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"Beware of Imitations"

ADVERTISERS of merchandise of established character find it necessary to warn against the infringements of imitators who attempt to capitalize the reputation of the superior article at the expense of righteous dealers and to the detriment of the public in general. Christianity has a good name and a widely advertised fame in the world, and for these very reasons it has thousands of imitators and the Scriptures abound in warnings against them.

Jesus warns against false teachers who, though they may come in sheep's clothing, are in reality ravening wolves. They wear the garb and profession of the Prophet of the Lord, but their inward desire and purpose is to rob the flock of its earthly goods. They profess heavenly-mindedness, but they mind earthly things, their glory is their shame, their stomachs are their joy and their end is perdition. They are but sordid imitators of those holy, humble, unselfish servants of Christ who preach righteousness and live what they preach and whose reward is the crown of life.

The Greek word for hypocrite was the word which described an actor on the stage who, of course, pretended to be some person other than himself. It was also the word which was used of one who was a dissembler, that is one who did not really believe what he was saying, or who concealed his real thoughts. And Jesus warns us against the religion which is but a mask, an appearance, a stage play. One may disfigure his face and wear a sad countenance and yet not be truly penitent. He may indulge in "religious fun" and be perfectly void of genuine holy joy. He may join the church without being right with God, and be baptized with water without experiencing the new birth. He may rest on Sunday without entering into the "Sabbath which remains for the people of God." He may pay his tithe and even present his offerings and still withhold his affections from God. He may use the phraseology of the land of Canaan and still be only a weary wanderer between Kadesh Barnea and the Plains of Moab. There are imitations of Christian experiences and imitators of the Christian life; beware lest the one shall be palmed off on you and lest you yourself shall become an example of the other; for all these imitations will fail in the tests of life and in the demands of the Judgment.

The working power of religion is measured by the amount of the "divine" that the church is able to produce. The "Tabernacle in the Wilderness" and the House of God which Solomon built were much like other tents and houses until they were filled with the glory of God. Elijah was outclassed on Garmel until he "got the fire down." Pentecost answered more questions in one day than Galilean fishermen could have answered in a life time. But the glory is never revealed, the fire is never poured out, the

Holy Spirit never descends without self renunciation, and unconditional dedication on the part of those who seek such manifestations. Prayer, much prayer, deep, earnest, intercessory prayer which becomes vocal only in sighs and groans alone can prepare the way for a genuine "manifestation of God's power." The glory of God is so precious that it exacts a *price* in labor and love and patience. The old time, melting, stirring, sin revealing, joy producing revival cannot be "worked up," for it depends upon the coming forth of the Spirit of the Sovereign God, whom we cannot command on terms and times of our own appointing; but there are imitations galore. A few touching stories may move the people to tears of shallow emotion, the leader may "work up" a shout that will be as genuine as the "cheer leader" produces at the foot ball game, and the whole proposition may present an appearance that in some particulars compares with the genuine revival of which we have heard and which some have seen. And yet the imitation is "cheaper" than the genuine and can be brought out on terms and times of human appointment, therefore, it has many champions. But the genuine is worth the difference in the price and as advertisers of goods which sell on quality rather than on price can always truthfully say, "You will still enjoy the quality after you have forgotten the price."

Other-Worldly Mindedness

ALEXANDER THE GREAT is a striking example of those whose whole thought is upon the present world. He abandoned himself to the search for worldly honor and riches and to the pleasures of the flesh. He died from the effects of debauchery, but not until he had given the world its most notable example of insatiable craving for the things of this world of "time and sense."

Diogenes, the philosopher, saw the folly of such a course as Alexander pursued and he adopted the theory that life's chief good can be found not by attempting to satisfy desire but by suppressing and finally destroying it. So Diogenes was in some particulars the antipode of Alexander, but in another way, he was but a step—a short step—removed from him. His position was a negative one. He was not worldly minded for he was not *minded* at all. The practical result was that he sat with unwashed person in his filthy tub and lazily allowed matters to take their course without suffering himself to hold any preference as to the way in which they would finally come out.

But the true opposite of Alexander is found in men like the Apostle Paul, who did not only renounce the course of the present world seeker and conqueror, but who also went beyond the negative position of Diogenes on into the realm of "Other-Worldly Mindedness." With men like this, riches or poverty, fame or ignominy, pleasure or suffering, life or

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death were and are but incidents—passing, casual incidents—in a life that is to last forever and which reserves its principal prizes for the sector which begins at death.

Alexander loved and enjoyed today as the only day that is worth while; Diogenes discounted today as being, like all others, more trouble than its joys are worth, while Paul accepted today as a matter of course, neither thinking too much or too little of it, but wearing it like a loose-fitting garment, willing to keep it or ready on the shortest notice to lay it down. With those of Alexander's class, today is all, with those of Diogenes' class, no day is worth while; with those of Paul's class today is valuable as the seed corn of tomorrow's harvest and as the training school for heaven's everlasting bliss.

UNITED ON THE BUDGET PLAN

THROUGHOUT the lengths and breadths of our church there seems to be perfect agreement on the wisdom of the Budget Plan for the financing of the general interests of our work. The General Board has certainly properly interpreted the will of our people and, as we most sincerely believe, have also found the will of God in this matter.

Some are saying, "Why didn't we do this in 1919 or earlier?" The answer is that we were not ready for it. Up to within a year of the General Assembly of 1923 the advocates of "free for all" methods were in the ascendancy in the majority of local and general councils of our church. Some felt that it would destroy initiative and spontaneity among our people if too much "system" were injected into our plans and methods. And even those who were favorable to the budget plan usually had such exaggerated notions of the importance of some particular branch that the estimates for the budget were so unreasonable as to insure defeat. Truly, experience is an exacting old school mistress, but lessons learned from her usually stick pretty well; so we are fortunate now to have reached the place where we are all convinced that we have a "whole task for a whole church" and that when we are promoting one branch of our work we are promoting all, and when we are promoting ALL we are promoting each ONE in the most effective way.

Preacher's Conventions and other gatherings of our people have given enthusiastic approval to the plans of the General Board and to the Budget System, and now as the Spring

Assemblies are on, we predict that they will every one endorse this remarkably practical and workable plan and that the local churches will "underwrite" the budget for the year without delay. Further, we are expecting the year to show the best spiritual and financial gains of any year in our history. If you have been reading the HERALD OF HOLINESS carefully you will agree that reports show more revivals and especially more people joining our church than any normal like period for many years past will show. Perhaps you have not connected the two, but I am confident that these things are in a large measure the fruitage of our deliverance from the hindrances of "frenzied finance" which absorbed much of our own spiritual force, and "scared off" many who were looking our way.

But there is one thing we cannot say too often and that is that even a perfect plan will not work itself, any plan must be *worked*. We are ahead for having the plan, but we must "work" it if it works. The representatives of the special interests will not be at our Assemblies and in our churches as hitherto; so the pastor and his helpers must keep Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Church Extension, General Superintendent's Fund and other general and special interests to the fore, "lest we forget, lest we forget." The estimates of the General Board which require \$260,000.00 as a minimum to take care of our general interests were for the calendar year 1924 and now over one-fourth of that time is gone. **HAS ONE-FOURTH OF YOUR CHURCH'S PART OF THE BUDGET BEEN PAID?** The success of this method requires punctuality and regularity in a high degree and this year will answer the question as to whether we, as a people, possess these virtues or not.

TALKING IN THE PRAISE MEETING

Many a good praise meeting loses its usefulness by being allowed to degenerate into a *talking* meeting. Praise is one of the highest, if not the very highest, forms of worship and it takes a spiritual person to enjoy it and promote it; hence the tendency of unspiritual people is to simply *talk* and tell, "that reminds me" stories to the detriment and frequently to the death of the meeting. And there is usually at least one person present who will take the leader's invitation to "be free" to mean an invitation to monopolize the service in the interest of "small talk."

WHAT PROPORTIONATE GIVING WOULD DO

A sister in New England writes the editor as follows: "I was surprised today, when I took pencil and paper and ascertained the fact that if fifty thousand members of our church were all as poor as I am, and their monthly tithes amounted to but five dollars each, that this would amount to three million dollars a year. Then if you will add to this the free will offerings which we would so gladly give after the tithe is paid, you will see what would really be possible for us to do for the promotion of His kingdom."

Questions Answered

No questions will be answered unless the name and address of the one asking the question appears in the correspondence.

Q. There is a person here who says that Paul (Rom. 9:3) wished that he could lose his own soul forever in order that his brethren might be saved, and that the book from which Moses asked that his name might be blotted (Exodus 32:32) was the same "Book of life" mentioned in Revelation 22:19. Do you think his interpretations are correct? E. S. B., N. H.

Ans. I think that the interpretations mentioned are unthinkable and absurd. I have never known one who was really burdened for souls to say that they felt any disposition that even suggests the ideas your interpreter would accredit to the holy men in question: in fact, I cannot conceive of these thoughts as belonging to sane and religious people. I think Paul's thought was that he would be glad to become a public victim and suffer what his own people were about to suffer because they had rejected Christ. His idea was that he could wish himself made a sacrifice by Christ in order that his brethren might be saved from the fate to which they were devoted as a nation—for it is clear that the Jews as individuals could be saved through grace just the same as any one else. With reference to Moses: the context carries the thought that God, during the forty days that Moses was with him in the Mount, had prepared a book showing the place that each tribe and family in Israel should occupy in the land of Canaan. Also God had threatened to cut off such as broke His covenant and to blot their names out of His book. This did not mean that they were necessarily damned forever, but that they failed to reach the earthly destiny which God had prepared for them. And now that they had all sinned and were thus marked to be blotted out of the book, Moses prayed that God might either pardon them or else blot him also from the book in order that he might not go into Canaan empty handed. Certainly there was no thought of eternal damnation in the prayer and wish.

Q. Should the pastor act as chairman in the meeting that is held for the purpose of recalling him as pastor for another year? A. S., Tenn.

Ans. He should not even be present in such a meeting, and he should need no guide other than an imperfectly developed sense of propriety to convince him of this.

Q. Is a person baptized with the Holy Ghost and also filled with the Holy Ghost when he is sanctified wholly? A. J., North Dakota.

Ans. Yes, the baptism with the Holy Ghost is the efficient means of our sanctification, and being filled with the Holy Ghost is but emphasizing the positive side of the gracious experience of which being cleansed from all sin is the negative side.

A Vicious and Subtle Propaganda

By REV. C. E. CORNELL

OLD John Barleycorn is a "wiggling." He is like a snake and will no doubt, continue to show some life until the sun goes down. As long as men and women have depraved appetites, they will manage to get hold of some kind of stimulants to satisfy, if possible, their ever increasing thirst. But many of these—and others for various reasons—are having a difficult time getting enough tangle-foot to satisfy their cravings. Then, too, the "hooch" is so poisonous that it kills numbers, but not nearly so many as the old saloon used to send to the potter's field. A HUNDRED THOUSAND DRUNKARDS used to die annually in the United States alone, and a MILLION others were on their way to a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell. Just a few hundred die of "hoochitis" but to read the anti-prohibition metropolitan press one would get the idea that "hooch" was killing them by the multiplied thousands. Not so.

But despite the general good effects of prohibition—although for three years misrepresented, lied about and almost everything done imaginable to discredit the prohibition cause—the good results of prohibition are becoming more and more apparent. The "wets" are trembling in their boots, but are still wiggling. They are making a desperate effort to stem the tide and have organized the "National Association Against the Prohibition Amendment." The organization is incorporated and has its headquarters in Washington, D. C. headed by one Captain William H. Stayton, who is said to be the founder and Executive Head of this organization.

The N. A. A. P. A. has been functioning for quite a time sending out millions of press notices, circulars, press bulletins, and the like. These circulars are written in the most careful and subtle manner and will almost deceive the very "elect." They are mailed to citizens in all parts of the country and are so worded that almost any one would come to the conclusion that prohibition was a dismal failure and that the country was going to the "bow-wows" unless the people could manage to secure light wine and beer. The circulars and letters publish extracts from the daily press giving everything securable to reflect upon the Eighteenth Amendment. They especially "play" on the tidal wave of crime that is sweeping the country everywhere and practically blame the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead law for it all. Their consuming cry is for a modification of the Volstead law and for light wine and beer. They do not seem to see that to restore light wine and beer would be a violation of the Eighteenth Amendment.

Sensible men and women everywhere must not be stampeded by these misrepresentations. There are a number of things that we must all remember. Do not be misled by rash and unwise statements. Dr. Charles E. Jefferson writing in a recent number of *The Christian Work*, hits the nail squarely on the head. He says, "There are people who, in speaking of the Eighteenth Amendment, show

a muddled mind. One often hears it said that the Prohibition Amendment was foisted on the nation by a minority acting in a time of panic. This is a reckless assertion which a man who weighs his words would not allow himself to make. The proper answer to those who talk thus glibly is that the Eighteenth Amendment was enacted in the manner provided by Article V of the Constitution, and has been ratified by the legislatures of over three-fourths of the states, and an enforcing act has been passed by the majority of Congress and the constitutionality of the whole enactment has been upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States. *There is not a flaw to be discovered anywhere in the process by which Prohibition became the law of the land, and a man makes himself ridiculous by setting up his own opinion against a solid and uncontrovertible fact.*"

Dr. Jefferson further says, "A person has the privilege of thinking that Congressmen are fanatics, and that State legislatures are mostly fools, and that the Supreme Court

Judges are dunces, and that most people now alive are more or less crazy, but he should make a distinction between his own notions and fancies and the world situation as it actually is. It is the privilege of every American to criticize any law which is in his judgment unwise, and to do what he can to bring about its repeal. Those who think that national prohibition is a mischievous policy have a right to say so, and to work day and night to have the Eighteenth Amendment removed from the Constitution. Such persons are not to be condemned as criminals or traitors. But the people who wish to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer and wines to be used as a beverage belong to a different class. Whether they realize it or not, they are working for the nullification of the expressed will of the people. There are many persons who have given this whole subject so little careful thought that they do not know that to permit the sale of beer and wines is to bring the Eighteenth Amendment to naught." These statements by Dr. Jefferson are worthy of the careful consideration of Mr. Stayton and his bunch of nullificationists.

