A TIME TO L I V E

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a).

SO WRITES “THE PREACHER” as he begins chapter three in his inspired book.

Here he recognizes the mastery of God, the planning God, the obedience of creation to God, and later on in the chapter he writes of the final destiny of man in the judgment of God. In this chapter and in other parts of this remarkable book we find the writer probing deep into life and its meaning. He locates its meaning, objectives, and purposes in a right concept of life, a proper relationship with God, and earthly existence spent in obeying God's laws. Life's highest is realized by fulfilling His commandments, pursuing His plans for us, and thus properly preparing for the judgment to come.

What a wonderfully satisfying way of life! With God as the reference point for all life's issues and problems, life falls into an ordered existence which yields satisfaction to the soul.

The great questions of life's mysteries are herein answered or can be placed in abeyance in trust that God will in His own time and way make them plain at the essential hour.

In today's world of confusion, near chaos, and decay, everyone needs a sensible, logical, workable, enjoyable philosophy or way of life. One also needs to know that there are worthy goals for existence and an assurance of achieving them. All these essentials are included in our Christian faith.

What a comfort to know God watches over us! What assurance to believe He orders our days! What peace to trust in Him for the outcome of it all! What repose to view the rising and the setting of each day's sun as material evidence of His power and a reminder that all the fret and fever of that day did not disturb the ticking of His time clock of the ages!

What a basic value concept one receives with the Christian faith with its premium on the soul of man, spiritual values, and God! Real enjoyment comes from marked progress in the service of God from day to day.

What strength in the soul that through redemption finds this way of life in God's goodwill and follows on to eternity and heaven!

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).
SOME MONTHS AGO tragedy and disappointment came again to a good friend and loyal churchman. It was the reaction of my friend that thrilled me. No self-pity, no fruitless questioning of God, no despondency or anger. Faith never wavered, and service to God and the church continued on as before.

The least that can be said is that a genuinely satisfying, victorious life is the result of a serious concern to do the will of God, coupled with a thoughtful abandonment to the consequences of that will. Hence there is a sober facing of our responsibilities toward God, but also a joyful deliverance from the anxieties of an untrusting mind.

The sanctified believer is not deprived of a factual understanding of life as it is. But there is a loosening of the bond that fetters our emotions and spiritual vitality to the things of this life. Inwardly there flow the waters of contentment, not because the outward conditions are right, but because the inward attitude toward the conditions has been remolded to conform to the will of God alone. That God still reigns supreme is indication sufficient that trouble is temporary, with ultimate victory assured.

Heart holiness is a doctrine both scripturally and theologically sound, a fact disputed by few who will read this. But the degree of practical fulfillment within the experience will be variously estimated and known.

There are some who seem able to demonstrate outwardly an attitude of inner serenity no matter what may be the strength of the storm. Why not all of us? There are some who can maintain a near-normal mental and emotional status even though the situation is confusingly violent. But others, equally committed to and motivated by God's will, appear to go to pieces mentally and emotionally when confronted with crisis. Does God intend that some will be granted a divinely derived stability while others are required to face emergencies with little of this inner girding?

The answer cannot be that some are "more sanctified" than others. When God does a work, He does it well. As in Peter's day, He has "put no difference between us," purifying our hearts by faith.

We cannot accept that God desires to grant us this inner strength but is thwarted by the activity of Satan. Can we contend that anxiety and undue concern are so deeply rooted in our personalities that God cannot overcome them?

In other words, is there mental and emotional stability for some and not for others?

It must be observed that the task of bringing our minds and emotions into line with our purified intent and desire may be vastly more complicated for some than for others. Physical conditions, present environment, background, and mental capacity must be taken into account. These are the elements that prohibit us from standing in judgment regarding others. But they do not block the way to a quest for this God-given inner rest for ourselves.

For the sanctified, where is the answer? It may be in a proper blending of these three: an acceptance of our limitations, an understanding of our privileges, and a strong sense of personal discipline.

Trouble is not an experience peculiar to the Christian. Frequently we do not suffer because of our faith. We, along with many others, suffer because we are human. Accept the fact of frailty and refuse to let Satan successfully use it as a tool against you.

Our privileges include a capacity like that of Christ's—we may learn by the things that we suffer. The way to continued blamelessness is to be an unremittent searcher after divine light. The same grace is offered to all. But those who learn to "commit" their "way unto the Lord" receive light on that way and escape a thousand snares. The resourcefulness of God abundantly exceeds what we could ask or think.

All of our praying is tested by our own attitude toward discipline. Fundamental to every intercession is the request, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" We are able in many cases to do more than we do. And if we are able, does not God expect this of us? We can center our minds on Christ, on things above. We can learn to be cheerful and optimistic. We can study the Word sufficiently to interpret it in terms of our burden. We can go on serving God just the same. It's a matter of what we will to do, through Christian discipline.

Sanctified but distraught Christian, it is no matter that some seem to escape your problems. Living moment by moment in implicit obedience to God, you can win your battles too. "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."
MANY YEARS AGO when I was a young man looking for a job in a large midwestern city, I complained to my rooming-house mistress that I was not impressed with the church I had attended the previous Sunday. Although she was not a member, she recommended the Church of the Nazarene.

I had never attended a Church of the Nazarene and knew nothing of its doctrine. But since I was a stranger in the city, I reasoned, What can I lose? B. V. Seals was the pastor. The sermon was on tithing. Although this was the only sermon I had ever heard on tithing, I had been raised to believe that this was God’s plan, and I had not been following it.

I was not broke. I had twenty-five cents in my pocket and this (many years ago) would buy my Sunday dinner. I had no job, and no prospect of a job. I had no money to pay next week’s room rent, and no friends from whom to borrow. I had been looking for work for two months without success. It was not that I was so religious, or so willing to follow God’s plan, but the circumstances (the middle of the depression) left me little choice.

As a boy I had learned that God’s Word is true. I knew that He was Master of the situation, so I put the twenty-five cents in the offering. (I am still confused as to why the offering was taken after the sermon; maybe it was because it was the depression!) I was a total stranger in this church, but a crippled widow lady (not knowing that I was now broke) invited me home to dinner. The rooming-house mistress (not a boarding house), contrary to her normal procedure, invited all of the boys down and gave us sandwiches for the evening meal (she didn’t know I was broke). The next morning I got a job at the first place I applied, although I never had applied there before.

A few months later B. V. Seals received me into church membership. From that day to this I never have missed a day’s work (unless I was sick). Nor have I missed a week’s tithe. The Lord gave me a good wife, a wonderful family, and, incidentally, has supplied all of my needs.

I surely am glad that this first Church of the Nazarene I contacted was the kind of church it was. Otherwise I might not have returned. I thank God for the Church of the Nazarene. I wish all Nazarene churches were like this; many of them are.

Next week I will again visit a new Church of the Nazarene. It may be yours! I am a real person, you know; the churches I visit are real; the people are real. Only the names are withheld to protect the identity.

