The Snares of Provincialism

General Superintendent Young

Clear vision and sound perspective have always been prime requirements for those who would serve the Church in her redemptive mission. God’s work needs men of caliber as well as men of good will.

Of course, from the worldling’s point of view, the Christian way is a narrow way, as Jesus himself acknowledged. His would always be a minority party, He admitted, despite surest evidence that His way is the way of abundant life. In Jesus himself there is nothing petty or mean. He was not a blind “party follower,” for He disregarded the elders’ traditions when they contradicted God’s historic revelation. He brought men back to God himself. In pleading for a forgiving spirit among His followers Jesus reminded them that our Heavenly Father makes His sun shine and sends His rain upon just and unjust alike. Even the seeming delays in God’s judgments, Jesus declared, stem from the Father’s reluctance to see any man perish.

In our own lives today, one of the major deterrents to bigness of soul and unselfishness in service is the conflict of the carnal mind within. The New Testament speaks of a better way. It is the way of death to the self-life by the incoming of the Holy Spirit. His fiery, cleansing presence removes the warring principle of evil and its cramping restrictions. This deliverance belongs to every obedient Christian who has made the great commitment, and is received by simple faith. But even when the heart is thus cleansed, the Christian faces the daily necessity of human limitations and the prejudices of his own provincialisms. At this point, growth in grace and increase in knowledge through daily prayer and the study of God’s Word become a necessity for spiritual survival and for Kingdom advancement. The only safe Christian is a growing Christian as He follows his Master in all things.

*If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me* (Matthew 16:24).
Dr. Joseph N. Speakes, Nazarene pioneer, died April 18 at Nampa, Idaho. Funeral services were held at Nampa First Church on April 22. Rev. Raymond C. Kratzer, pastor, presiding, District Superintendent I. F. Younger assisting. Dr. Speakes pastored sixteen Nazarene churches, was superintendent of four districts, and up until the time of his death was the only living person to have attended all the Nazarene General Assemblies since 1907; was president of Nazarene Pioneers. Just last October he went to Pilot Point, Texas, as he had fifty years before.

Mrs. W. L. McGuire, age eighty-nine, mother of Dr. W. M. McGuire, superintendent of Eastern Michigan District, died April 15 in Collingwood, Ontario, Canada. Funeral service was held at Stayner, with interment at Thornberry, Ontario.

Rev. and Mrs. V. L. Nabors will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on May 21 in Houston, Mississippi, where they were married. They will receive relatives and friends at the City Park House, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Brother Nabors has been a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene for over forty years; their present church is near Laurel, and the address is Route 1, Moss, Mississippi.

Pastor J. B. Gatliff sends word from Phoenix, Ariz.: “Maryvale Church completes new building; first service on Easter Sunday with a record attendance of 2,000.”

Next Week...
The Promise of Pentecost, L. Wayne Sears
The Christian in Gold Braid, J. Perry Christiansen

THE UNIVERSAL SOLVENT
By MARY HAWKS
Once as I visited my husband’s dry cleaning plant, I became interested in the process that dry cleaners call “spotting.” In this process they attempt to remove the stains that will not come out in the usual cleaning process. Some stains, however, cannot be removed.

As I talked with my husband, he explained the use of the different solutions he used for tannin, blood, ink, scorch, etc. As we talked, I began to think of the most stubborn stain of all the world—sin!

Although sin is the most stubborn stain in all the world, there is one universal solvent able to remove it successfully. “Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool” (Isaiah 1:18).

“The Bible has been hated, despised, cursed, condemned, scoffed at, misconstrued, and misquoted—yet it lives. It truly is the Word of God.—Selected.

In times of discouragement and loneliness the understanding handshake, the cheery smile, or the sympathetic tear of a friend can bring comfort and hope. Christ is a Friend who ever loves and cares for His people. He is a Friend who sticketh closer than a brother. As Christians we have the privilege of fellowship with each other and with God.

—ETHEL KAECHLE.
It was during the morning meeting of the Hawaii District Assembly, March 12, that the bells began to ring and the sirens began to scream, signaling the news that the Congress had completed action whereby the Territory of Hawaii could become the fiftieth state of the United States of America. Of course excitement gripped the assembled Nazarenes, business came to a halt, the presiding general superintendent made a brief speech, and all stood to sing “America.”

Certainly that was a notable day for the people of the Territory of Hawaii, and the culmination of forty years of dreaming, planning, and working toward statehood. A Samoan Nazarene, a resident of Hawaii, expressed the feeling of thousands when he said to the assembly, “Until this day I have been a second-class citizen; but now I am a first-class citizen.” Statehood means new opportunity for Hawaii. And this in turn means increased opportunity and responsibility for the Church of the Nazarene.

Good work has been done. There was an excellent spirit in the district assembly. Progress along all lines was reported by Rev. Cecil Knippers, district superintendent. This included a net gain of nearly one hundred members, and the organization of one new church. This was Brother Knippers’ final report, completing nearly eight years of service in the Hawaii District.

With Brother Knippers, Mrs. Benner and I visited several of the churches on the island of Oahu, in the Honolulu area, as well as those on the islands of Maui and Hawaii. Our churches are well located, and most of them have good buildings. We express the gratitude of the church to Brother and Sister Knippers for their years of service in Hawaii.

There is a real challenge to the Church of the Nazarene in these islands. The mixture of peoples from East and West produces some rather unique problems. But in such an area as is now coming into full statehood under the American flag, an aggressive, spiritual, strongly evangelistic program can meet the demands. Our faithful Hawaii pastors are committed to this program.

With Dr. W. S. Purinton assuming the superintendency of the Hawaii District, we can confidently anticipate a continuation of the splendid record of the past years. So when you pray, remember our “fiftieth state” Nazarenes!

Pentecost the Beginning

By W. T. PURKISER

At the center of the New Testament stands the Book of Acts. At the heart of Acts is Pentecost. From an eyewitness and participant in the first Pentecost comes this testimony to the gentile Pentecost at the house of Cornelius: “And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning” (Acts 11:15).

This is Peter’s evaluation of Pentecost many years after that original day in Jerusalem. Peter had been in the experience of Pentecost long enough to see its practical outcomes. He had lived it through test as well as triumph, valley as well as mountaintop, depression as well as exhilaration.

Now, after a decade or more, he can measure it accurately. It evidently had worn well, for Peter simply identifies it as “the beginning.”

Many since have thought of an experience of Pentecost as a goal. Peter viewed it as a starting point. By many it is considered a terminus, a point of arrival. For Peter it was a place to begin.