The N. A. A. P. A. circulars and letters

WITH THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT

By PROF. E. WAYNE STAHL

"As the Days of Heaven upon Earth"

*"But that He made a Heaven
Of His surpassing love;
A little New Jerusalem
Like to the one above."*

So a poet makes a valiant saint of Christ sing. It was Samuel Rutherford, of Scotland, who, because of the word of God and the testimony of his Lord, was imprisoned. But his dungeon became the presence-chamber of the King of glory. For there the persecuted one wrote, "Jesus Christ came into my cell tonight and every stone shone like a ruby." This Scotch saint had learned that "the hills of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets BEFORE we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets."

In a preceding article we called attention to the words of Jesus in John 14:2, "In my Father's house are many mansions; I go to prepare a place for you." We showed that the word for "mansions" is in the Greek *monai*, that it means *abiding-places* or *abodes*. It throws light on one of the overcoming promises in Revelation, where Christ assures the conquering one that "he shall go no more out" from the temple of our God.

In the twenty-third verse of John's fourteenth chapter we have the same word again in the singular number, *monē*. Here Jesus says, "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come and make our *abode* with him."

In my Father's house are many abodes. We will come and make our mansion with him. That is, if we will let Christ and the Father come and dwell with us on earth, they will let us dwell with them eternally in heaven. Here our Lord will become to us "a little sanctuary." There we will know the ineffable bliss of serving Him day and night in His temple. Terrestrial joy in the Lord is the prelude to the exceeding ecstasy of the Beatific Vision. "The Heaven that does not, begin on earth does not begin anywhere."

Pardon and sanctification are logical necessities for the enjoyment of paradise. A soul that is not pardoned and purified could no more be happy in heaven than a blind man could enjoy being in an art gallery or a deaf man find delight in an orchestra.

If a man has no gladness in the company of God's people here below, how can he be joyful above among the innumerable company of angels and the church of the firstborn, and the spirits of just men made perfect? If there is no delight for him in the songs of Zion on earth, could he enjoy the song of Moses and the Lamb on the crystal ocean of the better country? If he has no happiness in the shouts of saints triumphing during this life of time, what will he do in the City where the rejoicing of the redeemed are as the sound of Niagara's falling water?

We wonder if an unregenerate heart would not find heaven a kind of hell?

Jesus is not only preparing a place for us, yonder in the skies, but He is here preparing us for that place. "If our communion here below in Jesus be so sweet, what heights of rapture shall we know, when round His throne we meet?"

An unsaved man was near the end of life. A friend interested in his soul called on him, and inquired if he was ready for entering eternity. The invalid, in his presumptuous self-confidence, said he was prepared for heaven. Then the visitor asked what he thought heaven was like. The reply was, "Well, I think it is a place where there is a great deal of singing." At this the caller read to the sick man the song that will be sung by the saved in heaven, "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood," and questioned him, "Will you be able to sing that song there?" The title of this story, which I read several years ago, was, "He Had No Song."

*"Some day or other I will surely come
To where true hearts await me;
Then let me learn the language of that home,
While still on earth I be,
Lest my poor lips be dumb
In that high company."*

Dear unsaved reader of these words, let Jesus come and teach you the new song. Unsanctified one, let our Imperial Christ take up His abode in your soul. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

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have such headings as the following: "The Nation-Wide Reaction against Bone Dry Prohibition Disclosed by the 1922 Election Results." "Scandals of Prohibition Enforcement." "The Effect of Prohibition Upon Children, Girls and Women." "Martyrs of Prohibition." (Some children die because the mother could not get whiskey to give them).

Captain Stayton is very industriously furnishing the newspapers of the United States with anti-prohibition material. Here is a sample released January 17, 1923:

"Tomorrow is the birthday of the so-called Prohibition in this country. Just three years ago the Anti-Saloon League succeeded in imposing its tyrannical laws upon an unsuspecting people, by which they were deprived of a part of their liberties." "After three years of unsteady reign, old King Prohibition is fast tottering to a fall."

Note: The public was hardly "unsuspect-

ing" when after a fight of fifty years prohibition was put over. Prior to this a large number of states voted dry. He thinks the people were robbed of their liberties; liberty to get drunk, to murder, fight, and otherwise break every law upon the statute books, yes sir, the people are so robbed. He thinks that old King Prohibition is getting the worst of it. But he is mistaken. Jails in many states are empty, Gold Cure and Washingtonian Homes are closed for want of applicants to be cured of the drink habit. Savings deposits have increased and literally thousands of men are sober and contented. To enumerate the benefits of prohibition these three years would take a large volume.

But every one must be aware of the N. A. A. P. A. and the subtle propaganda it is foisting upon the public. Let there be no compromise, but keep up the fight until the "snake" is dead.

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Studies in Revelation

By F. M. MESSENGER

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AND the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel . . . take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book . . . and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter" (Rev. 10:8-10).

The prophet Ezekiel had a similar vision. "An hand was sent unto me; and lo, a roll of a book was therein; and he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe. . . . Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, . . . eat this roll, and go and speak unto the house of Israel" (Ezekiel 2:9 and 3:1).

Ezekiel obeyed as also did John with practically the same results, i. e., they both found that the roll—or book, produced the results which had been promised. Ezekiel was sent to speak to the house of Israel, his message was to be full of lamentations, and mourning and woe. The appointed message in John's little book was to measure—lay the measuring rod of truth—on the temple of God and on the altar and on them that worship therein. Ezekiel's message was a bitter one, doubtless John's was no sweeter; Ezekiel's message was to a stubborn, long backslidden host, suffering God's chastisements in captivity in a strange land; John's message was to an apostatized, mixed multitude of formal worshipers and the message doubtless was that contained in the sealed book of the fifth chapter of Revelation; its seals, trumpets and woes now being in course of fulfillment, God sends the message and warning to those who had not comprehended the great and terrible things that were coming

in quick succession from the hand of God.

While *John* saw the vision and received the message, it certainly was not for his day, and we fail to see how he could carry the message except that he felt its sweetness in his mouth and its bitterness in his stomach, but it was reserved for the two witnesses to bring this dreadful message on a disobedient, God defying world. It is a notable fact that a rebellious, God dishonoring people who make a profession of religion, will exhibit greater bitterness, and resent with greater force, the plain hot truth of God's word which scores and condemns them than they resent actual chastisement. We would not be dogmatic or argumentative as to what is meant by "the Temple of God" here, but we have a strong conviction that it does not have reference to the Jewish temple at Jerusalem or that it has reference to Jewish synagogues in any part of the world; it is the writer's opinion that it refers to any set of worshipers who are worshipers in form only, whether they are Jews, Catholics or Protestants, a mixed people, some of them pretend to believe in Christ and others who deny His divinity entirely; in other words, the messages of the two witnesses which follows, will be the greatest separating process which has been presented to the world up to this time, very likely it refers to all classes of worshipers throughout the whole world and the reference to "the Gentiles" refers only to the wholly unregenerate both by experience and profession.

There has been much speculation as to who these two witnesses are, some have called them Enoch and Elijah, others Moses and Elijah. It matters very little as to their personal identity, we are not concerned about that, it is the character and the mode of delivery of their messages. It is true that they

have the characteristics of Moses and Elijah, but we see no reason why God—who has already made one Moses and one Elijah—could not create two men for this purpose without resurrecting these men and bringing them back to offer themselves for this unpleasant service. That they are two living men we have not the slightest doubt, we have no time to discuss such singular arguments as the claim that they are the Old and New Testaments, others that they are truth; of course their messages are Old and New Testament messages, the law and the gospel, and their message is a message of truth, but it would require living beings to enforce their messages with such weapons as are attributed to these witnesses, and we fail to see how that either the Good Book, or truth, could do what they will do, and finally be caught up to heaven in the sight of their enemies. Their messages are the fulfillment of Judgment beginning at the house of God; at this time those who are not walking in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standing in the way of sinners or sitting in the seat of the scornful, will accept these messages, but the ungodly—those having a profession only—will be like the chaff which the wind driveth away, while the sinners—the Gentiles—will not mix themselves with the congregation of the righteous, they will be in the court which is without the temple. It seems to us that this is God's last great message to those who profess to be His people, just prior to the calling away of the Bride, it is a message of Law and Gospel, two witnesses, two olive trees and two candlesticks; that is, two olive trees bearing the oil of the Holy Ghost to the candlesticks, (the truths of the Old and New Testaments, law and grace) and the two witnesses, human beings, or two earthen vessels to hold this treasure and bear it to the people. Zechariah saw two olive trees but only *one* candlestick (Zech. 4:2;) for the New Testament had not then been written.

These are bitter messages, pronouncing God's judgments with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven upon a wicked and a gain-saying set of professors; some will hear, some will forbear, but their messages are largely received with cursing and attempted persecution of the witnesses, but God has fortified them against any and all attempts at their lives until their testimonies are complete, then God gives them the exalted privilege of sealing their testimony with their blood. Their dead bodies lie in the streets for three and a half days, we will not speculate on the whereabouts of this city, we don't know where it is, if others do, let them tell it, but after the three and a half days expire, the Spirit of life from God enters into them; and they stand upon their feet and great fear falls upon those who see them. It seems to us that our way is quite clear here, Ezekiel was commanded to eat a roll or book, with the same results as John and with the assimilation of its contents John was commanded to rise and measure the temple of God, and Zechariah who saw a similar vision as the two witnesses, saw a man with a measuring line in his hand going forth to measure Jerusalem, in each

THERE is no question but the Church of the Nazarene will soon have a good financial system. Our people are becoming more devoted to the system of TITHES and OFFERINGS in all parts of the country. When once our people experience the joy and delight in loyally paying their tithes into the storehouse of the Lord, they will better know the real pleasure in giving offerings—free will offerings, love offerings, to assist in the work. The tithe is our debt which we owe to God, and there can be no offering, except the sin offering, until this debt is paid. It is most gratifying to note how quickly our people are coming into this light, and are rejoicing in the midst of soul prosperity.

The budget system is only a method of careful planning in the distribution of the funds collected. After a careful survey of the needs of the work in all departments to successfully carry on the enterprises of the church, the various amounts needed in each department put together in the right proportion must make up the budget. This will be the amount needed for the year and must come back to the local church where the funds must be raised. The general benevolences for the general interests of the church, with the District needs must be added to the local church budget, and this must be properly underwritten by the local church membership. The one great effort is to properly underwrite the budget

Revivals and Giving

By GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT GOODWIN

in every local congregation. With every pastor alive to the responsibility of the pastorate, great success will crown the efforts of the coming year. Loyalty to the tithing of our incomes and increase of our substances, will give greater liberality in freewill offerings; then tithes and offerings will bring the "overflow blessing" in spiritual prosperity and revival glory.

The church then should plan for revivals and place some amount in the budget for the expenses of the year. However it is my personal conviction, that no local church should think of holding a revival without freewill offerings to support this special effort to reach the people. These public offerings should be taken for the following reasons:

FIRST—There always have been and always will be those who are careless with their tithes and offerings, whose attention must be called to the financial obligations of the work. These dear people should not be neglected or passed carelessly by. They should be given an opportunity to help in the new effort.

SECOND—Our friends want an opportunity to help in the revival effort and to give for the support of the evangelist under whose ministry they have been blessed.

THIRD—The new converts are anxious to come to the front with their new found

joy and show appreciation for the soul blessing with a "thank offering" to the one who has brought the message of light and truth. This will be a great help in leading the new converts into the joy of giving to the support of the Gospel.

FOURTH—Every loyal tither should have his attention called to freewill-offerings and heave-offerings over and above the tithe. So many have gotten the idea that tithing includes offerings, which is a very great and sad mistake. Offerings are not freewill until the obligation of the tithe has been met and fully paid.

There are other good reasons why public offerings should not be done away in times of revival effort. The manifestation of liberality is pleasing to heaven for "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and this opportunity of joyful giving will help to continue the spirit of revival in the church. Nothing will so shut up the heavens and blight the church as the snug, stingy, grudging, Judas attitude of economy, which fusses with the Marys who want to break some alabaster box of precious devotion in holy worship. Willing sacrifice and toil will greatly strengthen every revival. Any church who is not willing to make extra sacrifice to have a revival will not be greatly blessed with the salvation of the people. Yes, I would place some amount in the budget as evidence that revivals are expected during the year, but I would also give to all a special opportunity to assist in public offerings to joyfully carry forward the revival.

instance God was preparing messages of warning and messages of truth for His professed people to measure themselves by.

"And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and shall kill them" (Rev. 11:17).

It will be well for us to make one thing clear at this point. "The beast" which will be referred to frequently from now on, we must remember, represents systems as well as persons; some have asked us if we didn't think that the Antichrist was a system and not a person, we answer yes and no, in some places the beast represents the Devil—the dragon—and in some places it stands for the antichrist system and in some places for the Antichrist himself, then there is another beast which stands for the apostasy, and at other times for the False Prophet who is an individual. No system can operate without a head, the antichristian system will have a head, who will be the Antichrist. The system will appear before its head appears, in fact John said there were many antichrists, or many of his representatives, in his day (1 John 2:18), and again he declares that the spirit of antichrist which they had heard should come "even now already is it in the world" (1 John 4:3).