—Your Church Visitor

"A Nazarene layman whose business interests take him into many communities. To avoid identification of churches he mentions, he wishes to remain anonymous.

He Put Himself Where the Strain Was

He put himself where the strain was
When He walked up Calvary’s hill.
He bore our heartbreak o’er and o’er
When He did His Father’s will.

He put himself where the strain was
When He died for you and me,
When He suffered there at Calvary,
When He died to set us free.

Will you put yourself where the strain is
In this conflict against sin?
Will you walk Calvary’s road with Jesus
And bear your cross for Him?

By RUBY FRANKLIN
The HOPE of His Coming Again

SOME YEARS AGO I sat in the study of a prominent British minister. Noticing on his bookshelves the well-known volumes of Dr. Seiss on The Revelation, I drew the great man's attention to them. To my surprise he said airily that he had been too busy preaching the gospel to find time for Bible prophecy!

Such an attitude has affected many godly ministers in the past. It is fervently hoped that the greatly increased interest in eschatology in recent decades will radically alter such an attitude to the vital theme of our Lord's second coming.

Two undeniable proofs of the tremendous importance of the Second Advent are its prominence in Scripture and its practical effect on Christian conduct. The writers of the New Testament did not regard this theme as being incidental, but fundamental. To them it was not an appendage to the gospel, but rather an integral part of the glorious message Christ had commanded them to take to the uttermost parts of the world.

The subject of baptism is mentioned only 19 times in seven Epistles in the New Testament, and not once in the other 14. Even the sacred theme of the Lord's Supper is referred to not more than 4 times in the New Testament; 20 out of the 21 Epistles do not mention it. But Christ's second coming is referred to not less than 318 times in the 260 chapters of the New Testament. Surely this prominence forbids the neglect of a truly vital and absorbing theme. For such neglect grieves the Holy Spirit and robs the Christian of a powerful incentive to holy living.

It is significant that, right on the eve of Calvary, Jesus said comparatively little to His disciples about the approaching agony on the Cross. But He spoke at length concerning His second advent. In fact Matthew 24; Mark 13; and Luke 21 are taken up with our Lord's message on this subject. He gave it in reply to a private question asked Him on Mount Olivet by four apostles—Peter, James, John, and Andrew. Their question was, “What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” (Matthew 24:3; Mark 13:4). Instead of rebuking His apostles and calling them “prophecy-mongers,” Jesus gave a long and detailed answer to their important inquiry. It is called the Olivet Discourse.

Why did the Master attach such importance to His second coming? Because He knew that only that great event would put the world right. Only at His return would He reap the full fruits of His passion; only then would Satan be cast into the bottomless pit and peace be established throughout the earth. Only then would the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of Messiah. Then would the saints receive their final rewards and a groaning creation be delivered from the travail of ages.

To those who foolishly argue that the second coming of Christ is too controversial a subject for young Christians—it should be reserved for mature saints and Bible scholars—we would refer to the Apostle Paul. Writing to Christians fairly young in the faith, he repeatedly set forth the Second Advent in his First Epistle to the Thessalonians (probably the earliest of his church letters). Actually he refers to it in every chapter of this Epistle. We cannot do better than follow the example of the master-apostle.

It cannot be denied that the burning hope of Christ's near return has a very practical effect on daily conduct. The Apostle John declared that all those who looked for the appearing of Christ and the prospect of being like Him on that glorious day would purify themselves “even as he is pure” (1 John 3:5). Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, the noted American evangelist, confessed: “The thought that He is coming back again keeps me pure, for how could we be worldly and indifferent if, at any moment, He might appear? So I am looking for Him and longing for Him and, as I look and long, I toil the best I know how.”

After writing about the coming day of the Lord, with its attendant coruscations, the Apostle Peter exhorts his readers: “Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye
The motivating force behind my offering my life to missionary service is love of Christ for the world. I join with St. Paul, "I am debtor . . . I am ready."

Raymond Bolerjack
Preacher-Carpenter in New Guinea
Appointed in 1963

may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (II Peter 3:14).

As a young man I worked as a junior chemist in a leading mental hospital in Britain. Never can I forget a certain day when, as I walked along the corridor, the Holy Spirit spoke gently but distinctly to my heart. He told me that I was to love the appearing of Christ, and not simply to say that I was ready for that great event.

That compelling exhortation has been with me ever since. In fact I can always assess my spiritual condition by asking my soul this searching question, What is your attitude toward the second coming of Christ? All is well when I can fervently reply: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

CHRISTIAN VOCATION SERIES

"God Is My Partner"

By SAM M. WALLACE

Mr. Sam M. Wallace (see picture on front cover) has been in the real estate business for twenty-three years, now with his son Lyle J. Wallace in association with him in the Wallace Realty Company of Santa Cruz, California. Another son is also a realtor with offices in Fresno, California. The Wallaces are members of the Santa Cruz Church of the Nazarene. Mr. Wallace is chairman of the board of trustees for his local church, and served on the board of Pasadena College for twelve years.

AFTER ELEVEN YEARS as a salesman of other products, I was invited into the real estate business by a friend. I considered it for some time, investigated, and prayed about going into this business. There is no question in my mind today that the Lord led me this way.

The real estate business in many cases is associated with dishonesty. However, real estate laws are very rigid and in no instance will dishonesty be tolerated if it is known. My office is known as a Christian office. All my help are Christians. This has not always been so, but I have tried to keep it that way.

Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs" (Matthew 13:31-32). There are opportunities every day to sow good seed and let one's light shine as a Christian in this business.

Many people come to the realtor with their troubles just as they do to the minister. We are constantly confronted with broken homes, sickness, death, and many other sorrows. If I were not a Christian I would have no answer.

Come with me into a home where husband and wife are having domestic troubles and have decided to sell their home and separate. After we have talked together and prayed, they decide to stay together and keep their home. I go away feeling much richer than if I had sold the home and made a large commission. Many times I have been able to help the widows (who have lost their husbands) out of precarious situations. Lending a helping hand to the needy is a great privilege for the real estate broker.

When I started into this business, I asked God to be my Partner and He has been just that. It has been said it is easier to form a gigantic holding company in our modern economy than for an ambitious craftsman to start a small business of his own. But I say, with God one can do it. "It is all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6).

I was told I should join all the social clubs and the largest church of the city to be a success; but I believe if one will discipline his life and take God as his Partner, He will see us through.

Most real estate offices are open on Sundays. Mine is closed. I have tried to be a good steward of my time and money. A life insurance representative once said to me if I would buy insurance with what I was putting into the church I could be a wealthy man. But the riches of grace have been far more satisfying than money ever could be.

One time the church of which I was a member was coming up to the end of the year lacking several hundred dollars to pay all budgets. The Lord spoke to me about giving that month's earnings to the church. After talking it over with my wife and praying about it, we responded gladly. The Lord helped us to make $3,100 that month, which more than took care of the obligations. My soul was blessed beyond words to express.

