"Six days shalt thou labour"
Exodus 20:9
WITH MANY, their age is a very delicate subject. The above question was asked by the Egyptian monarch, Pharaoh, and he was addressing the father of his prime minister, Joseph, who by rather miraculous means had arrived at his position. There is no indication that there was anything but respect on the part of the king for the venerable Jacob, the father of Joseph, the prime minister.

This same question is a very common one today. Many people are interested in the answer. We are told that we have in this country today approximately seventeen million “senior citizens.” The politician is interested in the answer to the above question. So are the insurance man, the employer, and the banker. Even science is concerned, and the medical doctor who is making a study of the “science of aging” is asking the same question. The Church itself must become more aware of this ever-growing segment of our population and must make plans to minister to them.

But more important, are we individually recognizing the import of the answer to that question? Have the passing years brought to us a satisfactory relationship to God? Midst the pressures, misunderstandings, and temptations of life, do we find His grace still sufficient?

And then there are others, our families, friends, and those whom, through the program of the church, we could contact for God. At this point are we zealous of good works? Are we ready to do our reasonable best to reach the lost about us? Life’s sands are fast running out. It doesn’t take long to live a life. The question is, Are we making some progress each year in the will of God, toward those spiritual goals for ourselves and others?

Life will soon be finished. Why not begin today to do God’s will? “How old art thou?”

General Superintendent Powers
HEED THIS WARNING!

And grieve not the holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30).

SINS that grieve the Holy Spirit are listed in connection with this admonition: lying, anger, stealing, and corrupt speech. Such sins, if persisted in, will lead to the tragic end described by Isaiah, “They rebelled, and vexed his holy spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them” (3:10).

“Putting away lying, speak every man truth” (v. 25). The seriousness of falsehood before God is set forth in the Book of Acts in the case of Ananias and Sapphira, and this carnal infection reaches a climax in “the last days” with evil men “deceiving, and being deceived.” The cheating and misrepresentations of our day forecast the nearness of the age-end judgments.

Truthfulness is a supreme requisite. “Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? he that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart” (Psalms 15:1-2). Said Alexander Pope, “An honest man is God’s noblest work.” The Holy Spirit who guides into all truth illuminating the Scriptures also sensitizes the soul to rightness and truthfulness. All pretense and insincerity is thus repulsive to the new man “which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

Anger grieves the Spirit. This carnal element in the human heart leads to all sorts of evils. Most of us have recognized and battled with this. With regret I remember lighting with my younger brother over “my side of the bed.” “Be ye angry, and sin not” has been erroneously interpreted. Dr. Adam Clarke commented on this verse: “Perhaps the sense is, ‘Take heed that ye be not angry lest ye sin.’ If you do get angry with anyone see that the fire be cast with the utmost speed out of your bosom. Do not go to sleep with any unkind or unbrotherly feeling; anger continued may produce malice and revenge. No temper of this kind can consist with peace of conscience and the approbation of God’s Spirit in the soul.”

“Let him that stole steal no more” (v. 28). Attempts to get gain without fair exchange of labor, gambling, cheating on income tax reports, taking undue advantage of government subsidies are all manifestations of the selfish heart where the Holy Spirit cannot abide. Robbery has many forms such as stealing a man’s good reputation by insinuations or holding back the tithes of one’s income which belong to God. This sin so deeply rooted in covetousness can be cast out only by the finger of God.

“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth” (v. 29), lest the Spirit be grieved. This refers to every kind of improper speech but especially foul and filthy language. Sensual suggestions and double-talk together with gossip, slander, and cruel criticisms are condemned.

The apostle then gives us a measure for our conversations: “Only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear” (v. 29, R.S.V.*). With the Psalmist let us pray, “Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth,” and, “Renew a right spirit within me.”

For the responsive soul, the Holy Spirit by regeneration and sanctification implants truth in the place of lying, patience where anger once spoiled, generosity for covetousness, and purifies the heart by His holy flame. But for the resisting soul, the text is a serious warning. Dr. J. B. Chapman said, “We may count on God being patient with our weaknesses but we must not assume that He will be tolerant with our sins.” Then be honest, patient, generous, and “keep thyself pure.”

On the border of Alberta and the Northwest Territories just out of the town of Fort Smith (where on February 21, 1963, the very first Church of the Nazarene in the Northwest Territories was organized) stands a cement monument in the form of a pile of wood. Inscribed on it are these words:

“Edward Martin, June 12, 1928. A silent and lonely man who took pride in his work and built an honest pile.”

Mr. Martin cut wood many years for the barge tugs plying the Slave River. His wood was always in demand because he put several extra pieces on each cord. Little else is known about him, but though he is dead, his honesty yet speaks.

I would rather be known as an honest man—honest because the Spirit of Truth abides—than to gain the whole world and grieve Him upon whom my eternal redemption depends.

*From the Revised Standard Version, used by permission of the Inter-Varsity Press, 1956.
IT MUST be admitted honestly that some things hinder while others help a genuine revival of Pentecostal power. We list just a few of those essential factors necessary for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit:

I

Obedience to God. The disciples of Christ obeyed and went as they were commanded to the Upper Room before that first Pentecost. Individual and church responsibility dare not be ignored if we would have a mighty manifestation of the Spirit. Pastors, church officials, and leaders have a vital part to play, and the lay members—the total membership—must at any personal cost give heed to the urgent call to evangelism, and by their presence manifest a deep concern for the lost and the work of Christ among men.

II

Co-operation. Of the palsied man we read, he “was borne of four.” This brought the healing touch of Christ. God cursed Meroz because they refused to assist Barak in time of war: “Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty” (Judges 5:23). Barak and his heroes went forth to battle, but the Merozites were punished with God’s displeasure and judgment.

The Brooklyn suspension bridge started with just one tiny wire: then others joined it, and then wire cables; and finally the massive mechanical structure was completed. Now millions of tons daily pass over it—people, cars, trucks. Co-operation helps revivals as well as traffic.

III

Personal self-sacrifice. We have heard people pray, “Lord, give us a revival at any cost.” This cost may include real sacrifice: the sacrifice of time, money, cozy homes, favorite programs on TV, reading of choice literature, visits with loved ones and special friends, business interests and professional activities, recreational pleasures, school homework, scenic outings, fishing and hunting trips, late and unseemly hours in social engagements, and anything that would dissipate religious fervor and frustrate the primary revival effort. God is pleased when we “seek . . . first the kingdom of God.”

IV

Prevailing prayer and fasting. The writer held a revival meeting in Jamestown, North Dakota, in the month of January when it was thirty-eight degrees below zero for the fifteen days we were there, day and night. We had daily prayer meetings and times of fasting. God came in power. Counting the people as they came, with only a half-dozen or so exceptions, we had 168 seekers, and not one barren altar service. A praying pastor and his praying church prepared the way. It was not the preaching of the evangelist, but the prevailing prayers of the saints, that brought the victory.