True, Pentecost had been the end of some things. It had been the end of spiritual poverty, the end of the carnal nature, the end of selfishness, pride, man-fear, vacillation, spiritual impotence, and all
the un-Christlike elements lurking in the furthest recesses of the regenerate heart.

But in a vastly greater sense it was the beginning. For the Church, this was true. Pentecost was the beginning of a new era; the age of the Spirit had dawned at last. It was the beginning of home and foreign missions, of a mighty soul passion to thrust out as the evangel of truth and life.

For Peter individually it was the beginning. He dates his truest, fullest, richest spiritual life, not from Jordan, or even Galilee, but from Pentecost. Let us take a closer look at this idea.

**Pentecost is the beginning of PURITY.** Its first result—at Jerusalem, at Caesarea, or wherever—is the cleansing of the heart: “And God, . . . bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, . . . and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith” (Acts 15:8-9). As Dr. Richard Taylor so well put it, “Peter went right to the heart of Pentecost by showing that Pentecost goes right to the heart.”

Not purity of life and conduct, certainly, for that had already been won through saving grace by both disciples (John 17:6) and Cornelius (Acts 10:35). Rather it was purity of motive and love, creating, in Charles Wesley’s words:

*A heart in ev’ry tho’t renewed,*
*And full of love divine;*
*Perfect, and right, and pure, and good—*
*A copy, Lord, of Thine.*

**Pentecost is the beginning of POWER.** So it was for Peter and the Early Church. So it is for us today. True, wherever the Spirit of God is present in any measure, there is power. Before Pentecost, the disciples were given power to cast out demons and to heal the sick (Matthew 10:1), for the Spirit was with them (John 14:17). But in the fullness of the Spirit there is power of a new sort, to be witnesses at home and abroad (Acts 1:8).

In the degree to which the Spirit of God is honored in the church and in individual hearts, there will be spiritual power. Really, as A. T. Pierson claimed, “The Acts of the Apostles” could well be called “The Acts of the Holy Spirit,” for had there been no Pentecostal power there would have been few acts of the apostles to record.

**Pentecost is the beginning of PEACE.** This, Jesus had promised in His great Last Supper discourse when He said in connection with the abiding of the Comforter: “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27).

Peace with God is the result of justification by faith (Romans 5:1). The peace of God is the fruit of the Spirit, and is born of trust made perfect. It is “the God of peace” who sanctifies wholly (I Thessalonians 5:23) and stills the feverish anxiety of a troubled age.

Finally, **Pentecost is the beginning of PERSEVERANCE.** What a difference in Peter before and after Pentecost! Before, it seemed as if Peter the Rock was only sandstone, crumbling beneath the scorn of a little serving girl. After, Peter the Rock became granite, flintlike in purpose and steadfastness.

Any who will “follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord,” need never “fail of [or fall from] the grace of God” (Hebrews 12:14-15). In purity of heart and perfection of love we have the greatest possible safeguard of the spiritual life.

Pentecost, then, was and is the beginning of **purit y, of power, of peace, and of perseverance**—for Peter, and for all who will receive the fullness of the Spirit of the living God.

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**Pentecost and Power**

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Climbing wearily on the trail out of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, we stopped frequently to rest and look back. From the rushing river to the canyon’s rim was seven miles forward and one mile upward. Although no one had the intention of going back, a few moments of comparing our position with the starting point gave us fresh courage for the climb ahead.

To look back at Pentecost may serve a similar purpose. Not alone to the first-century Christians was the promise of the Father given, but to as many as the Lord God should call. There is enough likeness between their situation and ours to inspire us. Only one historical Pentecost could occur, but the Holy Spirit who came then upon the 120 in a dramatic outpouring has continued to be God’s Gift to the faithful who tarry and believe. His presence still means what it did then—abundant spiritual power with victory and achievement along the Christian way.

Although our generation has seen some of the mightiest demonstrations of physical power that have ever occurred, we must still take a backward look to observe the greatest single manifestation of spiritual power. Is this according to divine plan, or is it due to a remediable human failing? Is it natural that the pulsations of spiritual power should wane as time passes, as happens with unrenewed physical power? Do modern Christians enjoy as much power as God wants them to have? Is it right to expect that they should experience as great movings as did the Upper Room group, since...
there is present so much less of the drama and publicity that attended the tides of Pentecost?

Every thoughtful Christian will have his own answers to these questions. Certainly we believe that God is not satisfied that so few, comparatively, do His work with earnest and devout purpose. Surely God wishes that all the churches would urgently press the claims of the Kingdom upon men's attention. At the same time it does not remedy the lack for the concerned ones habitually to berate the unconcerned, to belittle the churches, and belabor the fact that Spirit-filled Christians today do not speak in alien tongues or exhibit cloven tongues of fire upon their heads. To occupy oneself thus is usually to waste time that might be spent more profitably.

Let us note four positive ideas concerning the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the power He brings, derived by comparing the past and the present.

1. **He still comes in power to those who tarry.** More divine empowerment would surely come if more opportunity were made for Him to enter into our busy lives. God is pleased with busy men. There is no reason to suppose that He wants us to cease from our normal labors, but He does not want to be crowded out of our lives. Let Christians remember that it is not busy hands and feet which crowd out the Holy Spirit so much as it is preoccupied minds and unconcerned hearts. Our danger is that we shall be like the man of whom the Psalmist said, “God is not in all his thoughts” (Psalms 10:4).

2. **His baptism is an experience in which we need frequent refreshing.** Our scattered attention and normal human weakness make it possible to lose involuntarily the “spiritual glow” of our initial Pentecost. Not only an introduction to Him, but continuing fellowship with Him, is our need. He is not seeking an opportunity to escape us, but our faults and failures may prevent Him from manifesting His power through us, and our carelessness may grieve Him.

3. **His baptism brings power intended for use.** Like the manna, it does not keep well in storage, but it amply satisfies the present need. It is the most practical thing in the world, and is not a mysterious, magical, unpredictable abstraction. It makes us what we ought to be: courageous, zealous, devout, hopeful, patient, and loving in life's daily round. No doubt God is glad for every occasional brilliant victory and sudden burst of industry, but must we not believe that daily patience in well-doing, with singleness of aim and stability of purpose, is a thing He desires even more?

4. **His baptism empowers each person uniquely.** We are not required to give up our individuality nor to become a copy of someone else. Each becomes a witness, one who lets his light shine. The requirement is that each do something, using the power he receives and the talents he possesses. Our main concern in this should be to place ourselves wholly at His disposal, and let Him employ our abilities for our mutual advantage. In this way God's cause will prosper.