Being a Christian has helped me to lead many people to our church and to Christ, which has blessed my life. Jesus tells us that God is interested in little things and that the greatness of His power is what He can do with the insignificant and foolish. God is my Partner—to Him be all the glory!
What to Do About

DISAGREEMENTS

By WENDELL WELLMAN, Pastor, First Church, Flint, Michigan

THE ASSASSINATION of President John F. Kennedy jarred America as nothing else has in this generation.

In the words of Columnist Sydney J. Harris, "The senseless murder of the President was a mirror we were forced to hold up to ourselves and we did not like, did not believe, the image that we saw."

We were jarred into an awareness of a growing evil—the evil of intolerance for opinions contrary to our own; a growing contempt for, and all too often hatred of, those who differ with us. And this in a country founded on the idea of freedom! The very thing we have long condemned in others—intolerance of contrary ideas—has been shown to the world to be shockingly present in us.

We have scathingly condemned the purging tactics of totalitarian countries, but have resorted to those same tactics ourselves. Three of our last four presidents have been victims of attempted assassination, in addition to the governor of one of our great states. In the case of John F. Kennedy, the attempt was successful. And even as this is being written a man is in custody for threats on the life of President Johnson.

This climate of intolerance, contempt, and hatred poses a threat to our churches. The Church is always in danger of absorbing the spirit of the age. This is no less true of the Church of the Nazarene.

Nazarenes have their areas of disagreement. We do not all agree as to modes of baptism. Our early leaders wisely recognized this fact, and made provision for it. Those who prefer immersion may be immersed. Those who prefer sprinkling may be sprinkled. Those who prefer pouring may be baptized by that method.

We do not all agree as to forms of worship. Some favor the use of the church bulletins; some oppose them. Some believe the order of service should be printed; others oppose this practice. Some believe there should be a strong emphasis upon "special music"; others feel that most of the "specials" should be sung by the whole congregation. Some hold that kneeling is the only proper posture for public praying; others insist on standing. Still others feel that both postures are right.

Some believe that the morning worship service should be different in form and atmosphere from the evening service. Others feel that all services should follow the same pattern. Some want only the stately hymns. Others want only the rhythmic gospel songs. Some feel that a combination of the two types is desirable. Some believe the minister should study and prepare his messages. Others believe he should just "open his mouth and let the Lord fill it."

We are not all agreed as to what constitutes worldliness. The Bible gives a broad definition, "... the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (I John 2:16). To this we would all give assent. The problems arise in the area of specifics: What is worldly entertainment? What is worldly dress? How much can be spent on comforts and luxuries? The list could be expanded endlessly.

We should not be too surprised that these differences of opinion exist. Even the apostles had disagreements. Peter and Paul did not see eye to eye on a number of issues, even after they were sanctified!

If we all agreed on everything, what need would we have of church boards, committees, elections, district and general assemblies? They would constitute but useless expenditure of time and money.

We do have areas of disagreement. This will always be true. And disagreements, as such, are not harmful.

The danger is that we will become intolerant and contemptuous of those who differ with us. There is evidence that this has happened on occasion.

It is evidenced in the all-too-frequent labeling of groups within our church as "radicals" or "liberals"—the ecclesiastical counterpart of the "right wing" and "left wing" groups.

It is evidenced in the bitter and sometimes violent reaction to the minister's message when it is contrary to our opinions. This reaction has been known to culminate in a behind-the-scenes campaign to get rid of the preacher. It would be well to ask ourselves: Do we call a minister to tailor his
Mrs. Jerald Johnson teaching a class at our Bible school in Frankfurt, Germany.

JOY! LIFE! HOPE! FAITH! For Christians everywhere, these words are synonymous with the glad Easter season. For Nazarenes, add another word to this crescendo of praise—Offering! Time has proved that our great yearly Easter Offering for missions brings results that make it truly a "joy-gift," filled with hope and faith and, or differing opinions.

What is the solution to these dangers facing the church?

How can we fortify ourselves against the spirit of our age?

The answer is a renewed emphasis upon the blessed truth of perfect love. There is no adequate solution short of this.

Joined to this emphasis must be another: a diligent and persistent preaching of the ethics of holiness. Our "pure minds" need to be frequently stirred up "by way of remembrance."

Our nation is in serious trouble. No thinking person can deny the evidence that shouts at us on all sides. If improvement is to come, it must begin in the Church!

May Nazarenes take it to heart!

MILLIONS who now sit in darkness have never heard of Calvary or of a golden Easter morning with all of its benefits.

Let us who have heard give that they too may hear the good news of life and hope.
TEARS ON THE ALTAR

By PAULINE E. SPRAY

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SOME MONTHS AGO while visiting in a beautifully furnished church of another denomination, my glance rested upon the lovely altar. Have tears ever fallen upon it? I wondered.

Immediately I thought of another altar in a humble church my husband once pastored. I remembered a tearstain I had seen there and the profound impression that sight had made on me.

I discovered it one day while helping with the janitorial duties. As I ran the dusting cloth over the furniture and woodwork, I came upon the spot where someone’s tear had fallen. I could not wipe over it. At first I could not bring myself to remove it at all. It seemed such a holy thing. Some individual had wept over his sins, struggled with his consecration, asked for healing, or sought release from his burdens as he knelt in that lowly place.

A tear on the altar! A scene I cannot forget! Nor do I wish to!

Albert Smith called tears the “safety valves of the heart when too much pressure is laid on it.”

According to another: “Scorn the proud man that is ashamed to weep.”

Tears, crying, and weeping are mentioned many times in the Bible. Jesus wept when one of His friends died. He wept, too, over Jerusalem.

Many people have erroneously thought it a sign of weakness to weep in public. The trend today is away from tears in many churches. Still, it’s popular to cry at weddings (an overworked TV commercial capitalizes on this), to shed tears over the performance of a theatrical star, and weep for joy at a basketball tournament.

Washington Irving said: “There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love.”

Throughout the year, tears have signified fervency and earnestness.

A few days ago a young married couple sought God at our altar. There they wept bitterly. “I’m not ashamed of my tears,” the husband said, as evidence of his “deep contrition” ran down his cheeks unrestrained.

Recently I read of a college professor who admitted that when he was under pressure and frustrated he sought out a sentimental movie where he could “bawl like a baby.”

Many others have discovered a far better way to obtain release from their guilt complexes and frustrations. They can say with David, “He inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God” (Psalms 40:1-3).

Thank God, I was raised in a church where people are free to shed tears of repentance and consecration, where it is considered no disgrace to pray, with weeping, until one finds the victory he is seeking.

My earnest prayer is that the time will never come in the church in which I worship today when there will be no “tears on the altar.”

AT two o’clock in the morning aboard the U.S.S. “Paul Revere,” somewhere in the Pacific, the general alarm was sounded. Sailors came tumbling out of bed and hurried to the main deck. As they reached the main deck, David McCormick, son of a Nazarene layman, called, “Man overboard!” removed his shoes, grabbed a life jacket, and plunged thirty feet into the ocean. The ship was moving along at thirty-six miles an hour and the men were soon left far behind. Two boats and a helicopter searched for two hours, but no trace of the boys was found.

