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## OUR SPIRITUAL NATIVITY

**S**. D. GORDON is accustomed to speak of the Holy Spirit as "The other Jesus," taking his cue from the Master's words, "He shall send you another comforter." T. S. Linscott designates the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the Christian's soul as "The Heart of Christianity." And the Apostle Paul said, "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

This is the season when our minds and hearts are naturally turned toward the stable and manger of Bethlehem, toward the Sea and hills of Galilee, and toward the wilderness and toward the temple in Judea. But justly sacred as these places are, they are connected only with historical Christianity. They are important, but they may be connected with a dead religion quite as closely as with a vital faith. One may cherish as a relic the manger in which the Christ child lay and not properly revere the Divine One who was cradled there. One may follow the journeys of the Nazarene about the villages and over the hills of His native Galilee, and yet not truly walk in the steps of Him who came to show us the pathway to God. And one may be expert on the knowledge of Jerusalem and Jordan and still be a spiritual stranger to the One who made them memorable.

May we not speak of "the true Christmas," as early Christians did of the "true passover"? May we not make the fact that we have given place in our hearts to the Holy Spirit, the "other Jesus," the test of our sincerity in celebrating Christmas? May we not make our willingness to live a true Spirit filled life the test of our interest in The Nativity? May we not, in fact, affirm that spiritual regeneration and personal sanctification by the baptism with the Holy Spirit, together with the devotion of ourselves to a Spirit filled and Spirit led life are the evidences of genuine spiritual nativity?

"No man can say that Jesus is Lord but by the Holy Ghost," is a sample of apostolic emphasis upon the relation of vital Christianity to the historical Jesus. "Christ in you, the hope of glory," a description of New Testament proximity, is a more vital Christmas fact than a painting of Jesus in the manger. We may not understand the mysterious oneness

of Christ and the Holy Spirit, but we receive Christ by opening our hearts to the Spirit.

And during His stay in the flesh Jesus was more or less limited by the laws which govern matter. He could not be in Jerusalem and in Capernaum, or in Nazareth and in Jericho at the same time. His presence even with His most intimate disciples was intermittent and temporary. But at the last He said of His post-mortem successor, "He shall abide with you forever." This means that in the person of the Holy Spirit, Christ can be with us all the time and forever more. He is unhindered by material limitations, and He is "alive forever more."

Suppose that it were within the power of us all today to go to the manger in Bethlehem as the shepherds and wise men did long ago. Would we go there to pay humble worship with the former and to offer gold, silver, frankincense and myrrh with the latter? Our answer is given in the attitude we assume toward the Holy Spirit, for Jesus went away and sent this "Other Comforter" as His own ambassador and executor. And whoever rejects the Spirit rejects the Father and the Son.

And our action in opening our hearts to the incoming of the Spirit in regenerating and sanctifying power is the most appropriate Christmas offering we can make to God. Let us, if our mood is reminiscent, go again to Bethlehem, not simply to remember the ox stall and the crowded inn of the winter night so long ago, but to offer as a present abiding place for Jesus Christ the best, the whole, of our hearts and lives. Let us thus celebrate the true Nativity.

## THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of giving, and there are few who can successfully hold out against its appeal. Poverty may limit us and prudence may temper us, but before the season is passed we shall nearly all yield to some extent to the impulse to give something to someone. We may wait until the last, but we shall scarcely be able to see the happy crowds who are flushed with the joy of making someone else happy without becoming victims of their contagion.

But no one could adequately explain the origin of Christmas without somewhere in the story including the statement that "God so loved that he gave." And if it is remarkable that He who from eternity was accustomed to giving good gifts gave His best at Christmas, need we be surprised if His creatures find themselves disposed to emulate His example at this season of the year?

But while giving gifts to others, let us not forget to give ourselves to God. For of us He desires not gold or silver or precious gems, but our own selves. He will, however, be pleased with our other gifts to Him if we first bring our hearts. God so loved us

that He gave His Son to save us; shall we not return that love in such measure as to make ourselves His Christmas present today?

### THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

*Editorial Correspondence.*

**D**R. SLOAN, Superintendent of our Pittsburgh District, visited the campmeeting at Columbus, Ohio, last summer and invited this editor to come to the Pittsburgh District Preacher's Convention as the special worker this year. The convention was held at Youngstown, Ohio, where F. S. Strickler is pastor, December 2-6. But by special invitation from the pastors, we went on a week in advance and preached one night at Cleveland, where C. Warren Jones is pastor; two nights at Pittsburgh, Pa., where R. J. Kiefer is pastor; four times (all in one day) at East Liverpool, where O. L. Benedum is pastor; and two nights at Akron where H. B. Macrory is pastor. These special services, together with the Convention, gave us a splendid chance to look in on the work and to register the impressions which such contact makes.

During the convention we spoke to the preachers on preacher themes each morning and preached at the evening services. The brethren were uniformly kind and sympathetic and we had a splendid time together. There were a number of seekers, both in the special services preceding the convention and during the convention itself. We told the preachers that, beginning with this issue, the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* would assume a form which would make it more adapted to distribution among the people that they hoped to meet, and we told them we would like for them to subscribe for it at the usual rate in the name of their churches in such quantities as they thought would be profitable for distribution purposes. We expected a good response, but were fairly swept off our feet when they continued to name the number which the various churches would take until the number ran up to almost 1,100. And this came on just after a very strenuous District wide campaign for individual subscriptions in which between 1,500 and 2,000 new names were secured. Some of the preachers had not yet subscribed for *The Preacher's Magazine*, so we took twenty-three such subscriptions during the convention.

Seven years ago when the original Pittsburgh District was divided by the setting off of the Ohio District, and Dr. Sloan became the Superintendent, there were about 1,100 members in about twenty-two churches. Now there are approximately 3,000 members in fifty-two churches. Dr. and Mrs. Sloan are a rare combination of unusual spiritual fervor, evangelistic zeal, and business and organizing ability. These statements are true whether you consider them separately or as "two in one." Their plan has been to enter only such and so many fields as they were

able to properly man. They have not attempted to excel in the number of new works which they have started, though there are few Districts which can beat their record in this, but their speciality has been to establish self-supporting churches in centers of population, and they have done this thing. I suspect that the Pittsburgh pastors are better supported than any other fifty pastors in any one District in our denomination. Dr. Sloan refuses to admit that there are any impossible fields. He made this proposition openly in the convention: "Give me five hundred dollars of home mission money and a pastor who is qualified for the task, and I will put you a Church of the Nazarene in any good sized city or town that you may name in the District." And he said it with an air of conviction that made me believe he can do it.

There is an air of aggressiveness and Pentecostal optimism among the Pittsburgh pastors that is contagious. No matter whether they are speaking of revivals, church buildings, foreign missionary offerings, young people's work, Sunday school attendance or securing subscriptions for the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, they will not go far until they will say, "It can be done;" and then this phrase will constitute their principal punctuation until the speech is finished. But it is not a hackneyed saying with them; they believe it is true. A grumble and a disgruntled would be entirely out of his atmosphere among the Pittsburghers:

There is the most balanced combination of emotional interest and organizing sagacity on this District that I have found anywhere. But you must remember that they are geographically right between New England and Indiana. No one could ask for better response to spiritual and emotional stimuli than he will find here, and yet they are systematic and business like in "all their ways." Why they even pass the funds of their W. M. S. through the budget, and no one can carry them into lop-sidedness on any one branch of work or service. And their per capita giving for all purposes stands up close to the top of the list of Districts. District Superintendent Sloan contends against every inroad into local church sovereignty and says the pastor is the head of every activity and branch of the church. The pastors, on the other hand, are one hundred per cent for their Superintendent and his program. So that there is harmony throughout the whole arrangement and progress in it all.