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By HARVEY E. FINLEY*

**Pentecost**

**In Prophecy and Promise**

One of the very interesting features of the Bible is that of prophecy or promise in the Old Testament and fulfillment in the New Testament. This is most pronounced with respect to the person and work of Christ, but it is also very obvious regarding the coming and work of the Holy Spirit. Therefore in keeping with the significance of Pentecost for us today, we wish to notice how particular prophetic utterances have been fulfilled in Pentecost.

**The Promised Abiding Presence of God in Isaiah (4:2-6)**

Isaiah, foreseeing the wonderful and glorious Branch of the Lord, described certain things that would take place in connection with the coming of the Branch—the Messiah. He declared that those in Jerusalem would have their uncleanness removed by a judging, burning spirit of God (v. 4). Thereafter the presence of God, symbolized by the cloud by day and the shining flame by night (v. 5), would overshadow and envelop His people to the extent that they would be safe from anything that might harm them (v. 6).

In this passage we see that, centuries before Pentecost, Isaiah held forth the wonderful hope, first, of the removal of impurity and, second, of the wonderful experience of the overshadowing, abiding presence of God. That which the prophet

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THE PROMISED OUTFLOWING OF GOD'S SPIRIT
IN ISAIAH (32:15-18; 44:1-5)

The prophet Isaiah, again, who spoke frequently of the coming Messiah, referred also to the outpouring of God's Spirit on His people. In 32:15-18 we read his description of conditions characteristic of the day of the outpoured Spirit of God. This description is an abrupt departure from that of conditions of his day; further, the characteristics described are the opposite of those of his day. He foresaw for God's people has been realized in Pentecost.

COMMUNION

By DOROTHY CONANT STROUD

How my heart thrills to know that whether I Am vigorous and strong, or helpless lie
Upon my couch, beyond the power of speech,
My Lord is there, and will in comfort reach
To me His hand, and lay it on my brow!
Yes, His touch can my yielded heart endow
With blessings manifold: love that endures,
And faith unquestioning, that full-assures
Me all is well; does not the Master stand
Beside me now? Does not His tender hand
Bring healing infinite, a heavenly balm
That lets me rest in His unchanging calm?

Then, O my soul, rejoice! Communion sweet
Is mine when consecration is complete!

conditions of his day; further, the characteristics described are the opposite of those of his day. He foresaw, in a future day when God's Spirit would be outpoured on His people, that instead of barrenness there would be fruitfulness; instead of injustice, unrighteousness, and turmoil there would be justice, righteousness, and peace. In a spiritual sense the transformation bringing about these desired conditions can take place only through the experience of the outpoured Spirit of God on the individual lives of God's people. Thus Pentecost is the fulfillment of this prophecy.

In 44:1-5 there is another instance in which Isaiah spoke of the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon His people. The words were addressed to Jacob, those already significantly related to God. They were to the effect that in meeting a deep need, suggested by the water on thirsty land and streams on dry ground (v. 3), God would pour out His Spirit as the means of meeting this need. The manner in which Isaiah singles out this great act of God and gives it specific mention indicates that he was speaking of that which was not the usual for God's people in his day. With gratitude and praise to God we see that this passage has been and is fulfilled in Pentecostal experience.

THE PROMISED SPIRIT AS A GIFT IN EZEKIEL (36:25-27)

Ezekiel among those exiled in Babylon was divinely moved in very dark days to speak of a brighter day for God's people. He declared boldly and hopefully that God would vindicate His great and holy name by restoring His people to their land. He pointed out that this restoration was to be realized in a cleansing from all filthiness (v. 25). Further, he stated this cleansing was related to a changed heart, that their cold, indifferent hearts would be made into warm, living hearts (v. 26). He also related the cleansing to God's giving or putting a new spirit within (v. 27). This spirit would be His Spirit, enabling them to walk uprightly and obediently before Him in a way they had never been able to do without this promised Spirit.

In the New Testament one does not read very far without noticing the attention that is given not only to a new heart but also to the promised Spirit. In addition, the New Testament is clear in emphasizing that the Holy Spirit as manifested in Pentecost is God's gift to the waiting, expectant individual who desires this gift above all else.

A VERY FAMILIAR PROMISE IN JOEL

The most familiar promise of the outpouring of God's Spirit is Joel 2:28-30. This is true, without doubt, because Peter quoted it on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon those in the Upper Room.

The significance of Joel's promise of the outpoured Spirit of God is best seen in the light of the emphasis of the earlier part of his prophecy. There is an emphasis upon repentance in 2:12-13, and attention is called to the blessings God would bestow upon the truly repentant in 2:18-27. This is followed by Joel's prophecy that God would pour out His Spirit on all His people, not merely on particular persons, as in times past. He asserted in effect that lives characterized by the outpoured Spirit of God would be the rule for God's people.

This was the great pronouncement which Peter recognized as fulfilled in the coming of the Holy Spirit upon them in the Upper Room (Acts 2:17 E.). We may add that fulfillment of this promise continues in an ever-expanding way as born-again persons wait until they too have received the Holy Spirit from on high, experiencing their own personal Pentecost.

Pentecost in prophecy and promise in the Old Testament and in fulfillment in the New Testament is one of the most thrilling truths unfolded in the Bible. God grant that we appreciate Pentecost as a great day in the history of our faith; but even more important, may we personally experience the full meaning of it.
Pentecost

The Christian Pentecost is an important day in the calendar of the church year. It is an important day in the calendar of church history. It is also an important day in the calendar of God.

Pentecost is a day for which God had planned from the beginning as a vital part of the entire plan of salvation. Across the years the prophets had predicted that it would come and told of the work that would be wrought in the human heart when it did come. The work of Pentecost is the culmination of that spiritual cleansing which God had ordained should be ultimately the heritage of all of His children. Pentecost, with all that it means dispensationally and historically, is primarily the occasion at which the Holy Spirit of God poured Himself out upon the children of God, baptizing them and cleansing them from all sin.

Peter caught up the significance of this as he was describing to the Jerusalem Council the happenings of the gentile Pentecost at the house of Cornelius: "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:8-9). But this was in retrospect. This same truth is written large in the revelation of God long before the day dawned.

Moses summarized this law to his people, "And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live" (Deuteronomy 30:6). Here God is showing that love for Him and for one's fellow man, which is indeed the "great" commandment (Mark 12:28-31), is not possible until the heart has been cleansed from everything contrary to that love. The "perfect love" which John Wesley pointed out as the essence of the experience of entire sanctification and the life of holiness is possible, historically and experientially possible, when the heart is indeed "purified by faith" in its own Pentecostal experience.

