General Superintendent Benner

Life is a unit. True, for certain practical purposes we speak of various phases of life as social, religious, economic, et cetera; but the fact is that all these phases are so interrelated that our attitude in one affects all the others.

Thus our attitude toward other human beings is bound up inseparably with our attitude toward God. Jesus said, "If ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mark 11:26). The Apostle John wrote, "Beloved, let us love one another . . . He that loveth not knoweth not God" (I John 4:7-8).

The same principle applies in relation to material possessions. We cannot be fully consecrated to God and at the same time be selfish and covetous in our attitude toward our possessions, for our attitude toward these affects and reflects our fundamental attitude toward God. So, in relation to money, the problem is not in the money itself, but in our attitude toward it. A rich man may be fully consecrated to God and entirely unselfish, while a poor man may be greedy and covetous. It is when money and riches become the end rather than the means of life that we are not truly serving God.

Jesus declared, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Luke 16:13). Immediately following this we read, "The Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God" (vv. 14-15).

Evidently their attitude was that of many today, that their money, and what they do with it, is their own business. But Christ said to those of His day, and is still saying to us today, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth." "The tithe . . . is the Lord's," still represents God's law and will. Let us clearly understand and emphasize the fact that, if we serve God fully and acceptably, all we possess must be consecrated to Him and administered according to His blessed will and purpose.
God Is Hardly Dead!

• By C. Neil Strait

One day Martin Luther was depressed. His attitude shrouded the day with an awesome atmosphere. His wife put on black clothes, which distressed him deeply. He inquired about the clothes of mourning and his wife replied: “From the way you were acting I thought God was dead, so I thought it proper to wear something fitting.”

Some people act as though God is dead. They have shoved Him out of their lives and banished Him into exile—so far as their lives are concerned. Arthur Koestler has summarized our predicament quite well when he said: “God is dethroned.” It is not that God is dead—He is dethroned in our hearts and in our minds. And because He is dethroned, there is a pall on existence.

Dag Hammarskjold has said: “God does not die on the day when we cease to believe in a personal deity, but we die on the day when our lives cease to be illumined by the steady radiance, renewed daily, of a wonder, the source of which is beyond all reason.”

To many a person God is considered dead. But the deadness is theirs—not God’s. Within the heart there are rejection, selfishness, and non-commitment. The dethronement of God has left man without direction. He now looks out of tainted windows and bolted doors and surmises that God is dead.

But God is hardly dead. He has only been barred from entering the heart where He makes His life known and real. Without His light in our hearts, there is a paralysis of darkness—and it darkens our outlook. God’s promise to us—through His Son—is, “He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life” (John 8:12).

If you feel on occasion that God is dead, look within. Perhaps there you will find the real deadness. There you may find you have banished God. Banished Him from your decisions, your desires, and from your deeds.

There is hope for the one who finds deadness stabbing at his heart. Christ said: “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).
Yesterday was Saturday, my day to visit eighty-six-year-old Mrs. Bertha Jolly (better known as “Aunt Jolly”) at the county home. I read a chapter of one of the missionary reading books to her as her fork went carefully from her supper plate to her mouth. Many times it made the trip empty because time-worn eyes were sightless.

As I read of the harvest of souls in Bible lands she frequently expressed praise and thanksgiving by smiles and nods of the head. Supper was completed, followed by Scripture reading and prayer. I then told Aunt Jolly of the blessing her life was to me. Her response: “Sometimes I feel like an old, dried-up leaf.”

As my mind traveled to the Smoky Mountains in October, I took her with me. “Yes, Aunt Jolly, a ‘dried-up leaf.’ Like the leaves that are beginning to die in October. There are the reds, oranges, and yellows of the maples, the deep wine of the sourwoods and dogwoods, the fiery brilliance of the hickories, and the subdued tones of the oaks. Drying up they are, but beautiful to the glory of God. This is your life. Summertime is past and winter is near. You will soon be gone, but at the present your life is a brilliant display of God’s work of love and redemption.”

As I headed my car toward the parsonage I prayed: “O God, if I live to old age, make me a ‘dried-up leaf’ like Aunt Jolly.” —Winston J. Hatcliff.

God Can

By Charles L. Wray

What Power could make the earth and sun
From worthless molecules?
And who could fashion spheres of flame
Into celestial jewels?
What Being with a master plan—
A vast, eternal, faultless plan—
Could condescend to make a man?
God could.

Who offered man a holy life,
But sadly turned away
When Adam chose to sin instead,
His God to disobey?
Who sent His Son and sacrificed
The cleansing blood of Christ?
The sin-atoning blood of Christ?
God did.

Who owns the vastness of the skies?
Who calms the restless sea?
Who, with His everlasting grace,
Still cares for you and me?
What patient Source of boundless love
Looks sadly, silently from above
At sins that we are guilty of?
God does!

Who can erase the guilt of man?
Who can remove his sin?
None other than Almighty God
Puts love where hate has been.
What holy Power can impart
Enduring peace to every heart,
And joy that never will depart?
God can!

What loving God will save from hell
All those who call His name?
What Maker will destroy the fear
Of death, of want and shame?
Who, knowing what a soul is worth,
Will reach the lowest hell on earth,
Providing all a second birth?
God will!
Fires of Fervent Prayer

By Oscar Hudson

Intercessory prayer is the spark plug of achievement. In its absence there may be activity but little or no accomplishment.

Years ago, before the day of steam power, a three-masted schooner was caught and locked in the ice fields north of Point Barrow, Alaska. There was no radar, radio, or other modern means of communication. The ship remained locked there until the fuel became exhausted, the fires died out, and the crew froze to death. The giant iceberg, with the ship locked in, drifted until it was sighted and boarded north of Newfoundland.

The boarding party found the sails in tatters and the planks composing the deck rotten. When they went below, they were appalled to find members of the crew frozen hard, some at their posts. The captain sat at his table, his logbook open before him with the pencil as if he had gone to sleep and dropped it. The last entry in the logbook had been made thirteen years before. For thirteen years he had sat at his table, logbook open before him, pencil at hand, but no entry, while his ship drifted aimlessly, locked in a giant iceberg.

