For the Beauty of the Earth

Folliott S. Pierpont

1. For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
2. For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
4. For Thy Church that ever more Lifteth holy hands above,

Conrad Kocher

For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Friends on earth, and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild;
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love,

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.
THE Day of Pentecost was glorious!

Glorious for the 120 who tarried in prayer! Glorious for the apostles who burst from the Upper Room! Glorious for the “devout men, out of every nation under heaven,” who were dwelling in Jerusalem! Glorious for the multitudes who “came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language” (Acts 1:1-6)!

Glorious indeed—with the “sound from heaven,” the “rushing mighty wind,” and the “cloven tongues like as of fire.”

But the days after Pentecost were glorious too. Glorious because of growth! Look at the record!

“The same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:41).

“And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:47).

“The number of the disciples was multiplied” (Acts 6:1).

“And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly” (Acts 6:7).

The mandate of the Church is to make disciples of all nations. Nothing less can meet His expectations. The Church began in power and grew just as long as she had power. But growth always ceased when the Church became defensive and began to “dig in” to conserve her position. Strategic retreats, no matter how brilliantly they are executed, can never contribute to growth.

Today, population growth outpaces the growth of the Christian Church. Last year Protestantism in America gained less than 1 percent while population growth in this country was 1.6 percent. Why is the Church retarded?

It could be many things. Lack of expectation; self-centeredness; a misunderstanding of the full measure of God’s redemptive purpose; lack of personal responsibility among God’s people for the winning of souls.

Only the quickening of the Holy Ghost can make the Church dynamic today. Ten days of prayer in the Upper Room brought heart searching, spiritual renewal, and unity of purpose to the Church before Pentecost. Similar measures could produce similar results today. But it is only the Holy Spirit who can ignite men’s hearts, inspire men to action, and impel them to serve Him with reckless abandon.

The “March to a Million” could be glorious during this new quadrennium. The church fully aware of all the privileges and responsibilities of Pentecost can be glorious in growth “In the Power of the Spirit!”
The Sanctifying Power of Love

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, . . . that he might sanctify (Ephesians 5:25-26).

BEFORE THE ALTAR stood a radiant young couple, recently converted, being accepted into the membership of our home mission church.

The pastor read from the Manual: "Do you take Jesus Christ as your Saviour and do you realize that He saves you now?" Their reply was a fervent, "I do."

The minister continued: "Desiring to unite with the Church of the Nazarene, do you covenant . . . to seek earnestly to perfect holiness of heart and life in the fear of the Lord?" Again the response was a definite, "I will!"

The second vow was as sincere as the first—for following a brief sermon on entire sanctification, the young man quickly responded and was genuinely sanctified.

On Sunday evening, a few weeks later, the young man's wife asked several of the ladies to pray with her at the altar. A glowing testimony followed that she, too, had experienced a second work of grace—a wife sanctified by her husband.

Does not the scripture say, "The unbelieving wife is sanctified by her husband" (1 Corinthians 7:11)? It must be admitted that this particular passage does not mean that a person by reason of their marriage union with a sanctified believer shares the sanctified status before God.

But it is true in everyday experience that through the holy influence of a companion the Holy Spirit is able to sanctify. And the Bible verifies what we find in practical life by comparing the marriage relation with sanctification. The Apostle Paul urges, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it: that he might sanctify and cleanse" (Ephesians 5:25-26).

A sanctified companion can bring about another's sanctification. The purpose for which Christ loved the church is that she might be sanctified—come under the purifying influence of the Holy Spirit. Likewise, the sanctified husband or wife can so love in word and deed that the mate will become saved or sanctified. Perfect love may not always bring instant results, but there is no more contagious influence known.

It is sad but true that sometimes a Christian will give up his faith rather than win his loved one to Christ. Mark Twain, the famous author, married a girl named Olivia Langdon—a devout Christian. During their early married months they had grace at meals and read a chapter from the Bible every day. But this was soon discontinued. Olivia began to compromise some of her Christian convictions, and listened to the unbelieving philosophy of her husband and his friends.

During a time of bereavement, Mark Twain said to his wife, "Livy, if it comforts you to lean on the Christian faith, do so." She replied sadly, "I can't Mark, I haven't any." Mr. Twain admitted that the thought that he had destroyed her faith troubled him the remainder of his life.

But the Christian need not lose out; he can win another. One woman said recently, "I didn't believe in sanctification, but now I know it's true, because what my husband has is real." Did not Peter write that the husbands may "be won by the conversation of the wives" (1 Peter 3:1)? Husband and wife have become one flesh, and what a lovely truth it is that it need not be evil, but the sanctifying grace of God that wins the victory. A sanctified husband or wife can lift the companion out of discouragement.

One lady sighed, "I know I ought to come to church regularly, but it's hard when my husband won't come."

It is true that many with unchristian companions have a difficult road. Dr. B. V. Seals used to say, "In the lineup for heaven, I think up front will be the dear wives of unsaved husbands who remained true to the Lord." Beyond this, there will also be husbands present because of the faithfulness of sanctified wives.