But the prophets also caught the sweep of this. "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God" (Ezekiel 36:25-28).

Following the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, Peter identified all of this with the prophecy of Joel, which was but another expression of this same truth which God had sought to get to His children first through the law and then through the prophets. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: . . . and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit" (Acts 2:17-18; Joel 2:28-29).

John the Baptist also saw the significance of Pentecost in the scheme of God. At the time he was introducing Jesus to His public ministry as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29), he said, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire" (Matthew 3:11-12). Jesus later verified this as a prophecy which related the purpose of His ministry to the work of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 1:4-5).

And so we see that God has purposed from the beginning of time that His children should be clean in heart. He has purposed that this cleanness shall come through the work of the Holy Spirit making His way into the hearts of believing children of God. Pentecost was the historical event which pinpointed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon men. A personal Pentecost can be repeated today, in this age of the Spirit, to every child of God who desires it and seeks for it.
Something Even Better!

By FLETCHER GALLOWAY
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Most every Christian when reading the gospel story has at some time or other wished that he might have been present when the wonderful events were happening—for instance, the day when a boy gave his lunch to Jesus, who in turn took it and fed five thousand people. Wouldn't you have enjoyed watching that boy's face—the growing wonder and amazement, and then the smile when Jesus looked his way? Think of the ten lepers. What unspeakable joy they must have felt when it finally dawned on them that they were actually healed!

And what an experience it would have been to be present when the son of the widow of Nain was raised from the dead! Can you imagine her startled unbelief as the boy rose up in his casket, and then the sob, followed by the joyful cry of ecstasy when he stepped out of it, and into her arms?

The twelve men who followed Jesus, who heard His matchless words and saw His mighty miracles, certainly were blessed with high privilege. Their love and admiration must have grown tremendously during those years when they were associated with Him. It was a shock to know that He was to leave them, and it seemed incredible that any possible good could result.

Wholly Thine

Lord, if I know my heart
I would be wholly Thine;
But should there be some roots
Where willful thoughts entwine,
Dig deeper and uproot them, Lord,
And make me wholly Thine!

—JESSIE W. FINKS

A Remembering Church

By CLYDE W. RATHER
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"O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come" (Psalms 71:17-18).

Perhaps everything that needs to be said or written about the honored, retired servants of our church has been said beautifully and written in shining words, but today I am thinking that you and I should hold these servant-saints in grateful remembrance and in daily prayer.

All of us must know at least one retired minister or one retired minister's wife. While the church is caring, in part at least, for their financial support there is something we can do that would be a lift to their faith and a source of untold blessing as they walk toward the sunset of life. I am thinking of a loving letter, a friendly call, a word of appreciation, or perhaps a small gift. These are ours to give.

So, after we pray for them this day, let us complete our prayer by a definite act of remembrance and gratitude to someone who has “fought a good fight” and is soon to finish his course.

"Father, we pray for Thy servants who have given their lives to the ministry of Thy gospel. We acknowledge our debt to them—a debt we can never repay. As they walk in the fading light toward the golden sunset, may they be made serene and gracious, supported by Thy presence, and surrounded by remembrances of our love and care. This we humbly ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.”
on the stormy Galilee when the presence of Jesus in
the boat saved their lives. How could anything be
better than having the One with them who could
even command the winds and the sea and they
would obey Him?

Love always desires the presence of the one be­
loved. It is only natural that Christians long for
the personal presence of Jesus. If He were just here,
He could explain the mysteries that puzzle us. If
He would just come and take over the leadership
of the church, how it would simplify things! There
would be no more disappointments and no more
misunderstandings.

However we forget that to have Jesus present in
the flesh would involve limitations. He could not
be everywhere at the same time. The plaintive
lament of Martha, "Lord, if thou hadst been here,"
(John 11:21) would be repeated over and over.
With millions of Christians in the world, all want­
ing to see Jesus, we could hardly hope to have more
than one interview a year. His spiritual presence,
made effective by the Holy Spirit, makes Him
omnipresent. Wherever "two or three are gathered
together" in His name, He is there. Even the
plaintive cry of the weakest follower gains instant
attention.

Jesus promised "greater works . . . because I go
unto my Father" (John 14:12). His miracles of
healing were marvelous but the miracles of trans­
formed lives starting with three thousand at Pente­
cost, and five thousand a few days afterward, are
still going on.

When Jesus said to His friends, "It is expedient
for you that I go away" in order that "the Com­
forter will . . . come unto you" (John 16:7), He
did not limit this to His immediate followers but
the truth applies to us now. He said, The Holy
Spirit will make My presence more real and more
effective than if I could stay with you forever in
the flesh. Every Christian certainly wants this ful­
filled in personal experience.

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Calm, the Depths

By JEAN M. LOW

The small, unsteady craft in which I sail
Upon the restless, unrelenting sea
Of mortal life appears sometimes to be
Minute and fragile, infinitely frail—
Incapable of weathering the gale
Of circumstances life would thrust at me.
Long nights of tempest's raging wild and free
Prove efforts of my own cannot but fail;
But when in faith I seek to know the mind
Of Him who makes the elements conform,
And see, through helpless tears that almost blind,
His peaceful walking on the waves, His form
Serene and calm—then suddenly I find
The peaceful depths beneath the surface storm!
Advice to (Mountain) Travelers

In an old copy of The Swiss Guide there is found this succinct advice to travelers in Switzerland:

1. Get a good guide.
2. Get the best guide.
3. Get a guide that has been tried.
4. When found engage him quickly.
5. Trust to his guidance.

Although this is meant as practical advice to people who travel the dangerous mountainous area that lies between Switzerland and Italy, it has significance to travelers of another kind.

Too often the stubbornness and stiff-neckedness of the human spirit is akin to that of the old Indian who had lost his way in the forest. When rescuers found him, he insisted vehemently, "Me not lost! Wigwam lost!"

However it does not take much venturing forth into life before the honest wayfarer will see that he needs a guide. He not only needs a good guide, but he needs the best, for the old saying is true: "The good is enemy to the best."

The Holy Spirit is that best Guide. May we have the good sense to recognize Him, we "engage Him quickly." And in exactly the degree that we "trust to His guidance" will we find true happiness and durable satisfaction in the service of God and our fellow men.

What Is YOUR Contribution to the World?