By the wall a man sat on the floor with a pile of shavings before him, flint and steel in his hands, as if ready to start a fire. For thirteen years he had sat with flint and steel in his hands but no strength to start a blaze. A small boy nudged up to him seeking heat but there was no heat. A woman lay in a bed wrapped in blankets, frozen hard for thirteen years.

It would be a tragedy if there should be churches throughout the land in a similar condition spiritually. Workers all in place, pastor, music director, Sunday school superintendent, supervisors, teachers all at their posts, flint and steel available, but without intercessory prayer no strength to cause a blaze! No life, no fire, and no glory!

Can anything be done? Yes! “As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children” (Isaiah 66:8). But travail entails labor and pain, and we are a selfish generation. We bow at the shrine of ease, luxury, and eminence.

“If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 18:19).

Two, fully dedicated to God and agreed, can pull enough fire from heaven to thaw the most forlorn situation. They need not be in prominent positions, but must be possessed with a passion that resists to be denied.

May the God of mercy awaken us and enable us to start a fire of achievement!

There is a spiritual ice field all about us. It will engulf us if we do not do something to thaw it. It is said that when one is freezing to death he thinks he is becoming warmed. Sin is so deceptive! The Bible indicates that there is danger of the very elect being destroyed.

“Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light” (Ephesians 5:14).

About the Cover...

A sight-seeing launch, crowded with vacationers, slips through the lower jaws of the Upper Wisconsin Dells, a beauty spot in Wisconsin. The Dells are not far north of the state capital, Madison, where also the Church of the Nazarene has its district headquarters. Rev. R. J. Clack is superintendent.

The district, made up of 44 churches, has a membership of 1,874, and almost 4,500 in Sunday school enrollment. In 1965, Wisconsin Nazarenes contributed $340,000.00, which is $171.90 per capita, higher than the denominational average.

—Managing Editor
ORDINARY LIVING CAN BE EXTRAORDINARILY WONDERFUL

It has been said that this century has seen more Christian martyrs than the Early Church knew. Certainly if we keep in touch with events in the various world centers we must realize that there are many Christians who are being called upon to seal their faith in Christ with their life's blood.

Just a few weeks ago a young Christian was found crucified in a field in Indonesia. Congo has been a country where countless Christians have faced terrible ordeals and untold shame at the hands of ruthless rebels. A Dutch Reformed church missionary has had his face permanently damaged through being struck by a rock which came hurrying through his car window.

Many people have claimed that they would die for Christ but have not been willing to live victoriously for Him. They have insisted that if only they were in some special circumstances they would be able to live out the Christian life to its full. But we have to live where God places us.

When Peter heard Jesus telling him that hard days awaited him when others would lead him where he did not want to go, Peter immediately inquired as to what was going to happen to John. How human! It was the attitude of: What about the other fellow? I hope You're not going to let him off. Why does this have to happen to me? But Jesus did not comfort Peter with assurances that John would also have his difficulties. He merely told Peter that that was none of his business. "Follow thou me," was the challenge.

Am I being faithful to God in my ordinary place, just as the martyrs are being faithful in their extraordinary circumstances? I should be challenged as never before by the magnificent courage of those who have gone through fiery trials for Christ. They should encourage me to go through the humdrum routine of my everyday trials for His glory.

The words of Oswald Chambers stir us to live, "not somehow, but triumphantly": "We can buck up and face the music of a crisis magnificently, but it does require the supernatural grace of God to live twenty-four hours of the day as a saint, to go through an ordinary, unobtrusive, ignored existence as a saint, unnoticed and unnoticeable. The 'show business,' which is so incorporated into our view of Christian work today, has caused us to drift far from our Lord's conception of discipleship. It is instilled in us to think that we have to do exceptional things for God; we have not. We have to be exceptional in ordinary things, to be holy in mean streets, among mean people, surrounded by sordid sinners. That is not learned in five minutes."
SPARE TIME: HOW DO YOU SPEND IT?

By H. R. Ballough

HOW MUCH TIME do you spend viewing TV? If your family devours TV programs by the half-hour like many families in the United States, you'll spend about forty-two hours a week at it—says one television-rating service. That's the equivalent of a full-time job.

In light of God's admonition that Christians should be "redeeming the time," whether or not that much time is justifiably spent is another question. Time is, after all, our most precious commodity. Once spent, it is irretrievable.

The next question is this: What would you and your family do with those forty-two hours a week if you didn't spend them watching TV? Would you get more sleep? Travel? Read a good book? Visit with friends or relatives?

Here are some ideas for spending God's time profitably:

1. Take an old-fashioned walk. Meet new neighbors you never had time for; give them a gospel tract. Smell those fresh-fallen leaves in October, or that warm spring air in May. Walking as a means of getting exercise is rapidly vanishing from our highly mobilized society, but it's a good feeling to come home with a rosy-cheeked glow to offset that office pallor.

2. How about a neighborly game of football or baseball for all the dads and sons in the vacant lot down the street? It beats the armchair quarterback or coach any Saturday afternoon; you'll even agree that sore muscles beat eye fatigue. Gives you a chance to witness for Christ, too.

3. Reestablish the lost art of communication. Have you ever noticed how little conversation develops in the living room during TV's prime time—from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.? You may be pleasantly surprised how much intellectual and spiritual thought is advanced through topical discussion. Discuss the spiritual impact of current events, your Sunday school lesson, or questions your children or their classmates raise as they develop and mature in this world. The family that not only prays together, but communicates together, stays together.

4. Take an extension or correspondence course from your local college or university. Exercise your brain; after all, it needs to be developed and utilized just like any of the body's muscles. Education doesn't end with graduation from high school or college; it is a continuing process throughout life. Have your favorite programs stimulated you educationally?