The following morning the helicopter spotted them on a beach about ten-thirty. When they were picked up later, David was exhausted and in a state of shock. David had put his life jacket on the other boy and pulled him three miles.

The preceding is an account given in a letter written to David’s mother by a buddy of his. As I read the account of heroism, I began to wonder what could be done if men and women who have been rescued from a life of sin and filled with the Holy Spirit would get a vision of lost souls in the sea of sin, and plunge after them in an all-out effort for evangelism.

Souls are overboard being pulled beneath the waves by the strong undertow of sin. Are we who have been called to “rescue the perishing” satisfied just to sound the alarm, or are we willing to plunge overboard after them?

By MELVIN ABNEY

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BEYOND the windows of my house the tall, strong trees lift their happy boughs like the graceful arms of a laughing child. They wave to me, beckoning “Come out in the sun and rest!” But I cannot go! I cannot answer their call, for I am too busy, too hurried, too rushed with many things. I cannot go!

But through the clatter of my hurried steps, I hear a Voice speak. He says tenderly, “Come apart with Me, My child, and rest awhile.” I pause, listening. “You are busy and troubled about many things. Come apart; be still; rest awhile with Me.”

And so, with only a backward look, I drop my feverish activity and step out under the sapphire sky, feel the gentle caressing of the flitting, singing breeze, and revel for a long moment in the majestic splendor of the tall oak trees saluting my decision to answer their call. My feet turn to the lake behind the house.

The crispness of the green grass tickles my toes as I lie in its enfolding arms; the rhapsody of the moving waters lulls my tensed nerves and muscles into quietness and repose. And then, in peace and serenity, I learn to pray this, my heart’s prayer:

“The lesson of the tall oak trees. Not through pressure, rush, or hurry are they here strong, invincible, great! But leisurely, slowly, trustingly, they grew quietly into stalwart strength. O Father, help me to be still in Thy presence long enough so that my roots, too, can sink deep into the fertile soil of enduring, eternal values so that I may be strong, invincible, and great in Thy sight. “Teach me the lesson, Father, of the singing lake. It lies calm, peaceful, still. It is subservient to the winds that You send. Its power is provided by sources greater than itself. Oh, help me to be perfectly relaxed, perfectly natural in my living, recognizing that any accomplishments of my life will come through me. I am only a channel for forces much greater than myself. May I cease to be a factory attempting to create activity and accomplishments, and simply be a channel through which Thy activity and accomplishments may flow.

“May I learn the lesson of nature’s beauty, Father. This multicolored, many-splendored picture which I see about me—the softened earth, the smiling, cloudless sky, the trees displaying their feathers of green, the bright sheen of the grass carpet grandly unrolled for the tripping feet of the dainty breezes, the small orchestrations of joyous birds, and the scampering of furry squirrels—is magnificent loveliness through the work of the Master Artist. Each part of the picture, in peace and tranquility, becomes a work of art in His hand. O Father, may I cease my restless, hurried rush to do things; may I learn to relax and be. For in my strain and labor I have hindered the beauty of the picture of my life, rather than enhancing it. I have tried too hard to paint the picture myself. Now may I learn to be still and allow YOU to paint it through me.

“Thus, with a deep-rooted faith, a peaceful mind and body, as an unresisting channel, You can make me into the fulfillment of my dreams and of Your plan for my life. Oh, may I often take small vacations to ‘come apart’ with You and rest awhile, learning anew the lessons of the tall, strong oaks; the singing, peaceful lake; the beautiful picture of nature’s yielding to Thee.

“This, my Father, is my heart’s prayer this day!”

I’m Looking for Jesus!

Sin abounds—
but I’m looking for Jesus.
Trouble increases—
but I’m looking for Jesus.
Clouds darken—
but I’m looking for Jesus.
Bewilderment grows—
but I’m looking for Jesus.
Heartaches multiply—
but I’m looking for Jesus.
Indifference prevails—
but I’m looking for Jesus.
Determination increases—
I’m looking for Jesus!

By H. DALE MITCHELL
World Missions is as old as the ministry of Jesus here on earth. The triple burden of the Saviour's heart was to preach the gospel in the "next towns," to bring His "other sheep" into one fold, and to get His work done before the night came when no man could work.

From its beginning the Church of the Nazarene has laid balanced emphasis upon what we have been pleased to call, up to now, home and foreign missions. Home missions has been looked upon not only as the launching pad for new churches, but also as the source of support and guidance for these churches until they are modestly housed, manned, and self-supporting. This is the strong arm that lays the foundation of new churches, builds altars, and lifts high the cross of Christ in new communities.

Home missions gives back to the church valuable benefits in spiritual advancement, holy enthusiasm, and numerical increase. In financial returns I know of no department that has such an enviable record. It is through home mission evangelism that the church launches her most effective offensive drives. Home missions crosses trenches, pushes through barbed wire entanglements, bombards the devil's strongholds, and establishes beachheads in enemy territory. Home missions lays unseen pipelines through which living water flows to parched, altar-less communities, turning them into beautiful spiritual areas from which come abundant fruit, joyful song, and far-reaching service for God and the church.

Home missions gives small churches transfusions that bring them through critical stages to where they can take off on their own. Thousands of our best churches were once little, and would have died had not some district superintendent, with love like a mother, served as the careful baby-sitter until the church could go alone.

It is true that new churches and little churches can become nagging problems for a district superintendent, but under proper care they will prove to be worth more than he ever thought. Without fear of contradiction I can say that the days in which most thought was given to the "next town" and to new churches were the days in which our percentage of increase along all lines stood at the peak.

As Robert Louis Stevenson watched a lamplighter in the evening, he saw him as one who was "punching holes in the dark." Home missions not only "punches holes in the dark," bringing hope to others through the light of His Word, but the district or church that is home mission-minded has a glow and spiritual warmth that makes it sparkle as a soul-saving station. A certain pastor was tremendously stirred when the subject was the heathen ten thousand miles away, but quickly dammed up when the subject was a new church, another church altar, another Sunday school only three miles away!

A crystal-clear vision lies before us of the "next town," the new subdivision calling for someone to "punch a hole in the dark" with the bright gospel light. The call is for more lamplighters!

For the district or the first or second church to look with a critical or cool attitude toward a new church in a growing community because it may call for sacrifice, constant care, some hard work, or maybe giving several members, one of whom is a church board member or a good tither, is a definite reflection on its commitment to the cause which lies so near the heart of the Master.

The proper reevaluation of home missions and an all-out, aggressive response from the district and the local church can give us hundreds of new churches that will bring us a golden sunrise and will take the sag out of the statistic line in every area of our church. The response to home mission endeavor may be a little slow, but invariably it will come through in time.