V

Faith. “But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Hebrews 11:6). Look closely at these words—“impossible,” “must,” “believe,” “rewarder,” “diligently,” and “seek.” Faith does bring exploits. It conquers. It brings things to pass.

Faith can master insuperable difficulties, defeat the devil and his cohorts, generate revival power, bring order out of chaos, save souls, sanctify and unify the church, and glorify God.

Oh, for a faith that will not shrink, That will not tremble on the brink Of any earthly woe! “Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from God,” said the mighty Carey.

The Cover . . .

God has ordained that man should eat bread in the sweat of his face. Christians, even more than others, are obligated to see that their daily tasks are performed with integrity and skill. For the world has a right to expect that a Christian farmer, electrician, mechanic, secretary, or teacher shall be a good farmer, electrician, mechanic, secretary, or teacher. Shoddy service dishonors the profession of Christ’s name.
THE TRUE SONS OF GOD are pilgrims of the eternities. Thoreau said: "We should read not the times but the eternities." We live in a world where being is a universal becoming. Therefore, mere cramming can never furnish a platform for success, and no true educational theory dreams of learning without both effort and sacrifice. You can never dream yourself into either a character or an education; you must hammer and forge them both on the anvil of daily choice and effort. Every young person should sharpen his aptitudes on the grindstone of careful training and preparation.

Therefore I ask you, my young friend, "What are you planning to do now that you have graduated from high school?" Had you ever pondered the thought that God is not afraid of putting a lifetime of preparation into one hour of service? Personally, I hope you are planning to seek further training at one of our Nazarene colleges. So I have taken the negative approach here, hoping that it might spur you to some positive action.

1) Don't let the immediate limit your foundations for the future! Dr. Bresee often said that had he but ten years to spend as a soul winner he would spend the first five of them in preparation, assured that with the last five his success would be greater than in the ten without adequate training.

2) Don't let anything cheat you out of the broadest foundation possible for a life of service! You need a full, general, liberal arts college education. You may specialize more successfully thereafter. The greatest and highest of Egypt's pyramids has also the widest and greatest foundation. The Empire State Building sends its steel shafts down to bedrock and thus is able to tower the highest of all of New York's famous skyline.

3) Don't let an immediate job with the idea of some "quick, easy money" keep you from getting an education! Remember, it is less painful to study when you are young than to be ignorant when you are old. Perhaps you can make some fast dollars in today's economy, but are you planning to serve "sell" or "society"? Financially, this writer could have made just as much money as a plumber as he has being a professor, but the satisfaction of fitting young people for life far exceeds that of being a pipe fitter. For the Christian the symbol of success is not a rope or a wire to "pull," but a towel with which to gird oneself and serve.

4) Don't let high school sloth cheat you out of a college education! This warning should be given to those who are yet in high school. Beware of lazy high school habits. Apply yourself, so that you may achieve high enough grades to qualify successfully for college entrance. Beware of letting your grades drop below C-level. You'll be cutting your future possibilities short if you do. Indifference to learning and truth has cheated many a teen-ager. Socrates declared that insight into one's own ignorance is the beginning of all knowledge.

5) Don't let Cupid cheat you out of an education! Beware of "putting the heart before the course," as Dr. Purkiser used to warn his students. Teen-age marriages have cheated many a fine lad or lassie from getting a college degree. Such marriages also carry the greatest possibilities for the divorce court. Don't let Cupid make you think there are no eligible young people at your church college. The truth is just the reverse of this. The best place to find a Christian mate is in your church college, for there one finds the best of the church's youth.

6) Don't sell your future short; plan ahead! Invest your money in your head, where no thief can ever steal it. Your best investment is a Christian education. Money may buy a bed, but it cannot purchase sleep. It may even buy books, but not brains. Money buys medicine, but not health. It buys food, but not a good appetite. Money may purchase finery, but not culture and refinement. It can buy a house, but not a home. It can build a church, but not the kingdom of God. It may purchase a crucifix, but not a Saviour. Many people are trying to get all things so they can enjoy life, when they ought to be building a life so they can enjoy all things.

7) Don't give way to intellectual snobbery! A college degree is not everything. Train for the best and then give it constantly. Make certain that education contributes to your intelligence. Your desires are the mirror of your soul. Seek the things that are more excellent. It will help you if you find a challenging motto for your educational ca-
career. Let it be "Education with a Christian Purpose," or "Seek ye first the kingdom of God," or "Loyalty to Christ and the Bible," or "The sun never sets for true scholars," or "Holiness unto the Lord," even in education, or "Character, Culture, Christ," or "Via, Veritas, Vita." Only then do you as a person become "A Tower of Strength" to society.

(8) Don't be cheated by a superficial philosophy of education! Beware of the cheap and easy short cuts, those snap courses that require little and give less. Do not neglect those basic disciplines of real learning: the classics, the languages, the laboratory sciences, the basic mathematics courses, the broad and meaningful sweep of history, and the cultural inspiration of the fine arts, along with the intellectual exercise of philosophy. No six weeks' course can promise to fit you for any calling.

(9) Don't be cheated by worship of the colossal! Not everything big is for that reason better. Some of the large universities may have more prestige but they often have a lower quality of classroom procedure and efficiency than do the smaller church colleges. Professors who look upon teaching as a mission will put more heart and research into their teaching than those who are not so motivated. It makes a difference to you if the professor cares whether you succeed or not; and a member of a class of three hundred cannot hope to receive the personal attention he would if a member of a class of thirty.

(10) Don't fail to write to the church college on your zone for information and application materials. Your college years can be some of your very best. So don't be cheated. Act now!

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MY MONEY helps my faith, and I can prove it; but first let us ponder the subject some.

Money

There are various attitudes in this world about money. From the Franciscan monk to the Frisco "hobo" there are people who scorn it; from Wall Street's capitalists to the boy who sells papers on the corner there are those engrossed in making it; from Paris' social elite to Reno's cancerous gambling districts there are those mainly concerned with the profligate spending of it.

The Bible also has a great deal to say about money. Abraham was a rich man (Genesis 13:2). Job could write a heavy check in his day (Job 1:1, 3). Both of these men were exemplary models of genuine faith, and yet both were rich. How come? How can a man pack around a fat pocket-book and a heart full of faith at the same time? It's the attitude towards money that makes the difference.

The Christian's attitude toward money is basically different from that of the unconverted. He recognizes that all wealth belongs entirely to God: "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8). Not only the precious metals of the earth belong to God, but the earth itself: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalms 21:1). "Whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine" (Job 11:11). A basic tenet of Christian faith is that God owns everything! Man merely possesses. Many Christians need to get this vital truth reaffirmed in their own souls.