5. There are always opportunities in connection with church. Teach a Sunday school class or participate in your church's work parties. Visit the sick or elderly in your church. Perhaps your church janitor needs some help, or the one who prints your bulletin. Don't wait to be asked. Volunteer.

6. Do more things with your family. Old-fashioned or unusual things. Depending on where you live and the time of the year, you could make family projects out of finding and cutting your own Christmas tree, hiking along a misty beach in search of flora and fauna, or searching and following pioneer wagon trails. Listen for the laughter of your children enjoying the wide-open spaces. Little scenes of your family doing things together will be remembered and cherished for years to come.

7. Study your Bible. Besides being spiritual manna, the Bible contains all the action, drama, and comedy of today's programs in their basic plots. The inspired Word of God interweaves the early-day stories of many of His people into God's plan of the ages. For drama, you might be interested in the wreck of the Apostle Paul's ship on the island of Malta. And who can forget the tender love story of Ruth and Boaz? Comedy? King Saul's pursuit of David is almost like modern-day comedy simply because of David's craftiness and the bungling efforts of Saul's elite soldiers.

These are just a few ideas for spending God's time profitably. No doubt you can think of others. Remember, one day we will have to give an account of ourselves and of all God has entrusted to us. That includes "leisure time."
I DIE, But God...

By Mary H. Augsbury

A SMALL GROUP of us are praying today for and with a friend who has, literally, a life-and-death decision to make within the next few days. All of us believe that God hears prayer, that He cares, and that He will keep His promises. We know that He has promised to guide by the promptings of His Spirit in these matters where we have no specific command or example.

My friend has been given an ultimatum by a top medical doctor. She must decide whether she will undergo surgery which, he is frank to say, she may not survive, but which, if successful, will doubtless relieve pain, lengthen life, or conceivably make recovery a possibility. Or she may refuse surgery and be sure she has only a short time to live.

She is a Christian. I have seen her come from worldliness and spiritual wandering into the Kingdom and learn and grow and strive toward the mark for the prize of our high calling.

HOW DO WE PRAY in such an hour? Who is sufficient for these things? Many narratives we read these days by or concerning those who were soon to die: “I Die at Dawn,” “Death Be Not Proud,” “Whom the Lord Loveth,” and many others.

But the drama of the battle between life and death and how it is fought, sometimes with great and silent courage, sometimes with gropings and fears, sometimes blessedly, with a strong sense of divine support and reassurance, goes on about us all the time. It is not an unusual thing, or a thing which, as a rule, is known to many—only to close friends and relatives who must come to the place of relinquishment as best they can. But to those involved, the issues are as great as though such had never before been required of any other human being.

HERE IS WHERE God comes in—God, the Author and Ultimate of life. He is the Wisdom and Strength of His people.

So today we pray. We ask first for the spiritual preparation of this friend, for it is supremely important that there be no unfinished business between this soul and God. Then we make a definite request for His guidance and, if it seem good to Him, some special intervention or manifestation. We can, of course, of ourselves urge no course of action.

We turn to the Scriptures and are assured by many promises, statements, and examples that God will direct. “The meek will He guide in judgment” (Psalms 25:9); “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God” (James 1:5); and multitudes of others. There is the tender promise that in any event the Holy Spirit will be to committed followers of Christ “the One alongside to help.” So we have “promise ground” on which to plant our feet.

WE KNOW ALSO that the Spirit and the Word agree and we seek for the affirmation of the inward Voice which interprets and applies God’s Word, and assures us we are heard in our specific requests. “Our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death” (Psalms 68:20).

If Jesus tarries, each and all of us must face the issue of death. God’s comfort and guidance we believe will differ in each case, but certainly will be sufficient. “Though I walk through the valley—and each one’s valley is sure to be a little different from that of another—but the One who is with us is the same.

Jacob said calmly to his son Joseph, “Behold, I die; but God shall be with you” (Genesis 48:21). So surely can we say, as the fact of God comes to embrace all facts: “I die, but God will stay with you and go with me and be to both all that we need.”

POSTLUDE: The Christian woman who had this difficult decision to make felt it best to take no action but make all preparations soon to stand before God, to arrange her affairs and leave the time element to her Maker. She went into His presence a short time later, expressing no regret or uncertainty as to her decision.

“I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life... shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39).
Editorially Speaking

By W. T. PURKISER

Polishing the Brasswork

It has rightly been said that there is no progress in polishing the brasswork of a becalmed ship. Around the church, there is always the danger that much activity becomes just about that useless.

The peculiar peril of our day is not idleness. It is activity without purpose, busyness without meaning.

This is because we live in times when the premium is placed on “doing,” “getting things done,” being “dynamic” and active. This spirit of the age quickly infects the Church. Evangelist Maynard James has said it well:

“Some folks mistake the click of religious machinery for spiritual activity. They often think the energy and glitter of human enthusiasm to be the power of the Holy Ghost. They fail to discern between the psychic and the spiritual. They seem to forget that most of nature’s majestic movements are silent. The break of dawn, the shining of stars, the blooming of flowers, and the revolving of earth upon its axis—all are silent but irresistible.”

It is not that activity in itself is wrong. There is no virtue in being placid and passive in the face of great wrongs to be righted and great battles to be fought.

The problem is that activity may become empty. It may not be at all related to the purposes for which God has left His Church in this world.

When such a thing happens, we come to the place of the church at Ephesus to which Jesus said, “I know thy works, and thy labour... Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love” (Revelation 2:2-4).

The Present World and The World to Come

The Bible has much to say about two worlds. It is concerned with the present world. It is also concerned with the world to come.

Not all Christians have been able to hold these ideas in proper balance. Some have written off the present world as quite without hope. Others have ignored the world to come.

It is certainly true that we are called to a higher citizenship than we know in this world. The Church must ever avoid the temptation to be too much at home in the world. We are to be pilgrims and strangers here, confessing that our citizenship is in heaven, where we seek the “city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

Christianity offers no escape from the common life of humanity in its physical, social, and economic aspects. Christians suffer pain and are subject to sickness; they rub shoulders with those around; and they work for their living just as others.