Does your companion's spiritual temperature determine yours? Blessed is the person whose mate will not succumb to discouragement, but rather will keep faithful to God—theirs together will be the kingdom of Heaven.

A giving love will lift your mate to a higher level. Love your wife as Christ loved the church. But how did our Saviour love the church? He actually "gave himself" for it.

A midwest marriage counselor stated, "One of the biggest problems we find is the lack of desire to give to each other." But you must have before you can give.

Our love cannot raise another higher than the love itself. Our own selfish love will not lift our.
companion into purity. Our own jealous love will not lift a loved one into a kind and compatible disposition. Our love will not lift above its own level. As J. H. Jowett once said, "If we want to lift higher, we must heighten our love."

Oh, friend, has the Holy Spirit cleansed away carnality in your life? Do you love God with all your heart in order that you may in turn love your closest neighbor, your husband or wife, as Christ loves them?

It may well be, that the happiness and destiny of both you and your companion depend on your utter devotion to Christ. If you will be loving and faithful, you too may really find that, in the power of the Spirit, the wife can be sanctified by her husband.

John Wesley and the Ballot

JOHN WESLEY, that wonderful soul of the eighteenth century, gave many good "advices" to his followers, the early Methodists. Among his many advices were some serious recommendations to those about to vote in an election.

In his Journal, under the date October 6, 1774, he advised voters to "(1) Vote without fee or reward for person they thought most worthy; (2) to speak no evil of the person they voted against; and (3) to take care their spirits were not sharpened against those who voted on other side."

It certainly seems that each election we face as free people becomes more important than the last. We should, therefore, be more careful that our individual ballot reflects, as nearly as we can determine, God's will as we see it. We would do well to consider the advices John Wesley gave as we prepare to cast our ballots.—CARSON N. SNOW, Jr., Pastor, Pampa, Texas.

The CERTAINTY of Christ's Return

By L. E. WORDSWORTH

Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven (Acts 1:11).

THERE is an emphasis in these words that is worthy of careful consideration. Note, "This same Jesus, . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go."

When General Douglas MacArthur left Corregidor in 1942 he said, "I shall return." When he returned he said in a broadcast, "This is the Voice of Freedom, General Douglas MacArthur speaking. People of the Philippines, I have returned." He kept his word. He returned.

If a military commander kept his word shall we not more confidently trust Him who said, "I will come again" (John 14:3)?

Verily, Christ is coming back to earth. He will come as surely as He ascended to heaven. The prophet said, "His feet shall stand in that day . . ."

The Cover . . .

"FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH" hymn of thanksgiving and praise (1864), was authored by Folliott S. Pierpoint, an educator, seven years before his graduation from Queen's College, Cambridge University. Although written to be sung at Holy Communion services, this beautiful hymn has become a favorite throughout the world for many occasions of Christian praise. Other hymn contributions were made by Pierpoint but he is best known for this lyric. The hymn tune, "Dix," by Conrad Kocher, was first published in 1838.—Floyd W. Hawkins, Music Editor.
and triumphantly. Coming of Christ to this earth to reign universally. Prophecies which clearly point to the visible second coming of our King. "The zeal of the Lord will perform this" (Isaiah 9:7). Let our henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord will prevail. Jerusalem will be the capital city of the world and Christ's reign of righteousness and peace will prevail.

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan remarked: "The eyes of the world are already centered on Jerusalem; and men who seek no light from revelation are looking to see what will transpire concerning her, expecting, as they say, 'interesting developments.' Most surely there will be some very "interesting developments" for the King himself will be there, and "the Lord shall be king over all the earth."

It is beyond cavil and uncertainty that the very same transfigured and glorified Jesus who left the summit of Olivet is coming back again. The same Jesus who rode over Mount Olivet on a donkey is going to ride down on a cloud of glory. The same Jesus who hung on an old rugged cross is going to sit upon a throne in majesty and power and authority. Hail that glad day!

Let us look forward to our Lord's return. Two Jewish rabbis stood viewing the ruins of Zion many years ago. One wept; the other rejoiced. "Why do you weep?" the one was asked. "I weep," was the reply, "because of the literal fulfillment of prophecy."

"Well, I rejoice," said the other, "because of the literal fulfillment of prophecy."

One saw the present condition, and thought of the centuries past. The other looked ahead and saw the exiles coming home.

We see the picture of an old log cabin in Hardin County, Kentucky, where a child of poverty first saw the light of day. Then we look ahead and behold an eminent statesman and emancipator of slaves in the Southland, and we pay homage to the president of a great republic, the immortal Abraham Lincoln, in the White House.

We have seen "The Man of Sorrows" staggering toward Calvary crowned with thorns, and dying on "The Old Rugged Cross" as the suffering Servant of God, despised and rejected of men. But we shall see Him again on this very earth reigning in glory, majesty, and power as literally as David in the olden days. "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the mount of Olives" (Zechariah 11:1). "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:20-21).