This beast that will kill the two witnesses after that they have finished their testimony is the spirit of the beast—we think the spirit of the False Prophet, for it says "the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit," and the Antichrist does not ascend out of the bottomless pit but out from among the people, he rises up "out of the sea," that is from among the people. As Jesus Christ was born of a woman and partook of the form of a man, so his counterpart, the Antichrist will be born of a woman. This beast that ascendeth—or will ascend—out of the bottomless pit is already present at the time of these witnesses in great power although its head, its leader has not yet appeared, and as stated previously, these God defying false professors, filled with the spirit of the False Prophet who is to ascend out of the bottomless pit, exhibit greater malevolence towards the real people of God than they do against those who would really persecute and abuse them; hence this bitter murderous spirit against these two red hot fiery evangelists who are proclaiming the anathemas of Sinai and offering the comforts of grace to those who will accept, results in the overcoming and killing of these witnesses. There is nothing new about this, the spirit that actuates the people at this time is as old as Cain himself, but at the ending of this dispensation it will doubtless

appear in the most bitter and devilish form of anything that has ever appeared prior to that time.

The happenings of the tenth chapter and so much of the eleventh as we have considered, seem to be a parenthetical interlude or it might all be called a part of the sixth trumpet. We are now approaching the sounding of the seventh trumpet in which the most important and the most momentous things will occur. We had in our studies, in the tenth chapter seventh verse, the announcement that when the seventh angel sounds the mystery of God should be finished, and we learned there that the Apostle Paul had already shown to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 15:51, 52) what this mystery should be. We are now up to the sounding of this seventh trumpet and in our next article we will show that the rapture of the Bride and the resurrection of the just will take place right in its proper order and the imagery used is the most beautiful to this writer's mind, of anything found in the book of Revelation.

It is they who glorify, who shall enjoy Him; they who deny themselves, who shall not be denied; they who labor on earth, who shall rest in heaven; they who bear the cross, who shall wear the crown; they who seek to bless others, who shall be blessed.—
THOMAS GUTHRIE.

THE General Assembly adopted a recommendation as follows:

"We recommend that the General Board of Education set apart a special day to be observed throughout the church as educational Day."

The General Board took steps to work in harmony with the General Board of Education, and adopted the following:

"We recommend that this Board pass a resolution inviting the Board of Education to send a representative to the meetings of the General Board each year, such representative to be given the privileges of the floor."

"That we make such proper adjustment of our schedule as to enable the Board of Education to make the fullest success of the Educational Day ordered by the General Assembly and referred to the Board of Education."

In harmony with these recommendations, fully concurred in by both the General Assembly and the General Board, it was mutually agreed between the General Board and the General Board of Education that the first Sunday in May be made General Educational Day. One of the first efforts of any religious movement has been to open schools for the primary purpose of preparing workers to present the Gospel in an intelligent and convincing manner and to represent properly the movement concerned. From the very inception of the modern holiness movement God has raised up men who saw the necessity for education, and who visioned the gracious possibilities of institutions of learning. When the Church of the Nazarene was raised up its leaders saw the necessity of trained workers, even before the union of 1907, and each division composing the new organization had already launched its separate school. Thus there have been logically given us as a heritage from our original divisions our several institutions of learning. These eight schools, in an effort to meet the demand for trained leadership, have now become our recognized and sanctioned centers of learning.

Our schools have presented one of our most perplexing problems, as there were really too many for our limited constituency. Every school demands property, equipment, faculty. There must then be patronage—a student body, a constituency, and support. The time seems to have come when our school problem has definitely resolved itself into the present number, each confined to a given area, and drawing support from that territory. In order that the territory may be carefully allotted, the General Assembly had

General Educational Day

By E. J. FLEMING, General Secretary

indicated the bounds of the several educational districts, each with the particular school with whose support it is primarily charged.

One of the most trying of our school issues has been the fact of a burden of debt. It was the design of the General Assembly eventually to bring the educational work of the church under the supervision of the General Board that all our general church interests might be fully correlated to the greatest advantage. But the General Assembly believed that the school debts were so localized as to require each educational district to raise money wherewith to free its school from debt. But when this has been done, the schools may readily become general educational institutions of the church.

All of these eight schools have determined to break the chains of debt with which they are bound—for debt is a millstone around the neck of any school. A common offensive against a common traditional enemy has mobilized a battle line over the whole connection. Every educational district is feeling the tread of the serried ranks. The low rumble of the attackers is heard throughout the land. A closing duel is staged on one district. A sharp thrust, a double quick,—and Bethany-Pentel is over the top with the conqueror's banner planted on the enemy's breastworks. The thrill goes all down the line. The other schools move with greater determination to do or die. If ONE can win why can not another—and another—and another—FINALLY ALL?

While the business managers and field men are pushing the warfare against debt there is another battle line being held by the president and faculties. How can the capital management ever expect to win against the will of the capital debt if the current operation managers fail to keep the current operating expenses within the current income? It can scarcely be done. Hence, the current managers—the keepers by the staff—have valiantly undertaken the almost impossible task of operating the schools without current

expense deficits. This comprehends an undertaking of such sacrificial character as to pale the cheek of any but a real warrior. These presidents and teachers are made of real warrior stuff. But will they win out and over the top at the end of the school year? Much depends.

That no school can operate on the income from student tuitions alone is conceded, unless the tuition rates are so excessively high as to be beyond the reach of our student body. To bridge the gap between the necessary operating budget and the income from the student fees and tuitions there must be adequate endowment so invested as to earn and supply the difference. State schools receive large appropriations from their state governments. Many denominational schools of the other churches are heavily endowed, but the eight schools of the Church of the Nazarene do not possess one cent of endowment. In order to bridge the gap each school has asked its constituency to place in their several Assembly District budgets the largest amount per capita they could afford. These amounts range from 25c to \$2.00 per capita on others. An examination of your District Minutes will show what amount your District adopted to be raised this current year. This is known as the educational or school apportionment, and the same is to be applied to the operating expenses of the school and not to the capital debt.

One of the great objects of General Educational Day is to promote a united effort throughout the church to raise the full amount due from each church for the current operating expenses of the school supported by the educational district in which that church is located. It becomes necessary that every church give diligent attention to this matter in order that the schools may close the current year with all operating expenses fully met, with all teachers fully paid. It is urged upon every church to use every laudable endeavor to raise whatever may be needed to complete this budget item and thereby assist its school to close the year without a deficit.

Every local church ought to arrange for an educational rally and every pastor ought to plan for a sermon or address on Christian education. Do something to stir up interest in your school and make this occasion one of the greatest in our history.

THE CHURCH TRIAL.

By REV. H. D. BROWN, Pres. Gen. Court of Appeals

UNFORTUNATELY, disorders come among us. Some of our ministers and members are charged with wrong doing and occasionally a church trial becomes necessary. Quite a number of church trials have taken place in our short history and the experience has taught us some things. A very large percentage of these trials have been irregular and deficient at many points. In some cases of accused ministers an appeal has been taken and in most of these the appellate court has not been able to sustain the proceedings and final action of the lower court.

The covering of the General Court of Appeals is expensive in different ways and it is very desirable that charges should only be brought when there is a real necessity for so doing and then care should be taken that the charges are in proper form and the trial conducted in a legal way.

We think some things might be done which would reduce the number of church trials and tend to a more safe and proper procedure when church trials become absolutely necessary.

We wish to suggest first, that the District Superintendent, in each case, keep in close touch with the General Superintendent who has jurisdiction in his District. If charges are likely to be brought in his District, it would be well to go over the matter with the General Superintendent. Make him acquainted with all the facts in the case. Ask his advice. In many cases a trial can be avoided. It is always best to take counsel with the General Superintendent before proceeding to a church trial.

When church trials must be had it is desirable to have uniformity in bringing the charges. To this end a blank form will soon be printed by our Publishing House and can be used in all cases. This

is not to encourage church trials but only to secure correct proceeding when they must be had.

It should always be remembered that an accused minister or member has certain rights which must be respected. His personality may be unpleasant and he may be disagreeable in many ways but that does not constitute real grounds for charges against his character and it is no reason why he should be expelled from the church. The courts have held that church membership is a valuable asset and a person can not be deprived of it without due process of law.

If we will make haste slowly and advise with our superior officers, we will often be saved from making a serious mistake and the church will often be saved the trouble and expense of a church trial.

SEATTLE, WASH.

SYSTEM IN CHURCH FINANCES

By AMOS C. GRIFFIN

GOD is the author of system and practices it in every detail of this universe. He rules the universe so systematically that astronomers can foretell an eclipse of the sun or moon months and even years in advance. Even the spiritual blessings of God are given on conditions which we must meet. If God rules His kingdom with so much system, may we not insert system into the management of the work of the church?

To begin with, our people should tithe their income and bring in these tithes, along with their offerings, to the treasurer of the church regularly and systematically. And the pastor should never attempt to serve as treasurer, for this will not only over burden him with unnecessary details, but it will expose him to questions as to his carefulness and honesty in handling God's money for the local church. If I were a pastor and had but one

member, that member would be the treasurer. And even the layman who acts as treasurer should not trust to memory, but should conduct his business through the bank so that the cancelled checks will furnish infallible proof of all business transactions. Paying with cash and failing to take or preserve receipts has caused many a good man to be questioned and hurt.

As District Treasurer I receive money from church treasurers in cash, Post Office Order, bank draft, cashier's check, in fact by every possible means for paying out money. But it would be better if the treasurers would adopt iron clad rules to pay absolutely nothing except by bank check.

Let us follow the example that the Lord has set for us in His operation of the universe and adopt good SYSTEM in the Church of the Nazarene.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

SATANIC ATTACKS

By H. O. FANNING

IT IS THE MAN with money that robbers attack. It is not the man going to market his produce, but the man coming home with the proceeds who is in danger.

It is the man who has grace that Satan attacks and seeks to rob. If the Devil is attacking you, it is a good sign that you have not lost out. If he is after you, he has not yet got you. He is not treating you as a friend, but as a foe.

If your grace is being tested, it is a sure indication that you have grace to be tested. If your faith is being tried, it is a sure indication that you have faith to be tried. If you have no spiritual tests, it is likely that you have no spirituality to be tested.

THE SWORD OF THE LORD AND OF GIDEON

All of you Sunday school boys and girls know that Gideon and his little band of picked men took these words for their battle cry when the Lord enabled them to put an army of Midjanites to flight. It is just as well to remember also that Gideon did not become a soldier from the love of war. He was a peaceable man, and only fought because these quarrelsome neighbors would not stay at home but kept raiding his country to kill and rob and burn defenseless villages.

But while you have learned about these true, brave Gideonites of long ago,—it may be that you do not know we have a band of Gideonites in these days, and what it is they are trying to do. You know that the Bible is called the Sword of the Spirit. Well, if our modern Gideonites had a battle cry as the others did, it could very well be, "The Sword of the Spirit and of Gideon." For the thing they have set out to do is to "Bible" every hotel in America. The work had a very small beginning. A few years back two traveling men had to spend the night in the same room of a crowded hotel. They were strangers, but soon found out that they had much in common, for they were brothers in Christ, and both were trying sincerely to serve their Master. A strong friendship sprang up between them, which led them to hunt one another up many times in the course of their travels.

As they talked about the things of God, it was laid upon their hearts to do something for their fellow traveling men. None knew better than they did how many temptations were thrown around these salesmen, big hearted fellows as a rule, and what it meant to be without home influences to help them say no. At last they hit upon an idea, and worked at it enthusiastically for a month, but had only interested one man to join them. They did not give up, however, and after awhile the idea began to take hold of others and others until it has grown steadily into a beautiful and far reaching work.

When you enter a hotel now, and are given a bedroom, one of the first things your eye is likely to rest upon is a plain, good-sized, substantial Bible. It is the sword of the Spirit which has been placed there by Gideonites of this twentieth century; these men who took their name and their inspiration from the Israelitish hero whom God let do big things with little forces.

Many a careless, indifferent, sinful man who has not heard a sermon in years, looks at the sacred volume lying upon the table or dresser, and at once there flashes into his mind a picture of himself as an innocent lad, sitting by his mother's side in the house of God, listening to the preacher read from the Book, and tell man how to be saved and kept from sin. Another who has long since ceased to pray is reminded of the quiet hour in the old home when father gathered the children about him and read a lesson from the word of God and led in family prayer. Who can tell what such memories may have led to?

But hotel managers say that the Bibles are read in many instances.

The manager of Hotel Gibson in Cincinnati wrote as follows to one of the Gideonite offices: "Please hurry up with my 300 Bibles. I have had eight complaints in one week from guests because they had no Gideon Bibles in their rooms while every other first class hotel in the country has them, they said."

The next time you go into a hotel, open one of these Bibles, read the printed message printed on the inside of the cover, then it may be the Lord will lead you to pray for the Gideonites, for they are not trying to tear the Bible to pieces, as so many are doing in these days. No, their aim is to put a whole copy of the word of God in every room in America which will be occupied by a traveler.

THE HOME

Conducted by MRS. J. T. BENSON

CONSTANT GOOD COMPANY

THE most charming companion I ever met was a plain little woman, whose life for years had been entirely given up to the care of an invalid demented father, an old man who demanded her constant presence in his darkened room during his waking hours, in the few spare moments she had while going through the usual routine of household duties.

Poor, living in the backwoods where she never saw any society, she gained a depth of mind and power of expression far superior to many of her old schoolmates, who had shown greater promise and had possessed every advantage. Indeed, she was neither "smart" nor particularly studious at school, but excessively fond of fun, excitement, and company.

One day I asked her the secret of the change.

ARE THE BOYS ALL IN?

*When the twilight shadows gather
Up, and down the dusty street,
And the city's noise and traffic,
With the tramp of passing feet
Slowly dies to just a murmur
Of its former clang and din,
Memory hears my mother asking,
"Are the boys all in?"*

*When the lights begin to glimmer
Like a thousand pair of eyes,
Searching out the ways of darkness
Of the worm that never dies;
And on almost every corner
Are the agencies of sin,
Oft I think I hear her asking,
"Are the boys all in?"*

*Long ago God found in heaven
Need for still a brighter star,
And across the sea of ether
Called my mother from afar,
But her light for me is shining
Yet across the ways of sin:
Some day I shall hear her asking,
"Are the boys all in?"*

She laughed. "I have been enjoying constant pleasant company for the last few years."