If the Church is, as the New Testament teaches, the body of Christ, the continuation of His incarnation, then the Church must, as Jesus did, minister to the needs of publicans and sinners in compassion and self-giving. A flint-hearted, withdrawn, self-preoccupied Christian is a contradiction in terms.

The great problems of the present world are our problems too. War, vice, crime, poverty, hatred, and violence cast their ugly shadows over our lives as well as the lives of the family across the street or down the block.
This does not mean that the Church should spend its energies fanning away the smoke. Our task is to attack the fire. For behind the war, vice, crime, poverty, hatred, and violence of this present world is the grim fact of sin and alienation from God.

This is why the “social gospel” in either of its modern forms—supporting either reform or reaction—really misses the mark. It shoots at the wrong target, and goes out to battle the wrong enemy.

True, Christians will be on the side of civic righteousness and humanitarian reform. They would not be Christlike if they were not. But we must keep our priorities clear, that we do not sell out the world to come for temporary amelioration of the world that now is.

And the really important point lies in the fact that we are best able to serve the present world as we receive and share the power of the world to come. Really, we have not two purposes in life. We have only one.

G. Ray Jordan put it well: “Thus if we know what life is and what it means we understand that the personal and social phases of Christianity constitute one single whole. Too many of us have failed to see that the hell in our world is a reflection of what has been in our hearts—of the hell that is now there.”

Dr. Jordan goes on: “Actually, the salvation of individuals and the redemption of society cannot be separated. Politics must be Christian and statescraft must be spiritualized. These results will not follow until there are Christian leaders who can discern what is radically wrong with us and our world, and who can accept God’s power for the purpose of letting Him use them to make a new world. This is what makes Christian evangelism so significant for our critical and tragic day.”

STILL THIS IS JUST HALF THE STORY. We are in little danger of forgetting the present world. We are in great danger of forgetting the world to come.

The late Dr. A. W. Tozer has left a great heritage of incisive insight in his editorials in the Alliance Witness. He wrote: “It has been cited as a flaw in Christianity that it is more concerned with the world to come than with the world that now is, and some timid souls have been fluttering about trying to defend the faith of Christ against this accusation as a mother hen defends her chicks from the hawk.

“Both the attack and the defense are wasted. No one who knows what the New Testament is about will worry over the charge that Christianity is otherworldly. Of course it is, and that is precisely where its power lies!”

Dr. Tozer continues: “The Church is constantly being tempted to accept this world as her home, and sometimes she has listened to the blandishments of those who would woo her away and use her for their own ends. But if she is wise she will consider that she stands in the valley between the mountain peaks of eternity past and eternity to come . . .

“We are all headed toward the world to come. How unutterably wonderful that we Christians have one of our own kind to go ahead and prepare a place for us! That place will be a world divinely ordered, beyond death and parting, where there is nothing that can hurt or make afraid.”

Prayer for London

Sherwood Wirt, editor of Decision Magazine, has written his fellow editors of the evangelical press in America, asking special prayer for the Greater London Crusade in London, England, scheduled for June 1 to July 2 of this year.

Dr. Wirt points out the tremendous needs which exist in that great metropolis. London, like other cities the world around, is facing the problems of increasing crime, racial tension, dwindling church attendance, and growing moral breakdown.

The Church of England has reported that less than 3 percent of London’s population was in church on Easter Sunday. One of the “free churches” of Britain states that only 27 out of each 1,000 Sunday school pupils ever become members of the church, and that Sunday school dropouts in that same denomination are causing an annual loss of 8,000 pupils.

A London writer, Alan Stephens, has said, “The biggest battle of Britain today is for the soul of Britain.”

Surely every sincere Christian will pray that God will bless His Word as Dr. Billy Graham and the Crusade team begin their campaign this month.

But while prayers may focus on London, they should not stop there. America is now more nominally religious than England, but the indications are that in Canada and the United States the Church is facing a life-and-death struggle—not so much to survive as an institution as to amount to a dynamic force for righteousness, social and individual.

And in America as in Britain, the battle will ultimately be fought out, not at rural crossroads, but in the teeming cities.

Only God can give the measure of revival and its resulting evangelism that this day demands. And God will give only as His people prepare the way of the Lord by unceasing prayer and consistent witness.

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EXPLORING EVANGELISM
Dr. Mendell Taylor, dean of the Nazarene Theological Seminary, has produced a comprehensive volume, encompassing biblical, historical, theological, and pragmatic concerns relating to evangelism. No doubt is left about the author’s deep and energetic commitment to this cause.

Those who define evangelism in different terms and dimensions than here presented will be informed by this interesting and spirited story which includes some little known individuals and the changing evangelistic pattern over two centuries from “five star” evangelists through cooperative and team evangelism to current “evangelistic association evangelism.” Those who define evangelism as here defined will be inspired and encouraged by the record of men and movements here described.

Dr. Taylor writes this record with enthusiasm and pungency. One cannot lay down this book without recognizing that the Holy Spirit has used many men and many kinds of men in many different cultures and in many different ways to the glory of God. Between John Wesley and Billy Graham we are introduced to men of different theological positions and differing evangelistic methods, but they stand together in their earnest concern to win men to Christ. Dr. Taylor’s book lays upon the serious reader the question whether: (1) we are as sensitive to the Saviour, (2) as concerned for the uncommitted, (3) as courageous in obedience, as His disciples should be.—Paul H. Eller, President, Evangelical Theological Seminary.

ANIMALS, BIRDS AND PLANTS OF THE BIBLE
This little book contains interesting information about the animals, birds, plants, and trees mentioned in the Bible. It is an excellent resource book about Bible times and customs for both teacher and child. Children will enjoy its well-written text and colorful illustrations. It is valuable for the church school reading table and for use in the home.—Elizabeth B. Jones.