Jerusalem gave us the Damascus church. The Damascus church gave us Paul. Long afterwards, when the saints in Jerusalem were in dire need, Paul came reporting a long string of revivals and carrying a bountiful offering from churches which
he had started, thus assuring Jerusalem that her investment in home missions was paying off. He forgot to tell of his hardship or talk about the scars on his back. Home missions swings the life-line to those who otherwise would perish in the dark.

May God give us an outpouring of His Spirit that will help us to reclaim the pioneer spirit of sacrifice and service and properly reevaluate home missions, giving the kingdom of God a new thrust "while it is day."

This article is condensed from an address by General Superintendent Vanderpool, sponsor of the Department of Home Missions for the Board of General Superintendents, given at a dinner meeting at the Superintendents' Conference in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, on January 23, 1964.

SMALL CHURCH ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

At the 1963 District Assemblies, seventy-five churches were presented with plaques for outstanding achievement among churches with less than fifty members, and ninety-nine churches received honorable mention certificates. Of these, ten were selected by the members of the Department of Home Missions as representative churches for 1963. Here is the story of one of these churches. The others will appear in future issues of the Herald of Holiness.

**Haltom City, Texas**
**Abilene District**

Under the pastoral leadership of Rev. E. Dee Freeborn, the Haltom City church in Greater Fort Worth increased from fifteen to twenty-seven members. Keys to this growth may be found in the church's evangelism, visitation, and organization.

Two revivals during the year both brought new members into the church on profession of faith. Although this is a small church, a junior church has been conducted each Sunday morning by the pastor's wife during the church hour, with twenty to thirty children in attendance. Not only has this helped reduce the noise in the adult church services, but the children have been trained in worship and have received a message on their own age level.

Visitation has been operated with success, with the pastor teaching the laymen the thrill of evangelistic visitation. The Munger Sunday school plan was used, about doubling the average attendance. A layman organized a boys' club and the ladies of the church have a monthly Kaffeeklatsch, providing an informal atmosphere for getting acquainted with new people. The people have responded to the challenge of what can be done with God's help.

The district superintendent reports that the church is as well organized as many large churches. An example is the use of a budget at the beginning of the year. The people responded in their giving; all budgets were paid in full without special pulls, and many improvements were made on the property, including new pews and the installation of central air conditioning.

This year the church is continuing to make progress under a new pastor, Rev. Jerry D. Lambert.

Haltom City congregation on Easter Sunday, 1963.

**Breezes Road Church**, one of two churches in Christchurch, New Zealand; Rev. Jervis Davis, pastor. There are eight organized churches in New Zealand, one of our overseas home mission areas. Rev. H. S. Palmquist is district superintendent.
"A First at Camp Meeting"

By Rev. Paul Martin, Evangelist

It was at an old-fashioned camp meeting, July 14, 1963, that Rev. Robert Goslaw, district superintendent of the New York District, organized the Yorktown Church of the Nazarene, our first church in Westchester County. What an afternoon! There was a camp meeting spirit on the crowd. The very presence of the Lord was felt by all. Dr. Mel-Thomas Rothwell preached. Paul McNutt sang. Old Groveville Park Campground at Beacon on the Hudson rang with shouts of victory.

At the front of the tabernacle was a picture of the proposed church. Copies of the newspaper the Patent Trader, of Mount Kisco, New York, were available with this headline: "Minister to Build Own Church," and in smaller print (no doubt inspired by Rev. Jay Bergers), "Volunteers will help." And they will. The Advisory Board of the district has arranged for the collecting of a construction loan of one year to erect the building. The church then has promise that a local loan agency will give adequate financing. The construction loan is borrowed from private parties, mostly Nazarenes, and from Church Extension, for one year only, at appropriate interest. The building, L-shaped, is a combination sanctuary and parsonage. Yes, the little group will have a churchlike, commodious sanctuary to start with! And as soon as necessary they will build a separate parsonage.

Rev. Jay Bergers, Jr., of Poughkeepsie, has accepted this responsibility. The lot, a six-acre tract near Yorktown, is all paid for. The area around the new church is growing rapidly. Several large experimental plants and industrial developments are being built.

Twelve adult members stood at the front of the tabernacle, among them two Ph.D.'s in science, and other dependable men and their families.

This is the second church in 1963 for Rev. Robert Goslaw and his Home Mission Board, and there seemed to be so much "good sense, wholesome activity, and divine planning and blessing" in this project, it seemed to me to be home missions at its finest.

Well, I've been going to camp meeting for too many years to admit, and this "first"—a church organized at the camp meeting altar—was an experience to remember and to relate.

"200 More by '64"

A steak dinner was enjoyed by a fine group of district superintendents during the Superintendents' Conference in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, in January. These were the superintendents who had already reached their goals of new churches for the final seventeen months of the quadrennium, or who had new churches in development so they could qualify. The Board of General Superintendents and Headquarters executives were also present. Those who had made their goal received a beautiful lifetime pen in recognition of their achievement.

Reports from district superintendents anticipate 160 new churches to be organized in 1964. This would be the largest number since the Golden Anniversary year, 1958.
Can you squeeze more value into your savings dollars?

Yes—through a deposit in the General Church Loan Fund.

First, there is value to the congregation that looks to Church Extension for necessary financing of its building program. Every dollar deposited in the General Church Loan Fund is used exclusively for this purpose.

Second, there is the value of personal satisfaction that comes from exercising a new dimension of Christian stewardship—the involvement of one's savings in the Lord's work.

Third, there is value to you in reasonable interest return and special types of savings programs for special needs. Church Extension loan funds increased a record-breaking $154,512 during 1963.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

*Do You Know . . .*

. . . that, after three years in American Samoa, Rev. Jarrell Garsee was finally able to secure a long-term lease on one-half acre of land, and is rushing the completion of a combination church-parsonage-office building?

. . . that Rev. H. Wallace Jones is conducting a ministry among the deaf in the Greater Chicago area, under the direction of the Chicago Central District and with assistance from the Department of Home Missions?

. . . that the Home Missions service during the General Assembly in Portland will be on Monday night, June 22?

. . . that all of our overseas fields will be represented at the General Assembly, with many in the States for furlough? These include the Bergs from Australia, the Palmquists from New Zealand, the Garsees from American Samoa, the Stricklands and Perkinses from South Africa, the Johnsons from Germany, and the Colloms from Bermuda.

. . . that 80 percent of the pastors on the South Africa European District have had some training at South Africa Nazarene Bible College?

. . . that a Conference on Church Building and Architecture will be sponsored by the Division of Church Extension at the First Church of the Nazarene in Portland, Oregon, June 19 and 20, 1961?

. . . that 600 copies of *A Verse a Day* have been printed in Braille by the Nazarene Publishing House? Most of these were mailed early this year to over 500 unsighted people on the mailing list for the *Holiness Evangel*, quarterly Braille publication by the Nazarene Publishing House.

. . . that the Gulf Central District had a membership increase of 33.7 percent in 1963?