"I stared mystified. She drew from her pocket a little quotation book, pointing to two quotations. "My own thoughts are my companions," and "They are never alone who are accompanied with noble thoughts." There were several other quotations written on the margin and the pages were well thumbed.

She said, earnestly, "Looking back over my girlhood I know that there is a fatal defect in the training of our girls. Our words, our actions, receive attention; we are given advice and instruction in every point but in our thinking. I did not even have a conception of entertaining myself by my own thoughts; I wanted all the time to be amused by something or somebody outside of myself.

"Then came that plunge into poverty, sadness and loneliness. At first I believed I should become insane; then God must have directed me to this little book, too worthless to be sold when our library went.

"One other quotation chained my mind, 'Our thoughts are heard in heaven,' and I began recalling my thoughts. How disgusted I was with them! Round and round in a weary rut of repining they had traveled; or, even if not

repining, how stupid, how unelevating they had been.

From that hour I determined that my thoughts should be inspiring companions. When sewing up a seam they should not be, 'So long and tiresome; wonder how long before I am done,' and so on and so on, over and over again. Why, I would take a little trip while sewing that seam!

"When washing the dishes I discuss with myself different national questions; when picking beans I decide whether optimism or pessimism is winning the day; sweeping the room I review the last book I read, or perhaps a book read years ago. Every duty not requiring concentration is enlivened in this way.

"Not more than a hour can I ever read a day. Our books scarcely number a dozen, but since I began to think, one verse of the Bible will unfold and unfold, until it blossoms into a wonder-revelation, and I hope bears fruit. Before, I did not take time to wait for the unfolding and fruit bearing."

"But I can't control my thoughts," I objected; "they will dwell on any trouble or worry I have."

"Paul tells us that in our warfare our weapons are 'mighty to cast down imaginations,' 'bringing into captivity every thought.' That promise is a great help when I feel despairing over my wrong thoughts. To keep down the disagreeable ones, shake myself free from the servitude of the daily fretting tests, I drill myself into meditating on pleasant subjects, just as I would drill my tongue in company to make pleasant speeches. "Tell the girls you teach and write to, how true it is that 'the pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts, and the great art in life is to have as many as possible.'"

When she had left me, I remembered she was the only person who had not made inane remarks about the weather. Do you suppose it was because thoughts had occupied her mind, not empty turning of the mental wheels?

If the mill grinds not grist, it will grind itself; if the mind feeds not on thoughts, it preys upon itself and is its own destroyer.—*Christian Work.*

A DEVOTED LIFE

As an illustration of what a devoted life may accomplish in the way of mission work, even when in old age, the case of Dr. Somerville, who died in his 77th year, is of interest. He first went to India in 1874, and in less than five months performed a journey of 5,000 miles visiting the principal cities and preaching incessantly. During the period from 1874 to his death he preached in India, America, Africa, Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Russia, Greece, Austro-Hungary, and Slavonia. His success shows the good that can be done through an interpreter. If this old man, for he was sixty-one when he began his travels,—if this old man could do so much traveling, and be of so great service to the cause of Christ in so many countries by simply touring through them with an interpreter, could not some of the younger ministers spend their vacations in a similar manner instead of whiling away their time in summer hotels or ascending Swiss mountains?—SELECTED.

PRAYING FOR THE MINISTER

A person called on his minister to tell him he could not enjoy his preaching as much as he once did. "Well, my brother," said the minister, "before you tell me what you have to find fault in me, let us pray together; will you kneel down and pray for me?" They knelt down and prayed, and when they arose, the minister said, "Now, my brother, sit down and tell me what fault you have to find." The man said, "I'm ashamed of myself. I have no fault to find at all." "Why, how is that, my brother?" "Why, sir, since you have asked me to pray for you I cannot find fault with you; I believe now, sir, the fault is in myself; I never prayed for you before, but now I will."—*Wesleyan Methodist.*

MUSIC FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH AND THE HOME

Paper Written for the District Nazarene Young People's Convention, Newton, Kansas

By Mrs. Wm. I. Cobb

IT is most natural that music should be a big factor, in most of our religious services, for, as spiritual things are "spiritually discerned," so music must not only be heard but felt to be appreciated. Marvelous as is the expressive quality of rightly chosen language, there are but few who do not sometimes sing; so the Christian church has been, and will be, a singing church.

Truth lies at the very foundation of Christian worship and the songs that voice the emotional experiences of sincere souls in their religious life are fit for the use of the church.

One cannot read the Psalms without the conviction which grows from every repetition, that here is the poetic voicing of the deepest, highest and most intense experiences possible to the soul of man: They were intended for singing and, from the day of their use in the Jewish Temple until now, they have been the foundation of very many of our best musical productions.

It is surely not necessary to have a critical knowledge of music in order to feel the majesty, the devotion, the tenderness, the sorrow and the whole range of the soul's experiences which music so wonderfully voices. Nevertheless, knowledge does mean more perfect insight and should mean fuller sympathy.

Is the church requiring of her musical servants the very best they can give?

Pleasure is certainly not the important end of public worship even if it may be a permissible accompaniment. Preaching is for the warning, the enlightenment, the upbuilding of hearers and the music has absolutely no place in the Christian church unless it can, in some way, enforce the message of the preacher. However, as we are commanded in the 100th Psalm to come before His presence with singing, it is well to give thought to the singing that will most glorify His desired presence in our midst. Though the kind of music in the church is a great drawing factor to the outsider and those whom we seek to win, it should be kept in mind that the church is not a place of entertainment but a place of worship and the music must be in accordance with this. I have seen musical programs that seemed more of a devotional service, while some church services could be called an entertainment.

Is it possible, when racing almost with syncopated rhythm through a song, that we can receive the blessing the words should convey to our consciousness. But on that thought comes another—Is it possible to sing a hymn in such a manner?—Such a hymn as Charley Wesley wrote:

*"O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His Grace."*

(To insert a hymn occasionally between the lighter songs might check the speed a bit.)

Or could we race through this inspired song of Isaac Watts:

*Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all."*

or, that majestic old hymn "How Firm a Foundation"?

Many of the young people of today are not realizing the worth nor the world of beauty found in these wonderful old hymns. They are slow—they say—but we might suggest that we slow up our pace a bit and investigate why we have neglected this part of our education.

I have been told that a report from the National Convention at Kansas City suggests we learn one hymn a month. It would be well for the leader of our Young People's Society to choose a hymn, give the history and the names of the writers, dwell upon the beauty of thought, sing it at every service during the month until all become thoroughly familiar with it. Our Sunday school paper *The Youth's Comrade*, has been publishing an article each week entitled, "Great Hymns and their Writers," giving a sketch of the author's life and when the hymn was composed. These could be made of good use.



Concerning oratorios and the anthem which takes its foundation from the Scripture, we find much prejudice and are often spoken against, probably because they are used so extensively in the more formal churches and many formal choirs sing these anthems without the knowledge of their truth in their hearts, but, I fear the greater reason is that they are more difficult to sing and play and we do not care to expend the time and practice to accomplish these finer pieces.

As to their suitability for our services, there is no song that carries the weight as the one which is taken from parts of the Bible. How could it be less religious to sing passages taken from the sacred Word with the experience of its truth in the heart of the singer and hearer?

My word shall not return unto me void, is a sure promise and may we also consider Psalm 119:54: "Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage."

Not many months ago two friends and I were privileged to hear a recital given at a large (—) church in a distant city. The soloist, a talented singer, rendered an anthem taken from the sixth chapter of Matthew. The anthem bade us consider the lilies of the field; that they toil not, neither do they spin and call our attention to our Father in heaven taking thought of the lily and the sparrow and how much more would He know our needs and supply them. The beauty of the promise and the faithfulness of our Heavenly Father came to me with greater force than ever before through the rendition of the lovely song and when I noticed my companion she also was in tears and though the singer was all unaware of the blessing we received and may not have realized that truth in her own heart, yet, Isaiah's prophecy that His word would not return to him void, was surely fulfilled. We reviewed afterward the strength and beauty a song contains that is taken from the Holy Scriptures. Truly their value should not be depreciated or harshly spoken of. May we give more time and thought to this particular service for our Master.

Concerning instrumental music in our church, much has been written in the Psalms and Psalm 33:2 might be mentioned, "Praise the Lord with the harp; sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings." And in another verse it is written, "Praise him with the stringed instruments and organs," and still another "As well the singers as the players on the instruments shall be there."

I heard a mother say not long since that the greatest interest that kept her son in church was the fact that he had an instrument to play.

To have the young people we must win them and keep them and, it seems, the orchestra attracts the young folks and especially the young men. A good orchestra under a wise leader is truly a great attraction to any church. I say a wise leader, as the music in a house of worship as well as the singing should bring our hearts into the attitude of worship rather than the pleasurable sensation of rhythm.

The Indians will dance and whoop to the beating out of rhythm. Have we heard shouting for the same reason?

It is not the jazz band that stirs the heart of the soldier to go forth to battle for the protection of his country. It must be a martial air that will bring to the heart of the soldier the strength of a conqueror. So, it must be martial music for war—and for the church, music that will bring the heart to worship.

The music in the home lies largely with the parents. The first preparation for music in the church has its initial beginning in the home. If a girl is given the benefit of piano lessons at home, the church will have a pianist when she is grown. If the vocal talents are not neglected, we gain a choir and the special singers.

If the child receives training on an instrument, we may win him later by having an orchestra in the church. But sad would be the choir if the home

allowed all manner of cheap, popular music to pervade, for I fear that is the origin of the jazz rhythm we lend to some of our songs now.

May our attention revert to the character to whom we owe our inspiring and beloved Psalms. The training of David as a musician we find, began in the home when a youth, for when Saul sought "a man who could play well" and worthy to play before the King, he asked of Jesse, "Thy son David that is with the sheep." Preceding this summons, Saul had received the testimony concerning David that he was a "cunning player on a harp" and "the Lord was with him." So we will surely not go amiss if we follow the example of David who cautions us in his song to "play skilfully."

Much might be said concerning music in the home, for the songs there will not be confined to hymns and strictly religious songs alone for there are many good songs of fine sentiment that are worthy of our notice. May the standard be kept high in the home for good music.

I believe it would be a great help to our Young People's Societies if we urged the more timid ones, that do not usually give special numbers, to get together in their spare time and practice singing together, such as duets, trios, and quartets until they gain more assurance in their singing together. In that way we would have more varied special numbers and bring increased interest to the more retiring members of the society.

However, whether we have any musical ability in the church or home, there is one job in which we may all become proficient—we may all learn to appreciate better music.

WICHITA, KANSAS

N. Y. P. S. TOPIC DISCUSSION FOR APRIL 13

By DONNELL J. SMITH
"The Lord's Day."

Deut. 5:12-15; Isa. 58:13-14; Mark 16:1-9

Accepting John's definition of sin as "the transgression of the law," (1 John 3:4) there is no more common sin in our day than the desecration of the Lord's Day. As has been observed, "the only command in the Decalogue which begins with the word "Remember," is the fourth, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," as if the divine writer realized there would be more danger of forgetting this than any of the others, and of yielding to subtle temptation of caprice and convenience as an excuse for violating it."

In modern times the English speaking peoples have been the guardians of this Day. About it they have thrown a bulwark of law and tradition, truth and right that have brought it down to us as one of our greatest heritages. However, there is cause to fear that with the great immigration to our land of peoples with no such regard for this day, also the apostasy of our own, Sunday, the Lord's Day is in jeopardy, and unless something is done to stay the sweep of the current, this day of rest and quiet, of worship and service will be lost to our land. Abraham Lincoln said, "As we keep or break, the Sabbath Day, we nobly save, or meanly lose, the best hope by which man rises." This national sin, this sin that has wrought such havoc in the Church of Jesus Christ must be faced by young and old. Let us do our part to preserve this day by first, as followers of the Lord, observe the Lord's day, and "Remember to keep it holy."

I. THE SABBATH DAY IS A GOD-GIVEN INSTITUTION.

1. It had its beginning with man in the Garden. (Gen. 2:3).

2. It was observed by the first worshippers. The phrase, "In the process of time" (Gen. 4:3) is translated in the margin, "At the end of the days." That is the Sabbath Day.

3. It was included among the Ten Commandments set forth by God as essential to man's moral and spiritual being (Exodus 20:8).

4. It was one of the great institutions of the Hebrew economy (Isa. 58:13, 14).

5. It is a Christian institution, the Christian's holy-day.

II. WHY THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK AND NOT THE SEVENTH.

1. Jesus proclaimed Himself Lord of the Sabbath. (Luke 6:5). As with other laws which came down from the old order, Jesus redeemed the

law of the Sabbath from its ceremonial encumbrances, the tradition of men, made known its spiritual content, and breathed into it the spirit of life. To preserve the day thus redeemed they chose a new day.

2. They chose the first day of the week, because on that day our Lord rose from the dead, and a new creation greater than the old was brought forth for man.
3. It was on the first day of the week that Jesus made His first five appearances after the resurrection.
4. It was on the first day of the week that the Holy Spirit was given (Acts 2).
5. It was on the first day of the week that the gospel of Christ was first preached to men by men in the power of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2).
6. It was the day on which early Christians gathered for worship and communion (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2, Church History).
7. It was the day on which the Revelation of Christ was given to John in Patmos.

III. THE DIVINE PURPOSE OF THE DAY.

1. The Sabbath is the Savings Bank of human life. Being essential to man, physical, mental, and moral, it is abiding; a stone that civilization must make a part of her foundation or be ground beneath it.
2. The body and mind of man demand it. To deny the body and mind the benefits of this day is to hasten their depletion. A Scotchman wrote, I am now in New York where everybody seems to be in a hurry." True as to physical activity, doubly true as to mental stress and strain.
3. For the Soul or Inner Man. It is not that the soul needs only one day in seven, but that it must have that additional consideration which only the observance of the Lord's Day makes possible.
 - (a) Without the food of that day it is undernourished.
 - (b) Without the exercise of that day it atrophies.
 - (c) Without the strength of that day it fails in the hour of temptation.
 - (d) Without the joy of that day it becomes indifferent.