"Christ knew what He wished to say, and how to say what He meant," remarks Seiss, "and I find myself bound to understand Him to mean what He says." And, "Theologians are right," says Ernesti, "when they affirm the literal sense to be the only true one."

Behold, He comes! Hasten, Thou blessed King of Kings! Amen!
Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples (Luke 11:1).

TRUE PRAYER is caught as much as it is taught. It is not surprising that, as Jesus "was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray," There were some among the watching disciples who had first entered the "School of Prayer" under the ministry of John the Baptist, a Spirit-filled prophet who prayed with such intensity that Jesus declared in Matthew 11, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force" (v. 12).

Radical in his dress, diet, and message, a rebel against hollow orthodoxy and lifeless ritualism, or any form of professed godliness that lacked the power thereof, John exhibited the strength of all true, spiritual radicals—teaching his followers to pray with passion and to live in holiness in sure hope of Christ's appearance as Messiah.

Graduating from this teaching into privileged fellowship with a greater Teacher, the One whom John hailed and honored as a slave does his master, the disciples longed to know the secrets of their Lord's prayer life. On this occasion, when He ceased praying they voiced their request: As John, to the best of his ability, had taught them to pray, would Jesus, too, teach them the art of intercession?

Willingly, gladly, the request was answered. The first lesson dealt with

**The Pattern, or Form of Prayer**

"When ye pray, say, Our Father . . . " (Luke 11:2).

Emphasizing the spirit of the petitioner, some would dismiss as of little importance the form of words used. Jesus teaches otherwise. And the Bible confirms this by preserving the prayers of patriarchs

and apostles, saints and sinners, kings and commoners.

The spoken pattern of prayer may never fully express all that is in the heart; nevertheless, it is important to God, and to the intelligent, cooperating listener. We cannot hope to equal the depth and beauty of the familiar and yet ever fresh Lord's prayer—rather, "The Disciples' Prayer"—but we should covet its simplicity and brevity, its perfect sequence of petition and expression of need, its fitting introduction and final doxology.

It is true that a man may murder the "king's English" and yet pray with mighty unction and marvelous faith. But in general, prayer is most profitable when it commands the minds of those assembled, a responsive "Amen" awaiting in their hearts or upon their lips. Paul urges us to pray with the understanding also, avoiding undue length and undisciplined roaming in prayer.

The form of prayer should not be cheapened, nor despised. Lest, however, it should become a letter that killeth, a mere form of words, a chain of tradition and not our guide, Jesus gives a second lesson on

**The Persistence and Fervor of Prayer**

The Lord's teaching follows with the parable of a man who gained the answer to a midnight request because of his importunity—literally, because he made a nuisance of himself. Faced with an unexpected late night plea for lodging and refreshment from a friend, because he had nothing to set before the tired traveler, the troubled host had one last resort—a desperate S.O.S. visit to another friend. Where relationship failed, repeated knocking succeeded. Importunity, in the form of a nuisance noise at midnight, prevailed: the seeker received as many loaves as he needed.

"And I say unto you, said Jesus, "Ask, . . . seek, . . . knock." Not because God bears any resemblance to an indifferent friend. In complete contrast, He honors relationship and gives liberally and willingly. But for our good and His own wise purposes. He places a premium upon earnestness. He values the desperate knocking of burdened hearts, bankrupt in themselves and yet claiming His bounty to enable them to discharge their responsibility to the lost.

Without this fervor the most beautiful form of prayer is dead, the most eloquent pattern of words is powerless. The misplaced consonants of the man who prayed, "Lord, fill us with zeal and vigour,"
can be pardoned, but there is no pardon for the lack of zeal and vigor in prayer. They are essential.

It is recorded of Jesus that (probably in Gethsemane's crisis), He prayed "with strong crying and tears," with energy and emotion, and was heard in that He feared. We, too, praying with the understanding, must pray with the Spirit also, the spirit of our Lord and the midnight importunist.

The Partnership, or Final Aspect of Prayer

A third lesson safeguards against the thought that we have only to ask long enough and loud enough to obtain anything we desire from God. Asking, seeking, and knocking, however intense, are subject to a Father's overruling wisdom.

God will not bestow anything that could be to His children's hurt—stones, serpents, or scorpions. And He will not withhold any gift that is essential to their highest welfare—bread, fish, or eggs. God loves the hot, eager heart and has covenanted to bless those who seek Him with full dependence and fervent desire. Hence His delays or denials must imply that He has some better thing for His seeking children.

"I have lived to thank God," said a mature believer, "that some of my most fervent prayers were not answered, for God's compensations have never failed and His way has proved the best." Moses, forbidden to enter the Promised Land, and Paul, his petition for the removal of a thorn in the flesh ungranted, are two of the many who would echo this testimony. Importunity is not an unqualified "Open, Sesame," to the inexhaustible wealth of God. Supplication, even in an agony of desire, must needs be attended by the grace of submission.