THE RISE OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Rev. M. E. Redford did a thesis for a Master of Arts degree and a thesis for a Bachelor of Divinity degree at Vanderbilt University, and in both instances his subject was on some phase of the history of the Church of the Nazarene.

This research work was done about twenty-five years ago, when many of the original documents were still available and many of the people who took part in the epochal events of the formation of the church were still alive.

Mr. Redford collected manuscripts and talked with “founding fathers” in a measure that gave him a complete record of the early days of the church. From this intensive background of research the volume has emerged. It gives a factual and practical account of the grassroots movements that became integral parts of our denominational structure.—Mendell Taylor.

BLESSINGS
OUT OF BUFFETINGS
Alan Redpath, pastor of Charlotte Chapel in Edinburgh, Scotland’s largest Baptist congregation, was in the course of preaching the sermons of this volume when he was taken seriously ill. The truth of II Corinthians, which he had so well learned through diligent study, took on a new depth of meaning as he found himself buffeted in sickness. Thus he decided to transcribe these homilies that they might touch many more lives of the Christian community.

We get inside Paul’s pastoral heart in II Corinthians. His first Epistle to the people of Corinth was intended to instruct and correct their erratic behavior. This second Epistle was intended to give his readers a view of “God’s dealings with him in his inner life.” Redpath writes, “By revealing something of the price he has paid, his ministry is vindicated and his authority recognized” (p. 11).

Chapter by chapter, Dr. Redpath moves through the Epistle, clarifying Paul’s words and applying them to the life of the Christian. With both a devotional and evangelistic thrust, the author discusses the joys and rewards of faithful stewardship, the purpose of discipleship, the meaning of separation from worldly entanglements in modern society, and significance and qualities of true repentance, the reality of a final and absolutely true judgment—all in the context of the assurance of the inexhaustible grace and power of God.

In his keen and warm analysis of Paul’s Epistle, the author reminds the reader that life is full of buffetings. The question for the Christian is, “Have I really got what it takes to stand them, or have I become a spiritual casualty?” Redpath offers the divine word as the Christian’s hope, “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness” (II Corinthians 12:9).—Willard H. Taylor.

MILESTONE PAPERS
The name of Daniel Steele has been virtually a household word among the initiated of the holiness movement for half a century. A leading Methodist theologian, professor at Syracuse University and later at Boston University, he came into the experience of full salvation in 1870, and thereafter was an ardent and able exponent of the doctrine. This volume was first published in 1878.

Herein is a compilation of essays on practical and doctrinal aspects of entire sanctification. Some might be of special interest to the more mature reader, such as the chapters on the “Tense Readings of the Greek New Testament” and on “Freedom.”

Beginners, however, will find great help in his discussion of faith for sanctification in relation to feeling in the chapter with the intriguing title “Let Go and Trust,” and in the secret of overcoming temptation written so interestingly under the caption “Jason and the Sirens—Victory in Temptation.”

To be well versed in holiness doctrine one needs to read Steele. This is one of his most versatile and helpful volumes, now available as a complete and unabridged reprint.—Richard S. Taylor.

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BRAZILIAN FIREMEN PROBE THE CHARRED REMAINS of the third floor of the Brazilian Nazarene headquarters in Campinas after a fire of undetermined origin caused an estimated $3,000 to $2,500 damage. The fire was confined to the third floor of the building, which serves as the Bible school and as a church as well as district headquarters. The unexplained incident received wide coverage in the Campinas and Sao Paulo press.

Lawlor, Greathouse Speak At Florida Camp Meeting

Dr. Edward Lawlor, evangelism secretary, and Dr. William M. Greathouse, Trevecca Nazarene College president, served recently as evangelists at the third annual South Florida indoor camp meeting at the Bud Robinson Memorial Church in Fort Lauderdale.

The crowds were swelled by visitors who were vacationing in Florida.

The camp meeting is sponsored by the eleven churches on the Fort Lauderdale Zone.

Missionary Harmon Schmelzenbach preached a stirring message, following which young people went forward to pledge their lives to God's will for their lives. An offering of $4,200 was pledged to build a church in Africa.

News of Revivals

Vancouver, Washington—More than 200 persons came to the altar during a revival at Central Church in which Rev. Mrs. Maridel Harding served as evangelist, according to Reporter Phyllis Roe.

Kurtz, Indiana—Spiritual results in the form of a man being reclaimed and his wife being converted came from a recent revival here with Rev. and Mrs. Marcellus Crider, evangelists, according to Pastor Claude Chastain.

Gainesville, Florida—Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Potter, Sunday school workers, directed an interchurch crusade in which the three churches here participated, according to Reporter J. Rex Eaton.

Mannington, West Virginia—Ten adults found spiritual help during a "breakthrough" in the final service of a revival with Rev. Ronald Pelton, according to Rev. James Bearden.

Rev. C. B. Fugett, evangelist, has closed three revivals in southern California, all of which resulted in spiritual advance. At San Gabriel, 174 persons found spiritual help, and 3 classes were received into membership.

Monroe, Wisconsin—"A good number of seekers" found spiritual help recently during a revival with Rev. Glen Ide, Jr., according to Rev. Wesley Burns, pastor of the church.

Norwalk, Connecticut—Sixty-four persons prayed through during a recent meeting with Rev. J. O. McCaskill, evangelist, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ward and son, as musicians. Rev. Robert W. Helfrich is pastor.

High Point, North Carolina—During a revival at Archdale Church, twelve persons found spiritual help during a revival with Rev. W. W. Rose. Rev. Paul Lain is pastor.

Charleston, South Carolina—Forty-five persons found spiritual help in a meeting closed recently at the Hanahan Church with Evangelist Nettie Miller. Twenty-five of those at the altar had never been to a Nazarene altar. Pastor Raymond De Shon said a large class of members will be received soon.