A baby’s shoe and an empty beer can! These objects caught my attention as I drove to church recently. They fell in line with my line of thinking that morning, the matter of making a contribution to humanity. I may never know if there was any relationship between them, the shoe and the beer can, but they were startling guideposts to my thinking. The shoe spoke of the great responsibility to one member of living humanity, molding a mind, training a body, helping to fit a soul. The beer can spoke of careless selfishness and a sinful contribution to the illnesses and crime of the world. Not what one gets but what he gives tells much about his character and contribution to the world. It is easy to give that which costs nothing, or to talk about what one would give if he had it. The important question is, Will I give what I have? It is said that a great Church leader showed Thomas Aquinas the great possessions of the Church, remarking that it no longer need say, "Silver and gold have I none." Aquinas answered that neither could it say, "Rise up and walk."

Peter and John had no idea of the circumstances in which they would be involved when they started for church one day. The cripple that cried to them had lain at the gate for a long time asking for alms. His cry was a familiar one. He had been lame from birth and was dependent upon others to carry him to the gate. This was an accustomed and fruitful place for him.

It is interesting to consider that he has his counterpart in the world today, however. Lying outside the gate daily is a needy world. History proves the worth of the Church to the world and the measureless contributions of great blessing in many boons to humanity. The Church is in contact with them daily, the helpless, sin-crippled world, born with the most deadly disease known to man. The circumstance places responsibility on the Church and focuses the attention on the Christian. Another form of the great question is, What has he to offer the world?

There is a challenge to the powers of the children of God. As the crippled man accosted Peter and John outside the church, so comes the chal-
lenge to the Christian. *Services of worship are necessary.* The Christian family finds it impossible to get along in life without assembling itself together. There is no substitute for this. It is as necessary to the soul and life as are food and water for the body. The church reaches within itself to strengthen the fold. Those who attend the services are surrounded and penetrated with the holy atmosphere of worship. *There is a service to be considered, however, outside the church.* It would have been easy for Peter and John to turn the man over to a committee of the Temple. It was harder to meet the challenge directly but meet it they did.

The challenge came from the man unconsciously. He did not anticipate what he was to receive. He asked for alms but his need was greater than money. The world, his counterpart, seeks for it knows not what. Its pleasure marts run to the late hours but only disappointment, disillusionment, and disgrace result. Unhappiness and disharmony are its characteristics. This challenge came to the Christ of power possessed by Peter and John. Had they not been in contact with the source of power, had they been out of step, what a mockery this incident would be! Because they were in definite communion with Christ they could command in His name with authority. The power of Christ at the disposal of the Christian is limitless. To work in His will is to work successfully. To command in His will is to command authoritatively.

The story would be incomplete to stop without mentioning the reward. Ankles which had never known such strength before suddenly felt a surge of power. The bent, crippled, helpless body suddenly stood erect. In quick succession the man leaped, walked, entered the Temple, praising God all the time. This needy man had his need supplied because the men of God had something, or Someone, to offer. Twenty centuries later we have no less. There is no lack in the ability nor the willingness of God. Channels through which to work are the great need. The world is calling, crying, pleading from a condition worse than physical lameness. What is the contribution of the children of God toward satisfying this need? What will you give?

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**AFTER CHRIST'S RESURRECTION, what followed?** Heaven's resources were assured—Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). Divine directions were declared, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (v. 19). The Saviour's fellowship was promised, "And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (v. 20). Before His ascension, the risen Lord instructed His disciples "to tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49), commanding them "that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, . . . ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence" (Acts 1:4-5).

The disciples obeyed. A ten-day prayer meeting followed in "an upper room." About "an hundred and twenty" persons were in the group. These "all continued with one accord in prayer and supplications" (Acts 1:14). Pentecost followed. *Self was crucified.* The Holy Spirit filled every consecrated heart—3,000 conversions to Christ was the immediate harvest. Further ingathering of souls took place from subsequent "times of refreshing . . . from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

This thought confronts us today: *After Easter—what?* What about the week after, the month after Easter? What would God have us to do? To be? To say? Has the divine pattern been changed from that first Easter? Isn't there still the need of the baptism with the Holy Spirit now? Hasn't human insufficiency been proved tragically too often? God's promises await our faith and challenge. It is as true today as it was in Old Testament times that "the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him" (II Chronicles 16:9). Heaven's resources are ours for the asking. "Ask, and it shall be given you" (Matthew 7:7). Divine light shines clearly. "Seek, and ye shall find." All the promises of God are in Him (Christ) yea and amen unto the glory of God by us.

*After Easter—what shall it be?* God's best—Pentecost? It depends on our obedience to the Word! Tarry, pray, and believe for a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit anew. Prayer changes things; prayer changes us; prayer will change others! *After Easter, let us have Pentecost repeated in our churches!*

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Jesus' Baptism

It is amazing how many people are still interested in John the Baptist's baptism with water. There are few subjects that I receive more letters about than the subject of baptism; and most of them have to do with water baptism, that is, John's baptism. I have been told by quite a few that our church is letting down on the matter of John's baptism; our pastors aren't seeing to it that the people who join our churches are baptized with water. Then there are those who do not like it because our church accepts other modes of baptism than immersion. They not only want the right to be immersed themselves, but they want us as a church to force everybody else to be immersed. These are good, sincere people; they believe in John's baptism, and they believe that John's baptism was immersion—putting people under the water; and that's the only kind of water baptism they believe in.

It is interesting to note, also, that while they don't say you'll go to hell if you're not baptized with water they often imply that. According to them, one of the prerequisites of salvation is baptism; you can't be saved without repenting and being baptized.

Now I believe in water baptism very definitely; I believe that some of our people are careless about it, and the same is true of too many of our pastors. No Christian—as I've said time and time again—ought to be received into church membership and continue thus without baptism. Sometimes it may not be convenient to baptize him before he joins the church, but sooner or later every person who becomes a member of the Church of the Nazarene ought to be baptized. Again, I do not mean that baptism is essential to salvation, but I do believe that it is an important means of grace. Jesus was baptized and we should follow His example.

I was reared in the Methodist church and was baptized as a baby in my mother's arms. I have never doubted the validity of this baptism; I have been perfectly satisfied with it for many years. Nevertheless, as a pastor, I have immersed people and have been glad to do it. Furthermore, if I were a pastor now and could, I'd see to it that there was a baptistry in my church, so that my people who wanted to be immersed could be. On the other hand, I would baptize their children by sprinkling if some of them wanted this mode of baptism for their children. Then, when they grew up, if they, for themselves, wanted to be immersed, I'd immerse them. I don't think you could hurt people by baptizing them. Besides, if there were those who wanted their babies dedicated to the Lord, but didn't want them sprinkled, or baptized with water, I would dedicate them and leave the water out. That's what I think every true Nazarene preacher ought to be willing to do. That's the teaching of the Manual.