The Master's teaching period closes with

The Prayer That Has a Guaranteed Answer

This is the prayer for the Holy Spirit. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13) Our need and God's nature combine in the assurance that this prayer will have a "much more" fulfillment.

Reverently, it may be said that there is no place for the subjunctive mood in this prayer, no need for the proviso, "If it be possibly," or "If it be Thy will." God has pledged that He will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask, and genuine asking implies both obedience and faith.

Pattern, persistence, partnership, and pledge, a perfect quartet of lessons, and set in a perfect context.

Schools, colleges, and universities are crowded, while there are places to spare in the "School of Prayer." With such a Teacher, and such a subject, let us enroll for a lifelong semester, filling in upon the application form of a longing heart the sincere request, "Lord, teach me to pray."

Many of the disciples did not understand Christ's teaching concerning the Kingdom. It was the general thought Christ would restore the kingdom of Israel, and only a few moments before His ascension He was asked, "Wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6) It was difficult for them to understand His statements, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36), and "The kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21).

When one gets his mind channelled in one particular groove, it is difficult to change it. The Jews had this thought in mind that Christ would come to restore their fallen, oppressed, and captured nation, and it was with this idea that they looked for a leader who would become their earthly king and free them from their bondage of physical tyranny.

Judas appears to be one of those who were committed to this cause of freedom from the Romans. He placed this equal to or higher than any spiritual benefits he could receive. This was the "cause of the people," and he was dedicated to it. His only thought was to recruit all the power he could accumulate, even the power of Christ, to benefit his cause of political freedom. Judas had his own plan for Christ. He was going to use Christ instead of giving himself to be used of Christ.

Judas laid his plans carefully. He thought Christ was not moving fast enough and perhaps not in the right direction to restore Israel. Judas knew he would have to force Jesus to use His great power to restore Israel and become God's Messiah in the manner he thought He should. So he made plans to force Christ to accomplish his end, to do the thing he thought most important. He would put the Master in a position where He must declare himself to be King of the Jews.

Christ can never be controlled by the thoughts, plans, and ideas of men. He has His own way; He has His own plans for the restoration of the Kingdom. Christ can never be forced to take the ways of men. His ways are far above our ways, and we cannot bring them down to our level. We must rise to the level of His teachings and His plans.

There are many modern-day Judases who try to
make Christ say things He did not say and do things for them that He did not come to do. Some say He teaches us to hate, or He sets race against race, or nation against nation. His idea of material blessings has been changed until He is made to sanction materialism. His promise of supplying our needs has been interpreted to mean He will give us everything we want, and the more we accumulate the more God smiles upon us. Faith in Christ for the future has been replaced by the security of the present.

Man has tried to force God to work for him. He has promised, "If You will bless me financially, I will tithe and give offerings. If you will deliver me from this terrible situation, I will serve You." Such a modern-day Judas has betrayed Christ’s ideals, His teachings, and His purpose of coming into the world.

The Communist leaders have stated, "If there be a God, we will capture Him and make Him work for us." This idea is not the property of the Communists only; it is for any modern-day Judas who tries to force Christ and His teachings to work for him. Karl Marx read his own materialism into the “dialectic thinking” of Hegel, and attempted to use it to destroy the very teachings of Christ. Christ has been betrayed by many into the hands of the enemy.

As Christ broke free from the schemes of Judas and carried out His own plans for the Kingdom, so He will overcome the plans of man today. Judas came face-to-face with his own selfishness in Gethsemane. As he placed the kiss of betrayal on the cheek of Christ he began to feel the power of guilt. "I am the one who is guilty of betraying the teachings of Christ and the needs of the people. I have betrayed innocent blood." Every one who comes to Gethsemane must come face-to-face with self, his own will, and his own motive for his deeds.

The modern-day Judas will try to use Christ and His power in areas far removed from the central reason for His coming into the world, for He said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). To use Him in politics, for political power; to try to keep His influence in a free society, only betrays His message to a lost, dying, and needy world. Christ must break free from the bondage and limitations of men so a sinful, needy people may experience the "kingdom of God.”

MONEY TALKS . . . what does yours say?

Bundaberg, Maryborough, Inala, Perth, Fitzroy Greek, Mt. Waverley, Biloela—these names are unfamiliar to most Nazarenes. They are places where we have churches in Australia that are being helped by General Budget dollars to get church buildings built or paid for. Because the work in Australia is young, our congregations are relatively small and church building needs loom large. We have not been able to provide the amount actually needed this year for this purpose, and our Australian Nazarenes are raising for their buildings considerably more than our General Budget help. A gift of $5,000 in the Thanksgiving Offering will take care of this building assistance for all of Australia for more than half a year.

By Alpin Bowes for the General Stewardship Committee

The Thanksgiving Offering is a part of your General Budget “lifeline” giving for world evangelism. The article above shows one of the ways in which your General Budget works for you in spreading the gospel around the world.
IT WAS Saturday night a few minutes after ten. Al was putting the finishing touches on his sermon for the next morning, and I was leafing through songbooks for an appropriate solo to go with the sermon.