NORTHWESTERN OHIO CHURCH, at St. Marys, Ohio, was dedicated recently by Dr. Hardy C. Powers, general superintendent, and Rev. Carl B. Clendenen, district superintendent. The building, largely remodeled inside and out, plus a new sanctuary which seats more than 350 persons, cost about $90,000. Rev. O. V. Mewburn has been pastor for eight years.
LAUNCHING A BUILDING PROJECT, L. R. Rice (with shovel), a member of Greeley (Colorado) First Church for forty-two years, turns over the first spade of dirt. The ground-breaking marked the start of a $100,000 church and educational building. From left are Rev. Earl B. Wheeler, pastor; L. R. Rice, L. R. Rice, Harold and Bill Rice, and Rev. E. L. Cornelison, Colorado District superintendent. Wilson, Harold, and Bill are sons of L. R. Rice.

News of Area Interest

Graham, North Carolina—The sanctuary of the church was recently restored through a redecoration program made possible through a church extension loan, according to Pastor Al Truesdale. The church was recently the site of the North Carolina District preachers’ meeting.

Hastings, Michigan—A new church was recently completed, according to Pastor Dale R. Harvey, which seats approximately two hundred persons, and has space for twelve classrooms, plus a large assembly area. The cost of the building, which encloses 6,200 square feet, was $25,000.

Manchester, Connecticut—Rev. John Hancock, general N.Y.P.S. president, spoke recently at the New England District young people’s convention here. During the evangelistic services many young persons sought spiritual help. Rev. Kenneth Alcorn was reelected district N.Y.P.S. president.

Ravenna, Ohio—The church here, in preparation for a building program, recently sold its property for $70,000. A new church will be built on a site purchased near the edge of the city, according to Pastor Don Scarlett.

Hawaiian Churches Cited

Six churches were cited with Evangelistic Honor Roll Certificates recently during the Hawaii District assembly.

General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner gave certificates to Aiea, Ewa Beach, Hanapepe, Kaimuki, Kailua, and Wahiawa.

There are eleven churches on the district.

Holstead Welcomes Soldiers

Taiwan Field Superintendent John H. Holstead, discovering that several Nazarene servicemen have not been able to find the church in Taipei, is welcoming any Vietnam soldiers in Taiwan for rest and relaxation to visit the church.

The address is 100, Sheng Ching Road, Kuan Tu Li, Pei Tou, in Taipei, Taiwan. He may be reached by P.O. Box 802, and his telephone number is Peitou 784.

Taylor Speaks at Olivet

Dr. Mendell Taylor, dean of Nazarene Theological Seminary, and Professor Don Murray recently conducted the spring revival on the campus of Olivet Nazarene College.

“It was a time of genuine visitation of the Holy Spirit honoring the clear presentation of the gospel of full salvation,” College Pastor Forrest W. Nash said.

“The response in both chapel and night services was remarkable as scores sought the Lord.”

Mrs. Stanfield Improving

Mrs. Evelyn Stanfield, missionary in Bolivia, who recently underwent major surgery, reports she is on the mend.

“It would be impossible to express my appreciation to all who prayed,” she said. “I also appreciate the many lovely cards and letters. I am home from the hospital and slowly recuperating. I can never cease to praise the Lord; He has done so much for me.”

A COLLECTION OF HOLINESS BOOKS is appraised by Bill Franklin, a member of the Nazarene Publishing House sales department. This collection is now available through district assembly publishing house representatives. The holiness library represents all of the available books listed in the Holiness Bibliography compiled by Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1964.
British Honduras Schools Get Government Subsidy

Rev. Elward Green, superintendent of the British Honduras Department, reported that four Nazarene primary schools are now government-subsidized and that a national assistant superintendent, Rev. Alvin Young, has been appointed.

His announcement came during his report to the annual district assembly held at Benque Viejo, British Honduras.

Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent, presided at the assembly where he ordained four young men into the ministry. They are Louis Wade, Rudolph Wade, Archibald Gillett, and Samuel Gillett.

Dr. H. T. Reza, executive director of the Spanish Department, accompanied Dr. Young on the trip.

Moving Ministers


Rev. Willis J. Lambert, from Stockton (California) Fremont to Montrose, Colorado.


Rev. W. C. Rohmeister, from Norman (Oklahoma) Grace to Nacogdoches, Texas.

Rev. Champion, from Tucson (Arizona) Central to Houston (Texas) Broadway.

Rev. Robert Moore, from Madison, Indiana, to Indianapolis (Indiana) University Heights.

Rev. Edward A. Repp, from Fillmore, California, to Duarte, California.

Mr. John E. Steers to Siberia Madre, California.

Rev. A. Roy Smith, from Lancaster (California) Westside to Los Angeles (California) Grace.

Rev. J. H. Bezan, from Lancaster (California) First to El Monte, California.

Rev. George H. Gardner, from El Monte, California, to Pasadena field.

Rev. Janice Giles, from Anson, Maine, to Oakland, Maine.

Rev. Jack E. Holcom, from Chillicothe, Missouri, to Kirkwood, Missouri.


Rev. J. C. P. Chee, from Cape May Point, New Jersey, to Williamsport, Pennsylvania.


Rev. Frank Sargent, from Charleston, Iowa, to Fort Branch, Indiana.

Rev. Robert L. Williams, from Waterloo, Oklahoma, to Oklahoma City (Oklahoma) Portland Avenue.


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ABILENE—Rev. Raymond W. Hurn, 3515 43rd Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64110.

AUSTIN—Rev. R. E. Johnson, 421 E. 47th Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135.


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NORTHWEST INDIANA—Rev. George Scutt, Box 116, Hammond, Indiana 46328.

ORANGE COUNTY—Rev. Dr. B. C. Crennede, Jr., Box 286, St. Marys, Ohio 45885.

SOUTHEAST KENTUCKY—Rev. John E. Bezan, 8418 Hunters Point Drive, Orlando, Florida 32809.

SOUTHWEST CALIFORNIA—Rev. Elward Green, superintendent of the Spanish Department, accompanied Mr. B. J. Wynn, to Saidah, and Samuel Gillett.