I believe in baptism. I believe in John's baptism with water. I believe in letting the individual have the mode which he desires, whatever that may be. I believe in living according to the Manual, even when it comes to baptism.

After saying all of this, I must admit that I am disturbed about this whole matter of water baptism and as to the fact that so many people write me about it. They seem to be tremendously concerned, even some Nazarenes, about water baptism, that is, about John's baptism, but they do not seem to be especially excited about Jesus' baptism—the baptism with the Holy Ghost. But John the Baptist implied that baptism with the Holy Ghost was
far more important than baptism with water, as important as that was with him. He said: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: ..." or, to put it in a better way, with the "fiery Holy Ghost."

By Stephen F. White

Here John is saying, "Repent and be baptized, and get ready for the greatest event you have ever experienced—the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Prepare to be a good candidate for Jesus' baptism. After all, that's the all-important baptism—not water baptism, but Jesus' baptism." God help us, especially at this Pentecost season, to become tremendously interested in Pentecost, in the baptism with the Holy Ghost, in Jesus' baptism. If we could have a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost in His baptismal function and power, it would mean more to our church than anything else that could happen to us. God, give us Jesus' baptism, another Pentecost, and help us to go forth in the strength and might of this baptism to do battle for Him!

Careful, Friend, Careful!

I have lived a long time, that is, as men count time, in the Church of the Nazarene, and have had many experiences. My field of labors has been a varied one—school work, pastoral work, evangelistic work, and work of these three different types in many sections of our country. I have met a lot of people, good and bad; more good than bad, thank the Lord! I am not inclined to be pessimistic as I look back over my life. I've had a wonderful time; God has been good to me and the people have been good to me. I have been very fortunate, indeed, in many, many ways. I thank God for home, for church, for country, for friends, for loved ones, and for many other blessings.

But along with all the good things that have been mine, I've seen a few catastrophes that were brought on sometimes by good and intelligent people, by those who never dreamed at the time that they were bringing on a catastrophe. They didn't dream of the outreach and the injury that would result from what happened and the people that would be hurt; more especially, the young people who would be hurt, the teen-agers who might be crippled for life, spiritually speaking.

I have a dread of hitting a human being as I drive my car. Fortunately, I have never touched a human being with my car while I was driving it. Worse than hitting an adult, though, would be crippling a child. As I drive home from the office day by day, the street on which I live is narrow, and the neighborhood is full of children, but how thankful I am that, so far, I have not hit one of these children! I think no calamity could come my way that would make me feel worse. As I drive out in the morning, I am almost always conscious of that possibility and am careful, and as I drive in, in the evening, the same thoughts are present.

But how much worse it is to injure a teen-ager or young person, morally and spiritually, to cause something to happen to a child that might blight its life forever, morally and spiritually—how much more terrible is than it would be even to cripple the child physically! And when I ponder on these things, I think of the words at the heading of this article, "Careful, Friend, Careful!"

Jesus gives us one of His most serious warnings in this connection when He says, "And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea." (Mark 9:42). What a statement! What a warning from the Master of men!

Occasionally I run across someone who was offended years ago—I don't mean just "made sore," but really hurt in his faith in God, in his confidence in people by someone who was a follower of Jesus Christ. And it may be that this person has never recovered. It may have been years since the experience happened and this individual may be much nearer the judgment of God now than he was at the time it happened—but he hasn't recovered. Then I think of the person who caused this offense. Where is he? What will be his judgment? What will come his way when he stands before the great white throne and faces the Judge of all men? "Whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea."

Worse than crippling a child physically is crippling that child morally and spiritually. Worse than running over a teen-ager with your automobile is running over him with your religion—that is, doing something, maybe unthoughtedly, against someone in such a way as to leave a bad and indelible mark upon the moral and spiritual life of that young person. Let's do our best not to offend one of His "little ones."
**Foreign Missions**

**Urgent Prayer Request**

Dr. T. Harold Jones, head of our Ethel Lucas Memorial Hospital at Acornhoek, Transvaal, has suffered a coronary thrombosis and is totally incapacitated for work for at least six weeks, possibly longer. Please pray for this splendid and talented missionary doctor. Pray also for the nurses and Dr. Sutherland, who must carry on the work of the hospital without Dr. Jones’s assistance.

**Missionaries on the Move**

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stanfield left for Bolivia, April 2, 1959. Their address there will be: Casilla 1056, La Paz, Bolivia, South America.

Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Denton left for Brazil, April 3, 1959. They can be reached at Caixa Postal 1008, Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America, for the present.

Miss Virginia Benedict sailed from Portugal, April 14, for her assigned field in Portuguese East Africa. Her address there is: Manjacaze, via Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa.

**Newly Arrived**

Audrey Grace Hynd arrived March 28, 1959, in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Hynd, Bremersdorp, Swaziland.

**Thank You**

Thank you, everyone who has answered our plea for used clothing for British Honduras. Good, serviceable, appropriate clothing has come in generously. We have tried to write each one, but in case we missed anyone, please accept our grateful thanks through this column. And keep up the good work. It is a great help to our people—

**Books Needed**

Theological and devotional books, especially books on holiness, are urgently needed at the Stegi Bible School for the students’ library.

Write to Rev. H. Kenneth Bedwell, P.O. Box 3, Stegi, Swaziland, South Africa, listing the books you have available, and author of each. He will tell you which ones would meet their needs. This will save you unnecessary expenditure of postage money on books that might not be usable there. Send your letter airmail for a quick reply. An air form costs only ten cents.

**From Lorraine Mission Station**

**By I. E. Dayhoff, Transvaal**

This time of year things move rather slow here, as the roads are bad and it is difficult to get anywhere. I have been really stuck in the mud five times recently. Had to be pulled out four times by tractors and once by a road grader.

But worse than getting stuck in the mud is the terrible quicksand of sin that drags these people to certain destruction. Just in the past few days a woman who comes to church and lives just a stone’s throw, almost, from the mission station has been seriously ill.

**American Bible Society**

Sharing the Bible

The one function of the American Bible Society is to bring the Holy Scriptures to humanity. No matter what the language, no matter whether rich or poor, no matter where—the man or woman or literate child without the Scriptures is the Society’s sole concern. Its one endeavor is to see that the person without the Book has a chance to have it; that he is persuaded to make it his Book for what it may mean in new life for him, for the world, for God’s kingdom.