IV. LIBERTY OR LICENSE.

1. The highest liberty is found in conformity to law. It is when I remember to keep this day holy that I breathe the air of freedom and know the joy of liberty.
2. It is license, mistaken liberty, when my labors and my pleasures oblige others to work, others to become delinquent along moral and spiritual lines, others to break this law of God for man.
3. Blue Laws with proper observance of this day is better than Red Anarchy.

"Let us be rock Christians, who will keep the Lord's Day holy because it holds us in touch with eternal and divine things, because it celebrates our relation to our divine Master; and because the Lord's Day is the guerdon of our national prosperity, the joy of our civilization; and because the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken: "Them that honor Me I will honor.

SUGGESTION: Try a round table discussion of this topic.

PREACHER'S MEETING, CHICAGO CENTRAL DISTRICT

The Annual Preacher's Meeting for the Chicago Central District was held at First Church, Chicago, March 11-16. The papers and discussions as presented by the various pastors of the District were of a high order evidencing careful study on the part of their authors and brimming over with inspiration for all who heard them. Dr. E. P. Ellyson and Brother F. M. Messengér were special lecturers, Dr. Ellyson speaking each morning at eleven o'clock on the subject, "The Divine Program of Service," Rev. Messenger speaking each afternoon at one o'clock on "Revelation." Dr. Ellyson was the preacher at the evening evangelistic service which resulted in several souls finding the Lord.

Although there was not as full an attendance of the pastors of the District as might have been hoped for, yet there was a decided increase of sentiment for District gatherings. Arrangements were completed for a District N. Y. P. S. Convention to be held at First Church April 22-27.

Uncle Buddie's Good Samaritan Chats

Greetings to the Good Samaritans:

Well Amen, here I am still on the Western front. Since my last notice I have had one week at San Diego, Calif. with Brother and Sister Miller and we had a most delightful week. I went down to dear old San Diego to boost for the Lord, and feed the saints and build them up in their most holy faith and I think that the Lord helped me to put burrs in their wool that will be there till shearing time. Brother Miller is one of the greatest boys that you will find in a life time of traveling. He is so well up in his studies and has a great mind and he also has his mind in a fine state of cultivation, there are no old stumps and blackberry briars in his fence corners, and he is doing his best to put every inch of his intellectual field in a fine state of cultivation. As some of the readers of the HERALD may know he married Miss Esther Kirk, the daughter of Dr. Kirk and wife of the First Church of Pasadena, Calif. Dr. Kirk and wife are just simply sacks of salt for the hungry sheep to liek at, as they graze in the Harding pasture. Many years ago I named Miss Esther, Queen Esther, and she is still a queen of the first magnitude. Brother and Sister Miller have a most beautiful daughter about nineteen months old, who is as pretty and sweet as a baby can be, and they are doing well in San Diego and since the Assembly they have added fifty-one new members to their church roll and they are wanting to run it to seventy-five or a hundred by the coming Assembly that meets in June with Dr. Williams as General Superintendent. It will probably meet at Long Beach with Brother J. I. Hill who has performed a miracle in Long Beach.

For years we have had a small church that you could almost push over with a fence rail and Brother Hill has built there a church that will seat a thousand people at a cost of seventy-five thousand dollars. We have a young man in East San Diego that has also worked a miracle. Brother Mathis took East San Diego last June and our church out there was just a handful of as good people as ever walked the earth, but with

nothing in sight but a wagon load of grace and two loads of grit and three loads of determination and now Brother Mathis will have a church by the time that he goes to the Assembly that will seat several hundred at a cost of not less than twelve thousand dollars. This young man is a miracle worker from Newton, Kansas, I saw him get sanctified and also his little wife on our Coast to Coast convention, there in the last week of January, 1920.

Just a word lest you forget that I am still getting subscriptions for the HERALD. By the time you read this letter I will be pulling on toward fourteen hundred for I just lack a few of having my thirteen hundred since the General Assembly. I want you to pray that I will reach my two thousand by the time we have our District Assembly. I will have to work a miracle but I have worked so many of them that I am not concerned when people talk about the days of miracles being over, glory to God. I am almost up to white heat now, if I were not so busy preaching holiness and getting subscriptions for the HERALD I would take off a week and do nothing but shout, but thank the Lord I am too busy to stop and will have to shout as I work. Don't you remember that the engine blows off steam while she pulls the load down the track? Well amen, let every pastor and every evangelist see to it that he puts the HERALD in every home that it is at all possible to place it in. We have the greatest field of any little band on earth for nobody wants to do what we are doing. We are doing our best to save the holiness move of America and then get every sinner converted and every believer sanctified that it is possible for us to do while we are allowed to work for the blessed Master.

Let no Nazarene look down his nose. Remember that when the Lord stopped talking to Abraham that he went up, and St. Paul said that he was caught up into the third heaven and I am expecting to go up that same way some of these days. In perfect love and all for Jesus.

Just the same old UNCLE BUDDIE.

The absence of Rev. T. H. Agnew, always an outstanding feature at a gathering of this kind, was a source of sorrow to all, word having come to the convention that that pioneer-warrior was nearing the end of his journey.—Lawrence Howe, secretary.

THE FUNDAMENTAL AND EVANGEL BIBLE CONFERENCE, PASADENA, CALIF.

At the First Church of the Nazarene a Bible Conference was recently closed. This was great not only because of the number of pastors, evangelists and other workers present, but because of the glory of God that was manifested at every service. Seventeen outstanding workers of the Holiness Movement participated, including Rev. George Kunz, Rev. Joseph Smith, Cecil Troxel, returned missionary from China; Rev. W. R. Cox, General Superintendent of the Pilgrim Holiness Church; Ed Roberts, Fred Suffield, John Hatfield of the Methodist Church; E. E. Shelhamer of the Free Methodist Church; Rev. G. A. McLaughlin, Editor of the *Christian Witness*; Rev. C. E. Cornell, Rev. U. E. Harding, Rev. C. H. Babcock and "Uncle Buddie."

Rev. George Kunz, President of the Holiness Association, was chairman of the Conference, and Rev. U. E. Harding, pastor of the church in which the conference was conducted was responsible for the selection of workers and the arrangement of the program.

The first night Rev. W. R. Cox delivered a mighty soul stirring message, emphasizing the need of the power of God in the present day church. The following morning Rev. E. E. Shelhamer gave a message on "True and False Impressions" showing how to distinguish between them. After which Joseph Smith opened to us the Scriptures and revealed some of the deep hidden things of God's Word. In the afternoon Rev. Cecil Troxel spoke on "The Bible and its Critics in Foreign Lands," showing that the virile poison of destructive criticism had found its way into the ranks of missionaries. Following which Rev. Fred Suffield preached on "Holiness, God's Purpose for the Human Race." At night Uncle Buddie Robinson preached to a well filled house.

On Thursday morning John Hatfield spoke on "The Bible and Some of its Deeper Truths," exhorting us to stir up to flame the gift that was within

us. Following this Brother Robinson preached again. In the afternoon Dr. Widmeyer, President of Pasadena College, spoke on the "Bible and Education." At night Brother Smith preached with the vigor and fire of a young warrior.

Friday morning Rev. C. E. Cornell spoke fervently and pointedly on "The Bible and the Clergy," giving as much sound advice to preachers as is usually found in entire books on similar subjects. Again Brother Smith expounded the Bible, winning the title of "the Prince of Bible Expositors." In the afternoon Rev. Frank Stevens, who recently came to us from the Evangelical Church, preached on "The Relation of the Individual to Revivals."

At night Dr. Charles Babcock preached a marvelous sermon on "The Second Coming of Christ."

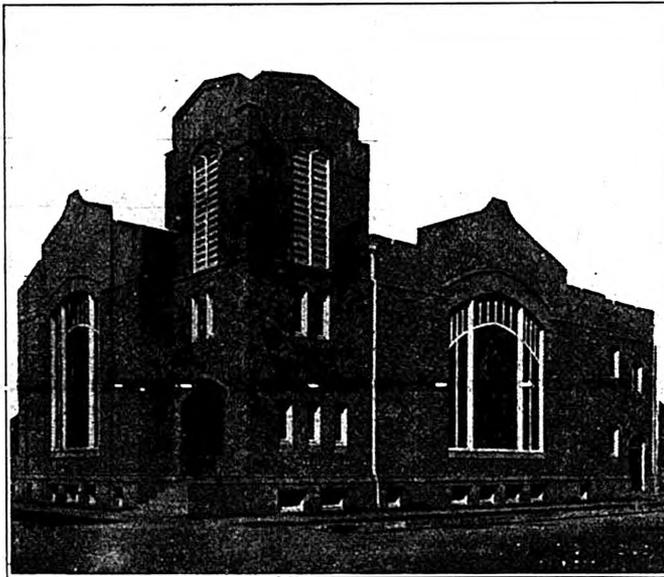
Saturday morning Dr. McLaughlin spoke on "The Fundamental of the Fundamentals," declaring carnality to be the basis of the individual's sins and the world's troubles, which only through sanctification can be removed. Rev. Ed Roberts then spoke on "The Bible in the Home," stressing the need of family worship. After which Brother Smith opened the question box and answered those questions dealing with the fundamentals of our faith. In the afternoon Brother E. A. Girvin gave an address on the Bible and the great apostasy through which the church is now passing, and Rev. Cecil Troxel preached. At night Uncle Buddie by his preaching made the congregation weep and shout and laugh for joy.

On Sunday there were six great services. Brother Smith taught the Sunday school lesson, followed by an old fashioned love feast and Brother Kunz preached. In the afternoon Uncle Buddie preached and Brother Smith again at night. Brother Lowman sang the glory down and Uncle Buddie was so happy shouting that it seemed that he would die under the glory. The message at night was nothing less than marvelous. Nor was the singing less wonderful than the preaching. Some of the greatest singers of the movement were present.

At every service the attendance was large; on Friday, Washington's Birthday, the large auditorium was full. People were in attendance from as far as a hundred miles north of San Francisco. Many of the pastors and about fifteen others from Northern California District were present. Practically

New Church Home at Long Beach, California

FIVE YEARS AGO Rev. J. I. Hill became pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene at Long Beach, Calif. The membership was small, about thirty in number. The work has gone through some very severe tests, but a few faithful people were determined not to give up. They were worshipping in a small frame building on Seventh St. With the coming of Brother Hill they took courage and began forward steps along every line. Campaigns were put on and advertising was done. The attention of the town was soon drawn to the rapid growth of the church. They began to talk of a new church and thought it might cost \$20,000. They began raising money and talking new church more. Then it was thought that perhaps it would cost \$30,000. But the final growth of the church



CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, LONG BEACH, CALIF.

made it possible for them to erect the beautiful building shown in this picture, valued at approximately \$100,000, having in all twenty-five rooms with a seating capacity of 1000 people. They are not burdened with a heavy debt but will be able to carry with ease all indebtedness, and continue to be one of the largest paying churches in the connection to the budget. Much credit is due Brother Hill for his untiring efforts in this great accomplishment. He has worked hard and God has rewarded his efforts, both in this beautiful edifice and in giving him one of the best congregations in the entire church. Long Beach is a beautiful city of over 100,000 people and we are well located, with a plant that is a credit to any denomination, in any city, and we are sure that under the further leadership of this good man, God will help us bring to this city the glorious gospel of full salvation. They have just finished their first campaign in the new church, with Dr. Williams, Gen. Supt., the first two weeks and Dr. A. O. Henricks the last, assisted by the Aeolian Quartet through the entire campaign. They are now planning for the Assembly which meets June 10-15 with Dr. Williams presiding.

Personally we appreciate the work of Brother Hill and the co-operation of his faithful people, and pray God to make them mighty as an army with banners.

J. E. BATES, *District Superintendent.*

The building of a strong congregation and the erection of a beautiful church home in Long Beach, California, constitute one of the greatest victories of our denomination in any part of the country. Rev. J. I. Hill, the pastor can rejoice in having one of the finest bodies of people to be found. These people under the leadership of Brother Hill and his faithful and devoted wife have succeeded in erecting on the corner of Tenth and Olive streets, a splendid location, a modern church building having every convenience and being thoroughly equipped to

accommodate the present congregation and provide for the growth sure to follow. It is one of the best and finest buildings in the movement, a real credit to any city, and surely a great asset to our church in that growing city of the West. I am proud indeed of the building and congregation and very successful pastor. Of course I am proud in the right sense.

In the first meeting in this new church, God placed His approval on the work of these brethren. Right from the beginning the presence of the Lord was felt, and souls sought and found God. We had no dry services. There is perfect harmony in the congregation, and the people are full of holy fire and divine passion for the souls of men. The altar was usually full of seekers for God, and I think there was not a call without seekers and finders.

On the last Sunday I was there I was privileged to raise some money on this new church, and the people gave \$16,200 to be what is practically cash. The giving was full of sacrifice and God was with the givers. They now have the finances in fine shape, and they hope to pay the last dollar this fall. All of this has been done in a few short years, about five years I think is the time.

Brother Hill came to this church when it was in very bad and sad condition and with the help of a few faithful and true people he succeeded under the leadership of the Lord to raise up a good substantial and dependable congregation of people who have the love and respect of the city. Brother Hill and his people surely deserve great credit and commendation for this phenomenal success. My stay with them was delightful. God bless a man who will stand true and suffer, and work until his health is endangered to succeed with the work of God. He deserves special mention and appreciation. God bless him. He has done a work for the church that can never die.

