, the Northwest Oklahoma District Assembly convened on August 3 and 4 in Putnam City Baptist church. The messages, spirit, leadership, and presence of our general superintendent, Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, were enjoyed by all.

The report of the district superintendent, Rev. J. T. Gassett, was a high point of interest and it revealed progress and vision. The people of the district are solidly back of the leadership of their superintendent, who is preaching on an extended call. To show appreciation for our district leader, a generous love offering was given to him and his family.

Fred Floyd, district secretary, and D. R. Dansk in, district treasurer, were elected. E. S. Phillips and Roy Darden, ministers, and Harry L. Craddock and W. J. Bryan, laymen, were named to the District Advisory Board.

The pre-assembly conventions were well planned under the capable leadership of the N.Y.P.S. president, Carl Powers, who was re-elected; and N.F.M.S. president, Mrs. Leon Jennings. Since Mrs. Jennings was leaving the district, Mrs. E. S. Phillips was elected to this office.

Dr. Roy H. Cantrell, president, gave an interesting report as to the program and progress of Bethany Nazarene College. Mr. Donald Young ably represented the Nazarene Publishing House.

Concluding the assembly, Dr. Vanderpool conducted an impressive ordination service with elder's orders given to Leon Pelley, Bailey Cantrell, Jr., Maynard Miller, Harold Franklin, and Charles I. Miller; and the elder's orders of Milo Massie and another denomination were recognized. The assembly adjourned in a wonderful spirit of victory and blessing.—Jack T. Raridon, Reporter.

Kansas District N.Y.P.S. District Assembly

The Kansas District N.Y.P.S. Convention was held on August 6 at the District Center in Hutchinson, Kansas. God made himself manifest in the opening devotions and throughout the day.

Dr. Lyle Ecker, superintendent of Northwestern Illinois District, was especially anointed of God as he spoke to the convention. Our hearts were blessed and challenged as he spoke on the importance of a personal experience with God and serving Him with all the heart. Our good district president, Rev. E. R. Houston, Jr., was re-elected with a wonderful vote. This report was a challenge to all as he emphasized our quadrennial theme, "His." Other officers elected were: Rev. John Harper, vice-president; Rev. Harold McKellips, secretary; Dr. H. W. Schmidt, treasurer; Rev. Donald Crenshaw, teen-age supervisor; with Donna Hance and Graydon Houston as teen-age representatives.

The singing, dramatic and reports of the General Convention were inspirational. We thank God for His blessing.—Lewis Patterson, Reporter.

Southwest Indiana District Assembly

The twelfth Southwest Indiana District Assembly closed on Friday night, July 29, dynamically challenged with the "Evangelism First" program of the new quadrennium. District Superintendent Leo C. Davis thrilled the great crowd of delegates and visitors assembled in Indiana University's beautiful, air-conditioned auditorium with his impassioned message of faith and piety. His presentation of the gospel and his passionate presentation of the gospel had the people in tears as they lapped up every word he spoke. His message was a challenge to all, to young and old alike. It was a privilege to have Rev. Harold Daniels, superintendent of the Illinois District, speak to us during the morning session.

Reports were given by each of the zone chairmen, and plans were made for a well-rounded program by each zone during the coming year.

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Wisconsin District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The annual N.Y.P.S. convention of the Wisconsin District was held on August 6 at Camp Byron, Wisconsin. The district president, Rev. Dwight Millikan, presided, and was re-elected by a unanimous vote. Under Brother Millikan's leadership the convention was organized to be a time of inspiration and challenge to young and old alike. It was a privilege to have Rev. Harold Daniels, superintendent of the Illinois District, speak to us during the morning session.

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South Arkansas District Youth Camp

August 1 through 5 marked the time of the South Arkansas District youth camp, atop Petit Jean Mountain, near Morrilton, Arkansas.

To the delight of the campers, the highlight of the camp came on Wednesday night. As the Collegiate Quartet sang in the opening moments of the evening service, young people began coming to the altar and, in a short time, the entire chapel became an altar with seekers everywhere. In God's great outdoors, He came in waves of old-fashioned glory to save and sanctify young hearts who in faith accepted Christ as Saviour and San

cation at the U.S. Navy Air Force base at Quonset, Rhode Island.

Miss Marilyn Stickel of Gladwin, and Rev. R. J. Kirkland officiating from his home at Moscow, Idaho, were united in marriage on August 6 at Gladwin, Michigan.

Mrs. Dorothy Cochran, and Mrs. Clara B. udspeth, who was a deaconess, served the church in Nampa and other places before her marriage to John W. Kendall. Her younger daughter, Addie, now Mrs. Calvin Emerson, has been active in Sunday school and missionary society work. Mrs. Chism's home was always open to young people; she provided a home for several N.N.C. students who otherwise could not have gone to college. For some time she zealously served as district box secretary.

Funeral service was held at Nampa, Idaho, First Church with Rev. Raymond C. Kratter officiating.

MRS. LULA SCHMELZENBACH

Mrs. Lula L. Schmelzenbach was born Septem­ber 30, 1886, at Baltimore, Maryland, and died June 21, 1960, in Nampa, Idaho, at the age of seventy-three years and six months. Lula Gistler received her second and very definite missionary call in June of 1906 while attending the Salvation Park camp meeting. She first met Harmon Schmelzenbach in the auditorium of the steel company in New York on May 1, 1907. They were united in marriage at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, on June 19, 1908. The Schmelzenbachs, already engaged in active missionary work in Africa, became affiliated with the missionary work of the Church of the Nazarene in 1909. Harmon Schmelzenbach died in 1929, but his loyal wife carried on the work they had started together—thus she served as active missionary for some forty-seven years. She returned to Nampa, Idaho, in 1953; was a resident of the Reynolds Nursing Home from December 10, 1954, until her death. Lula Schmelzenbach has finished the work whereunto God called her husband, but she is pre­cided in death by a son, Paul, also a faithful mis­sionary; and four infants: Kathryn, eighteen months; twin, James and Mildred; and Charles, eighteen months. She is survived by two sons, Rev. Elmer F., in South Africa; Rev. James L. David, National City, Cali­fornia; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Kingerler, of Tacoma, Washington; Mrs. Dorothy Myers, of La Sierra Home, Yreka, California; and Mrs. Blanche Bloch, of South Africa; also three sisters, Mrs. Lydia John­son, Mrs. Dorothy Cochran, and Mrs. Clara E. Lloyd. Among the fifteen grandchildren is Rev. Harmon Schmelzenbach, newly appointed missionary to Africa and a son, Raymond C. Kratter, said of her: "It was such a joy to serve as her pastor during the last twenty years of her life. Even when illness had laid her low, the mention of Africa would arouse her missionary heart with a renewed fire, and her rich Christian person­ality. Her vibrant voice in test­imony was thrilling to all who had the opportunity to hear her. The first time she was at Nampa First Church in charge of Rev. Herbert L. W. Smith, asso­ciate minister of Nampa First Church, assisted by Rev. R. J. Kirkland, minister and Dr. John E. Riley, pastor of Northwest Nazarene College, called for the reception, hus­band, also a baby daughter, born prematurely, that God may undertake in the entire situation—"God is our only hope."
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