We heard a faint knock and I assumed it was someone at the apartment across the hall. "Is that at our door?" Al asked. I opened the door and there stood Dick, a handsome young bachelor friend of ours.

"I just got back from getting ice cream and I saw your light on. I thought I'd stop by and tell Al thanks for the good game of tennis this evening." I sensed immediately that Dick had come to our door that evening to talk about something much more important than that tennis game.

"Come on in. Sit down," I said, apologizing that I'd left him standing at the door so long. We had been praying for Dick for several weeks—ever since we first realized his "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

We didn't have to swing the conversation toward spiritual things. Dick started right in telling of his struggles to live a cleaner life. He told of some steps in the right direction and some attitudes he had changed. He told about his efforts to pray and to read and study the Bible. But he confessed that nothing permanent and genuine had happened to him and that God did not really rule in his life.

There was our golden opportunity—and we made the most of it! We both testified to the reality of the experience of salvation. We emphasized that he would have to be willing to give up everything and then risk forgiveness for all his past sins. We pointed out that Christ had left the choice entirely to him, and that only his faith would cause the transforming power of Christ to do its work in his heart.

He expressed all the doubts and fears and unbelief that nearly everyone who comes to Christ feels at some time. As he talked and we testified to what we knew Christ could do for him, my heart nearly "burst at the seams." What a thrill it is to talk about Christ and what He can do for us! It is a great miracle that God can heal a human body or raise a man from the dead, but it's even more a miracle that He can save a soul from sin. And when He saves Dick's soul, it will be a great big miracle. But He can do it! Praise His name!

When our guest left after an hour of pouring his heart out, my husband and I took a good look at ourselves. We really do very little personal witnessing. But when we get the opportunity as we did that night, our hearts are just thrilled, and the joy and praise of the Lord wells up within us.

Why don't we witness more often? Why don't we in our conversation create the setting for telling someone about Christ? Are we afraid? Are we poorly equipped (with illustrations and Bible verses)? Are we unaware of the needs around us? Are we guilty of thinking that someone else is responsible for telling the gospel to certain people we know? Are we weak spiritually ourselves because we have not prayed or fasted enough? And perhaps the question that hits the hardest is: Do we really care? When we received the blessing of entire sanctification we promised the Lord that He would do anything He asked us to do. This should demand that we care and are willing to pay the price—however high—to see a person come to Christ.

As I prayed before I went to bed that Saturday night, God demanded two things of me in my paying the price for Dick's soul: fasting my breakfast, and sharing my experience with you.

Dr. J. Glenn Gould said something in a sermon at Eastern Nazarene College that I shall never forget: "Try to see in every man a potential saint." Miss Bertha Munro in "Strength for Today" said, "Never doubt that everybody needs Jesus. There is a hunger in every human soul—and a path to it."

Let us be part of that path for every person we know, and let us constantly keep in mind that Christ died for the sins of every man—including Dick!

The Apostle Paul lived, labored, wrote, and preached in the glow of Pentecost. He felt that all things were to be permeated and filled with the power and glory of the baptism with the Holy Ghost; that all truth was to be illuminated by it: that the prophets and the teaching of Jesus were to be understood and made effective by the Holy Ghost.—Selected.

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Holiness as Crisis and Process

Thomas Cook, the British holiness Methodist evangelist of the last generation, set holiness as both crisis and process in a proper balance when he wrote:

"Purity is not the goal of the Christian life, but rather a new starting point on a higher plane. Holiness is a crisis in that moment of trust for cleansing from all sin by the Blood of Jesus Christ. And it is a process, as there must be a maintained condition of purity by moment-by-moment obedience and trust."

Mr. Cook himself has left a striking testimony to the crisis of cleansing. He said that before he received this second work of grace, his Christian life was, in many respects, quite unsatisfactory. There was much of vacillation about it. He found himself sinning and repenting, advancing and retreating, swinging like a pendulum between God and the world.

"At times I was all earnestness and zeal and fervor," he said; "then comparatively cold and indifferent. My experience was changeable and uneven. I was conscious also of a mighty want; there seemed a vacuum in my nature which grace had not filled, a strange sense of need which I cannot describe, but which all who love the Lord Jesus with less than perfect love will understand."

For three and one-half years the struggle went on. He sought the secret of the life of victory in all the literature he could find on the subject. At last it was not the books but the testimony of Joshua Dawson that brought the light. Suddenly Thomas Cook saw the way. It was the simple way of surrender and faith.

"I asked them to pray," he says, "that I might enter in. I fell upon my knees with the determination not to rise until my request was granted. My friends began to sing:

'Tis done. Thou dost this moment save,
With full salvation bless;
Redemption through Thy Blood I have,
And spotless love, and peace.