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The organization of the Cordova Church of the Nazarene on December 8, 1963, by District Superintendent Kenneth Vogt was an example of splendid cooperation. There were twenty-three charter members, five of these on profession of faith. Each of the five churches on the Capitol Zone contributed one member or more. The five pastors of these churches—Rev. William McKee, Rev. Lawrence H. Bone, Rev. J. Melton Thomas, Rev. Daniel Penn, and Rev. Clyde Rhone—were present in the organization service. The church is in the Greater Sacramento area, California.

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"Total’ and “Entire’

Two terms are well known to holiness people throughout the world. They are "total depravity" and "entire sanctification." "Total depravity" represents the need of the soul. "Entire sanctification" represents the nature of the cure.

But the full meanings of these terms are not always understood. By their very nature, "total" and "entire" are subject to misinterpretation. They may suggest to the mind something which is not intended at all.

For example, "total" depravity does not mean that every man is as bad as he could be. It rather means that the totality of the unsanctified moral nature is infected with the disease of sin. The progress of that disease may be held in check by the influence of a good home, a proper upbringing, early training, and a large variety of other positive factors.

In terms of social idealism, a passion for justice, a willingness to share with the needy, a desire to improve the general lot of the human race, the natural man may actually excel. For with universal depravity, a good God has provided a universal measure of grace, a "true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

But the infection of sin remains, checked but not cured, held back but not rooted out. It requires only a change in the circumstances—the outbreak of war, for instance, or the violent conflict of purposes—to bring all the latent evil to the surface. Then in a "civilized" land churches may be bombed and innocent children murdered, and evil stalks unmasked and defiant through the land.

BUT TO LOOK at the other side: If total depravity does not mean that every man is as bad as he could be, neither does entire sanctification mean that each sanctified person is as good as he can become. This is sometimes assumed. We sometimes act as if all who have received the sanctifying grace of the Spirit are or ought to be automatically and instantly made everything they should be.

Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth. Entire sanctification is entire only in its crucifixion of carnal depravity. It is complete only in its cure for the corruption of sin. It is full matriculation into the school of grace, not graduation with a diploma and high honors.

Failure to see this has led us to take too much for granted. We have sometimes thought that our entire task, for ourselves and others, was to get through the crisis experiences of the new birth and of entire sanctification. Once this was accomplished, the road was travelled and the pilgrimage ended. The end result has been a perpetual spiritual infancy, a failure to grow in grace and to advance in the arts of saintliness.

Along with spiritual stagnation has gone an opposite result. If we have not expected enough in terms of unending growth in grace, we have also tended to expect too much in terms of the ideals of holy living. Because we have thought of "entire" as meaning everything a person could or should be, we have at times slipped into the error of judging the reality of the crisis by the failure of the newly sanctified to manifest the developed graces of maturity.

There is a saintliness of character which does not happen at an altar of prayer. It is grown on the windswept hillsides of daily living in a crosswise world. There is a kind of perfection which is not given. It has to be earned, and it is earned through the hard, sweaty labor of suffering and burden bearing in a society that is no friend to grace.

We can never afford to "sell short" the wonders of God’s crisis grace in conversion and Christian holiness. Neither can we afford to underestimate the possibilities of growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Verdict Is In

The much-publicized report of the Advisory Committee to the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has now been published. The 401-page book was prepared by a panel of 10 scientific, medical, and statistical authorities and is based on their evaluation of nearly 12,000 studies of the relation between smoking and health.

In a sentence, the essence of the report is, "Cigarette smoking is a health hazard of sufficient importance in the United States to warrant remedial action." The indictment is spelled out in such large letters that he who runs may read. Behind the technical language, these conclusions are stated:

Cigarette smoking causes lung cancer, and increases the liability to bronchitis and congestion of the lungs. Smoking is causally related to heart failure. Gastric ulcers, liver disease, and impair-
ment of vision are among other physical liabilities mentioned as a result of the use of tobacco.

None of this is new. The facts have been known for a long time. Now it has the official seal of an agency of the United States government. There will no longer be the possibility of hiding behind a welter of claims and counterclaims and excusing inaction by reason of alleged uncertainty.

The verdict is in. Will there be a sentence? Will anyone in government have the courage to oppose an industry which boasts of $650 million yearly profit, after deducting almost incalculable amounts spent for advertising? Is anyone going to value the lives of the 70 million addicts in America more than the $3 billion taxes collected on this process of mass suicide?

For the answer to these and other questions we must wait. In the meantime we can back the suggestions made for requiring a printed warning on every tobacco product sold and for outlawing or limiting the advertising of tobacco. And we can continue to preach the reinforcement of the moral will through divine grace to free those who have become addicted to this body-destroying and soul-damning practice.

The Peril of the Strong Points

Many years ago Oswald Chambers wrote, “The Bible indicates that a man always falls on his strongest point. Abraham, the man of faith, fell through unbelief; Moses, the meek man, fell through losing heart; and Solomon, the most colossal, wise, wealthy, luxurious, superb king, fell through grovelling, sensual idolatry.”

The truth in this comes from the fact that we tend to be guarded on points where we know we are weak. By the same token, we tend to be careless on points where we feel we are strong. The enemy knows this, and takes advantage of us by throwing his strongest attack against the unguarded points in our defenses.

A smug and complacent self-confidence along any line is the surest way to defeat. That “pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18) is undeniably true not only in the broad and total issues of life, but also in some of the lesser areas. The one who thinks he can stand on his own strength must take heed that he fall.

The remedy is the one found by the Apostle Paul and offered as an example to his friends in Corinth. If anyone ever had the human right to a sense of personal adequacy in the ministry of the gospel it would have been Paul. Yet he says, “Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God” (II Corinthians 3:5). The humble recognition of our constant dependence upon the God of grace is our best hope of overcoming the peril of the strong points.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

THE N.Y.P.S.
PAUL SKILES, Secretary

What Is Junior Fellowship Doing?

CALIFORNIA
Building Junior Fellowship with Activities

Is your Junior Fellowship an unglorified babysitting job, for just a mere fraction of your potential membership? You can build interest, enthusiasm, plus members, with a live wire craft program for the last portion of the hour. Locally, our N.Y.P.S. hour and evening activities have been affected because juniors have insisted they just had to be there for the earlier service, and moms and dads have brought them. They stayed for their own group meeting, and the evangelistic service.

Our initial project involved a soapbox hot rod, with many eager mechanics assisting in the construction. When the car was finished, the junior who brought the most new members was permitted to take it home for a week. As juniors shared their hot rod with their neighborhood friends, some of these became new Junior Fellowship members, and then members of the Sunday school.

Probably the most popular and best interest holders of all the crafts used so far have been plaster plaques painted either by brush or fingers. Clear plastic molds, simply framed to make them more durable, have turned out plaques by the hundreds. The plaster, bought in hundred-pound bags, costs next to nothing per unit. A tiny twist of wire, inserted in the back immediately after casting, makes a hanger. Tempera paints, bought in powder form, mixed, and poured into plastic pill containers with tight lids, are inexpensive. Lazy-Susan-type racks for the paints, with a complete set of colors for each one, solve the spilling problem.