Now, let us consider

Faith

Faith is that intangible something that every Christian possesses. It is more precious than gold (II Peter 1:1). How fortunate we that find ourselves possessed of "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3)! How privileged to be classed in that group which belongs to "the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10). Our faith is a bridge across which we walk from a life of sin and shame to a life of justification, regeneration, hope, and joy. Our faith enables us to step out on God's great promises that offer us hope of sanctity and get our hearts "purified by faith" (Acts 15:8-9).

Paul expresses a great and fundamental principle of faith in Romans 1:17, "the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith." Faith is a progressive thing. God instituted it at the dawn of creation as the condition for man becoming righteous. True enough, that faith was expressed by offering various sacrifices and conforming to certain stipulations
under the law, but it was faith nevertheless. This means of salvation became clearer and clearer as steps of progress were made in God's economy of grace from the law until the Messiah came, and finally culminated in redemption's axiomatic and glorious maxim, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36).

But faith is also progressive as related to the individual. Paul writes, in Romans 4:12, about people "who . . . walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham." As we take our Christian journey through this world, our faith is exercised by sundry and various means. Being exercised, it is strengthened from time to time, and we go from victory to victory by faith. Very often these steps of faith involve our finances and the intricate problems of the everyday Christian stewardship of money. Thus we are led to consider—

Our Money and Our Faith
Money bears about the same relation to faith that the component parts of water bear to fire. The chemical constituents of water are hydrogen and oxygen in the proportion H2O. These two elements, in this proportion, will quench fire. But take hydrogen in its natural state and you have an inflammable gas. Also, it is only by the union of any substance with oxygen that fire is produced.

An unsound philosophy regarding money is one of the quickest "quenchers" of faith there is. Consider the case of Naaman in II Kings 5. The story opens with the refreshing instance of a great general finding the faith of God, but closes with the distressing circumstance of that faith being blighted by a wicked and covetous Gehazi. The wrong attitude towards money did it.

There is a brighter side. The right conception of this medium of exchange will strengthen and develop faith. Throughout all time the proper use of the believer's possessions has contributed to the growth of his faith. The ancient precept to "honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase" (Proverbs 3:9), was not only designed to support God's program of true religion, but to inspire the donor's confidence in God for material security as well, because we read in the next verse, "So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" (v. 10). The same sentiment of God's blessing resting upon the "cheerful giver" is carried over into the New Testament (read the entire ninth chapter of II Corinthians).

Do we believe that God will bless the giving of our means to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ? Yes, certainly, most of us do. But remember, the promise of both spiritual and material good is not to the one who simply believes it; it is to those who act out that faith and actually do it. This is where the rub is. Seest thou how a man's faith works with his money, and by money is faith made perfect?

"PASTOR, Save My Child!"

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WE ALL KNOW that only Christ can save a soul, but it is generally believed that the influence of a person, minister, and church can play a vital part in that soul's salvation.

Every mother has hope in her breast that her child will be saved. Whether she expresses it just that way or not, she means, "Pastor, save my child!"

"Pastor, save my child!" Of course you will have to do it in one hour per week. You see, we are so busy that we cannot spare any more time for religious instruction, worship, and prayer than an hour a week. Save my child, and do it quickly. We wish we could stay for worship, but the sun is shining; there are things we want to do, places we want to go. No, we couldn't do it Saturday. We have other things to do. We would like to get back Sunday evenings in time for services but time gets away and our good intentions turn to failures. So, Pastor, save my child, but do it in an hour, or you'll fail.

"Pastor, save my child from wrong company. Create an activity on week nights that will attract him. But you'll have to inspire him. You see, I make him brush his teeth, comb his hair, and hang up his clothes. I get him off to school, take him to school, band, and baseball activities, and I am so weary of running him here and there that I don't feel it's up to me to get him to the church activities or even to encourage him to go. I want him to make his own choices. Pastor, save my child, but do it without my influence or help."

I am sure no mother or father really means to speak this way—but "actions speak louder than words," don't they?
Birth of a Home

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At the altar each was dedicated in infancy by devoted parents, directed in youth by devout pastors. At the altar both were saved from sinful servitude and sanctified by the sinless Saviour.

Now, at the altar, a voice that seemed far away penetrated these moments of excitement and elation. It had been a solemn voice in sermon, a commanding voice in conversation, a familiar voice in fun. Now it seemed different, distant, strange, strained, yet authoritative and realistic:

"Dearly Beloved: We are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the presence of these witnesses, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony, . . ."

At the altar a home was being established!

But what kind of a home will it be?
What purpose its erection?
What power its influence?
What bliss its endowment?
What beauty its sanctuary?

At the altar a home was being erected!

"Into this holy estate these persons present come now to be joined . . ."

It shall be a home where Christ is revered!

He shall be the secret Guest of every room. He will be the unannounced Party to every conversation. He will be the recognized Companion throughout every day. His picture will bless the most prominent place of the living room. His presence will dominate the "altar room." His peace will grace each meal. His word will occupy a place of renown and respect. His name will rise above every other name. "Yes, Christ will bless our home."

It was almost startling to awaken from planning to the audible words—

". . . to love and to cherish, till death us do part . . ."

It must be a home where the church is respected!

No conversation freighted with crushing blows of cruelty would ever take place within its confines. No sordid stories saturated with slander or suggestion would ever be told here. No grotesque gossip would ever be repeated in this home. The church laymen would be eternally favored friends, its teachers always joyous visitors, its ministry a welcomed guest. The financial support of the church will come from the tithe of every check, its numerical strength measured by attendance at every service, its spiritual outreach multiplied by sincere evangelism.

It will be a home where Christianity is reflected!

Attitudes and influences must and will be harmonious with outsiders' expectations. Budget and planning must save embarrassing encumbrances. Example and simplicity will surely symbolize Christian character and courage. Devotion and loyalty will be encouraged in the minds and lives of others as they gaze through the "picture window" of conversation and association.

What a fitting climaxing statement! Yea, more than that: it is a promise for the new home . . .

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

DID YOU watch the sunset last evening? I hope you were permitted to see and enjoy it, for it was an experience in loveliness. The day seemed to hesitate a bit in the gathering dusk and fondle its memories like a very good and reverent old man, looking back upon life before he closes his book and goes to sleep.

The day had not been without some clouds and, in the gathering eventide, shadows were long across the sky and the lake and the land. However, in a moment of trembling tenderness the aging day let the sun's soft rays touch the underneath side of the clouds. Clouds always look different when the sun shines on their bottom side and we see the cloud without looking at the shadow it casts.