"While they sang the refining fire came down and went through my heart—searching, probing, melting, burning, filling all its chambers with light, and hallowing my whole heart to God. Oh, the indescribable glory of that moment! All words fail to express the blessedness of that spiritual manifestation of Jesus as my Savior from sin."

It was the dawn of a new day in the life of Thomas Cook, and changed his Christian life almost as much as his conversion had altered his natural life. From the work of God in his own heart came the truth he set forth in his classic of the holiness literature, New Testament Holiness.

BUT JUST AS CLEARLY as Thomas Cook stressed cleansing by crisis, he also preached the need to maintain purity by a process of moment-by-moment obedience and trust. Grace has its processes as well as its crises, and the processes are no less needful than the crises.

It is not, as Bishop J. Paul Taylor has pointed out, that we are "sanctified by sections." Few believers would object to being "sanctified a little at a time," for some of sinful self would always survive. It is rather that what has begun as the instantaneous act of the Holy Spirit must be maintained in the day-by-day walk in the light so essential to growth in the graces of saintliness.

This is what Daniel Steele called "the Wesleyan paradox, that entire sanctification is both instantaneous and gradual." For John Wesley himself spoke of it often, feeling that God had called him to emphasize the processes of sanctification as his brother Charles had been chosen to stress the crisis of cleansing.

Purity itself is maintained only by abiding in Christ. The work of heart cleansing is not a once-for-all proposition that endows the soul with an inexhaustible stock of sanctity upon which to draw daily until the end of life. It is the establishing of a connection, the beginning of a relationship, in which Christ is known as our "wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

In J. A. Wood's words, "The sanctified soul retains its purity by the abiding, inward, keeping, working power of Christ. Jesus is never so highly valued, so intensely loved, and so affectionately obeyed, as when the soul is kept in a state of holiness."

"SUCCESS IS A JOURNEY, not a destination," it is said. And the remark applies to the Christian life as well as to life in general. We seem to find it too easy to be satisfied with a sanctified mediocrity.

It is still true that the biggest room in the world is room for improvement. Perfect love means neither perfect performance nor perfect character.
In the manifestation of holiness there is room for a growth the upward limit of which is "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13), toward which we all have a long way to go. To some, these words may seem like "elaborating the obvious." Yet if we will keep this truth clearly in mind, it will help to save us from the kind of immaturity which keeps some folks preoccupied with polishing their halos while the work of the Lord languishes for lack of strong hands and sympathetic hearts. Holiness is more than resigning from life—trying to stop the world in order to get off. It is a growing compassion, an ever-deeper dedication to the kingdom of God.

Cleansing comes by crisis; but it is preserved by process. It is only and always as "we walk in the light, as he is in the light" that "we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son" is and keeps on cleansing us "from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

The Political Jungle

One of our humorists has defined politics as "the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies." There is altogether too much evidence in the present scene that he is not too far wrong.

The editor is constantly bombarded from two sides. There are those who believe that the church and its publications should be silent with regard to current affairs. They would seem to want the church to confine itself to its ivory tower while the busy sinners run the world.

On the other hand, there are those who believe that the church and its publications should speak out on current issues—assuming always that it says the "right" thing which usually boils down to what this particular correspondent wants to hear.

Certainly where moral and spiritual issues are involved, the church cannot be silent. In a political democracy part of which we owe "Caesar" is an influence for God and righteousness in the affairs of state.

Perhaps all would agree that the church has no place in purely partisan politics. When the choice is simply one political party as opposed to another political party, the option is an individual one and no "official" position can or should be taken.

There is not quite the same amount of agreement with regard to what constitutes a genuine spiritual issue in the area of political action. Liberalism has been disposed to identify the gospel with social and humanitarian causes of one kind or another.

On the other hand, there are some who are just as strongly disposed to enlist Christ on the side of anything and everything reactionary.

IN THIS EDITOR'S OPINION, both are wrong. The gospel is neither to be identified with social "progress" or reaction. It transcends and judges both. It proclaims a redemption without which no form of social order can succeed or survive. It provides a leaven which will work in any kind of dough, a salt that will season and preserve any society with which it is placed in contact.

If this is true, then the Christian is not automatically aligned with any particular school of political thought, although he is automatically against any which would restrict the right of all to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences.

The Christian is free and obligated to judge all personalities and issues as best he may in the light of spiritual and moral principles. He will recognize the difference between politics and political morality. He will speak in the name of his religious convictions at the point of political morality, but not in the area of partisan politics.

It is in the realm of political morality that the church and its members can help replace chaos and confusion with order and unity. As a recent writer has said, this possibility "depends on the church's willingness to take what appears to be the humble and unimpressive role of witness to the authority of God."

Democracy cannot survive without free discussion of issues. The sharp contrast of ideas is an essential part of the democratic process. The only thing is, we must not confuse political issues with religious principles, and try to call God to our side in a battle for ends which are essentially matters of expedience.

Is there no saving word for the political jungle? Indeed there is. It is the word that there is more in life than rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's. We must render to God the things that are God's. It is the word that Christ is Lord of all life, the final Judge of all human actions and motives.