R. T. WILLIAMS, *General Superintendent.*

A TESTIMONY AND REQUEST

I am writing you to thank you for the HERALD of HOLINESS that has been such a comfort and help to me during my struggles and wrestlings with the enemy of the soul. After much prayer and strong weeping, I have found my way back to the saving grace of God, and am having rest, both of heart and mind. I am writing this to ask the prayers of the great family of God, that the will of God may be done in my heart and life. I came here a year ago, backslidden in heart, a sinner in the sight of God, a transgressor of the law, but through the prayers of a good Christian wife, and some of the people of God, study of the Bible and reading of the HERALD, I have been reclaimed, and am trying to serve the Lord with all my heart, and help others into a Christian experience. I ask prayers also that if it is His will that He deliver me back to my family, that I may be able to make restitution for all the wrongs I have done, and that I may be a true messenger of Jesus Christ to the lost of this world.—Prisoner No. 12381, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Among the Churches

BERNIE, Mo.

—A splendid revival came to a close at the Church of the Nazarene March 12th. Rev. Wm. Seal of Des Arc was the evangelist and he proved to be the man for the place. His preaching uncovered sin in a fearless manner and his sermons went to the heart of the people and eighty-one prayed through in the old fashioned way. There were eighteen additions to the church and we expect more to follow. We are progressing under the care of our beloved pastor, Brother John Duncan and wife, to God be all the glory forever. Amen.—Elmer Esterline, reporter.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

—Days past have brought us many victories for, from a discouraged few we are becoming an enthusiastic body. We are again in the midst of a revival conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. A. Windsor and his two assisting preachers, Mrs. Esta Foltz of Richards, Missouri and A. L. Taylor both of whom have come to us recently from other communities. The revival effort began March 16th and we will continue until victory crowns our efforts in His name! On Easter Sunday we are planning a special Sunday school drive and we hope to have no less than 150 in the school as a result. Coming perhaps at the end of the revival we look for a high level of interest and enthusiasm to be maintained. We are praying and praising as never before. Neighbor churches or visiting brethren are urged to share these blessings with us. Our church is two blocks east of the Frisco station. Pray for us.—A. L. Taylor.

FLORENCE, COLO.

—Our little church is "looking up" and as we continue to look up our heavenly Father continues to open the windows of heaven and pour His blessings upon us. When we arrived on the scene last September we found a little band of thirty soldiers of the cross who had weathered the storms of the past four years. The church had been without a pastor for about three months, but had been held together by a few of God's anointed who were determined to keep a soul-saving station opened at this place. God has wonderfully blessed His people here the past winter, a goodly number of souls have been saved and sanctified in our regular services, and twelve members have been added to our church. Our Sunday school is prospering under the superintendency of Brother Howard Geeding and our brethren are dwelling together in perfect love. The spiritual condition of our church is at the very top of the ladder and the power of God is manifested in every service, praise His name. Shortly after coming here we organized a Teacher's Training class, which is proving a great benefit under the instruction of Brother Wm. Anderson, an elder in our church. Also organized a Young People's Society of which we are justly proud, and of which we are expecting greater things under the presidency of the pastor's wife. Every one of our teachers are saved and sanctified up to date, thank the Lord, and our little church is a band of willing workers, and altogether on fire for God. We are just beginning the erection of a new church-building, pray for our building plans.—Z. H. Baxter, pastor.

BONHAM, TEXAS

—We have just closed a series of revival services at our church, with victory written on our banners. The meeting was started by the pastor and run for a few days, when we called to our assistance Rev. Bluford Hudson, who took charge of the meeting and conducted it to the close. Brother Hudson is one of the "old time" pioneer preachers of holiness. He is a member of the band who used to be known as the "Hudson Holiness Band." His messages were penetrating and pointed. The closing sermon, on the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, as a second and distinct work of grace, was the clearest I ever heard on holiness. Although we were hindered somewhat by sickness and bad weather, yet some few prayed through to victory, some had their sins forgiven and others received the blessing of holiness, and all the old soldiers of the Cross encouraged. We accepted the work here at the beginning of the Assembly year with only thirty-nine members. We have climbed up to fifty at present and we hope to be able to reach seventy-five by next Assembly. Pray for us. Our Sunday school too has almost doubled its enrollment. We have a nice new church and parsonage here, with only \$200 indebtedness on the church and \$300 indebtedness on the parsonage. We are located in a nice little city of about 7,000 population, with our hands full of work for the Master. We are to have the

all the pastors of the Southern California District, except those engaged in revivals, were also present. With the exception of two speakers who were sick. Rev. Paul Helsel and Dr. A. M. Hills, all were able to fill their places on the program. The large program was carried out on schedule time. Many pastors from other churches were also present and one Methodist preacher was sanctified.

The Conference was such a success that already calls are being made for another Convention next fall.

REV. B. W. MILLER, *Reporter.*

Our sins are debts that none can pay but Christ. It is not our tears, but His blood; it is not our sighs, but His sufferings, that can testify for our sins. Christ must pay all, or we are prisoners forever.—THOMAS BROOKS.

honor of entertaining the Dallas District Assembly here this fall, Oct. 22-26. Pray that God may help us to keep the Nazarene vision.—W. A. Carter, pastor.

AUGUSTA, KANSAS

—We had a revival campaign with Brother W. E. Shepard Feb. 13-24 and God saved souls from the first night. The tide ran high and came to a climax and subsided and the saints went to prayer and fasting and God came to our rescue and Sunday the 24th was a glorious closing with the long altar and extra chairs full of weeping souls. Brother Shepard preached with great unction and God's people prayed until awful conviction seized the people and many trembled under the mighty power of God. Many yielded and prayed through 'till the glory of God shone on their faces and amidst shouting and laughing and crying the meeting broke up. Brother Wm. O. Nease came then and carried the meeting on and it reached another climax on Sunday March 2nd. The meeting ran all day—just a short stop for dinner and no time for supper. God seized people and they fell down crying and weeping over their lost condition, while others were dying out and receiving the blessed Holy Ghost. Two were stretched out under the mighty power of God and came through shouting and shining, and then souls kept coming until on Thursday night another break came when many prayed through good. Sunday the closing day it snowed all day but people came and the closing service was great. Two more were laid out under the power of God and a good number came through to victory with shouts of joy. Twenty have already applied for admission into the church and we are expecting that many more as soon as weather and roads clear up. 115 different persons came as seekers and most of them got through to God. Some elderly people got through to God for the first time. This was a prayed down revival. In the fall we held a meeting with Brother Jesse Uhler as evangelist and several souls came to Jesus and seven united with the church, and this revival did not stop but God kept His conviction on and souls kept praying through each week and the people kept coming until the church was crowded and the Sunday school had 156 present the Sunday before the meeting began. Brother and Sister J. W. Farr, our pastors, have labored hard and faithfully and all of God's people are under the burden and we are looking unto Jesus to establish a strong church here. Money was raised during the last week of the meeting to apply on completing the basement of the church to accommodate our growing Sunday school and N. Y. P. S. which has also doubled its membership. Glory to God.—Reporter

PASADENA, CALIF., FIRST CHURCH

—The tide was running well ere the Fundamental and Evangel Bible Conference had drawn to a close, so it was thought an opportune time to reap a harvest of souls. In accordance with this thought the Roberts-Lowman Evangelistic Party were engaged and we found ourselves in what might be termed a spontaneous revival. The preaching of Rev. C. Edward Roberts was of the same prolific rugged type that has always characterized his ministry. The slain of the Lord were not a few, and a splendid company of new members were received into the church. Professor J. Warren Lowman, as chorister and soloist did some mighty singing. In his singing he improvises, holds, runs, leaps an octave and God only knows what he can't do. His singing is superlative, unique and captivating. The people like it. The wives of these two brethren contributed largely to the success of the meeting by their musical talent. While the pastor, Rev. U. E. Harding preached one night with marked effect and gratifying results. The meeting took the form of leaving a most pleasant after effect, as well as producing large immediate results.—Fred M. Weatherford, associate pastor.

MITCHELL, IND.

—The Lord is marvelously blessing in all departments of the work here. We are serving a great God who hears and answers prayer. Praise His name! As we look back over the time spent here, two and a half years, and see what God has done for us, our heart is made to rejoice and we feel like falling at His feet in humility and adoration. As we arrived on this field of labor we found this people loaded down with debts. The church was not completed and the parsonage needed repairing. God has so marvelously blessed that we have been able to stucco church, build steps at front and back, paint walls, place rubber matting in the aisles and purchase piano; paint and paper parsonage, build garage, put in city water, and other improvements. Also on Sunday morning, March 16th we had a great time praising God as we burned note against parsonage, thus clearing the indebtedness against same. Also

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON REFERENCE

MARCH 30. REVIEW: ABRAHAM TO SOLOMON.
GOLDEN TEXT: The Lord is merciful, and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Psalm 103:8.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 138.
APRIL 6. THE KINGDOM COMETH ASUNDER. Lesson 1 Kings 12:12-20.
GOLDEN TEXT: Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Prov. 16:18.
Devotional Reading: Psalms 131 and 133.
APRIL 13. ELIJAH AND THE STRUGGLE WITH BAAL. Lesson: 1 Kings 18:20-24; 36-39.
GOLDEN TEXT: No man can serve two masters. . . . Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Matt. 6:24.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 15.

we have amount subscribed to pay off balance due on church by Aug. 1st when we expect to have another big shout in the camp as this will clear our entire indebtedness. Our Sunday school has grown from fifty-nine to the 200 mark the last two Sundays, and we can see no way to take care of our increased attendance but to complete our basement, which we are planning to do in the near future. I have never seen such harmony in a church and God pours out His rich blessing in almost every service. This is the greatest people to stand by and love their pastor and family I have ever met with, and we just march on as one family. They have brought us in a number of donations during the year, and just recently presented us with a nice leather rocker. We are determined by God's grace to pray more, obey God in all things until Jesus comes.—C. E. Pendry, pastor.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

—Rev. Jos. N. Speakes came to us March 21st for a two weeks' revival and surely he has never preached better than he has in this meeting. We are just getting started at this writing but we are expecting great things from the Lord. Attendance is very good and increasing. We desire the prayers of the HERALD readers.—Elmer D. Russell, pastor, 2843 N. 13th St.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

—The past year has been one of great testings along many lines, but it has been one of victory. The work of the Bethany Training Home is truly being owned and blessed of the Lord. It has been nothing short of miraculous the way the Lord has provided and cared for us. In thirty months we cared for nearly 400 girls and babies without a death. Nearly every girl in the Home has been blessedly saved, far more than eighty-five per cent of them standing true to God today. The Home is filled with girls all the time and when they have stayed their time out they don't want to leave, and when they leave they are always writing back and coming back to see us. Every girl in the Home is saved and a number of them are sanctified. It is wonderful the peace and harmony that prevail among them. At this time they are nearly all of them reading their New Testaments through. The church is moving on fine, Sunday school and congregations are increasing every Sunday. I preach morning and evening at the church and afternoon at the Home. I preached eleven times in four Sundays, at nine of these services there were seekers at the altar

and at eight of the services some one prayed through to the Lord. The Lord is truly blessing the work in Memphis. Of course the church is still in debt, we are pulling hard and sacrificing to pay the debt off the church. We have paid nearly \$4,000.00 on the church and furnishings and lot. We are still owing about \$2500.00. When we get out of debt we can employ a pastor who can devote his full time in visiting and building up the congregation. Our Sunday school averages in attendance from 60 to 75 and our congregation from 75 to 125. Rev. J. E. Gnar held us a good meeting in Feb. and things are moving along fine. Pray for us.—A. J. Vallery.

E. LIVERPOOL, OHIO

—We have just closed a successful revival campaign with Jarrette and Dell Aycock evangelists. From the very opening services the presence of the blessed Holy Ghost was very manifest. Conviction settled down on the congregations that filled the church with many turned away, while others were compelled to stand during the entire service. Seekers were found at the altar at nearly every service until 250 persons counting night 'by night had presented themselves for prayer. Of this number of course there were some who failed to pray through, but those who meant business came through with gracious victory. We were compelled to again move to larger quarters to finish our campaign, this being the eighth time we have moved out in three years. However, we have purchased a lot adjoining the church and have every dollar provided for and expect to enlarge this spring, giving us room for 1000 folks. The revival closed in a blaze of glory with forty-six seekers at the altar and 1100 persons present. At the afternoon service the last Sunday 1000 persons listened to Sister Aycock as she brought a message to the children, while at the morning service we have 700 present and 612 in the Sunday school. Brother and Sister Aycock gave us excellent service and the public in general had the kindest of words to speak of them. They were especially used in shop meetings held in the different potteries during the noon hour. Finances came easy, while 353 subscriptions were received for the HERALD of HOLINESS. Seventeen united with the church with others to follow. We were greatly privileged to have with us over the last Sunday Prof. Rolla B. Benner and wife of Marion, Ohio who assisted in the services playing the violin and harp to the delight of all present. To God be all the glory.—O. L. Benedum, pastor.

GAINESVILLE, FLA.

—About six weeks ago Rev. M. M. Bussey and his good wife came here in a gospel auto wagon. It so happened that Mr. and Mrs. Durkee of Lynn, Mass. a couple of red hot Nazarene people had come to Florida to spend the winter, and located here at Gainesville. They joined hands with Brother N. H. Eby, a former member at Miami, and at once set about securing a suitable place for holding a series of meetings. They secured and fitted up a nice room right in the heart of the city and Brother Bussey opened services. His good wife can "just make the piano talk" and she can sing "the songs of salvation" to perfection. There were no less than three revivals going on at the same time in the older churches, so that everyone who was at all religious was busy going to his own church. But Brother Bussey, held on and at last the people began to come. The services continued for six weeks, and during the last week, Dr. H. F. Reynolds, one of the General Superintendents of the Church of the Nazarene from Kansas City, Mo. came down and gave the meeting a great big boost. On Friday night, March 14th Brothers Reynolds and Bussey organized a Nazarene Church in Gainesville with fourteen members on the roll, and with still more in sight. But the work will require a whole lot of care and nursing. Both these brethren have moved on, and there is no shepherd for the sheep. The fight in Florida is a "hard go." Years ago some zealous people, who professed holiness and sanctification, came into the state and separated a number of families, and finally came the "tongues" people, and in the common parlance of the people they all were called "holy rollers." The result is that any man professing or preaching holiness or sanctification is at once "dubbed" a holy roller and about all the people have is a big club for him. Brothers Reynolds and Bussey are now making a tour of the entire state of Florida, for the purpose of learning the needs of the Nazarene Church in the state and to endeavor to solve the problems which confront us.—Lyman L. Palmer.