The setting sun seemed to throw great handfuls of its golden dust of light against the underside of the clouds and they became aglow with loveliness. Some of the scattered light fell like gold across the fields and the hills. Some fell into the lake and the happy water played with it, tossing bis
of it back to the sky.

They were just ordinary clouds. The sun was the ordinary sun we see daily, and the earth and the lake and the mountains and the land were what always meets our gaze. It was just one of those times when a person gets a look for a few moments at the lovely combination of beauty which is stored for us in ordinary things.

Life, for all of us, is pretty much made up of clouds and winds and dust and shadows until in the ordinariness of it we may lose sight of the beauty it embraces. I have watched old people who had experienced life’s spectrum of storm and wind, care and sorrow, laughter and tears, hopes and disappointments. In the quiet interlude of their eventide they paused to pray and to remember, and the remembering was lovely. With their prayers at dusk came the glow of the Divine Presence. God smiled upon the underside of their clouds and the whole episode of life became a golden adventure.

Divine love shone upon the memory of their heartaches and draped a rainbow across the shoulders of the retreating sorrows. The tears they had shed through the years began to reflect and to refract the comforting grace and consolation they had received and marked an arching path of beauty where the storm had been. In their eventide tryst with memory, and with God, they quaffed the heady wine of loveliness, pressed from the fruits of the field of living they had tilled.

How much they miss in life who know not how to sit with God in the eventide and watch the light of His love kindle the underside of the clouds which linger in the twilight sky! How impoverished are we if we do not by prayer and faith lift the low edges of the cloud so that the setting sun can look beneath and bless our ending day!

Too often our self-pity, our greediness, our anxiety, or our hurry blinds us to the waiting loveliness our God provides. We grimly face the night, knowing only that the day has been cloudy and the sun has gone down leaving the world to darkness about us.

Pity those people who go through life bitterly gathering all the clouds and piling them higher and higher in their memories. They save ugly experiences as squirrels save acorns, that they may feed upon them and nibble at them in the gathering cold dusk of old age. Then when they are old they have neither time nor inclination to find any new or pleasant experiences to bless their departing days. They must live with their collected memories of chilling winds, stabbing bolts of pain, rumbling thunder of fear, and the passing footfalls of people they distrusted. So their shivering day ends in miserable regrets. What a pity! What a senseless waste! They have missed the glowing sunset but cannot escape the falling night.

There will be some ugly clouds. Each life must have its encounter with tempest and tumult. Only cowards and fools would hope to escape them, but wise persons will plunge into the midst of them, questing for loveliness and finding it by the grace of God. Holding His hand, we can go into each day to capture the memory of some kindness, the fragrance of some act of love, the adventure of some new truth, and the excitement of a great discovery. Only then can we return at eventide to sit with Him in pleasant reminiscence, fondling our memories before we go to sleep.

Those who come, in fellowship with God, to close of day will find the setting sun kindling their sky and setting every vagrant cloud aglow. The glow will reflect upon their own faces and upon the people about them. It will fall upon the still waters before them and warm them, and upon the marble-studded field to which their loved ones will bear their mortal clay to plant it and cultivate lovely memories of them.

Today we live. The day will not be long and the setting sun cannot be delayed. All will have clouds in the sky but not all will have a lovely sunset. All will have memories, but not all will have pleasant memories. Each of us will close his book and go to sleep, but the memories we fondle will differ and the persons we become will differ according to what we have made of life’s short day. What a sunset these clouds will make if we but invite God to come and kindle the underneath side of them with the light of His countenance!
Demand for Today

It was almost a century ago that Bishop B. F. Westcott said that the answer to the complexities of the day is “faith that fears no trial, hope that fears no darkness, truth that fears no light.” In an age grown vastly more complex than anything the good bishop could have foreseen, so much the more are these qualities of the Christian life the demand for today.

“FAITH that fears no trial.” It was Peter who warned us that those “who are kept by the power of God” should learn to expect the trial of faith, “being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire” (I Peter 1:5-7).

Easy times never test faith to its core. It is not hard to trust when all things are going well and problems are at a minimum. But when trials begin to mount, when unexpected disaster strikes, and when unexplained reverses come, our faith is “rocked back on its heels,” and shows its real mettle.

But the faith which is tested in the fire is not built in the fire. It is built, if at all, in commitment to God in conversion and entire sanctification and in the strength which comes into it from the Word of God. “Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).

An enduring and overcoming faith is related to the testing times of life like an insurance policy is related to an accident or a fire. It is much too late to send for the insurance man when the wrecker arrives to tow away the smashed automobile or the fire engine comes to put out the blaze. But even here there is one important difference: the accident or the fire may not happen; the trial of faith will surely come.

Faith does not enjoy the trial, but neither does it fear it. During the second world war, an eloquent little motto was a favorite: “Fear knocked at the door; faith answered. No one was there.” Courage finds its greatest ally and supporter in faith.

“HOPE that fears no darkness.” Hope is a second need for days like these. One of the saddest states that can ever come to a human being is described in the word “hopeless.” Someone has said that hope is “a compound emotion that consists of desire and expectation.” And Paul Rees added, “To expect without desire is dread; to desire without expectation is despair. Unite the two, and hope leaps up!”

We have not made as much of hope as we have of some of the other graces of Christian character. Yet the Bible is full of it: “Happy is he . . . whose hope is in the Lord his God” (Psalms 116:5); “The Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel” (Joel 3:16); “Hope maketh not ashamed: . . . we are saved by hope” (Romans 5:5; 8:24); “Which is Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27); “Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul” (Hebrews 6:19).

It has been said that the measure of hope, like the measure of body temperature, is an index to the health of the whole. “Steadfast hope” is the secret of sound spiritual health.

Yet the darkness presses in and threatens the buoyancy of hope. Disobedience is the chief enemy of faith, but discouragement is the foe of hope. It is foolish to say that a Christian is never tempted to discouragement. The facts are, the higher one’s ideals and standards, the greater is the contrast with the realities of life, and the more danger there is to discouragement. Only the one who expects nothing better is never disappointed.

This means that hope must always lean hard on faith, and like faith must learn to endure “as seeing him who is invisible” (Hebrews 11:27). For hope looks far beyond this life. “If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable” (I Corinthians 15:19). But the risen Christ is the Source of a hope that anchors the soul to the eternal, and defies the darkness of this world.

“TRUTH that fears no light.” Hope does not fear darkness, and truth has no reason to fear the light. Some have not always seen this. They have seemed to live in mortal fear that the faith would collapse under the attacks of new discoveries or new light. But this is really a groundless fear.

Part of the problem lies in the situation described by an ancient theologian. He said he once had a vision of Truth clad in what had been a beautiful robe. But the robe was rent and torn, for men had crowded around Truth, each tearing a piece from her robe and holding it aloft as the whole.