Pre-cut plywood wheelchair-planter boxes, birchshelves, and leave-a-note holders have challenged young carpenters—girls and boys too. Attractive trivets made from cottage cheese carton plaster, and mosaic tile. (Color board and modelling clay have been good have on hand for tiny occasional projects.)

As a service-to-others project, cardboard tubes from paper products have been covered with gift-wrap or wax paper, filled with wrapped hard candy as small gifts, then wrapped in Saran tied at each end with a ribbon. They have been sent to home missionaries in Alaska, given to those in an old folks home, and others given to a local mission Sunday school for Christmas treats.

The craft program and service others projects have been financed most entirely by the juniors themselves, with the help of two “trick” b. f. “Stinky” —a ceramic skunk and “Happy,” who wore a tag—“Keep F I Happy.” Each week the children n to the front, and decide for them which bank they will put their off in. “Stinky” holds regular offerings.
"Flappy" wiggles his fur ears as he receives donations for special projects.

Collecting ideas for crafts becomes a fascinating hobby; collecting funds for financing is a challenge; but collecting boys and girls for Junior Fellowship and for Christ is thrilling and rewarding.—Mrs. STANLEY HART.

CANADA

Do Juniors Pay?

Approximately ten years ago a branch Sunday school was started in an un-church section of a fast growing city. Shortly thereafter the leaders concerned felt led to have some weekday program for their growing flock. An activity night was planned and the Junior Fellowship programs were used as a guide for deviations. The building was old and had only three rooms, but soon as many as seventy boys and girls were attending.

Among this group was a five-year-old boy, an only child and a clever lad. John accepted Christ as his own personal Savior in one of these junior meetings when he was about seven years old. First his mother began attending church, and then his father, whenever his night work allowed. Both parents soon chose Christ’s way, and three years ago both parents and son joined the church which had grown from the branch Sunday school and Junior Fellowship. Shortly after this John was chosen Master Junior Fellowship for the district. He was also chosen as treasurer and Praying and Fastin’ secretary of the newly formed teenage missionary chapter. Besides this he is treasurer of his junior high class, secretary of the local Young People’s Society, and an able records and handicraft assistant in Junior Fellowship. He is now an usher, Sunday school teacher, and pianist in training. All this at fourteen years of age, and God only knows what the future holds for him. His mother is junior handicraft supervisor, Other Sheep secretary, church stewardess, and assistant teacher in the primary Sunday school class. His father is a loyal maintenance man, and has had a hand in all major work jobs for the Sunday school and church.

Do Juniors Pay?

Rennie was a quiet girl recently migrated from another country and her parents were of a different faith. She started attending Junior Fellowship about the same time as John, and she also accepted Christ as her personal Savior very young. Down through the years it has been a pleasure to watch this quiet little girl blossom into a fine Christian teen-ager. In her first year in high school she was runner-up for the coveted award of Posture Queen. Her messages in young people’s meeting and her prayers carry weight and purpose of mind and heart. She knows where she is going; she’s faithful, and has already had her mother attend several services. She is in charge of the box work for the teen missionary chapter, is a good pianist, and plans to join the church shortly. All this at fourteen years of age and from a non-Christian home!

Do Juniors Pay?

If you were to ask the leaders of the little branch Sunday school and Junior Fellowship this question, they would say, “Yes, a thousand times yes!” It was worth the nerve-racking problems of insufficient space, lack of finances and materials, discipline problems, wiggly, giggly pre-teens, and the nights they went home in tears despairingly, feeling they were not reaching the hearts of those in their car. God is faithful—He never fails; even in the face of almost insurmountable situations, this Word will not return unto Him void. “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6).

Yes, Juniors Do Pay!—MRS. MARIE AVERS.

THE BIBLE LESSON

By NELSON G. MINK

Topic for March 8: The Man Born Blind

SCRIPTURE: John 9:1-31 (Printed: John 9:13-17, 21-25, 33-38)

GOLDEN TEXT: If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin (I John 1:7).

There is a deep and beautiful spiritual lesson back of the healing of this man born blind. The physical miracle is notable, but the greater miracle is the fact that this person came into definite contact with Jesus, and learned the meaning of saving grace and spiritual assurance.

The Pharisees, being hung up on a technicality, missed the great thrill. Paul said to the Corinthians, “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost” (II Corinthians 4:3)—like Jesus being in the Temple unnoticed, a multitude being in the place. How we ought to pray that God will help us to see the spiritual lesson He has for us in everything that concerns us.

The attitude of evasion on the part of the parents of this man in our lesson stands out as an object lesson to us. It is so easy to get our logic to support our desires. There are a lot of persons who seek the benefits of spiritual things who do not seem willing to pay the price. The parents prized the public accept-

KOREA

Don Owens missionary to Korea, writes this note of thanks to you.

“We received 200 pounds of seeds from junior missionary chapters in your project when you studied the Orient. These seeds make enough gifts for fifty Christmas parcels to pastors and teachers. This will provide gardens for the mission for two seasons.”

1/2 Dollars in Easter Offering

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As he sought for the deeper meaning of spiritual experience, he was able to come to that place of full assurance.

The prophet asked, “What hath the Lord required of thee?” and his answer was easy and simple. Our biggest problem seems to be in the matter of “willing” rather than in the “knowing.” Our Golden Text simplifies it into “walk in the light, as he is in the light.”

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**Announcements**

**WEDDING BELLS**

- Miss Janice Jean Toukels of Elkhart, Indiana, and Harold F. Frye of Racine, Wisconsin, were united in marriage February 1 at the Taylor Avenue Church of the Nazarene in Racine with Rev. L. E. Forrester, father of the bride, and Rev. Harold L. Frye, father of the groom, officiating.

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTED**

- A reader in Washington that “my son and his wife may turn to God before their home is broken—they have three small children”—and also for my husband;

- by a mother in Idaho for “my children and their helpmates, and two families need help desperately”; by one of the Nazarene churches in Washington that they may be opened for the purchase of a much-needed Sunday school building;

- by a Nazarene lady in Indiana, a widow, that she may have work—she greatly needs a steady job.

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**“SHOwers of Blessing” Program Schedule**

**March 8—“Be Not Afraid,” by R. Fletcher Tink**

**March 15—“God Knows the Answer,” by R. Fletcher Tink**

**March 22—“Royalty Entered Jerusalem,” (Palm Sunday), by Lloyd B. Byron**

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I have some questions in respect to the annual meeting of the church and to preparations for it. Is the pastor ex officio chairman of the nominating committee assigned to nominate stewards and trustees? If he is chairman, should participate in the discussion and vote in selecting the nominees above mentioned? Which is proper in preparing the ballot—to list nominees alphabetically or to list them in order of the number of votes received in the nominating committee? Are votes by mail or proxy allowed? Are write-in votes allowed? Do tellers announce them? Should tellers be instructed to list illegal votes and to give reasons?