CARTERSVILLE, ILL.

—The Church of the Nazarene here is having a real revival at this time. It has been on for about two months in our regular services, and special cottage prayermeetings in the homes of the unsaved,

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or newly saved. Two weeks ago in the midweek prayermeeting God brought three men from the street into the service and never let them stop or sit down or give anyone time to talk to them, but came straight to the altar where we were praying, and began to call on God in the old fashioned way, and were soon on their feet praising God for salvation. One of them was a man who had been in another church of which we were pastor about fifteen years ago and had taken his stand against the truth. But after all the years had gone by he knew where to bring folks to get them prayed through. One of the men was seventy-three years old and had been a backslider for twenty-five or thirty years; the other man was one of the undertakers of the city and City Clerk. He is a fine man but sin was doing its work in his life; now he is able to help pray folks through at the altar and the others report victory through the blood. We have not had a barren service for sometime now and we are looking for greater things when we begin a revival with Sisters Crook and McLemore April 27th. Everybody help us pray for these and others who are getting to God. Last night one of the most wicked and profane old men in town was wonderfully saved, and is shouting the victory this morning. Thanks for every one who has offered prayer for this church and pastor.—Edna Wells Hoke.

POTLATCH, IDAHO

—The Church of the Nazarene of Onaway just finished a month's meeting with Brother Fred St. Clair in charge. While the meetings are over we feel the assurance of our God that the revival has just begun. The church was deepened and strengthened spiritually and God was with us in a marvelous way. The daily Bible readings were a great help to the Christian people and he was able to lead us out to a knowledge of how to pray, etc., as only a man who has long walked with God could do. We can surely say that any church wanting to go deeper with our precious Savior will be fortunate in securing Brother St. Clair. He is a mighty man of prayer and always at the battle front. Much credit is due our faithful pastor, Rev. D. Swarth and his precious wife, for steadfastly praying and working to secure a deep, spiritual man of God.—Mrs. C. V. Bailey.

PLAINFIELD, IND.

—We just closed a two weeks' meeting with Rev. C. R. Pearson as evangelist. Brother Pearson is an able preacher of the good old fashioned Nazarene doctrine. His messages are stirring, convincing and to the point. However we did not see the results we would have liked to have seen, but there has been laid a good foundation on which to build. We had a few seekers and also got a few subscriptions for the HERALD of HOLINESS. We are planning a tent meeting beginning May 24th with Rev. H. W. Sweeten as evangelist, also expect to engage some one as singing evangelist. We are looking ahead for greater things. We can recommend Brother Pearson to any church and he has a few open dates. Pray for our work in Plainfield.—H. J. Rahrar, pastor.

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WISTER, OKLA.

—The Lord is wonderfully blessing us here at this place. Our hearts are sad on account of the death of one of our members, Sister Nettie Mcelsane. Our church is in better condition than it has been for years. God's presence is with us in our services. We sure have a good pastor, he has the work on his heart and he loves his people. He is a man of prayer and doing his best to get his people to pray knowing that if he can get them to pray there will not be much trouble for them to do their duty. I thank God for the old time preachers, if there was ever a time that we ought to fast and pray it is now. Oh, that sweet anointing that God gives us if we take time to pray, and tarry before Him in secret. God bless the work and all our people.—Anna Emerson, reporter.

PHILOMATH, OREGON

—We have here a little band of Nazarenes and while we are weak both numerically and financially, we remain a holiness band and are hoping that God will some day and in some way send us an evangelist who will come and work without a stipulated price. We have no place to worship except at so great a cost that we are not able to meet the expense so we go to the Radical United Brethren Church and Sunday school, many of whom are sanctified Christians.—N. C. Pierce.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., WEST SIDE CHURCH

—We can report that we are marching on. God has been blessing us in an unusual way recently. A real spirit of Christian unity prevails and we are looking into the future with renewed faith believing that God is able to do far more abundantly than we are able to ask or think. For some time preceding our revival there were seekers every Sunday night. On February 28th our beloved District Superintendent came to us for a week-end service and laid a good foundation for the revival which commenced March 2nd. Rev. Charles Stalker of Urbana, Ohio was our evangelist and he surely is a man of God. We can truthfully say that this was a real revival and one of the best in the history of the church. While in the words of Brother Shepard there was some "old straw threshed over" but only about forty per cent. The sixty per cent was mostly new timber and ones who had been backslidden and had ceased to attend services. People came from all parts of the city and filled the auditorium every night. There was not a barren service during the entire meeting and we can safely say there were between ninety-five and one hundred different people bowed at the altar during the two weeks seeking spiritual help from the Lord. A goodly number signified by standing to their feet the last night of the meeting that they desired to unite with the church. A marked feature of the meeting was the great number of ministers who attended and took an active part in the services. We were also blessed by having in our presence Evangelists R. H. Shanks and wife, Burl Sparks, and Harold Small, who added their support to the meeting. Finances came easy, only one offering being taken. The evangelist was well paid and a love offering for the pastor. We are not expecting the revival to close although the evangelist is gone. We expect to keep the fire burning and have a good head of steam when Bona Fleming and Burl Sparks arrive for the annual tent meeting in June.—Amos C. Griffin.

GRIGGSVILLE, ILL.

—I thank God for victory over all opposing powers. Since last Easter God has been giving us a few souls for pardon and cleansing. In the early fall we had Sister Crooks with us for a week-end convention at which time one was saved and another sanctified. On the Sabbath she helped us raise our Olivet apportionment on the school indebtedness. In January we again had Sister Crooks as evangelist and Miss Grace McLemore of Salem, Indiana in a three weeks' evangelistic campaign at which time we had some seven or eight souls saved; some of these also getting into the fountain. Among them we had a business man and a Catholic who sought and found pardon—may I ask the prayers of the HERALD readers for his speedy sanctification? In this special effort we feel that prejudice was greatly broken, many were helped and the church greatly strengthened and edified. Our church claims are all collected but \$3.50 and we have made a good beginning on our missionary quota. We are now looking forward to the visit of Sisters Stella Crooks and Eva Carpenter April 4th. We have a Woman's Missionary Society doing good work. All in all God is giving the victory and we give Him the praise.—Eva C. Butler, pastor.

BELLINGHAM, WASH.

—Things are looking fine in our work here at this place. The congregations have been increasing, finances getting much better and the spiritual con-

dition is good, praise the Lord. The Sunday school was \$40.00 in debt to our Publishing House when we came here but thank the Lord that is all paid now and we pay in advance for our supplies, besides we paid for the Christmas treats and helped pay for our new song books. The church debt is diminishing and several new Nazarenes are coming our way. We have engaged Evangelist J. W. Wright for a revival campaign beginning March 17th, we are looking for a real revival. Pray for us. This is a wonderful country and a beautiful city of about 35000 people.—J. W. Frazier, pastor.

CANEY, KANSAS

—On January 28th we began a revival in the Cascade schoolhouse, the writer doing the preaching. The folks were hungry for the gospel and we had a good break the latter part of the first week; we kept on three weeks longer and had about forty at the altar but only count one-half of them really getting definite victory. Quite a few would come to the altar and would not pay the price, and go away never to come back to the meeting again. Several of the first ones saved came to the altar again and were gloriously sanctified. Six men quit their tobacco and seven new family altars were erected. This meeting was right out among the sand hills and jack oaks near the Oklahoma line. This meeting had not closed until J. H. Crawford came to begin a meeting for us here in Caney. Brother Crawford is one of the greatest preachers of God's word we ever listened to; he weaves so much scripture into his sermons that no one can gainsay a single thing he says. All the odds seemed against us at first, but God broke through in a marvelous way and gave us about forty-five professions. We had a house full at almost every service in spite of the bad weather. People from the other churches who were hungry for the word of God, came in numbers and many of them accepted the truth and were saved and sanctified, quit their lodges and old churches and came to the Nazarene. We received eight into the church Sunday March 16th and many more are coming as soon as they can cut loose from the things they were bound to and come clean. Thank God for it all. We will organize the church, Sunday school, and Young People's Society in a few days and be ready for the real work as a Nazarene Church. I am praising God because the Holy Ghost abides just now.—A. C. Mize, pastor.

REDLAND, TEXAS

—It has been some time since we sent in a report from our little newly organized church but we are just thanking and praising God for the establishment of this little church. Being a new pastor and a newly organized church in a territory where holiness is fought, you know we have a great many difficult problems to solve. But thank God He has established the most of our members in holiness and they have stood like Nehemiah building the walls of Jerusalem. We are doing our best to bend our minds and our will to God's eternal will and trusting He will give us great victory in this part of the Dallas District. We want every Nazarene that reads this to offer one special prayer to God in the behalf of our little church at this place. Pray that God may drive out every hindering cause that may try to hinder the progress of the work here and that we may be able to sweep this country for holiness.—R. L. Hayes.

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and have not missed a single service. We have had a goodly number at the altar and there have been some real finders of salvation. We hope to organize into a Nazarene band soon. We are the only Nazarene family in the city, so we desire the prayers of the HERALD family to remember us at the throne.—W. F. Herbig.

NORTH POWDER, ORE.

—We engaged Rev. J. W. Slaton to aid us in a series of meetings covering two weeks. Brother Slaton is now pastor of the Baptist Church at Cove, Oregon. He is from the south, and his type of ministry detracts not a whit from the fine evangelistic record of our Southern evangelists. He is energetic, forceful, and best of all, Biblical in his preaching. The results of the meeting were good, from twenty to twenty-five souls sought the Lord and there were many happy finders. On the last evening of the meeting we were glad to have a delegation of forty people from Cove present. They were a fine help in the meeting. Our people here have been strangers to holiness preaching until we came here last fall, and now during this last campaign quite a number entered "over into Canaan land" as well as a goodly number of conversions. So we feel that holiness is firmly established in this field. We rejoice in this victory for souls. We understand that Brother Slaton is open for evangelism a part of the time, and we recommend him as fine help for any desiring such services.—Ira J. M. McFarland, pastor M. E. church.

KINGSTON, OKLA.

—We are glad to report that we are still on the go, and victory is ours. Under the direction of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, our beloved pastor, Rev. Arthur L. James and his good wife, are leading the host on to blessed victory. We truly praise God for this dear couple who are giving their lives for Christ and the church. The Lord is helping us wonderfully with our budget, as every department of the church is looked after and kept up to the minute. Our Sunday school is pushing on with good progress, and a bright future. The work with our young people is very encouraging. They have gotten up and rendered some very beautiful programs and have, under the direction of our pastor, and President visited some of the churches and put on programs to the delight of all; namely, Sherman, Texas, Platter, Durant and Madill, Okla. The program at Durant was rendered during the District Preacher's Convention and since the reporter of the Convention failed to mention this service we feel like it would be well to say a word. The service was inspiring from beginning to end; from the first number the glory fell, and the folks shouted and just simply had spells. We had to run everything on the side track and wait and let them shout, and at the close of the program seekers came to the altar, for which we give God all the glory. We had great services at all the other places. Young people will do things if you give them a leader and a chance. We are doing our best to make Nazarenes out of every young person we come in contact with, and we are expecting greater things in the future. Pray for us.—B. J. Wilkins, reporter.

PATRICKSBURG, IND.

—Since organizing a Nazarene Church at this place on November 2nd, we have put up a new cement block building, and held our first revival meeting

with Brother L. R. Morgan of Anderson, Ind. as our evangelist. We had a great meeting with about forty seekers, and most of them happy finders. The three Sunday services were wonderfully honored of God, the saints were so blessed, they cried, shouted, praised God, and prayed through in the good old fashioned way. The last Sunday there were eighteen at the altar and the outpouring of the Spirit of God was something marvelous. At the closing service we took in a class of eight new members, which now makes our membership forty-two. The Lord has been most wonderfully blessing us as a new church, struggling in its infancy to get a start, and we earnestly covet the prayers of all the HERALD family that we will keep the faith and prove a blessing to the unsaved about us. Brother Morgan who gave us the gospel without compromise, is a great man of prayer, and God surely did honor his labors. Miss Margaret Baker of Corey, Ind. assisted in the singing.—J. L. Long, pastor.

TUNEDO, TEXAS, Mt. ZION CHURCH

—The work at Mt. Zion is moving on nicely, the Sunday school is growing and there is a better attendance at the regular preaching services. Rev. J. J. Douglas and wife and Miss Ruth Lanier will be with us for a five days' rally, April 8-13. We are expecting a good time, come and enjoy this feast with us.—J. L. Bates and wife, pastor.

WELLINGTON, TEXAS

—Just closed midwinter revival. Rev. Allie Irick, District Superintendent and Rev. Mrs. Emma Irick, District Evangelist did the preaching and the meeting was a great success. Some prayed through from the first to the last. The church advanced her lines the glory came down. God walked in our midst. Such preaching of the old time order, well seasoned, finely mixed and it was so hot that it kept the church digging, so seasoned with sweetness no one was driven away. We will never recover from the Irick meeting.—C. H. White, pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS, FIRST CHURCH

—The revival is on at the Dallas First Church, the pastor Rev. P. L. Pierre is doing the preaching. Rev. Frank Weise of Arlington engaged as assistant with Johnnie Douglas leading in song. The fire fell this morning at first service and an old time holiness meeting is on. We expect great things, pray for us.—R. S. Card, reporter.

BILLINGS, MONTANA

—We began the excavation for our new church Monday morning of this week. It is to be 44 by 30 with a full basement and when finished will cost between four and five thousand dollars. A good brother here who came in with us recently gives one dollar for every dollar that we raise up to five thousand. Praise the Lord with us, and keep us on your praying list, as the "Lord of hosts is with us and the God of Jacob is our refuge."—J. A. Kring.

WEST TULSA, OKLA.