It seems to take so long for us to learn that a half-truth is actually a whole lie. God wants us to grow not only in grace but in knowledge—specifically the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Truth as well as the Way and the Life.

Pride is the chief enemy of truth, for there is a pride of opinion as deadly as pride of face, race,
place, or grace. The opinionated Christian is almost a contradiction in terms, for he is unteachable; and no one unteachable can be a disciple, the chief meaning of which is a learner. We may all pray the ancient prayer:

From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth,
From the laziness that is content with half-truths,
From the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth.
O God of Truth, deliver us.

Truth and piety go together. Separated, they die. Truth without piety leads to arid intellectualism and spiritual death. Piety without truth produces smug conceit and complacent self-sufficiency, and thereby commits suicide. Himself an outstanding example of the blending of the two, John Wesley exhorted:

"Unite the pair so long disjoined:
Knowledge and vital piety;
Learning and holiness...
Truth and love..."

In times like these, it is doubly important that we pray and seek for "faith that fears no trial, hope that fears no darkness, truth that fears no light."

**Something to Live for**

The 1960 White House Conference on Youth included a shocking statement in its report to the president of the United States. It was to the effect that suicide is the fourth cause of death among young people eighteen to twenty-four years of age. This is a terrible indictment of our way of life. It points up the appalling tragedy of a society which makes the insecurities and hazards of our present world worthwhile. To be a vegetable, to live like an animal, is no worthy existence for a creature designed to be the son of God.

Here is the glory of Christianity in the life of youth. In place of the aimlessness and anxiety felt by so many unconverted youth of our day, Christ gives purpose and meaning to life. As Daniel Day Williams wrote, "The foundation of all Christian faith is the conviction that the meaning of man's life lies in his relationship to God."

Christ helps us keep eternity's values in view. Our tragic times have witnessed almost a complete reversal of what used to be cherished as the shared goals of human effort. Moral character has taken second place to money and power. Truth has become less important than "success." Integrity has been shaded by popularity. And the end result of it all is emptiness and futility.

**THE CHURCH AT WORK**

**FOREIGN MISSIONS**

**GEORGE COULTER, Secretary**

**Janell Is Improved**

We are happy to send the good news that Janell is much improved and has not had an attack for quite a while. The doctors think the condition is a result of damage to the brain during birth. She has responded very well to treatment and we feel that surely God has undertaken.

My own health has also improved and I am able to carry on a full program of church work.

In July we celebrated our first anniversary in Argentina. God is helping us with the language and the adjustment of living in a different land. Last week I held a week's holiness convention in Buenos Aires. God gave a wonderful week with thirty-five or forty leekers.

We appreciate the prayers of God's people for Janell, especially, and for us all. His grace is sufficient. We are grateful for His care. We will appreciate continued prayer for Janell, for her complete recovery.—DONALD CROSBY, Argentina.

**Prayer Request**

Rev. Paul Beals, missionary in British Honduras, is ill with typhoid fever. The family would appreciate the prayers of God's people. This is the second attack of typhoid which Brother Beals has suffered during this term of service.

**Moving Missionaries**

Miss Ina Smith has returned to British Honduras for her second term of service. Her address is Box 95, Belize, British Honduras, Central America.

Rev. and Mrs. Elward Green, newly transferred to British Honduras, have a change of address. It is now P.O. Box 95, Belize, British Honduras, C.A.

Miss Agnes Wilcox will use the address: P.O. Box 95, Belize, British Honduras, C.A.

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Rudeen have furloughed from Nicaragua. They can be reached, c/o Mark Rudeen, North West Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho.

Rev. and Mrs. James Hudson are on furlough from Guatemala. They will live at 6608 N.W. 42nd St., Bethany, Oklahoma.

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Harmon, on furlough from Trinidad, are living at 4411 No. Wheeler, Bethany, Oklahoma.

Rev. and Mrs. Leon Osborn recently returned from Taiwan and are living at 525 Howard Avenue, Elyria, Ohio.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Penn are now...
MEET OUR CHAPLAINS

LCDR Reginald A. Berry

A native of Holt, Michigan, presently a member of the First Church of the Nazarene, San Diego, California.

He was graduated from Olivet Nazarene College in 1937. In 1944 he received the S.T.B. degree from Harvard University and in 1948 the S.T.M. degree from the same institution.

Chaplain Berry became a navy chaplain in the fall of 1944 and was released from active duty in September, 1946. In the fall of 1947 he became a regular navy chaplain and has been on continuous active duty since that time.

He has served duty at three air stations: Daytona Beach, Florida; Monterey, California; and Fallon, Nevada. He has served twice with the marines—both First and Second divisions. Ships in which he has served include the U.S.S. "Nereus" and the U.S.S. "Hornet." His overseas assignments have been Midway Island and Pearl Harbor. Currently he is the Ship's Company Chaplain at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, California.

Prior to entering the chaplaincy, Chaplain Berry served as a pastor for several years. He married the former Ruth Westmoreland at Olivet, Illinois, in 1935. They have two sons: Reginald Paul, of Pasadena, California; and James Ernest Berry, of Chula Vista, California.

The Brevity of Life

Recently out on the slopes of Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, I had five reminders of the frailty of human life.

The morbid parade started at 8:30 a.m., when I walked beside a young father and mother of a baby bow down the green hill toward the blue Pacific; the young funeral director carried the little white box. Three times I stood beside the bereaved partners of fighting men who had come to the end of their earthly roads. Illness prevented the widow of an active-duty airman from joining us beside that open grave; an air force sergeant snapped some pictures to take back to her.

More recently, a sailor with whom I have been meeting in counseling interviews for some weeks came to my office to inform me that the young lady whom he had planned to marry had been killed. His primary concern was of her readiness to meet the Lord.

In the evening of the same day I spoke to a boy scout troop assembled with their parents for a Court of Honor. That afternoon a memorial service had been held in a local church of our community for the father of one of the leading scouts of the troop; the navy commander had been killed in a helicopter crash in the Philippines. This boy carried on nobly in his Court of Honor.

The frailty and brevity of human life give us an urgency to pack into life the message of salvation, so that those for whom we are responsible may be prepared for eternity, as well as to live abundantly now.

CHAPLAIN REGINALD A. BERRY
U.S. Navy

THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Word has been received of the death, on July 27, of Rev. Monroe Hand, retired Nazarene elder. He was a member of the Philadelphia District, and his home address was 218 S. Fifth St., Oxford, Pennsylvania.

Evangelist W. W. and Wilma Geeding write that, due to a pastoral change they have an open date, August 29 to September 8. Write them, Fletcher, Missouri.