As the agency for fifty-five denominations, the work and the fulfillment of the purpose of the American Bible Society rest upon the convictions of Christians and Christian churches about the Bible and upon their conviction that the people of the world ought to have the Bible. Finally, its accomplishment rests upon the degree to which Christian people know the fascinating facts of what is involved in bringing the Scriptures to humanity. If the story of the world-wide need for translation and distribution of the Scriptures can reach the ears or eyes of the great body of Christians in America, not only will the needed support for the cause be found, but more widespread use of the Bible among them will result. In that faith and hope, here is the story for the year.

**Selected to Serve**

The following have recently been re-elected to serve as the District N.Y.P.S. Presidents for their districts:

Albany District—Rev. Everett Kaufman
Hawaii District—Rev. Harold Meadows

**N.J.S. Executive Secretary**

Ponder W. Gilliland

**Nazarite Young People’s Society and Nazarite Junior Society**

Thought for the Day

by BERTHA MUNRO

"Down from Above"

Monday

"God will give a seeking person wisdom, a confused person guidance, and a frustrated soul purpose." (Quoted from a Christian businessman, successful after years of tested faith, now asked to give counsel to a younger man who doubted that a man could run a contractor’s

*Throughout the coming months, we will be giving you reports of the work of the American Bible Society for the year 1958. Here is the first article.*
business on Christian principles.

(James 1:5; Psalms 32:8.)

Tuesday

"Fold the arms of thy faith, and wait in the quietness until light goes up in thy darkness!"

"Faith is that which, knowing the will of God, goes and does it; or, not knowing, stands and waits."—George MacDonald (quoted in a letter from a missionary alumnus who was living its reality). (Psalms 62:5; Isaiah 30:18.)

Wednesday

A teacher of science in a Christian college, writing of his experience in prayer: "Moments of letting the vastness of existence (which is the greatness of God) come into consciousness, with a reverence that is beyond grasping, beyond speech. Yet not too vast to make connections, dynamic, energy-giving. Our batteries get charged; we go from the mountain-top experience refreshed in mind and body and soul. No bells ring, no light bulbs flash at that moment, but we go back to our task with renewed energy and often with fresh perspective." (Psalms 46:10; Isaiah 40:26, 31.)

Thursday

All the immensities—"... the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee;" yet (my missionary again) "The Lord is in his holy temple [my heart]: let all the earth keep silence before him." ... morning by morning, he awakeneth mine ear," and that early trysting-hour is my very lifeline. In this stillness I feel God (and know Him) as no vision or ecstasy could ever do." (I Kings 8:27; Habakkuk 2:20; Isaiah 50:4.)

Friday

"Life is getting easier physically; it makes life harder morally." President Pusey of Harvard, speaking to a College English Association meeting, "We move continually (in our contemporary 'surface living') on the outside of life. What is being said in speeches and in the press is coming to mean less and less. We need 'a rehabilitation of the imagination' to put meaning back into life." The imagination which is the eye of the spirit to see God as He is. The task is beyond the humanists to whom Dr. Pusey appealed. Whose task is it? (Isaiah 6:1-8.)

Saturday

This week I heard a new sermon on an old, old text: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." The peace with (and for) all men is linked inextricably with holiness. And holiness must be pursued with all eagerness and energy, pursued in all its ramifications and implications. One of these is clearing the space and the silence to see God. Our "world of entrenched lethargy" is not going to be stirred by easygoing Laodiceans. (Hebrews 12:14.)

Sunday

The Phi Beta Kappa (honorary society) key warns against the "intolerant use of abstractions." "Holiness" can be an abstraction that we will fight for to the death, yet never really explore and know how to live. "Beware the fixed person," we are told, whose understanding and real living do not enlarge and develop with his calendar years. The warning holds for us who love the word "holiness." (1 Peter 1:15-16; Philippians 3:12.)

**Servicemen's Corner**

**Chaplain's Diary**

**MONDAY—7:00 a.m.** Five-mile run with "B" Company, Character Guidance lecture with two companies at 9:00 a.m. Counseled with four men in my office. Jumped with troopers making their first parachute jump. After lunch visited three companies on rifle ranges. Hospital visits. Counseled with three men. "Men of the Chapel" meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dictated military correspondence. Home at 10:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY—** Visited hospital at 7:30 a.m. Calesthenics with "A" Co. Lecture on "Moral Responsibility" at N.C.O. Academy. Three men waiting for counsel. Lunch hour—counseling men in stockade. Studied (with many interruptions) until 2:30 p.m. Met "Women of the Chapel" group at 7:30 p.m. Sunday school teachers' meeting at 8:30 p.m. Home at 9:45 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY—** Command Reveille at 5:50 a.m. Run and calesthenics with Mortar Battery at 7:30 a.m. Spoke at Clarksville High School assembly. Lunch with "The Zebra Wives" (N.C.O. Wives' Club). Seven men for counsel. Trip to civilian hospital on adoption case. Character Guidance Class (500 men) on Parade Field. Dictated letters to parents, pastors, wives, sweethearts, and inquiring students. Evening with my family.

**THURSDAY—** Drew parachute 8:30 a.m. Boarded aircraft 9:00. Flew for ninety minutes. Jumped in trees. Talked to men injured on the jump. Visited Battle Group spread over a twenty-square-mile area. 7:30 p.m.—choir practice. Visited men in hospital who were injured on jump that morning. Home at 9:15 p.m. Called out on a family problem just before midnight.

**FRIDAY—** 7:30 a.m. Run and calesthenics with "E" Company. Counseled nine men. Visited companies in field. Junior and Intermediate Choirs. Wife directs the three choirs and plays for all my chapel services. Boy Scout meeting at 7:30 p.m. Two family problems. Home at 9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY—** 8:00 a.m. Services with men who will make their first parachute jump on Monday. Staff and Commander's briefing at 9:00 a.m. Cub Scout picnic in the afternoon. Battle Group party at 7:30 p.m. Home at 8:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY—** Prayer meeting with my section at 6:30 a.m. Start Sunday school in Trooper Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Start post Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Hurry over to Trooper Chapel for 10:00 a.m. service. Family chapel service at 11:00 a.m. Service with "C" Company at 2:30 in the field (via helicopter). Service at the stockade at 7:00 p.m. Home at 8:30 p.m.

—CAPTAIN CLIFFORD E. KEYS, JR., Chaplain 101st Airborne Division Fort Campbell, Kentucky

**Nazarene Servicemen's Commission**

President W. S. Steelhead, Director

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Because of the increasing interest in city- or area-wide campaigns we publish the following report. A number of our metropolitan areas have already successfully conducted such campaigns. Other campaigns are being planned. Let Nazarenes everywhere pray for these great evangelistic endeavors.