My candid judgment is that the Pittsburgh District is a pattern among the Districts of our church and that its future will justify the painstaking care which its leaders are exercising in the making and executing of their various programs. I have a stronger faith for the future of our whole church since taking this little look in on the Pittsburghers. If they can do what they have done and are doing, others can do it. "It can be done."

## MEN AND ANGELS

**W**HILE men and angels are both creatures of God, they are very unlike. Men constitute a race which sprang from a first pair created of God. Angels are each one a separate creation of God, and the whole of the angelic hosts does not constitute a race in the sense that man is a race.

There are indications in the scriptures that the angels were formerly on probation, as man was in the Garden of Eden, and that some of them exercised their power of free choice in doing wrong and that such as did this were cast out of heaven and became fallen angels, or demons, with no provision made for their redemption. This seems to be the explanation of the origin of Satan and all evil angel spirits.

There are also indications in the scriptures that the faithful angels have served out their week of probation and that they are now sealed for God and are safe from the danger of apostasy. The angels are, therefore, all holy, unfallen angels, or else hopelessly fallen angels—there are no redeemed angels.

With man the story is different. When man sinned, provisions were made for his redemption, and only such as actively reject that provision are finally lost. And such as are finally lost will become demonized; in fact, will fall stages lower than the fallen angels, and will live in the abode intended for fallen angels only as intruders.

But redeemed men will rise to a position superior to that occupied even by the unfallen angels and will enjoy a closer fellowship and communion with God than any other creature that He has made. For while the holy, unfallen angels are God's faithful household servants, the redeemed will constitute the Bride, the Lamb's wife.

Ministering servants, the ministers of holy men in this world, are not disembodied men, but are of the hosts of the holy, unfallen angels. There are no indications in the scriptures of any active part taken in the affairs of men by the spirits of those who have gone on into the "more excellent glory" through death. There are indications that they are conscious of what is going on in this world, and that they constitute a great cloud of witnesses of the fidelity of living Christians, but there are no indications that they interfere. There is no evidence that they intrude themselves into the consciousness of the living. But there are indications that holy, unfallen angels come to guide and protect the righteous during their journeys and conflicts incident to the life here below.

Angels never become men, and men never become angels. But there is no doubt but that the joy of the holy angels is full, and there is no reason why redeemed men should complain; for in the glory of the future, whereinsoever there is to be a difference be-

tween angels and men, the advantage will be on the side of men.

## THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE

**A**T family worship the other night we read the twenty-sixth chapter of Job, opening to the place without special intention. And when we read the seventh verse, "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place and hangeth the earth upon nothing," we paused to ponder upon the accuracy of this description in the light of the most proven facts about the situation of the earth. Later we continued our meditation only to find that Solomon's treatise on anatomy is consistent with the modern discovery of the circulation of the blood (Eccl. 12), that his meteorology is consistent with modern knowledge of evaporation and rain (Eccl. 1:7), that the predictions of Christ were consistent with the latest discoveries about the shape of the earth and its effect upon the calculation of time, and that Moses knew the order of the origin of organized forms of matter as well as the latest and best of biologists.

Is the Bible consistent with science? It is absolutely consistent with every *fact* of science. It is not, of course, consistent with all the theories of science—no book is that, for they are not even consistent with themselves. But our Holy Book has nothing to fear from facts, let those facts be ancient or modern. Let the archeologists dig in the ruins of ancient civilizations, let biologists study earnestly the forms of life, let psychologists delve into the secret chambers of the borderland between body and spirit, let astronomers read the book of the stars. All we ask of anyone is that he will stick to facts, and we are not afraid that he will discover any thing that will contradict the Book.

## THE BASIS OF PREDESTINATION.

There is a haunting old ghost, the offspring of crude, Medieval theology, which taunts many earnest people with the suggestion that they were "born to be lost." But it would be difficult to imagine a more unreasonable and unscriptural dogma than that of unconditional election, and its corollary a bound will.

The predestination of the Bible (Rom. 8:29) rests upon the choices of men, and in no way determines those choices. God did predestinate those who should believe on Christ to be conformed to His image, but He did not decree that certain should believe and that certain should not.

There is in every man a sufficient freedom in choosing to make it possible for him to be saved. The Devil is against him, his own fallen nature is against him, and his environment may be against him; but in spite of all, if he will resolutely turn his back upon sin and turn his face to God, he can find deliverance through Christ and can make his way home to heaven.

# The Promised Shiloh

By Rev. J. C. Walker

*"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver . . . until Shiloh come." (Gen. 49:10).*

**T**HIS is evidently a prophecy concerning the promised Messiah. It is a prophecy which has greatly perplexed the Jews: and in some cases has led them to believe that Christ was He who should come and in embracing Him they have not looked for another.

We find that this prophecy was made by the dying Jacob over seventeen hundred years before the Savior's incarnation in Bethlehem's manger.

What joy must have filled the hearts of those lowly shepherds on the hillsides of long ago; though somewhat startled, as the angel of the Lord came unto them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, but their fears were alleviated as he said unto them, "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." What joy must have been theirs, the long looked for Shiloh had come at last. Nineteen hundred and twenty-five years have passed into history since that memorable night. Oh that the teeming millions who will celebrate Christmas could be brought to an experimental knowledge of the true meaning of Christmas in its fullest purport. The word Christmas brings to our minds one and all the idea of gifts. And we would not withhold one particle of joy that should be manifested at this season in the exchange of gifts, but what great joy there would be in this world and the land of the unsetting sun if God's great Gift, Jesus Christ, could be permitted to set up His kingdom in every heart and start

The word Shiloh means one sent, for He said, "I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." In the fullness of time God sent Him forth, His Son—sent Him to a world full of sorrow, woe, shame, distress, darkness and of broken hearts. Debauchery and misery were on every hand. The world was looking for a deliverer and yet, though four hundred and fifty-six prophecies were fulfilled at His birth, yet He was rejected by the religious leaders of the day.

The mighty Napoleon Bonaparte said, "I know

men, and I tell you Jesus Christ is more than man. Superficial minds see a resemblance between Christ and the founders of other empires and the gods of other religions. That resemblance does not exist: there is between Christianity and other religions the distance of infinity. Alexander, Charlemagne and myself founded empires, but upon what did we rest the creation of our genius? Upon sheer force. Jesus Christ alone founded His empire upon love, and this hour millions of men will die for Him, no one has been able to find fault with the life He lived."

A Creator of worlds became poor that we might become rich. He admitted the foxes have holes and the birds their nests, but no resting place could the Son of God claim as His own. Someone has said, "He borrowed a manger to be born in, a donkey upon

which to ride into Jerusalem, a room in which to hold the last supper, a cross on which to die, and a tomb in which to be buried." He arose a mighty Conqueror and returned the tomb to the giver, the ass to its owner and left the cross stand empty and defeated on Golgotha's brow as an emblem of His victory, and love and good will to mankind.

The word Shiloh also means peacemaker. This strikingly agrees with the prophecy in Isaiah of a "Prince of Peace," with the anthem of the angels, "Peace on earth," in Eph. 2:13, "For he is our peace," and "only through Christ can we have peace with God." Then in Col. 1:20 "And, having made peace through the

blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself."

The word Shiloh also means Savior, "He can save to the uttermost," "He is able to deliver thee." Then listen to the Master, as He enters the synagogue at the city of Nazareth and is handed the Book, as He reads to the congregation, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of the sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

Sinner, unto you is born a Shiloh, a messenger, a

## God's Gift to Man

By N. B. HERRELL

*Hark! I hear bright angels singing,  
In the star lit sky above;  
Peace on earth, good will, they're  
bringing,  
From the Father's heart of love.*

*Hark! I see the shepherds walking,  
From the hills where flocks are seen;  
As they come we hear them talking,  
Of the lowly Nazarene.*

*Hark! I see the wise men winding,  
As the star is westward bound;  
Bags of gifts on camels hanging,  
For the Child when He is found.*

*Hark! Today let all creation  
Join with heaven's host and sing;  
"Bring your gifts with adoration,  
Crown Him Lord and coming King."*

peacemaker, a Savior that is able to deliver you out of the prison house of sin and break the shackles from around your life and set you free, sending you on the journey of life with joy in your soul, for wherever He comes there is rejoicing. First came the shepherds and they rejoiced, next came the wise men and they rejoiced, then as He was brought to Anna and Simeon they rejoiced, also the lowly fishermen of Galilee rejoiced and down through the centuries of time He has never failed to fill the hearts and lives of mankind with gladness and joy when He has been permitted to enter.