Mrs. Wm. C. Emberton died July 27. She is the wife of Rev. Wm. C. Emberton, pastor of North Beacon Church of the Nazarene in Amarillo, Texas. The home address is 1611 N. Nelson, Amarillo.

Dr. Wm. H. Howick sends word that he resigned as "head of the Department of Education and Psychology at Trevecca Nazarene College as of last January 1, resignation to become effective September 1 [1963], at which time he will assume a position on the faculty of George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee."

“SHOWERS OF BLESSING”
Program Schedule

September 1—“God’s Will for You,” by Dallas Baggett
September 8—“Listen or Lose,” by Wendell Wellman (featuring music by Pasadena College choir)
September 15—“There’s Room at the Cross for You,” by Wendell Wellman


**THE BIBLE LESSON**

By HARVEY J. S. BLANEY

**Topic for September 1:**

**A Man Meets God**

**Scripture:** Genesis 26–28 (Printed: Genesis 28:10-29)

**Golden Text:** I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest (Genesis 28:15).

Today's lesson and the lesson for next Sunday are quite similar in content in that both have to do with encounters between a man and God. At Bethel the initiative was taken by God, as is always the case when God and man first meet. God is always the seeking partner. Jacob had maneuvered himself into a position where he was in disfavor with everyone, his mother excepted. He did not care to see anyone until he was out of the country. He wanted to be alone. And so, when he met God, he was unprepared. God did not take us from our old lives only for our benefit; He wills that we might be kept safe in all places. The power of God is more than anything we can do or say, for it is an all-powerful love.

Second, Jacob accepted God's proposition. When he awoke he vouchsafed a vow. If God would be with him and help him to return to his native land and peace, he would worship no other god but Jehovah and give a tenth of his goods to God. In addition, he built an altar as a memorial to the event.

Jacob's language sounds as if he were making the proposition and placing certain obligations upon God. But back of the language used was the fact that Jacob was placing himself in a covenant relationship with God. And thereon hangs the secret of his future life. God cannot accept us until we wholeheartedly accept Him.

**Topic for September 8:**

**Struggle and Victory**

**Scripture:** Genesis 32:20–32

**Golden Text:** I am the Lord, the God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac (Genesis 32:28).

While Jacob's life in Padan-aram cannot be approved by Christian standards of conduct, it is true that in part of his covenant with God as he returned to Palestine, he found his true security that God was going to see him through every difficulty. Things had seemed to turn out that way. Every attempt of Laban, his father-in-law, to take advantage of him had turned to Jacob's advantage. But now, when it seemed very likely that there might be a turn in the tide of his fortune, he became desperate. After caring for his family and his herds as best he could, he went off by himself to pray. However one may wish to interpret the wrestling with his assailant, the big lesson is that nothing of consequence happened until Jacob took the initiative and struggled with the divine messenger, proclaiming the while, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." It is an emaciated, anemic gospel which says that faith alone is necessary in order to obtain the benefits of Christ's atonement. Just believe and God will save—sanctify—and heal—supply all our needs, etc., etc. We distort the true workings of the gospel as it unfolds in living experience in a seeming attempt to support a limited concept of salvation by faith alone. The blessings of the Kingdom can be gained only by struggle, by practice, by long labor and close attention.

Nothing of lasting value will come to the Christian without diligent effort, including the procurement of commitment, the building of character, and the development of the Spirit. If we would experience the riches of God's grace which follow an initial apprehension by God from the sinful state, let us assure ourselves that such riches may be ours if we will wrestle for them—for such riches come only to those who, while their companions sleep, are toiling upward in the night.

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**District Assembly Schedules for 1963**

**HARDY C. POWERS:**

South Carolina, September 12 and 13

North Arkansas, September 25 and 26

**G. B. WILLIAMSON:**

South Carolina, September 12 and 13

South Carolina, September 25 and 26

**SAMUEL YOUNG:**

South Carolina, September 12 and 13

South Carolina, September 19 and 20

South Carolina, September 25 and 26

**D. I. VANDEPOOL:**

South Carolina, September 4 and 5

South Carolina, September 19 and 20

South Carolina, September 25 and 26

**HUGH C. BENNER:**

Georgia, September 11 and 12

North Carolina, September 19 and 20

Southwest Oklahoma, September 25 and 26

**V. H. LEWIS:**

**District Assembly Information**

**SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA, September 4 and 5,** at First Church, 610 W. Ninth St., Ada, Oklahoma. Rev. E. C. Tolbert, pastor. General Superintendent Vanderpool. (N.Y.P.S. convention, September 4; N.F.M.S. convention, September 3.)


**SOUTH CAROLINA, September 11 and 12,** at First Church, 725 Helen Ave., Charleston Heights, South Carolina. Rev. W. B. Welch, pastor. General Superintendent Young. (S.S. convention, September 11; N.F.M.S. convention, September 10.)

**NORTH CAROLINA, September 18 and 19,** at Thomasboro Church, 4220 Hovis Road, Charlotte, North Carolina. Rev. Robert J. Andrews, pastor. General Superintendent Benner. (S.S. convention, September 15; N.F.M.S. convention, September 17.)

**JOPLIN, September 19 and 20,** at Forrest Park Baptist Church, 7th and Rangeline, Joplin, Missouri. Rev. W. C. Oliver, pastor. General Superintendent Powers. (S.S. convention, September 18; N.F.M.S. convention, September 19.)

**NOTICE**

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Brown, J. Russell, c/o Publishing House*
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Bradley, Earnest R. 20 17th St., Lowell, Mass.
Bishop, G. Preston. 1542 Picardy Circle, Clearwater, Florida
Bennett, R. Lee. 339 N. Second St., Scottsburg, Indiana

D to F

Donnell, H. E. P.O. Box 929, Livonia, Ia.
Franklin, Ind. Sept. 5-15
Richmond, Ind. Sept. 16-22
Davis, Ray. c/o Publishing House*
Tulsa, Okla. Valley Virgil. Sept. 11-18
Daffey, J. W. P.O. Box 138, Fort Worth, Texas
Dabney, W. L. P.O. Box 138, Athens, Texas
Daggett, P. O. Box 221, Leesburg, Va.