Concerning Possessions

By GRACE V. WATKINS

I wonder what those great possessions were,
So treasured that the young man turned away
From following Christ on that long-varnished day,
Perhaps he owned an acreage rich and fair, A fleet of gleaming ships upon the sea,
And coins that were a gold immensity.

My earthly goods are small. But, oh, that none
Of them, no purpose or desire shall keep
My heart from following with warm and deep And dedicated joy the selfless One
Who climbed to Calvary and took my place, Whose love is vaster far than time or space!
FOREIGN MISSIONS

E. S. PHILLIPS, Secretary

Report on
Cathy Jean Seely
By MRS. VINCENT SEELY

Cathy Jean Seely had her second major hip surgery on Wednesday, September 16, and seemingly came through quite well. She is now in a complete body cast, arm pits to toes, and will be for approximately six months. At that time they hope to put her in a cast to the knees for another four to five months.

For a three-year-old, Cathy has adjusted exceptionally well. Just yesterday, two of the staff surgeons told us about the change in other children when they are transferred to Cathy's room. One doctor said, "Some of her good nature just splashes over on the other one." We are so thankful and feel it is an answer to so many prayers just yester­day—if only they will work." We know our God is able to do all things.

An Encouraging Report
By ELMER SCHMELZENBACH
Republic of South Africa

Recently, the Government Commissioner came to see us. He is the one in charge of all the area we work in here. He was telling us some of the problems they face with some of the Bantu in the remote areas, some that do not care to cooperate too much with anyone. His words were: "I implore you, I beg you, to get out into all these areas with your tents and put on meetings. Evangelize as you have never done before. It is our only hope against communism." We were happy to tell him we had just closed two tent meetings last week down in that area, and another was waiting for me to begin teaching. But how can I go to the classroom, until our home is in order once more! And there is a call to hold a revival at Chikhi school! I must see something of our missionary family! And visit with our Indian people. All this, and more! But most of all, I must take time to pray, and to praise, and to do whatever comes to hand, "in the power of the Spirit!" Do pray for us, as we begin our fifth term in India.

Needs and Victories
in South Africa
By PHIL STEIGLEDER
Coloured and Indian District

We are having difficulty getting approval for erecting our churches at Factreton and Matroosfontein, but the lawyer keeps telling us it will be all right in a few days. We need to erect these churches immediately as the halls we are using are only available at certain hours on Sundays. Sometimes it makes it almost impossible to pray with the seekers at the altar. We would appreciate prayer for this need.

We are making plans to start a preaching point at Paarl. It is 34 miles from Cape Town. There are over 20,000 Coloured people there. We hope that this will one day be a strong church. The need for national workers is so great. We could enter several large cities, if we only had the men. We have more Cape Town men in Bible school than ever before. This will enable us in the future to expand into the surrounding areas. May God hasten the day!

There is a spirit of prayer upon our churches here and we are expecting a real outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon us. Our class at Bible school on "History of Revivals" is causing all of us to search our hearts and to wait upon the Lord in prayer. We appreciated the call to prayer and fasting prior to Easter. Our pastors, Bible school students, and people tried to join in.

Missionary Address Changes

TO PRINT IN OCTOBER
OTHER SHEEP

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wellmon, home on furlough, are now living at 116 S.W. 9th St., Moore, Oklahoma.

Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hunton are moving to Northern Rhodesia to open work in the city of Kitwe. They will live at P.O. Box 1766, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia, Central Africa, until some time in January, 1965.

Dudley C. Hathaway
United States Naval Chaplain
A native of New Bedford, Massachu­setts, he is a member of New Bedford First Church of the Nazarene, on the New England District. He received an A.B. degree from Eastern Nazarene College, and a B.D. from the Nazarene Theological Seminary. His military chaplaincy began in January, 1962. Following a brief tour of
CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

The life of a destroyer chaplain is never dull or predictable. Today as we were steaming along, I was informed that within an hour, the doctor and I would be transferred at sea by highline to another destroyer where a crisis had suddenly developed. A shipwright, depressed over family problems, had threatened and attempted suicide. In the two weeks prior to this, two others had threatened and attempted suicide. His family includes his wife, Faith, and two children, David and Jennifer. They are living in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Now I am impressed with the fact that men frequently lack two things of vital importance to successful living. First, they have no definite goal to set as a steadfast influence in accepting time of trouble and giving guidance. The second is simply "CHRIST!" Nothing else sustains men through all of life's problems.
have us to be mindful of some wonderful and profitable ways that some of it can be used to further His kingdom. How do we determine some great foundation against the time to come? Our lesson tells us it is in being willing to "distribute" and "communicate" what we have. For God says, "... who ... have given a goodly inheritance to possess for ever; if fortune should ever be your lot; But what are you doing, my brother, With that dollar and a quarter you've got?"