Broken hearted backslider, unto you is born a Savior, a reconciler. He will heal the wound that has been opened afresh by sin, He will again set up His kingdom in your disappointed life and restore unto you the joys of salvation.

Believer, unto you is born a Sanctifier which is Christ the Lord, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12). Will you not accept the Gift of God's love provided through His Son? (Eph. 5:25, 27.)

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## The Midnight Cry

By REV. A. W. ORWIG

**A** CRY at midnight is likely to be somewhat startling. And it may be accompanied with more or less apprehension of suffering or danger by one hearing the cry. It may emanate from one in mental distraction or intense bodily pain. Verrily the world is full of distressing cries chiefly or

wholly as the result of sin. Oh that there were more cries of sin-burdened ones, "God be merciful to me a sinner!"

The holy scriptures tell us of a certain midnight cry which produced joy to some and sorrow to others. Under the figure of an Oriental wedding some of the guests lacked a proper preparation for the nuptial ceremonies, while others had met all requisite conditions. To one class the cry meant hearty welcome, to another class disappointment, rejection and consternation.

The incident is thrilling and very instructive. It is intended to impress us with the infinite importance of being fully prepared to meet the heavenly Bridegroom when the cry peals forth, "Go ye out to meet him!" And when will that piercing cry be made? Evidently at the time "the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God." That will be the glad and ringing signal for the true followers of Jesus, "The glorious church not having spot," to go forth to "the marriage of the Lamb," to become His bride.

Beloved in the Lord, have we only "lamps," be they ever so beautiful, but without the "oil" of the Holy Spirit? Are we "arrayed in fine linen, clean and white"? which "is the righteousness of saints." Our record as members of the church may be unquestioned, but what is our standing in the eyes of God? The sudden and stirring cry may soon be heard, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!" Will we hear it with dread, as many surely will, even as professors of religion, or shall we be glad and shout with holy joy? Oh to be *ready*, whether the "cry" be at "midnight," early morn, noon, or whenever it may be!

## "Peace On Earth," the Angels Say

*"Peace on earth," the angels say,  
"Christ the Lord is born today,"  
Born that men may never die,  
Born to bring salvation nigh,  
And the law to magnify.*

*O, what wondrous love and grace  
In that lowly Babe we trace!  
Prince of Peace, Redeemer, King,  
Highest heaven His praises sing,  
And all lands their homage bring.*

*Every tongue shall Him confess—  
Christ, "the Lord our Righteousness,"  
And the star of Bethlehem see  
Shining bright from Calvary,  
Lighting all eternity.*

*Gladly I the anthem swell,  
Joyfully the story tell,  
How that Babe who lowly lay  
In a manger on the hay  
Reigns within my heart today!*

—MARTHA WISWELL in *Moody Bible  
Institute Monthly.*

# The God of This Age

By REV. J. G. MORRISON

*The god of this world hath blinded the eyes of them which believe not (2 Cor. 4:4).*

NOT much seems to be preached or written these days about Satan. Of course we know that the Modernist claims him to be a myth, the higher critic states that he is merely the personification of the evil around us, and the evolutionist avers that the teaching about him is due to the race recollection of its former sojourn in the twilight of its half-human, half-ape journey upward, when goblins grew out of gnarled trees, and demons were occupying cyclones and thunderstorms.

But the existence of Satan as a monstrous spirit-being is a clear teaching of Holy Scripture. If we reject it, then we must also reject other things that dove-tail into this doctrine, and ere the end comes to these rejections we have no Bible, and the moral world is chaos.

The scriptures are filled with the delineation of this mighty character. He overthrew the human pair in the primitive paradise of Eden, he accused Job and tested him out, he had the temerity to tempt the beautiful Son of God, he entered Judas and hastened the awful eclipse of that disciple of our Lord, he desired Peter that he might "sift him as wheat," he filled the heart of Ananias, and led him to lie to the Holy Ghost, when the wheat of God's word is sown he scatters tares in the same field and catches away the good seed that falls, lest it take root unto the Kingdom of God. He is called the king of demons, so evidently he has millions of lesser spirits that are subject to his will. He is called "the prince of the power of the air;" just what this may mean, is difficult to say. Some have felt that it must mean that he wielded the power of the storms, tempests, cyclones and typhoons. The story of his activity in connection with the temptations of Job lend color to this interpretation. He is called "the god of this world." (The word "world" here means more the age than it does the earth-world under our feet.) A careful consideration of the currents that are moving in this age will reveal that Satan has his filthy hands on everyone of them.

Note the educational current. How certainly it tends away from God in every educational center except those that are definitely committed to the holiness movement. Observe how young people are led away from the God of the Bible by the educational standards of the present day. Who is doing this? It cannot be laid wholly to the door of unregenerate man, or to the carnal nature that persists within him. There is a mighty designer behind the skilful plan that is permeating all our nation's educational movements with the godless teaching of Modernism. Con-

cealed though he may be by the specious terms like "the findings of science," or "the consensus of scholarly opinion," the cloven hoof of our great adversary, the Devil, can be plainly discerned.

Take the business world of today. Time was when men could be deeply engaged in business, and still maintain a splendid Christian experience. It is with difficulty done today. The deeply spiritual business man finds himself submerged in a river of worldly, selfish, semi-honest business methods and principles, like a great stone in the middle of the stream. They gurgle and rage, and roar around him continually, and though he may not be moved in their direction, yet he feels them heaving at him every day. Who has captured the business methods, who has silently laid hold of the principles of commercial intercourse, till one cannot allow himself to be influenced thereby, without completely losing God out of his life? *It is the God of this world!*

Take the literary world. Outside of the definite holiness periodicals, books and literature, the whole literary world is shot through with such un-faith, with such criticism of the Bible, with such doubt as to the deity of the Son of God, with such undoubted leanings toward evolution and modernism, as to make the pursuit of a literary career practically fatal to a genuine religious experience. Satan has laid his slimy fingers on the literary productions of mankind, till no one ever hears of anyone being led to God by the perusal of the productions of the modern literati. And much of the coldness that develops in the hearts of those who have been saved and sanctified, can be traced to the center table, where lie the godless periodicals on which they mentally feed, or to the library where the novels and histories written by the enemies of Jesus Christ can be found.

Even the religious currents of the age (except the holiness movement) are rapidly tending away from God. Little, or no genuine religious experience is taught now in many of the pulpits of Protestantism, sermons on the authenticity of the Bible, or the inerrancy of God's Word, are not frequent. The certainty of hell, the terrors of the judgment, the awfulness of sin, man's individual accountability to a just God, are themes that are seldom preached upon in this age.

*"Who has brewed my boy's cup?*

*Who has mixed my child's bread?*

*Who with sadness and madness*

*Has turned my son's head?"*

Who, indeed, but that old serpent, the Devil and Satan. He is the God of this age!