The Yakima Holiness Crusade

It was the writer's privilege to be a worker in the above-mentioned Crusade, held in First Church, Yakima, Washington, March 10 to 15. The Crusade was sponsored by fourteen area churches of Yakima Valley. Dr. G. B. Williamson was the chief speaker, speaking daily, morning and evening. The writer led the afternoon sessions. Rev. Kenneth H. Pearsall, new pastor of First Church, presided with grace and ability. Mr. Lee Everleth, minister of music, did a superb job in leading the singing, training the large choir, arranging specials, singing solos, and getting the glory down. I have never seen a better song director.

There are several features worthy of mention. First, much preparation. The pastors of the area met each week for months in advance, for fasting and prayer in First Church. The churches prevailed in prayer also.

Second, splendid organizational setup. Pastors were assigned specific tasks as finance chairman, publicity chairman, prayer chairman, etc.

Third, the publicity was of a high order and much use was made of the daily newspapers, church bulletins and newsheets, mailing lists and pulpit announcements. The meeting was definitely announced as a holiness crusade and rightly so.

Last, but not least, was the lucid, powerful, anointed, expository preaching of Dr. Williamson. He chose a positive holiness text for each sermon, such as Hebrews 12:14; I John 1:7; etc. He presented holiness doctrinally, experientially, ethically, and practically in a very clear, convincing, and heart-warming manner. I have never heard any better holiness preaching in fifty years.

Large crowds packed the spacious sanctuary and side rooms daily. The afternoon sessions took on the pattern of a holiness clinic with a brief message on holiness followed by a question box. The singing of the choir and congregation provided rich soul food and blessed the saints. The evening services were intensely evangelistic and the long altar was filled again and again. We were reminded of the days of Bresee, Reynolds, Jernigan, and other pioneers. One preacher from Texas said to me, "This is old-time religion."

Let me summarize the outstanding characteristics of this Crusade: It was intensely spiritual on definite holiness lines; the saints wept and shouted the praises of God; the singing of the choir and congregation lifted us into the heavens while the glory rolled; the testimonies were definite and clear to entire sanctification; the altar work was thorough and deep-rooted and victorious, while Heaven came down on our souls to greet, and glory crowned the mercy seat!

The Crusade closed in a veritable blaze of glory with the long altar and front seats filled with seeking and finding souls. It was good to be there. The Church of the Nazarene, I affirm, still has the old-time glory and power. "Holiness unto the Lord," is on our banners, and this old pioneer says, "Glory!" Another Pentecost came to Yakima Valley!

—Evangelist E. E. Wordsworth

Opinions are always important. Here's an opportunity to register your opinion. A new, broader bill to ban liquor service aloft has been introduced by Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina. The bill is S 1432. The house previously passed a similar measure but it died in the Senate.

Senator Thurmond's new bill would apply in military as well as civilian aircraft. In addition to liquor service by the company or service operating the flight, the new measure would prevent passengers from bringing their own liquor aboard.

No visibly intoxicated person would be allowed aboard a civilian or military aircraft if the Thurmond bill became law.

Write a letter today to the Senators from your state urging them to give full support to S 1432.

We would do well also to write to Senator Strom Thurmond and commend him for the new bill. Write him as follows:

The Honorable Strom Thurmond
Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Remember! It's important to register your opinion.

Earl C. Wolf, Secretary
Committee on Public Morals

Golden Text: Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:5-6).*
The example set by David was worthy of commendation. The in­

The Promise of Dominion: The qualities in the life of David that the Lord took special note of were these: (1) integrity; (2) uprightness, and (3) obedience. After citing these features, the Lord told Solomon that if he would incorporate these same ideals in his character, a glowing future was ahead. The promise of dominion which the Lord offered Solomon included the follow­ing: (1) “I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever”; (2) “There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.”

These indicated that the fortunes of the nation were directly traceable to the attitude of the king toward God. A righteous king could bring peace, prosperity, and progress to his people. If the Lord’s “commandments” and “stat­
utes” and “judgm ents” were followed, everything would go well for the nation. The ceiling is unlim ited and visibility infinite when the Lord is given first place in the program of the people. Dominion and distinction belong to the king who gives top priority to the will of God.

The Penalty of Disobedience: In the same measure that righteousness is re­warded, evil will bring ruin and de­struction. Just as right action is con­structive, unrighteous conduct carries within itself the seeds of its own de­struction. This is the law of cause and effect that operates in the spiritual world exactly as it does in the material world.

The penalties for disobedience which the Lord presented at this time were as follows: (1) loss of property; (2) loss of divine favor; (3) loss of respect (“Israel shall be a . . . byword . . . ever after.”)

If one molecule in a million in the human blood stream can completely change the body’s functioning, then in the moral realm there are no petty sins nor trivial transgressions. A penalty of some sort follows every act of wrong­
ding.

The latter had to be achieved by choice; it could not be bestowed. Often the theologian calls the first type of holiness just holiness and the second type ethical holiness. Chosen holiness is of a higher type than bestowed holiness, since holiness in its final essence is supremely ethical. Be­cause of these two kinds of holiness, in­

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Who was Jesus praying for on the Cross when He said, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34)?

I believe that Jesus was praying espe­cially for all of those who had a part in His trial and crucifixion. And in an­other sense, He might be said to have been praying for all men, because we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. All of us helped to make Jesus’ crucifixion necessary.

*The Golden Texts as printed in the second quarter "Advanced Quarterly" and lesson leaflets are incorrect. The verse printed here is correct.

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**Question Box**

**Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor**

**Where do the spirits of men stay after death until the Judgment?** The spirit of the Christian is with Jesus in conscious blessedness, and the spirit of the unsaved is with the devil in conscious suffering. However, the former will not attain to the heavenly glory in its fullest sense until the spirit is united with the glorified body in the resurrection. On the other hand, the wicked will not experience the ultimate in everlasting punishment until after the resurrection.

**Why is there a need of the Judgment if the rewards and punishments are meted out as soon as death occurs?** As we indicated above, the rewards and punishments cannot be meted out completely until the resurrection takes place. Man will not be in his full after­death state until then. Further, neither the effects of the righteous man’s right­eousness nor the wicked man’s wicked­ness will all be recorded until time has come to an end. The good or bad results of our lives continue to pile up, even after we are dead. It is proper and right for some kind of final reckoning day to come after all of the evidence is in.

Some have spoken of Adam and Eve as being in a state of holiness before they sinned. I have thought a better term would be innocency, for it has seemed to me that holiness is something arrived at after evil has been known and rejected. In your answer to the first question in the issue of March 18, you seem to support my view by saying of holiness that it has to be acquired by moral choice. So, finally, are innocency and holiness the same?

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