This check is the result of surplus from Mr. McCallum’s record, “Flight F-16-AL.”

RECEIVES LITERATURE FUND CHECK—Mrs. Louise R. Chapman, president emeritus of the Nazarene World Missionary Society, receives a check from Evangelist Forrest McCullough to be credited to the Chapman Literature Foundation in Africa. The check is the result of surplus from Mr. McCullough’s record, “Flight F-16-AL.”
CITE BUSINESSMAN—Donald Dickerson (second from left) displays a citation presented him in honor of his sponsorship of “Showers of Blessing” radio program for the past twelve years over a Panama City radio station. The ceremony occurred during a recent homecoming service of the Ancon church in the Canal Zone in mid-March. With Dickerson are Rev. Elmer O. Nelson, field superintendent; Rev. Richard H. Leffel, present pastor; and Rev. Milton Harrington, former pastor, now ministering in Portland, Oregon.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—Dr. Nicholas A. Hull, 1235 E. Madison Avenue, Orange, California 92665

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Death

MRS. GLADYS BEECHER, seventy-eight, died January 8 after a lengthy illness in Ashland, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Edwin Whipple and Rev. Orel Giff. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Naomi Riffle, Mrs. Marjorie Heldenbrand, and Mrs. Frances Olewiler; four sons, Doyle, James, George, and Clayton; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Announcements

EVANGELISTS’ OPEN DATES

R. E. Hodgson, 6709 N.W. 34th Street, Bethany, Oklahoma—for June and first half of July.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Rev. George Gardner is well experienced as both a pastor and an evangelist, and I heartily recommend him to serve as an evangelist in a local church, in a district camp meeting, or in conventions and tours. Write him, 2006 E. Washington, Pasadena, California.

Rev. Albert Neuschwanger, after thirty-one years as pastor, has announced his intentions of entering the field of evangelism. Mr. Neuschwanger has pastored some of our largest churches, and is concluding his pastoral ministry at Fort Worth River Oaks, where he has been mightily used of God in the strengthening of this congregation. He is a powerful evangelistic preacher and is especially gifted in soul winning—Raymond W. Hurn, Superintendent of Abilene District.

BORN

— to Rev. Harold L. and Neva Guy (Mackey) Coats of Drumright, Oklahoma, a son, Richard Lynn, on April 28.

— to Rev. and Mrs. Larry Reinhart of Richton Park, Illinois, a daughter, Brenda Mae, on April 2.

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SPEAKS TO OVERFLOW CROWD—Dr. Billy Graham, in the recent Southern Piedmont crusade at Greenville, South Carolina, spoke to 6,000 persons outside Textile Hall. Double services were held during the crusade for the first time in the United States. More than 21,000 persons were waiting on the inside of the hall to hear him speak.

Nazarene Camps


June 20 to 26, Nebraska District camp and assembly, all evening services and all day Sunday at campground. S. E. Kearney, Nebraska. Workers: Rev. Paul McGrady, Rev. Bill Sullivan, the Jantzes, song evangelists; and Missionary Jean Darling. Rev. Whitcomb Harding, district superintendent.


July 3 to 10, Chicago Central District, at Chalfont Hall on campus of Olivet Nazarene College. Workers: Rev. George Gardner, Singer DeVerne Mullins. Dr. Mark E. Moore, district superintendent.

July 4 to 10, South Carolina District, at Nazarene Campground, Batesville, South Carolina, on State Route 391. Workers: Dr. Russell B. Delong, Rev. Paul McGrady, and Singers Ralph and Joan Dunmire. Dr. Otto Stickel, district superintendent.

District Assembly Information

CANADA WEST, June 9 and 10, at Calgary First Church, 126 14th Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Pastor Charles McDowall. General Superintendent Lewis. (S.S. convention, June 7; N.W.M.S. convention, June 8.)

CANADA EAST, June 9, at 40 Church Street, Saint John, New Brunswick. Pastor Charles McDowall. General Superintendent Lewis. (S.S. convention, June 7; N.W.M.S. convention, June 8.)

BRITISH ISLES SOUTH, June 6 and 7, at St. Mary’s Memorial Church, Bury Street, Parkhead Cross, Glasgow, Scotland. Pastor Sidney Martin. General Superintendent Young. (N.W.M.S. convention, June 4; N.Y.P.S. convention, June 4.)

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN, June 8 and 9, at C. Warren Jones Indian Bible School, 2315 Markham Rd. S.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105. Pastor Charles Scrivner. General Superintendent Williamson.


MASSACHUSETTS, June 6 and 7, at Bethany Church, 100 Lincoln St., Boston, Massachusetts. Pastor C. Warren Jones Indian Bible School, 2315 Markham Rd. S.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105. Pastor Charles Scrivner. General Superintendent Williamson.

ONTARIO, June 6 and 7, at Cornerstone Church, 215 East John St., Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Pastor Charles McDowall. General Superintendent Lewis. (S.S. convention, June 7; N.W.M.S. convention, June 8.)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN, June 9 and 10, at First Church, 8th and Alberdon, Billings, Montana. Pastor George E. Ronnekamp. General Superintendent Coulter. (N.Y.P.S. convention, June 7; N.W.M.S. convention, June 8.)

Alaska, June 9 to 10, at Juneau First Church, Juneau, Alaska. Rev. Paul McGrady. (S.S. convention, June 7; N.W.M.S. convention, June 8.)

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN, June 10, at Fort Point Campgrounds, near Salem, Oregon. Pastor Charles McDowall. General Superintendent Lewis. (S.S. convention, June 7; N.W.M.S. convention, June 8.)