Throughout the pages of scripture, he is represented as deceitful, powerful, presumptuous, subtle, fierce, cruel, thoroughly depraved, and absolutely merciless. It is one of his own tricks to palm himself off on this age as a figment of fancy. He is pleased to have children taught that he is nothing but an imagination like Santa Claus. He is delighted when he is spoken of as "the old Nick," "the old Scratch," or "the old Harry." It fits into his plan to be referred to as a "sprite" or a "wicked fairy," that forsooth, does not exist. We heard a preacher once, grandiloquently say, that he had no more fear of the Devil than he had of a little peeping chicken. Let him but read the scripture, and he will not talk that way. In that sacred volume Satan is never depreciated. Barring the Son of God himself, there is not a more commanding figure, a more dignified character, that walks between its lids, than that of Satan. Among us today, this colossal, fierce, murderous, lying spirit of wickedness, is depicted on cans of deviled ham as a "jolly rover" with horns, hoofs and a spiked tail. He is glad to have men think of him that way. Without fear of his approach, he gathers them into his fell net, and gently rocks them to the edge of damnation's falls. Saving for his wickedness, there is not a little, contemptible, or despicable thing about the representation of him in the Book of Books. Every Christian ought constantly to fear him. There is not a moment in the career of the child of God, when he is safe from this merciless foe, except when he is under the atoning efficacy of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, or filled with the burning fullness of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Satan, as gathered from the holy Bible, is as thrillingly interesting as a novel. This awful adversary was not always a devil. "Once he was fair as the morning dew." Once he was an angel of light. His holiness was perfect. His character was immaculate. The scriptures seem clearly to teach that Satan was the highest, the brightest, the noblest, and the most beautiful of all God's created intelligences; that he was an arch-angel, and led the flaming hosts of God. His name was Lucifer, which being interpreted, means "Light-Bearer!" Whether this signifies that he bore the torch of universal knowledge, or whether it means that he was the leader of the most holy ones, no one can tell. But from his description, we must conclude that he was chief among the angels, far above all the holy beings of the heavens, and next, so to speak, to the holy Trinity Himself.

But he fell. From that high and holy estate he dropped like a meteor from among the stars. What occasioned his fall? It is difficult to say. The Word seems to indicate that it was due to pride. There is a hint that he was asked to worship the Son, newly manifested in the heavens, and that he refused.

Whatever it was, we know that it was the first sin that tainted the holy administration forces of the great God.

Possibly his first break did not bring him instant expulsion from the hierarchy of heaven. Maybe the great God clung to the hand of this, His mighty prime minister, and besought him to return to his allegiance. We know that He now mercifully clings to erring and sinful men that way. Perhaps a way of return was offered this first great sinner of the universe, through the same atoning blood of the Son, whom he had refused to worship, just as our return to God is made possible that way. We read that Jesus Christ was "slain from the foundation of the world," and it is thinkable, at least, that a compassionate Creator would plead for this erring arch-angel to accept salvation, as earnestly as He pleads for sinful men to come to Him.

We know, however, that finally, the great refusal was made by this brilliant being, who once seemingly aspired to take God's place, and to claim the worship that was God's due. His expulsion took place. That he carried with him a host of lesser angels, seems clearly to be taught. From the heights of holiness he started on that long journey that will only end when he has reached the place created for him, that is, Gehenna—hell.

God had created and placed on this earth a beautiful human pair. Satan quickly appeared among them. With the intellect of an angel, and with the diabolism of the pit, he encompassed their ruin. From that day to this, there has not been a man born on earth (Jesus alone excepted) who has not succumbed to the wiles of this fierce foe. Many, thank God, have escaped his hand, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, but everyone bears the marks of Satan's slavery. Today, he plans to capture the whole world. The only rebellion against his authority that amounts to anything is composed of the holiness people. Upon them he is now mustering for his last and, he hopes, final assault. He will, if he can, sweep the earth clear of the people of God, and become the actual "God of this World." He will claim, and receive the worship and homage of earth's millions, and set up the throne of the antichrist.

Note the fierce battle that rages around the actual regeneration of a human soul. Satan knows that his kingdom is threatened by every soul that becomes truly born again. How he rages, cajoles, offers substitutes, opposes, and powerfully antagonizes any effort made to spread a living faith and experience in Jesus Christ, God's Son. But this raging battle is faint compared to the efforts that he engineers to keep that converted soul from going on to heart holiness. The efforts to demean, misrepresent, and throw slime upon that sweet and wonderful truth of entire sanctification, can come from nothing but the

Old Serpent himself. He knows that once a man is genuinely sanctified, he has lost that soul; that God has in that heart a foothold that no amount of persecution can root out, or devilish assault can subdue. On genuine Christian experience Satan is making his greatest war today.

It is never wise to underestimate one's enemy. The enemy of our individual hearts, the enemy of our cause, the enemy of our dear church is none else than he who was once God's leading arch-angel. Though now he is wickedness personified, yet he retains the intellection of his angelic state, and any man who fails to possess himself of a wholesome fear of him will eventually find himself in hell with him.

But powerful as Satan is, the Son of God is more than his match. In every assault with Jesus, our Champion, this foe was worsted. The blood still avails, if we but constantly plead its divine efficacy. The heart filled with the burning Holy Spirit is immune to the burning flame of Satan's approach. His fire cannot cope with the fire of perfect love. Beware, reader, lest the holy flame of heart purity burn low in your citadel. Your adversary the Devil goeth about like a hungry lion, seeking whom he may devour. Your only safety is in keeping at a tense heat the Holy Ghost's baptism of fire!

## Impossible

By CHARLES M. KELLY

*"All things are possible to him that believeth"*  
(Mark 9:23).

A FOREIGN missionary had labored long and hard, without any visible results of his efforts. Someone asked him, "How are the prospects?" He confidently replied, "The prospects are as bright as the promises of God." Yes, and they are bright indeed. And, no matter what our circumstances, we can say the same. Oh, let us believe the promises with an unwavering faith! Let us trust the God of the promises with an unflinching confidence! Let us say with Paul, "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me."

What circumstances surrounded this statement? Paul was on board a frail, storm-tossed vessel on the Mediterranean Sea, all hope of life having been abandoned by both crew and passengers. What was it that "was told" him? In his own words: "There stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am and whom I serve, saying, Fear not, Paul, thou must be brought before Cæsar; and lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee." Then he said to the fearful crew and passengers: "Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer; for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me" (Acts 27:21-25).

Why should Paul thus hope against hope, and expect this promise to be perfectly fulfilled—expect the

impossible to come to pass? He believed God, for he had proved Him many times before. But was he not to be disappointed this time? Did his God fail him? Was his faith in vain? Does God ever annul His promise made to His obedient and trusting child? Did He ever fail a believing soul? Is faith in "The almighty God" ever in vain? *Never! NEVER!* The ship was lost—broken to pieces—but Paul and all others on board were saved on the island of Melita.

But that was impossible. "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God *all things are possible.*" God's vocabulary does not contain the word "impossible" (neither should ours); it is a by-word invented by Satan, and he often uses it to advantage. Notice, it begins with "imp." And, after all, the Devil is an *impostor*, so why should we listen to him?

*When old Satan whispers, "Can't,"  
God's believing ones can chant,  
"God is able."*

Hallelujah! I am glad it is so. I have proved it, and expect to prove it more and more. I am asking for some "mighty big" things these days, but our God is a "mighty big" God. No matter how much we ask, He can and will "do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to *the power that worketh in us.*" What is that power? It is the mustard seed of a living faith in a living, all-powerful Christ. A tiny mustard seed has power, in its struggle to the light, to overturn a stone or other object many, many times its weight. But faith has power to remove mountains. "The *power that worketh in us.*" "Faith, which *worketh by love.*" Yes, faith works. Faith (I say it reverently) puts God to work. Genuine, living faith, vested in God alone and based on the shed blood of Christ never fails. It cannot fail—unless God fails. And there is no possible danger that He ever will. He has been in existence, working out His own plan and purpose, for countless millions of years, or rather, millions of ages—nay, from eternity! and He has never yet failed once.