—We have been here six months now and I never worked with better folks than we have here. They are the prayingest folks I ever saw, I believe they can rout the Devil any place. I never saw a place in my life where the Devil had tried harder to stop the plans of the Lord than here but through fasting and prayer with a people that knew how to pull the fire from the skies the Lord has given us some progress. We have taken in thirty-eight new members up to date and have six or eight coming in Sunday. We have seen about 175 pray through to victory at our altars since coming here. We just closed a meeting with Rev. F. R. Morgan which was one of the most successful meetings I have ever had. Brother Morgan is a man who knows how to help the church and pastor. We had eighty-six pray through to definite victory; they gave the pastor two nice "poundings" and raised his salary \$5.00 on the week and made him a cash love offering of \$41.00. We paid the evangelist \$136.00 and organized a tithing band that has put us over the top with the finances, we say glory.—J. H. King, pastor.

Gleanings From the Field

OGDEN, UTAH

We began a meeting here on Feb 24th in the Central Park Presbyterian Church which was donated to us for a revival, the building being used only for Sunday school purposes. On the following day Rev. W. S. Purinton, our pastor at Grand Junction, Colo. joined me in the battle and remained about three weeks. God gave us some gracious services and twenty-five different seekers who were mostly finders. This is considered a good meeting for results in a Mormon stronghold. Ogden is a splendid city of 40,000 people, one-half of whom are Mormons. They have a "meeting house" in every ward of the city. Besides their Sunday services, I am informed that they hold a prayermeeting on Friday night which is immediately followed by a dance. No one is allowed to dance who has not been to the prayermeeting and gotten a ticket. The dance is held in the meeting house,—church. The Mormons have gone wild over the dance and the movies. God is helping us preach a full gospel that saves from all sin and some are heeding the message and finding salvation. Praise the Lord. Brother Purinton returned home last week and I remained to care for the little flock for several weeks. Please pray for the work in Ogden. We need a church here and hope to organize as soon as the time seems opportune.—Arthur F. Ingler, evangelist.

PORTLAND, ORE.

Since my last report to the HERALD OF HOLINESS, we have conducted two very successful revivals. The one was with Rev. C. D. Norris of Kalama, Wash. the other with Rev. J. W. Croft of Portland, Ore. Sellwood Church. In the Kalama meeting the church saw what they had been praying for so long, viz., a general breaking up, and many from the immediate town reached. Also a fine class received into the church. They have a fine force of workers there, who are reaching out into the outlying districts, and touching many and are adding greatly to their home church both in numbers and finance. God is giving them many of the country people. The Sellwood meeting closed last night with great victory and an altar full of seekers. We had nearly a hundred different ones at the altar during the revival and some good cases of salvation. The attendance was large throughout, many strangers coming who had never attended before. Rev. Croft, who is the pastor, has a vision and is strengthening the work greatly by his thorough methods and kindly brotherly spirit. He has recently come to us from the Baptist denomination and is making full proof of his ministry. We sold many books and Bibles in these meetings, also received a fine list of subscriptions for the HERALD OF HOLINESS.—Frank B. Smith and family.

ROCHESTER, TEXAS

We closed a meeting at Ranger, Texas February 24th with twenty-six professions, the District Superintendent was with us the second Sunday and organized a Nazarene Church and we left a membership of twenty with Thomas Ahern as pastor. We are now in our second week's meeting at Rochester. We have been hindered much with bad weather and sickness but thank God we have been able with the help of the good people to raise money to pay for two of the best lots in the city to build a Nazarene church. We took twelve subscriptions to the HERALD OF HOLINESS. We go from here to Cisco, Texas beginning March 26th. Pray for us.—Mrs. Fannie Payne and Beulah Bounds.

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VASSAR, MICH.

—I came here ten days ago to open up this new point for a Nazarene Church. God has been with us and good crowds have attended. Conviction has been deep and is growing. Some have found the Lord and we have made many friends for the work. I have taken several subscriptions for our good paper, the HERALD of HOLINESS. I had to close last night in order to get to my next engagement at Kenton, Ohio to assist our new pastor there, Rev. R. A. Hoffman, but I am glad that our Michigan District Superintendent Rev. C. P. Roberts will come tonight and follow up the work. It is an opening and I am expecting that sufficient ground has been won to guarantee us a society. Four years ago they made an effort to form a class but it fell through. The town fought it hard, but God has given us many friends in this last meeting and we hope for victory. One man's father says he will give \$500 and his two sons \$200 each toward a new church building. Well, praise the Lord. The meeting I am going to hold in Kenton will make the fourth for the same man. God gave me three good revivals there before, and I am going in His name for the coming one to be the best. All pray for us.—Rev. F. W. Cox.

TELEGRAMS

TOPEKA, KANSAS

Sunday 23rd great day Topeka church. After Rev. W. A. Menneke pastor-evangelist from Coffeyville, Kansas delivered a convincing message on "The Church and Will It Pay" great glory like fire that fell on Pentecost swept the people into a spontaneous giving, and within a few minutes the seven hundred dollars were raised completing \$1365 drive. On with the revival.—C. P. Clayton, pastor.

LOWELL, MASS.

Just closed a revival with Jarrette and Dell Aycock evangelists. Good attendance of strangers throughout the meeting, many seekers. Some hard cases prayed through. Eighty-one subscriptions for HERALD of HOLINESS and twenty-six for *Other Sheep*. Some new members received. Our folks in love with the Aycocks and want them back.—Martha E. Curry, pastor.

JAMESTOWN, N. DAK.

Gracious revival closed Sunday night. Twenty-three consecutive services with from five to thirty-four seekers at each service. Comparatively few repeaters. Three thousand dollars raised last Sunday afternoon for new church. Board meeting immediately to plan for construction. W. R. Cain evangelist. Large regular attendance and rapt attention.—G. A. Finch, pastor.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Revival on at John Wesley Church, biggest and best in years. Rev. C. B. Jernigan doing mighty preaching. Prof. L. C. Messer a power in song and prayer. Good crowds. Souls saved, sanctified, and sick healed. Pray.—G. Howard Rowe.

MANNINGTON, W. VA.

Great meeting on at Mannington, West, Va. with Evangelists Theo. and Minnie Ludwig. Church packed last night and about one hundred on outside. Have had about fifty seekers. One week to go yet. We are pushing the HERALD of HOLINESS.—Pastor Lawrence Reed.

Announcements

Notice: The Annual Young People's Convention of the Church of the Nazarene of the Chicago Central District will meet at the Chicago First Church, April 22nd to 27th. Rev. Donnell Smith of San Francisco, California, National President of the Young People's Society of the Church of the Nazarene, Rev. H. B. Macrory of Akron, Ohio, and many other leaders of the young people of our denomination along with pastors, and local workers will be present and take part in the services. There will be a program each day with a great evangelistic service at night. For particulars write Rev. W. G. Schurman, 6100 Princeton Ave., Chicago, Ill.—E. O. Chalfant, District Superintendent.

NOTICE—*New England District—Licensed Ministers and Deaconesses*: The District Assembly convenes April 16-20 at the Cambridge, Mass. Church of the Nazarene. The Board of Examiners will meet at the seat of the Assembly for the convenience of licentiates at 1:00 p. m. of Tuesday, April 15th. Let all licensed ministers and deaconesses that have business with the Board be on hand at that hour. Examinations will begin promptly at one o'clock.—Orval J. Nease, secretary.

RECOMMENDATION: If some church is looking for a pastor that is a humble man and who has had eighteen years' experience and under God will make things go, write me and I will put you in communication with him.—A. G. Crockett, Denver, Colo. 1037 Kalamath.

NOTICE—*Northwest District Licentiates*: The District Board of Examiners will insist upon each licentiate bringing up the course of study this year.—Henry B. Wallin, Secretary Examining Board.

KANSAS SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Plans are being perfected for a great Sunday School Convention for the Nazarenes of Kansas, to be held in five sections as follows: Topeka, Monday night and all day Tuesday, June 2-3; Iola 3-4; Wichita 5-6; Plainville 9-10; Dodge City 11-12. We desire that every Nazarene school in the state be represented at one of these convention sections, for we aim to put on the same program at each convention so that when we get through we will have had but one great convention in five sections. We are having them in sections in order to reach the people. This will require some funds to pay traveling expenses of the workers but it will be more than saved by the saving of expenses of the delegates to a central place. Let each Sunday

school bear this in mind and begin now to plan an offering for the support of the state work. By cutting up our convention we will further advance our interests by being entertained in centers that could not receive a large convention. Another advantage will be that we can get closer to your school and each personal interest with the smaller gathering. Then again, the entertainment feature will be reduced to the minimum, so that it will not be a great burden for any church to have the convention. The secretary has written you a letter. Let our slogan be, "Every Sunday school represented at a convention and an offering for the state work." Send your cash contribution in now as we are needing it to get started. While you may send as many delegates as you wish and all who come will be delegates this time, we shall especially feature the superintendents' and teachers' side of the work and desire that every superintendent and teacher in the state be present. The special workers will include Dr. E. P. Ellyson, Rev. A. C. Tunnell, Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges and others. Further announcement of workers and program will be made later.
J. W. FARR, Chairman.

HOME MISSION CAMPAIGN

There will be a great Home Mission Campaign on the Michigan District of the Church of the Nazarene. Workers are Dr. John Matthews, one of the greatest preachers in the holiness movement today, and Rev. C. Preston Roberts, District Superintendent of the Michigan District of the Church of the Nazarene. Let the holiness people of all denominations in all parts of Michigan avail themselves of hearing Dr. Matthews.

State as Follows:

Detroit First Church: Sunday, April 6, 10:30 a. m.
Pontiac: Sunday, April 6, 7:30 p. m.
Rochester: Monday, 7:30 p. m.
Flint: Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.
Richfield: Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Vassar: Thursday, 7:30 p. m.
Ellington: Friday, 7:30 p. m.
Colling: Saturday, 7:30 p. m.
Bay City: Sunday, April 13, 10:30 a. m.
Midland: Sunday, April 13, 7:30 p. m.
Muskegon: Monday, 7:30 p. m.
Grand Rapids: Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.
Nashville: Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Pottsville: Thursday, 7:30 p. m.
Adrian: Friday, 7:30 p. m.
Lansing: Sunday, April 20, 10:30 a. m.
Jackson: Sunday, April 20, 7:30 p. m.
C. PRESTON ROBERTS, District Superintendent.

Notes and Personals

Rev. C. P. Clayton, with wife and son, Mrs. A. F. Balsmeier of Topeka, Kansas, and Rev. W. A. Menneke of Coffeyville, Kansas were callers at the Publishing House last week.

Brother N. C. Pierce of Philomath, Oregon writes, "I have been sick for more than a year. I beg for the prayers of the entire church that I may get well. I want to give ten years yet to preaching the gospel."

Prof. B. D. Sutton who has recently been assisting in a number of meetings in the West is spending some time in Kansas City and was a visitor at the Publishing House.

Sister M. E. Purefoy, wife of Brother J. W. Purefoy of Mineral Wells, Texas, colporteur of the Hamlin District, writes, "I thank each one who has offered prayer for my restoration to health. I am so happy to say that Jesus has healed me and sanctified me. I have been lying between life and death for the past six months. We are now ready for revival work any where the Lord will have us go."

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Jos. N. Speakes, Kansas City, Mo., on March 24th, a ten-pound baby boy. Mother and baby doing nicely.

An article from Dr. J. L. Brasher, President of Central Holiness University at Oskaloosa, Iowa which recently appeared in the *Christian Witness* contains the announcement of the change of the name of this well known institution to JOHN FLETCHER COLLEGE. The change of name was by the unanimous vote of the board of trustees and with the consent and advice of the Alumni of the school. The policies of the school will remain unchanged and the standard of entire sanctification in doctrine and experience will be emphasized as ever. Dr. Brasher explains that the former name was misunderstood everywhere, many taking it for a Roman Catholic institution or developing an antagonism for it before knowing anything about it except the name. Also he says that the statement that it was a university was not scholastically true.

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Pray for a young man who is afflicted with tuberculosis.

A sister in Kansas requests prayer that her hearing may be restored.

"Please pray for a young couple who have backslid, that conviction may come upon them and that they will soon be saved."—A reader.

A brother in Texas who is going through some severe tests desires prayer.

A sister in Massachusetts who has been called into the work of the Lord requests prayer that the way will be opened for her to enter school this fall.

"Please pray for my salvation that I may have a real experience and become established in the Lord, also pray for the salvation of my husband and loved ones. God answered prayer through the HERALD before."—A reader, Indiana.

"I want to ask the HERALD readers to pray for my husband to be saved. He went to the altar the night I was so happily saved but has never prayed through."—Mrs. B. E. H., Mo.

A sister in Arkansas desires prayer for her healing.

Pray for a sister and her family in Washington, D. C. who are being severely tried and tested.

Pray for a sister in Oklahoma who is afflicted with the rheumatism and appendicitis that she may be healed, also pray for her little girl who has convulsions.

"Join me in prayer for this needy field, for a revival and a Church of the Nazaree."—G. W. Clark, Leona, Tenn.

A sister who has been conducting a Sunday school in a rural section in Ohio, in spite of much opposition and many difficulties, desires prayer that God will give them victory and success in the work.

"Three years ago I promised to publish a cure if I received it and I am pleased to say that I did, also my daughter and a neighbor were healed." I would like your prayers for the conversion of my son and daughter-in-law."—Hannah Ahern, Wash.

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TELEGRAM

BLOOMINGTON, IND.
J. E. Hughes of Kingswood, Ky. closed a great revival at the First Nazarene Church March 23d with high tide of salvation. 125 seekers, eight new members, more to follow.—J. S. Randie, pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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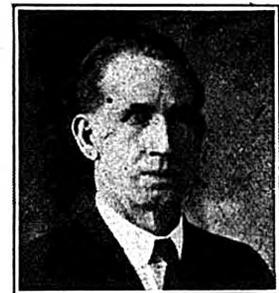
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