A wealthy lady had sold her jewels and invested the proceeds in an orphanage. One day while visiting a ward, a little girl held the lady's hand and shed tears of thankfulness on her arm. "My diamonds have come back," she said. Yes, God's diamonds can reflect eternal joys in our souls.

The greatest satisfactions from material things do not come from what these things can do for us, but from what we can do with them for others. He who enriches others, and relieves want and misery as opportunity is given. If the rich man had only asked God to help him do more, he would have come out all right.

In the Hollywood Presbyterian Church, one of the largest in the United States, a sign on the wall says, "To know Him is to help others to know Him." Someone has commented, "Those are the alternate heartbeats of the Christian heart, and you cannot continue to know Him unless you are helping others to know Him."

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Announcements

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Morgan, J. Herbert and Pansy S. Evangelists and Singers, 339 Franklin St., Danville, Ill. 61813.

Moulton, M. Kimber. c/o WHA Walla Walla, Wash. (1st), Nov. 4-15; Pomeroy, Wash., Nov. 16-22.


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Norris, Roy and Lily Anne. Evangelist and Singers. c/o NPH*: 1535 1st Ave., Oklahome City, Okla. Nov. 5-15; Tulsa, Okla. Nov. 16-22.

Curtisville, Pa. Nov. 16-22.


Osborne, O. T. 619 E. Tenn., Evansville, Ind. Garnett, Okla. (1st), Oct. 28-30; Darbydale, Ohio, Nov. 18-29.

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Fogg, Jesse L. s/o NPH*: 117 S. 4th St., Green Tree Acres, Reading, Pa.: Fair­

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Conducted by W. T. PURKIS, Editor

Is a man who uses tobacco, and makes no effort to give it up, qualified to serve on the church board, or hold office in the Church of the Nazarene?

Such a person would not be qualified for office or membership in the Church of the Nazarene. Our membership is pledged to avoid "evil of every kind, including... use of tobacco in any of its forms, or trafficking therein."

Is it possible for a person to be truly in any way? I made restitution as much as is humanly possible, not only in money, but words. I believe personally that it is impossible for a person to be a real Christian without some attempt at restitution. Isn't this correct?

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Prescott Beals Suffers Heart Attack

Rev. Prescott L. Beals, retired missionary with forty-two years of service in India, Barbados, Trinidad, British Guiana, and British Honduras, suffered what has been diagnosed as a "mild to moderate" coronary attack early this month.

Mr. Beals has been serving as visiting minister for the First Church of the Nazarene, Walla Walla, Washington. Convalescence is expected to take about two months.

Four Honored at Pasadena Fall Convocation

At a fall convention, October 13, Pasadena College honored four church leaders in special recognition of outstanding service.

Distinguished Service Citations were awarded to Dr. Oscar J. Finch, presently president of the College, and James G. Wooton, president of the Mutual Security Company, and long-time officer to the college board of trustees.

The honorary degree of doctor of letters was conferred upon Traffic Consultant Howard P. Hollingsworth of Washington, D.C.; and the degree of doctor of laws was given to the Nazarene lay leader James L. Mitchell, senior safety engineer for the Hughes Aircraft Company in Los Angeles.

Ketner at N.A.D.C.E. Meet

Rev. Jerry Ketner, Christian education director for Kansas City First Church, was a workshop leader at the Portland, Oregon, meeting of the National Association of Directors of Christian Education earlier this month.

The N.A.D.C.E. is a branch of the National Sunday School Association, which held its 1964 annual convention in the Portland Memorial Coliseum, where the General Assembly met last June.

Cover Identification in Error

The page 4 cover identification for the Herald of Holiness for October 7 was in error in reporting the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the Central Ohio District.

It was Columbus First Church, the beautiful new sanctuary of which was featured on the cover of the October 7 Herald, that celebrated its fiftieth anniversary this month. Rev. A. Simmons is the pastor.

1964 Thanksgiving Tape Available

A new tape recording stressing the Thanksgiving Offering for world evangelism is now available to local churches on request. Secretary Dean Wessels of the General Stewardship Committee has announced.

Last year the Thanksgiving tape was requested and used by 1,874 churches, and was enthusiastically received by all who heard it.

This year's tape features music by the 1,000-voice teen-age choir who sang in the missionary service at the General Assembly in June, together with professors Paul Orjula and R. Martin. Speakers are Dr. George Gruber, Dr. E. S. Phillips, Mr. Paul Skiles and Dr. Horonato Reza.

Order cards have been mailed to all pastors and missionary society presidents, but any others interested in the tape may write for information to Dean Wessels, 6411 The Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri 64131.
The fourth congregation organized by District Superintendent Dallas Baggett of the Kentucky District within four months.

The recently dedicated sanctuary of Alhambra, California. First Church seats 450. In addition to the sanctuary, the new construction includes additional classrooms and other needed facilities for the local church. The entire property valuation is set at approximately $250,000. First Church was organized in 1916 under the leadership of Dr. A. O. Hendricks. Rev. A. Gordon Blacklock is the pastor.
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