We like to depend on a person who has been tried and proved able and reliable—well, here is our opportunity, for we can always depend on God. Satan, our enemy, is a pretty tough old fellow (I don't care to meet him alone), but as long as we stay hidden in the presence of "The mighty One," that old scoundrel cannot touch us. Praise the Lord! We can daily, constantly, continually overcome him, by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony, about the victory in his nasty ears, wave palms of triumph before his wicked eyes, while we rescue precious, blood-bought souls out of his very teeth, singing hallelujah!

"And nothing shall be impossible unto you"  
(Matt. 17:20).

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## Some Thoughts on the Budget

By GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT GOODWIN

**A**LITTLE over two years have passed since our last General Assembly. Much has been done in the education of our people in the matter of systematic giving and tithing. Our Assemblies have undertaken to adjust their plans in harmony with the efforts of the General Board. Our pastors and workers in our local churches are anxious to measure up to the highest point of efficiency in carrying forward the work of God entrusted to us. However it may be well to consider some points of adjustment which must be made if we are to accomplish the desired end in our budget system.

**FIRST.** It must be remembered that the Budget System is only a *System*. It has no living hands and feet of itself. Hands and feet and a throbbing heart must be given to it. Breath of life and a passion for a lost world must be given to the budget system as is needed in any system if it shall become active. In other words the budget must be worked and funds gathered to meet the demands set forth in the budget, or all the needs systematically provided for by the tithes and giving of the people, so that there may be no lack on any line.

**SECOND.** The purpose of a good budget system is to maintain economy and produce proportionate growth in all departments in the development of the enterprise. A good system of proportionate growth is divine. The human body is one great whole with its many departments and varied interests, and yet so organized as to work together in the one united purpose. As the body without the spirit is dead so any system is dead without passion and interest to work it for its desired purpose. The body must not be all hands or feet or head, but all must be in proportion to the symmetrical development and care of the whole. So the various interests of the church must have their place in the growth and development of the work. One of the essential ideas of the budget is a well directed effort to properly care for every need that no essential interest shall suffer or be neglected. Hence the budget is a well estimated statement of the financial needs of the work to preserve true economy in all departments.

**THIRD.** The budget is only a statement of needed expenditures and not the income. The needs carefully considered to maintain the proportionate growth in all general departments make up the sum of the General Budget. This in no way hinders or limits the income. If the income is larger than the estimated expenditures as given in the budget, this will enable a larger undertaking in future plans. But when the income is much smaller than the expenditures then there is a debt. Therefore the budget system is an effort to adjust the expenditures in harmony

with the income that there may be no deficit. When the income has been less than the expenditures for several years it is surely time to call a halt.

**FOURTH.** The budget requires systematic giving. The budget must be underwritten by those who have the responsibility. This comes directly to the individual members of the church. Every department of the church has its weekly and monthly obligations. The obligations of the local church must be met every week, but no less true the District and General interests must be met every week as well. The local pastor must be paid or the church disgraced by his going in debt. This is true of the District Superintendent. He must have money regularly or become involved in some way. The missionaries and other workers must have their allowance, and if the money is not on hand then it must be advanced by loans and interest paid, or the workers recalled from the field. If there is any retrenchment anywhere it is made by the supporters of the work.

**FIFTH.** The budget determines just debts and demands that they be paid. Some pastors have been compelled to leave a charge without their salary paid in full, and the church seemed to feel no obligation in paying the deficit. Some of our District Superintendents in other years have been compelled to serve the work with hundreds of dollars back on their salary which has never been paid. Other general workers have been compelled to take what they could get and ask no questions for the pocketbook's sake. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. And may I add they need not be thus. A good financial system will solve these problems. It has been a source of joy to the writer in the last years to find our people with a sharper sense of their church obligations. Only a few of our churches, if any, will allow the pastor to go from week to week unpaid. This is good. Many of our Districts now insist that the District Superintendent also be paid in full, and if there is a deficit it must be made up in some way. Should not the obligations of the general interests of the church be just as binding?

The tithing system is becoming a matter of fact with our people. Large numbers are receiving the light readily, and as the practice becomes universal, with the freewill offerings, we shall soon have better estimates of the ability of the people to undertake larger things for the kingdom of God. We shall doubtless have opportunity to perfect the budget system and adjust our various organizations in harmony with the better financial plan, but the advance is being made along all lines, and a better day is dawning for the general interests of the church. More to follow.

## A Voice Out of the Cloud

By REV. C. I. SCOTT

**A** CLOUD overshadowed them and they feared greatly as they entered the cloud" (Luke 9:35). How human like were these disciples who had just seen His glory.

The dark, foreboding, threatening, terrifying cloud; we do not know what it may hide. It may betoken the coming storm. It may be the forerunner of destruction. It may be accompanied by the lurid lightning, and the thunder crash that terrorize and make us instinctively seek shelter, and look for cover.

As they feared greatly and were silenced by the threatening danger, "A voice came out of the cloud." Ah, what a joyous surprise; they looked for a storm but a "voice came out." They feared for danger, but a voice was heard. They expected angry lightnings and rolling thunders, they counted on torrents of driving rain, but a voice. And oh, what a voice, such as had never been heard, and the background of the angry, threatening, terrifying cloud but sweetened the voice. A voice of comfort, of assurance, a voice to quiet their fears and rest their hearts, a voice of gentle command.

Pray tell what life is there that hasn't had its clouds, its shadows. Those lives that seem most favored, frequently enter the cloud. This seems but a part of God's plan, both sunshine and shadow. From transfiguration glory to overshadowing cloud, and the bright spots are the brighter because of the contrasting cloud.

The clouds of sorrow and grief and disappointment. How heavy they hang, how dark and gloomy as they overcast our life and sky and seem to shut out every ray of sunshine. Listen, bereaved and weeping heart, the voice of thy Beloved will "come out of the cloud."

The clouds and gloom of blighted hopes, of dismal failure, and we sit and weep as a busy passing throng forgets how hard we tried, and what sacrifice we made, but the voice out of the cloud, so sweetly says, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," and our hearts are cheered, and some day we will lay our heart's best efforts that have brought but apparent failure, before Him and He will say "Well done."

The overshadowing clouds in days of affliction and suffering, on beds of pain, in arm chairs, the curtains drawn, the lights burning low, when nights are so long, and days pass so slowly. Look up, dear soul, and listen for the voice of divine comfort and consolation out of the cloud.

Ah, the clouds that overhung our sky when the grim messenger came and left us with empty arms and aching, lonely hearts, when every room in the house seemed so big and so empty. It was then that human

voices were so hollow, but oh, how sweet and tender and comforting the voice of the "Man of sorrows" as He spoke out of the cloud, and we were strengthened and comforted and our fainting heart was given new vision and hope and again we could take up the thread of life's duties.

What dark clouds have gathered in days of misunderstanding, in times of misrepresentation, when the tongue of slander was busy, when we could not explain and all we could do was "sit in the shadow" and wait for the "voice out of the cloud."

The shadows of poverty and distress, of financial reverses and disaster and depression when stripped of earthly possessions and creature comforts, and even of bare necessities. How the voice then cheers us as it speaks of the "enduring substance," the "unfading treasures," and we catch a new glimpse of things unseen.

Dear tried, tested, tempted child of grace, are the shadows gathering? Be not dismayed, you too shall hear a "voice out of the cloud," and the "sweetest message that man ever heard." MILFORD, NEBR.

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## Loss and Gain

By H. O. FANNING

Life is inevitably a matter of loss and gain. We may choose what we will lose and what we will gain, but we can not choose in the fact of loss and gain, that is inevitable. There can be no gain without loss. We must suffer the loss of sin in order to gain holiness. We must suffer the loss of holiness and heaven in order to gain sin and hell. We cannot be sinners and saints at the same time. We cannot be both on the road to heaven, and, at the same time, on the road to hell. God made us for life and holiness. Sin and death are foreign elements in the human constitution. Life is not only a matter of vitality, of existence; but of opportunity, of possibility. It is not an end but a means to an end. It is not a goal, but a gateway into the road that leads to the goal. We pass through the gateways, but we do not linger in them. Life and holiness are means to the accomplishment of worth-while purposes in this world. To save our life from Christ and His service is to lose all. To lose our life for His sake and the gospel's is to gain all. Only he who loses his life for Christ's sake and the gospel's, truly finds it, and gains what God designed him to gain in this world. The true philosophy of life is loss of the evil in order to gain the good; of the lesser in order to gain the greater.