Most of these are questions of parliametary practice, and I am not a parliamnetarian. I can only give you what I have understood good practice requires. In matters not definitely covered by Manual provisions, our church recommends the adoption of Robert's Rules of Order (320 pages, $3.75) and Neely's Parliamentary Practice. These books usually can be found in the public library, and Robert's Rules is sold by the Nazarene Publishing House.

As to the specific questions: the pastor is not ex officio chairman (or even necessarily a member) of the nominating committee. He may be appointed chairman by the church board, or may be elected chairman by the committee if no chairman is designated by the board. If he is chairman, he should not participate in discussion but may vote.

The best practice would dictate arranging names on the ballot in a completely impartial manner, which would be alphabetical. Nothing should be permitted in the election which would place one candidate in a more favorable light than others. Only persons present who are members of the church and have reached their twentieth birthday are permitted on the ballot to vote. They are permissible for all church offices except those whose nomination is directed by special arrangement (that is, Sunday school superintendent—and in the case of N.F.M.S. and N.Y.P.S. meetings, the presidents of the organizations).

The report of the nominating committee must be accepted by the congregation before it becomes the official ballot, and it is common practice to give opportunity for nominations from the floor (except, again, in the case of officers whose nomination is provided for by special way).

Tellers may be instructed to announce the results of the vote in any way the church meeting may decide—even in full or only those elected. But in any case the complete result of the vote including the ballots cast should be handed to the secretary.

Just one further word: The Church of the Nazarene seeks always to preserve the best democratic processes. Yet essentially the church is not a democracy—in that the mere will of the majority must prevail—but a theocracy, in which the people seek to find and to do the will of God as it is made known to them. We must have business meetings, boards, and committees. But their first task is not to find the will of the majority, but the will of God. For this reason they should be liberally undergirded with prayer and the filling of the Holy Spirit. And as they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them” (Acts 13:2).

I have had premonitions for years. I find in the dictionary a premonition means a warning. From whom? From God?

Who knows? That God does use premonitions to warn His people is to me a foregone conclusion. A good example is that related by Dr. H. F. Reynolds, who stood in line during World War I to purchase a steamship ticket, only to have the strange, strong conviction that he should not take that particular sailing. He let the ticket window, sailed on another ship, and later learned that the vessel he had first planned to take had been torpedoed and went down with all on board.

Still it is possible to get into bondage to fleeting feelings of impending harm.
Layman Honored for Community Service

Layman Delmas Sanford of East Liverpool, Ohio, was recently honored with the Distinguished Service Award for community service presented by the East Liverpool Junior Chamber of Commerce. Page-one newspaper publicity gave full coverage to Mr. Sanford’s active church work in the First Church of the Nazarene, where he has been a member of the church board since 1946, Sunday school superintendent for ten years, head usher, and member of the building committee.

Mr. Sanford is also an officer in the county Youth for Christ organization, charter chairman of the Christian Business Men’s Committee, and one of three men instrumental in founding the Community Recon Revue Mission. Other Christian service includes chairman of the services at the county jail for the past five years, where he spends two or three Sunday afternoons a month ministering to the inmates.

Early Assemblies Overseas

The regular schedule for district assemblies will begin the last week in April, but the first overseas assemblies for 1961 were held the week of February 3 to 9. Dr. Lawrence B. Hicks, speaker; James and Rosemary Green, singers. A spirit of great victory was on the camp, and attendance was better than ever.—J. Donald Freese, Chairman.

Dutch Reformed Clergyman Opens Drive on Smoking

CAPETOWN, S. ARFRICA (EP)—A Dutch Reformed minister in Oden- dalsrust, Orange Free State, has started an all-out “blitz” on smoking, which he claims is in conflict with the Bible. Citing several texts from the New Testament (I Corinthians: 10:31; 6:15; 6:19-20), Rev. C. H. L. Mouton has branded smoking as “the work of the Devil.” “A smoker,” he told members of his large congregation, “is inclined eventually to use even more ugly drugs. Smoking is bad for the human constitution, but even worse for the moral foundation of the family.”

Birmingham Presbytery

Thumbs Down on Ordination of Women

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. (EP)—A proposal to ordain women as ministers, elders, and deacons in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) was defeated here by the Birmingham Presbytery. The vote was twenty-six to twenty-one.

The Presbytery also voted to ask the denomination’s General Assembly of its church to “seek changes in the procedures of the National Council of Churches that will bring the programs, projects, publications and pronouncements under supervision and control of official denominational representatives.”

FTC Proposes Warning Labels, TV-Radio Curbs on Cigarettes

WASHINGTON. D. C. (EP)—If a proposal now under study before the Federal Trade Commission is approved, the following message would be required in cigarette TV commercials:

“Caution: Cigarette smoking is dangerous to health. It may cause death from cancer and other diseases.”

It made a regulation of the FTC, the cautioning note may make unnecessary directives by the Federal Communications, regulatory agency for television and radio.

Baltimore Priests Urged: Try to Stop Smoking

Baltimore, Md. (EP)—Priests in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Balti more have received this advice: Try to stop smoking.

An editorial in the archdiocesan paper, the Catholic Review, said Catholic should examine their consciences about the morality of smoking. Children should be kept from smoking as long as possible, it added.

Priests were urged to lead the way by refraining from smoking, especially in public, and most especially among minors.”
Dr. Roy Cantrell presides at a meeting of the special book committee supervising the preparation of the new evangelism textbook entitled Exploring Evangelism. The author, Dr. Mendell Taylor, dean of the Nazarene Theological Seminary (in the light suit), is seated to the right. The volume will be ready this spring, and will be presented at the district assemblies and General Assembly in Portland.

The newly dedicated building of First Church of the Nazarene at Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, cost $38,800 plus many hours of donated labor. The structure seats 175, with Sunday school rooms in the full basement. The present church membership is 45. Rev. James E. Hunton, superintendent of the Philadelphia District, was the dedication speaker. Rev. Richard W. Jarvis is the pastor.

A unique means of dramatizing the value of the Thanksgiving Offering for missions was conceived by members of Lincoln, Nebraska. First Church of the Nazarene. A large wooden balance was constructed, with a representation of the unevangelized on one side. As the congregation brought its offering and laid it on the other side, the scales tipped until the heathen were literally lifted. With a goal of $1,000, the church raised $1,200. In the picture are Mrs. Carol Rapp, N.F.M.S. president, and Pastor W. E. Heizer.

Four missionaries of the Church of the Nazarene with District Superintendent Fred J. Hark, Michigan District, recently met with Michigan Governor George Romney in his office. Left to right are Dr. Hark; Rev. Lawrence Faul, Barbados, West Indies; Governor Romney; Rev. Alexander Wachtel, Israel; Miss Virginia Benedict, Mozambique, Africa; and Rev. Earl Mosteller, Brazil. The missionaries, with Rev. Earl Morgan of Lebanon and Miss Nellie Storey of Africa, completed a district tour appearing in more than 80 of the 103 churches on the district.
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