G and H

Gaines, George A. 2062 La Loma Place, Hillside Park, N.J.
Garvin, H. B. 5920 S.W. 14th St., Plantation Isles, Florida
Gayle, Fred. 1102 N. 3rd St., Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Gill, S. 1201 N. 3rd St., Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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I to L

Le, Charles and Betty. 8404 Aiken Ave., Little Rock, Ark. Sept. 18-29
Monte Vista, Colo. Sept. 29-30
Dolan, Ohio. Sept. 18-29
New Market, Ont. Sept. 29-30
Ricks, Emma. P.O. Box 906, Lufkin, Texas. Sept. 30-Oct. 6
Kneip, Idaho. Sept. 29-30
Butler, South Carolina. Sept. 29-30

M

Mcdonald, L. J. and Mary, Artist-Evangelist, 191 Rambler Ave., Lyndia, Ohio. Sept. 4-15
Mccoy, Mrs. P. 303 N. 24th St., Council Bluffs, Iowa. Sept. 6-15
McLemore, M. S. 1678 W. Farewell, Rockford, Ill. Sept. 11-22
McKee, Carl and Willie, 123rd St. and Ridgeland Ave., Worth, III. Sept. 27-30
McNally, R. S., c/o Publishing House*.

To N

Nelson, Charles Ed. and Normandie, Evangelist and Singers, P.O. Box 241, Rogers, Ark. Sept. 29-30
Febst-Hanson Party, 1267 Ave. A, Battle Creek, Mich. Sept. 18-29
Springfield, Mo. (Grace). Sept. 30-45
Netter, C. S. P.O. Box 48, Pirkersburg, W.Va. Sept. 4-15
Oaks, Jesse and Mrs. B. 486, St. Cloud, Fla. Sept. 6-15
Odoi, O. L. 1705 Highland, Denver, Colo. Sept. 4-15
Owen, G. Fenderick. 820 Manitou Blvd., Colorado Springs, Colo. Sept. 4-15
Palmer, Bob. 1320 Grandview Ave., Portsmouth, Ohio Sept. 4-15
Parrott, A. L. 403 S. Main, Bourbonnais, Ill. Sept. 4-15
Dodge City, Kan. Sept. 18-29
Phillips, Kermit J. 11518 Mark Twain, Detroit 27, Michigan Sept. 4-15
Olivets, Mich. Sept. 4-15
Wayne, Mich. Sept. 18-29
Phillips, Miss. 580 Highland Park, Nashville 25, Tenn. Sept. 4-15
Pickering, Thomas, The Evangelist and Musicians, 41st and Linden Sts., Allentown, Pa. Sept. 4-15
Pitts, E. S. P.O. Box 22, Virden, Ill. Sept. 18-29
Plummer, John W. 315 N. Chester Ave., Indianola, Iowa. Sept. 4-15
Norwood, Ohio. Sept. 11-17

Mccord, A. N. 1147 Ortega Rd., N.W., Albuquerque, N.M. Sept. 4-15
McGovern, Kiernan. P.O. Box 906, Lufkin, Texas. Sept. 4-15
Emery, N. Sept. 4-15
McGrory, C. S. P.O. Box 48, Parkersburg, W.Va. Sept. 4-15
McNair, J. Austin. R.F.D. 4, Box 501, Clarkemore, Idaho. Sept. 4-15
McWhorter, G. W. 207 E. 1st Ave, Ames, Iowa. Sept. 11-17
Downing, Elmer. P.O. Box 906, Lufkin, Texas. Sept. 4-15
Kneip. Idaho. Sept. 29-30

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CHRIST'S WITCH DOCTOR
Homer E. Dowdy
Harper & Row, cloth, 241 pages, $3.95

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Can you give me the traditions surrounding the deaths of the disciples?

I assume you mean the original twelve, perhaps with the addition of Matthias in Acts 1:26, and Paul. They are as follows:

- Simon Peter, crucified head downward in Rome under Nero.
- James, son of Zebedee, beheaded by Herod Agrippa (Acts 12:2).
- John, died a natural death.
- Andrew, crucified on “St. Andrew’s cross” in the shape of an X.

Please explain Romans 7:25.

The verse reads, “I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.” This is Paul’s answer to the question of verse 24, “Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” and his summary and transition from Romans 7 to Romans 8.

Christ is the One who delivers from sin, and puts an end to the civil war described in 7:14-23. The best the human can do is conceive right purposes, but those purposes are defeated by the presence of the flesh nature in the soul. The solution to this dilemma is announced in 8:2-3: “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned [doomed] sin in the flesh.”

In Titus 2:12, 14, is there any difference between “righteously” and “godly”?

There is only a very narrow difference. “Righteously” means the relationship of man to man; “godly” implies the attitude and relationship to God. The Greek word translated “righteously” is anomias and means lawlessness or wickedness.

Our church has been using a polling booth during two recent elections, for which we received twenty dollars. Does this jeopardize our position on separation of church and state? Could it be the opening of a gate to take away tax exemption from our church properties?

While I don’t think the use of a Sunday school annex as a polling place would compromise our position on the separation of church and state or provide a basis for the taxation of church property, I don’t believe it is a good practice. If it is done, however, it should be done as a service to the community rather than as a means of revenue. And I would certainly see that there were plenty of “No Smoking” signs around on election day.

Adam Clarke says about Crucifixion: “As the law of Moses had ordered that no criminal should continue hanging on a tree until the setting of the sun, Joseph, fearing that the body of Jesus might be taken down, and thrown into the common grave with the two robbers, came and earnestly entreated Pilate to deliver it to him, that he might bury it in his own new tomb.” If these two robbers were not allowed to hang over the setting of the sun, were they buried alive in this common grave or were they killed in some manner?

Crucifixion was a horrible death, and in other parts of the Roman world its victims might linger for several days. In Palestine, as far as the Mosaic law was observed, the legs of the victims were smashed with sledges as if to compensate for the shortening of their agony, and they were killed with a sword or spear thrust through the heart before being removed from the cross at sundown. Unless the bodies were claimed by relatives or friends, they would be thrown into the perpetual fires of the valley of Hinnom outside the city.
Meet on Buildings

The building committee, appointed by the Board of General Superintendents to supervise plans for construction at the Nazarene world center in Kansas City, inspected the new General Board building on August 12. Plans were discussed for the Nazarene bookstore building also contemplated at the twenty-two-acre site. The committee later had a luncheon with five of the six general superintendents as guests.

Looking to Portland

There will be plenty of hotel-motel accommodations for all Nazarenes who wish to attend the Sixteenth General Assembly in Portland in June, 1961, but the Portland Chamber of Commerce has stated: “Please, no reservations until after January 1.”

Nazarene reservations will be handled by the C. of C. Housing Bureau between January 1 and April 15. A total of 3,900 rooms has been reserved for the use of delegates and guests to Portland, according to Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general secretary. This compares with about 2,500 rooms used by Nazarenes in connection with the 1960 General Assembly in Kansas City.

Unanimous Three-Year

Rev. Robert J. Clack, Madison, superintendent of the Wisconsin District, received a unanimous three-year recall at the recent district assembly, Mr. Clack went to Wisconsin in the fall of 1962 to succeed Rev. Donald J. Gibson, who resigned to become a vice-president at Olivet Nazarene College. Mr. Clack is a former pastor on the Northwestern Illinois District.