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We must be saved from our sins—from the corruption that is in the world—and be holy within and righteous without, or never see God. For this very purpose Jesus Christ lived, died, and revived that He might purify us unto Himself, that through faith in His blood our sins might be blotted out, and our souls restored to the image of God.—Adam Clarke.

## Pithy Paragraphs

By REV. E. E. WORDSWORTH

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! How frequently have we seen this sign flashed before us at the approach to a railroad crossing. Yet thousands are wholly ignoring its warning and onward they dash just in time to be hurled into eternity by the passing express train.

Just so God hath spoken in flaming words of warning to lost humanity, hurrying on to eternity's night of woe. STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! my brother man. Judgment is just around the curve. Death, like a prowling beast, stalks on your path. Stop and consider the demands of God. Look within your own heart and see if Christ is there. Listen attentively to the voice of God. Do it now ere it be too late.

"Don't forget your packages." This is what the conductor calls out as the train stops at stations en route. During the month of March, 1925, 150 objects of various kinds were left on the Milwaukee trains. The personal belongings ranged from toy rabbits to fur coats. Mufflers, scarfs, gloves, slippers, pocket-books, vanity cases, books, silk dresses, kimonos, knitting outfits, knives, fountain pens, umbrellas, razors, eyeglasses, a \$50,000.00 painting and such like represented the things left behind.

How about your spiritual packages? Do you have on your fur coat for spiritual warmth, or are you barely clad? Are your eyes of faith without eyeglasses? Can you see things clearly? Are the optics all right? Then what about the things of great value like the \$50,000.00 painting? Are you carefully guarding your spiritual and eternal valuables? What about private and family prayer? What about the faithful reading of the scriptures and public worship? What about a passion for souls?

What a great disappointment it must be to a passenger having left the train, to find that his possessions are left behind! We are reminded of the man without the wedding garment. He fully expected to be with the King but was disqualified. Joseph and Mary supposed that Jesus was in the company but He was not. Brother, sister, we must know beyond a doubt that we are Christ's and Christ is ours. Have you on the wedding garment? *Is Christ in the company?*

The clock of eternity says, "tick" in one century and "tock" in another. Unlimited duration! Can you imagine it? Beginningless and endless, it cannot be measured. It has no past, it has no future, it has no middle, it has no parts, it has no ends; an unanalyzable, tremendous unit. It is older than the gray hills, more aged than the golden sun, more hoary than the star-lit heavens. Suns will die, stars will lose their luster and die in their sockets, worlds will become flames of fire, but eternity rolls on and on defying death and the limitations of sense and time. ETERNITY! ETERNITY!

"Where will you spend eternity?" Where? Where? In the confines of a nether most hell with the demons and the damned; with blood rejecters and God-haters; with the vile and cursed, the polluted and sin-besmirched, or with the pure and the holy, the bloodwashed and the redeemed, the glorified saints and the angelic hosts and the crucified, risen and glorified Lord and Savior? Oh, where will you spend eternity?

Sinners can still find pardon. Cleansing is offered to the unbeliever. Perfect victory is for the saint. Thirty-three thousand promises are in the Holy Bible. The beckoning band of God calls you to His side.

"Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord,  
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word,  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
Abide in Him always, His blessing to seek."

The Rapture's for Christ's Bride. A bride always is prepared for her groom. Holiness is the wedding garment. Are you ready for the marriage?

Garments typify character. "Garments of praise" are the clothes of the saint. Pure, fine linen is demanded by the Bridegroom. Holy hearts and holy lives are the fitness for His return and the coming nuptials above the silvery clouds.

We are probationers here. This is our dressing room. The day of our probation will soon cease. Besmirched, polluted garments, soiled by infectious and contaminating sin, will disqualify us for the wedding feast.

Divine healing is a most gracious benefit of the atonement. That God marvellously heals no candid person can doubt. That we should pray the prayer of faith and anoint with oil is certainly the prescription of James, but physical healing is, at best, only a benefit of the atonement. Saints have suffered much here physically ere the transit to heaven's portals. But not one ever entered the pearly gates without holiness. Holiness is the all essential thing. Follow—holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.

## Questions Answered

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

Q—Is there both a visible and an invisible church?

A—There is. The invisible church (a relative term) is composed of all true Christians whether they are in one denomination or in another, or whether they are in any denomination at all. The visible church (also a relative term) is composed of all professing Christians who have accepted responsibility in the organized body of Christian believers to which they have acknowledged their faith in Christ and which has acknowledged them as members.

Q—Is there any distinction between "The Kingdom of God" and "The Kingdom of Heaven"?

A—These phrases are used interchangeably in many instances, and so far as their simple definition is concerned there is no distinction. But from the context it seems that "The Kingdom of God" is sometimes used as including all of heaven and earth over which God holds sovereignty, while the kingdom of heaven seems to be used exclusively of God's spiritual kingdom.

Q—What is a man's tithe who earns \$20.00 per week and pays \$13.00 per week necessary living expenses?

A—If the living expenses refers simply to rent, fuel, food, etc., then he should tithe the entire twenty dollars. But if any part of this expense is connected with the earning of the money, as street car fare, office rent, etc., then this amount should be deducted before the tithe is computed.

Q—What is the meaning of James 5:16: "Confess your faults one to another—that ye may be healed?"

A—The subject is "Helping One Another by Prayer," and to this end the Apostle urges the sick and needy one to be open hearted and confidential with his brethren and the brethren to be sympathetic and earnest with and in behalf of the one who is sick and distressed. This is not a demand for public, or even semi-public confession of sins which have been committed against God. The word is faults, not sins.

Q—Can one be a loyal Nazarene and be a member of the K. K. K.?

A—No, loyal Nazarenes do not affiliate with secret, oath bound societies. Their reasons for not doing so may vary, according to personal opinion, but without regard to personal opinion they have all agreed to refrain from membership and fellowship with all such organizations, and if a man breaks his church vows in accepting some other vows he is both a poor churchman and a poor lodge man.

## FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Conducted by Mrs. J. T. Benson

### MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

**D**URING the past four or five years at Christmas time, we have had talks together about the wise men and the star, about Bethlehem and the shepherds and the songs of the angels. Suppose we have a talk this year about that person whom Jesus must have loved in a way that He loved no other human being on earth, *His own dear mother*.

We Protestants have not given much thought to the beautiful character of "Mary, the mother of Jesus," as Luke calls her with tender respect. Because some have gone so far as to worship her, and look upon her as divine, and to weave all sorts of miraculous stories about her, we have swung too far the other way and have almost ignored her.

Let us see then, what we can find out about Mary in the Bible. You remember that very early in their history, the Lord had promised His people, the Jews, He would send them a Deliverer and King. Hundreds and hundreds of years went by and the promised One did not come. And yet, at last the time came when God made ready to keep His promise, and send the Messiah. And because Jesus was to come into the world as a little, helpless baby, the first thing to be done was to find a suitable mother for Him. It was a most important place to fill, much more important than that of the High Priest, or the Governor, or even the King. In fact it was the most important place in all Israel at that time. The Lord wanted a mother who would give the most loving and unselfish care to the tender little body placed in her arms. And not only that, she must be the kind of mother who would train the young mind and heart in the things of God.