**Program Schedule**

**June 5—"Open the Door, Please!"** by C. William Fisher

**June 12—"Making Light of the Light of the World,"** by C. William Fisher

**June 19—"Under the Fig Tree,"** by C. William Fisher

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**INDIANA ADDITION DEDICATED—General Superintendent Samuel Young (third from right in inset) dedicated a new educational unit at Anderson (Indiana) First Church, built at a cost of $130,000 and enclosing 11,000 square feet. The new building on the right was built to match the sanctuary. Those pictured are: James Salatin, building committee chairman; James B. Anderson, contractor; Arthur Henning, architect; Rev. John C. Wine, pastor; Dr. Young; Peter C. Heiden, city councilman representing the mayor; and Dr. Paul C. Updike, Northeastern Indiana District superintendent.**
Work Moves Ahead on New Junior College

Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, new chairman of the board of trustees for one of two General Assembly-approved junior colleges, held out hopes that a president would be named and a campus site would be selected within the next three to four months.

Dr. Galloway, Central Ohio District superintendent, was elected chairman during an organizational meeting held May 10 in Columbus, Ohio. General Superintendent Samuel Young, advisor to the new college, and Dr. Willis Snowbarger, education secretary, were present. Dr. Snowbarger presented guidelines for starting the new college which is to serve Nazarenes in Ohio, West Virginia, and part of Kentucky.

In addition to the chairman, the trustees elected Dr. Harvey Hendershot, Charleston, West Virginia, as vice-chairman; Rev. Luther S. Watson, Cincinnati, secretary; and George Jetter, Fort Recovery, Ohio, a layman, treasurer.

These men will comprise the executive committee together with Rev. C. D. Taylor, Louisville, Ohio, and Dr. D. S. Somerville, Ashland, Kentucky. Four of the six on the executive committee are district superintendents.

Presidential selection, site selection, and constitution and bylaws committees were also named. Rev. Carl Clendenen, St. Marys, Ohio, is chairman of the site selection committee; Rev. M. E. Clay, Cincinnati, is constitution and bylaws chairman; and Dr. Galloway heads the presidential selection group.

The board voted to make six district superintendents within the educational zone ex officio members. The remainder of the board will be made of equal representation of ministers and laymen elected for three-year terms. One minister and one layman will be elected during the upcoming district assemblies to represent each district of 7,000 members or less. Districts of more than 7,000 will receive one additional lay and ministerial representative.

The president will bring the total membership of the board at present to twenty-seven. The temporary board is made up of representatives who had been elected to serve on the Olivet, Trevecca, or Eastern boards prior to the forming of a new educational zone.

Colorado Springs Site For New Bible School

A 100-acre site in Pike's Peak Park near Colorado Springs, Colorado, will become the campus for Nazarene Bible College, according to a May 14 statement by President Charles H. Strickland.

The decision to accept the tract of land as a donation by Fred C. Sproul, Jr., a real-estate developer, overrode a bid by civic leaders in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Bible school’s board of control narrowed to two their site choices in an April 5 meeting, and placed the responsibility for the decision with an executive committee.

Classes are scheduled to begin in September. A campus plan is now being drawn, and construction on the first building, a $350,000 administration and classroom unit, is expected to begin shortly.

The second of two Bible school offerings is scheduled for this fall. The membership and friends contributed $130,000 in the first offering conducted last fall.

The executive committee is composed of Dr. Cecil D. Ewell, Chicago, chairman; Rev. Dean Baldwin, Carthage, Missouri; Rev. Fletcher Spruce, Quincy, Massachusetts; E. H. Steenbergen, Ashland, Kentucky; and Dr. Norman Oke, Washington, D.C.
To what extent do you think a pastor should make hospital calls? Should he spend more time calling in the hospital than in the home? Should a pastor try to call on every one from the town he lives in who goes to the hospital? Do you think a church can be built on hospital calling primarily?

Since I have no idea of the background of your questions, I'll join the class of those who rush in where angels fear to tread.

I believe the words of Jesus have a literal as well as a spiritual meaning. "They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick" (Matthew 9:12).

A pastor should make hospital calls to the extent of his ability. If he pastors a large church, he may spend more time calling in the hospital than in homes. I can think of few better calling ministries than if a pastor should be able to call on every one from the town in which he lives who goes to the hospital. It would be hard to imagine a more fruitful source of contacts with the lives and hearts of a great many unconverted people in the community.

While I'm not sure that a church can be built on hospital calling primarily, I'm sure it can be built very solidly through this as one means of ministering to the needs of people in trouble.

Since the Answer Corner protects the identity of questioners, and nobody will know this is your question unless you tell them, I think I'll go one step further. If you are well physically and spiritually —may I suggest that you as a layman pick up some of the other types of visits in connection with your church.

I think you'll find that you do not miss the pastor's call nearly so much.

Recently I heard two Nazarene preachers discussing Luke 12:5—"But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell: yea, I say unto you, Fear him." One said it referred to Satan, and the other said God. The former said God never sends anyone to hell, but Satan does. The latter said God sends to hell as a judge would send a man to prison for some crime. Would you please explain?

Creator.

The Bible makes it abundantly clear that God's final disposition of the souls of men is not arbitrary. It is conditioned on their prior rejection of His mercy freely offered in Christ Jesus.

Can we live up to the Sermon on the Mount, or is it just an ideal we strive for and never obtain? One of our acquaintances claims that we cannot live up to the Sermon. We take one look at it, and we all go to the altar to pray.

I agree there is much in the Sermon on the Mount to make us want and need to pray. But I do not believe it is an unrealizable ideal. Everything about it is realistic and designed for guidance in this life. It is, in fact, the basic ethic of the Christian life.

This much, however, about "living up to the Sermon on the Mount." It is pertinent and possible only for "the pure in heart" (Matthew 5:8), and those who take seriously the injunction of 5:48, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

I realize that some of our dispensational brethren propose to "bracket" the Sermon on the Mount and make it apply only to the millennium. But it would seem to me a rather queer millennium where there is poverty of spirit, mourning, warring factions to be reconciled, persecution for Christ's sake, murder, adultery, cursing, hypocrisy, as well as other conditions which are reflected in the background of Matthew 5; 6; and 7.

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