A Second Moving Day

The odor of paint and varnish in the general Headquarters building of the denomination in Kansas City means that rededication of office space is nearly completed and a second moving day is near.

Ministerial Benevolence, Home Missions, and the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society will occupy offices on the second floor front formerly held by N.V.P.S., Church Schools, and Christian Service Training. Mahogany wood paneling features the new Home Missions offices.

On the first floor, the Foreign Missions offices will be expanded to take in the space formerly used by Mrs. Louise Chapman and Miss Mary Scott. Former Home Missions offices will be occupied by the I.B.M. machine room of the general treasurer’s department.

A conference room has been arranged for the general superintendents adjacent to their present offices on the second floor. The Nazarene Information Service will occupy two rooms on the second floor near the wing devoted to the general superintendents.

By O. JOE OLSON, Director, N.I.S.

Special Herald Next Week

Laymen in the Church of the Nazarene have written nearly all of the articles in this year’s special presentation issue of the Herald of Holiness. The personal testimonies will prove a blessing to all who read them.

About 800,000 copies of the issue dated September 4, have been placed in the mail. All regular subscribers will receive single copies. The bulk mailing to churches was in bundles up to 200 copies in a package. The bulk mailing cost was estimated at $1,080 by Everett Pleyer, circulation manager at the Nazarene Publishing House.

This issue of the Herald contains features which normally appear in the first issue of each month.

Church Growth Rate

THE NAZARENE denomination is continuing to grow at about the same rate as that reported a year ago.

A net gain of 4,038 new members was recorded by the first 40 church districts to hold assemblies in 1961. This is about half of the total 7,548 districts. For the previous year, the church had a total net gain of 8,135 members, or an increase of 2.19 per cent, in all districts.

The largest net gains in membership included: West Virginia, 380; Oregon Pacific, 351; Southern California, 339; Los Angeles, 307; Michigan, 282; and Florida, 219.

The statistics at the halfway point in the district assembly year also showed total giving about 6 per cent ahead of a year ago, and per capita giving ahead. The statistics were prepared by R. R. Hodges in the general secretary’s office.

New Church Started

Following a good revival conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Charles Ide, a new church was organized on August 4 in Big Rapids, Michigan. Dr. Fred J. Hawk, district superintendent, appointed Rev. Charles Pugh as pastor. There are ten charter members. This is the eleventh new church this quadrennium on the Michigan District.

Gift of Electric Chimes

An electronic chime attachment for the organ used by the Radio League in the denomination’s “Showers of Blessing” network broadcast has been donated by the Nazarene Publishing House. The attachment, called the Universal Chimeatron, cost $100. It is made by the Shulerich company.

Eisenhower Asks Prayer Room

ABILENE, KANSAS. (EP) — Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower wants a prayer room in the Eisenhower Center here.

Expressing the desire to members of the Eisenhower Library Commission at a recent meeting in Abilene, General Eisenhower said he would like to see a meditation room built as a part of the center where men could pause “to consider their future and their Creator.”

Although the center is maintained by the federal government—through the National Archives Division—he said he did not believe this should be an obstacle.

General Eisenhower said he did not feel the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling on religious matters should affect the project. He reminded that the United Nations has such a place.

Governors Endorse Voluntary Prayers in Public Schools

MIAMI BEACH, FLA. (EP) — The national governors’ conference went on record here as favoring voluntary prayer in the nation’s public schools.

By a vote of thirty-eight to one, the governors adopted a resolution urging Congress “to make clear” the right of public schools “to have free and voluntary participation in prayer.” The single “no” to the resolution came from Governor Karl F. Rolvaag (Dem.- Minn.).

Minnesota Poll Against State Lottery

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (EP) — Minnesota adults, by a narrow margin, oppose having their state follow New Hampshire’s lead in legalizing a sweepstakes lottery to augment the state’s revenue.

Forty-seven per cent of them oppose the idea and 42 per cent favor it, according to a survey made by the Minnesota poll.

Men are more inclined to favor a Minnesota lottery than are women. And in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, a majority (55 per cent) support such a proposal. Rural sentiment is against it.

Protest School Picture on Liquor Booklet

HARRISBURG, Pa. (EP) — Strong protests from churches and temperance spokesmen have caused the Pennsylvania governor’s office to allow the State Liquor Control Board to cancel plans for a schoolhouse picture on the cover of the fall liquor price list.

Dr. B. E. Ewing, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Temperance League, blasted the “bizarre relationship” the school scene would have created and cautioned Governor William W. Scranton of potential political repercussions.
An interior view of the new sanctuary of San Bernardino, California, First Church of the Nazarene, recently dedicated by Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent, assisted by District Superintendent Nicholas A. Hull and former Superintendent A. E. Sanner. The new unit is part of a block-long property valued at $600,000. It is air-conditioned and with furnishings and the construction of an adjoining educational facility cost a total of $300,000. Rev. Clyde A. Rhone is now in his sixteenth year as pastor of this great church.

Mr. Roy Yoesel of the building maintenance staff prepares the outside lights along the parking lot connecting the new General Board Building with the Headquarters Building. The picture was taken from the direction of the Headquarters looking north toward the back of the General Board Building.

James Okabe, the first Nazarene high school graduate on the island of Kauai in Hawaii, was born seventeen years ago into the home of a Buddhist dentist. The eldest of six children now living with their widowed mother, he is a faithful member of our Hanapepe church, president of the N.Y.P.S., a Guide for Nazarene Braves, and a radiant and devoted Christian. Plans for the immediate future include application for entrance to Pasadena College.

Dr. Norman Miller, executive administrator of the Nazarene Publishing House (in the suit coat to the right), welcomes a group of workers attending the Nazarene Directors of Christian Education Fellowship Conference as they arrive to tour the Publishing House. Below, the entire group assembles in the General Board Room for a picture: thirty-three directors, three pastors, and three professors of Christian education attended the Second Conference of the Directors’ Fellowship. Activities included an address by General Superintendent Samuel Young, papers, panels, and workshop sessions, as well as tours of Headquarters, the General Board Building, and the Publishing House. The directors represented serve churches with a combined membership of almost twelve thousand. Rev. Tom Barnard, minister of Christian education at San Diego First Church, was elected president of the Fellowship.
Guess
What!

I find IT in our mailbox every week...

It's about so-o big...

Gran'ma studies her Sunday school lesson from it...

Daddy uses it at prayer time...

Mother peeks at it whenever she can...

Brother—in the army—he really loves it...

Pastor says, "It'll do your heart good"...

You guessed it... IT'S THE "HERALD"

...and it still costs less than a nickel"