#### MARY IS CHOSEN

There must have been many beautiful and accomplished young women in the land of the Jews at this time. There were wealthy men in Jerusalem, proud heads of aristocratic old families, whose daughters were given every advantage possible in that day. But the Lord, looking for a mother for the coming infant Messiah, passed by all these beautiful and accomplished daughters of the palatial homes of Jerusalem. They would not have suited His purpose at all. Instead, He chose a young woman from a humble home in a little north country town, a young woman who had never owned a fine dress in her life, or had a servant to wait upon her. Why did the Lord choose Mary?

The Bible tells us. It was because she had found favor in His sight. Or, we might put the angel's message in our own words something like this? That the Lord had been watching this modest, obscure girl, and that He was pleased with her. She was the kind of young woman He respected and admired and He was willing to trust her to do the most careful piece of work for Him that He had ever asked of any human being.

But what was it about Mary that found favor with God? First of all, she was devout. She knew the Lord God of her fathers, and worshiped Him. The angel himself testified to that when he said, "The Lord is with thee." Not only this, Mary recognized that she belonged to the Lord. Here was one young life which had been given over into His hands. "Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord," she said quietly. And because she meant this with all her heart, she had no thought but to walk in obedience to His commands. *Mary wanted the will of God done in her life*. Do you think it was a little thing that she was ready to obey the Lord as soon as she understood what He wanted of her? No. And because Mary was one of this kind, she did not draw back, although she was perplexed, and even troubled by the message.

Another thing which the Bible makes very clear to us is that Mary was a quiet young woman. *She was not much of*

*a talker*. It wasn't that she had nothing to say, for Luke, who seems to have made quite a study of Mary's character, tells us that she was an unusually thoughtful person. He pictures her as having the habit of turning things over in her own mind before she spoke. When the little baby had come, and was lying in His mother's arms, many people came to see Him. Quite a lot of talking was done for they were all curious, and astonished at the things which the shepherds had made known abroad concerning the child. *But Mary didn't talk*. She *thought*, pondering over these things in her heart, and keeping them there. Three times we are told this about her. Do you think this was a small matter? O, no. It is true that the Lord wants us to be witnesses for Him, testifying to His saving power and the great love He has shown us. But He does not want us to run around telling any and everybody about *all* of His dealings with us. Some things are too sacred to be repeated to others. Certainly this was true about the birth of Jesus. And I am sure that one reason the Lord selected Mary to be the mother He wanted at this time, was because He knew she would keep in her own heart the sacred things which He would have to explain to her.

O, how we need to guard ourselves at this point. The next time we find ourselves talking, talking, talking, let us remember that it was a very quiet woman, one who thought oftener than she spoke, who won God's approval. Maybe that will help us not to talk so much, for we too want to please our Heavenly Father, I am sure. We must not get the idea, however, that Mary was a sad, gloomy sort of person.

As we read those ten verses in the first chapter of Luke, which tell us how she broke forth into a song of praise, while her spirit rejoiced in God her Savior, we know that Mary possessed that greatest joy in all the world, the joy of the Lord. So the Child Jesus grew up in a home where He was used to looking into a very sweet and gentle countenance, one which smiled often and readily upon Him.

Mothers, do we get a lesson just here? O, you say, I know I must often appear too serious, too stern of face to my children, yet I don't feel that way at heart. It is just that the cares of life press so very hard, and the problems are so perplexing. Yes, but Mary had the cares and the problems too. Hers was a humble home, that of the village carpenter's. There could never have been very much money, dependent as they were upon Joseph's wages. And since he is never mentioned after the twelfth year of Jesus, most students of the Bible believe that Mary must have been left a widow, at least within a few years of that time. It seems clear too, to the simple reader of the scriptures, that Jesus was not reared as an only child. The roof which covered Him sheltered also a good sized family of younger children, James and Joses, Simon and Judas. This made five active, growing boys to feed and clothe, wash and mend for, besides the sisters whom Matthew mentions. So, Mary had cares, plenty of them; but she had also that inner joy which God alone can give, the only thing in the universe which has power to lift the human heart above the things which weigh it down.

Yet, for all her gentleness, Mary must have been a very firm, wise mother. It is true that she did not always understand: what mother does? But at least she must have asked of Jesus only what was right, for we are told that He was an obedient Son, willing to do the things she told Him to do.

God is no respecter of persons and so He has no favorites. But where He finds a devout obedient spirit, a heart which has yielded itself fully to Him, and a life ready to be used in whatever way He needs it, then we may be sure that person has found loving favor with Him.

# NAZARENE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

"Let No Man Despise Thy Youth"

## A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL PRESIDENT

By REV. DONNELL J. SMITH

**D**OCTOR CHAPMAN has said that the Church of the Nazarene faces the opportunity of a century. This opportunity is shared by the N. Y. P. S. Dwarfed in numbers by many larger bodies of young people, we may be tempted to believe that our limited membership is an effective barrier to any great achievement. However, all history refutes any such position. Sacred and profane are alike replete with the epochal achievements of armies and peoples whose numbers were insignificant compared with those of the opposing armies or surrounding nations. In fact, history may be said to prove conclusively that great numbers are not essential to decisive victory or enduring and noteworthy achievement.

This being true, it may be inquired, "What is?" Surely it is not an accident that certain individuals and peoples distinguish themselves and win immortal glory while others, perchance more happily and fortunately surrounded, fail to project themselves or their works into the future. William A. Sunday, better known as Billy Sunday, says three things mark the great souls of all time: "First, a great capacity for loving; second, a great enthusiasm for the right; and, third, great wrath for evil, the corrupt and harmful." Two things may be observed as characteristic of every body of men and women that has succeeded in any large measure. First, Spirit; second, Unity. Without the first the second becomes the cohesion of dead, lifeless matter, a mere physical unity without moral and spiritual vitality. One of the Greeks of old declared that it was the spirit of the Athenians that made them victors in the great battle of Marathon. On the other hand, spirit without unity is soon dissipated. Marked by possibly an even greater spirit than the Wesleys and their followers, Whitefield and his followers soon lost their identity, while Wesley and Methodism live on. As a Young People's Society and organization the N. Y. P. S., humanly speaking, must possess these two characteristics if it is to succeed. There must be unity—a greater unity, and there must be spirit—a more impassionate spirit. Lacking these we can hope to serve the young life of our generation in only a mediocre way and be cast off by the coming generation as unable to contribute aught of value to the lives of young man and women.

## UNITY

"The strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack."

In this saying is embodied a truth that the N. Y. P. S. must learn. The strength, the vigor, the life of the General N. Y. P. S. is the local society, and the strength, vision and perpetuity of the local society is the General N. Y. P. S. We should not fail to distinguish between a good, live, spiritual, local society and the accomplishment of a great task, the fulfillment of a world wide mission. The latter is possible only through the guidance and help of a general organization.

Our greatest need at this time is unity. The local, the District and the General N. Y. P. S. must be brought to a consciousness of their vital relationship one to the other; also their dependence one upon the other. District officers, District Conventions and rallies, together with other District activities have developed a very splendid and effectual relationship between the local and the District N. Y. P. S. While here we must labor for a greater unity, when we look beyond we must confess we are woefully lacking in any unity of work and organization that joins the local and the District to the General. We repeat, our greatest need is for this "greater unity." The time has come when in the actual functioning of the N. Y. P. S. there must be the closest of unity with its attendant benefits and responsibilities, existing between the local, District and General societies of the N. Y. P. S.

## SPIRIT

Spirit is a most vital factor in the accomplishment of our task and mission. Certain as is the failure of the N. Y. P. S. in any large undertaking unless we can develop a greater unity, just so certain will be the utter uselessness of all unity and perfection of organization unless we can produce and maintain in every part of the N. Y. P. S. that which for want of a better qualifying term we will designate by the term used to mark the spirit of the prophet Daniel, "excellent," that is, a spirit to excel—excelsior.

Others may be satisfied to conserve the young people of their own church, but an *excellent spirit* will make us to seek the great army of young men and women spiritually adrift. Others may have as their goal a manly, wholesome life, the abstention from vices that are certain to work destruction, but an excellent spirit will seek a higher goal, even the fullness of stature that was in Christ Jesus. As He was, so will we day through the entire church. Also by

seek to be. Some may be content to bear fruit, an excellent spirit will make us to be dissatisfied with our achievement unless we bear much fruit. Oh for that spirit that will give to us one unwavering aim, that will make our task and mission sacred. With such a spirit, hardship, ridicule, persecution and toil are soon forgotten.

As we send these words forth, the General N. Y. P. S. is reaching out as never before for a closer unity with the District and local organizations of the N. Y. P. S. It is seeking to serve all in a larger measure as well as to feel more keenly its dependence upon and responsibility to all. The hope of the hour is that every branch of the N. Y. P. S. do likewise. Shall not the District N. Y. P. S. reach out to the General, as well as to the local? What better guarantee that the opportunity of the century that is ours be converted into a great spiritual achievement of the century than to behold the N. Y. P. S., every member, every department, joined hand to hand, standing shoulder to shoulder in the consciousness of a greater unity and the inspiration and vitalization of an "EXCELLENT SPIRIT."

## THE N. Y. P. S. JOURNAL

*A Quarterly for Young People's Work*

In response to a general demand for more lessons helps and topic material to aid the local leaders of the N. Y. P. S. the General Executive Committee is launching *The N. Y. P. S. Journal*, a quarterly for the use of the Nazarene Young People's Societies. This quarterly contains a topic lesson for each week for the first quarter of 1926, together with helps and suggestions for carrying on the young people's work of our church.

The topics are divided into four main divisions; first, Missionary; second, Doctrinal; third, Inspirational; and fourth, Practical. Together with each lesson there is given a suggested plan by which variety may be given to the services. This is done so we may avoid the ruts.

There is little doubt but that some local societies will have to readjust their local program to conform to the general plan of the topics. For instance we have found some local societies who have their missionary lessons the first Sunday of each month, some the second, some the third, and some the last Sunday. It will be easily seen that we cannot conform to each local program along missionary lines, so we have set the first Sunday as the General Missionary Sunday through the entire church. Also by

beginning the first of the year it will be an easy matter for our local societies to adjust their program to this general plan. So let every society co-operate and follow the lessons given in the quarterly.

The Nazarene Publishing House has taken the financial responsibility of this quarterly, so we want every local N. Y. P. S. to fully co-operate with the Publishing House and purchase these quarterlies. The price is reasonable, only 15c a copy, or 60c per year. These should be purchased in bundles like the Sunday school quarterlies are purchased. Each society should have sufficient copies for each member to have a copy and some extra copies for the new members that will join throughout the quarter.

Young people, this is our quarterly. It is being published in response to a demand by our local societies. Let each society co-operate and purchase them from the Publishing House. It is only by doing this that we can make it a success. The future of *The N. Y. P. S. Journal* depends upon the success of the present. Can we not have 100 per cent co-operation from each District and local society to make *The N. Y. P. S. Journal* everything that it should be?

*The Journal* is now ready for distribution. Send your orders in at once to have the quarterlies on hand for the first lessons of 1926. Order from the Nazarene Publishing House, 2109 Troost Avenue, and not from the General N. Y. P. S. Secretary.

D. SHELBY CORLETT.

### THE N. Y. P. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE HERALD OF HOLINESS

Beginning with this enlarged *HERALD OF HOLINESS* the N. Y. P. S. is to have a larger department than it has had heretofore. This is made possible through the courtesy of the editor and managers of the paper. Let the young people rally and make this one of the most interesting departments. Send your reports, make them short and spicy. Send articles that may be useful for the advancement of the N. Y. P. S. work. If you have an interesting program, carried on in an unusual way, let us know about it through the columns of our department, it may serve as an inspiration to other societies.

It is the plan of the General Committee to run articles of general interest to our young people. Articles for the development of the devotional life; for the fortifying of our young people against the false teachings of our day; and for the advancement of our general interests. Young people, support our department.—D. SHELBY CORLETT.

### PORTLAND, OREGON

The Young People's Society of First Church, Portland, take great pleasure in submitting this semi-annual report. We are looking ahead into the six months before us with a clearer vision of what must be accomplished; and a keener determination, with God's help, to really accomplish much. Our splendid pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Donnell J.

Smith, Brother Smith being the general president of the N. Y. P. S., by their abundant enthusiasm and encouragement have helped us up and over many an uphill task. The church, as a whole, has benefited greatly by the help and spirituality of some evangelists, whom we have been fortunate to have with us. Last June Brother Corlett, General Secretary, while passing through Portland, stopped long enough to give some inspiring talks to the young people. Later Brother Macrory came for a short time before the N. Y. P. S. convention at Everett, Wash. Very recently Brothers Bud Robinson and A. B. Ong, assisted by Brother and Sister Wells, gospel singers, conducted a real, old time revival here.

The reports of the various committees, submitted at the semi-annual election of officers of our N. Y. P. S. are as follows: The Visiting Committee had a splendid report, having made ninety calls in the six months. The Membership Committee's report showed an increase of thirty-five members. The Missionary Committee introduced an interesting new line in that of questionnaires, which proved a great help. The offering amounted to \$39.06, \$5.00 per month going to the support of the Franklin children in India. The Evangelistic Committee has been filling in, in all places that have opened up. Then last, but not least, in any respect, the Treasurer's report, the best entered by our Y. P. S. In just the past six months \$175.00 has been raised for all purposes, \$36.00 for general purposes. Following the reading of the reports the election of officers was held. Mr. Graften Smith was re-elected president. As a whole, co-operating and working together, we are going ahead with faith and trust.—Maude A. Foster.

### CAMPAIGNING FOR THE N. Y. P. S. IN INDIANA

It has been my pleasure to work on the Indiana District for the past four weeks in the interest of our N. Y. P. S. Indiana is one of the largest and yet in some lines one of the most conservative Districts in our church, but they are now showing a genuine interest in the advancement of the N. Y. P. S. work. During these four weeks I have held rallies or meetings with sixteen different churches, most of these being centers with the surrounding churches co-operating. I have found a good group of young people in most of these churches, and their pastors are becoming interested in organizing them into societies. From these churches I have visited five have either recently organized a N. Y. P. S. or were to organize within a week after the rally. This is indeed encouraging. Some of the churches have good societies which are a source of inspiration to their pastors. At present (Dec. 12) I am in the midst of a convention with the Indianapolis churches. The convention is being held in the South Side church with Pastor C. J. Quinn and his good people. All the churches of the city are co-operating. The interest and

attendance have been good. About nine different churches have been represented thus far and a splendid spirit prevails. Rev. J. W. Short, the District Superintendent, has been present in several services. It was a pleasure to have him with us and to know of his increasing interest in young people. The music has been furnished by the different churches of the city, ladies' quartets from two different churches have been on the program, a good male quartet from First Church, and their fine orchestra furnished splendid music at one evening service. Thank God for young people who have consecrated their lives to the Lord and are using their talents and abilities for the advancement of His kingdom. Indiana has no District N. Y. P. S. organization but we hope by their next Annual Assembly that their name will appear on the roll of our District organizations.

It was also my pleasure to attend two days at the Pittsburgh District Preachers and N. Y. P. S. Convention held at Youngstown, Ohio. Everybody knows that under the leadership of Dr. J. H. Sloan, their District Superintendent, the Pittsburgh District is one of our most aggressive Districts. Rev. H. B. Macrory has been the District N. Y. P. S. president, and it goes without saying that with the experience Brother Macrory has had in young people's work the District N. Y. P. S. under his leadership has advanced. They were having a splendid convention.

One more week on the Indiana District and I will start home for Christmas. This will be a happy time for me for it has been over six months since I left my family to take the field for the N. Y. P. S. Then beginning January 1 we will work for two months under the District N. Y. P. S. of the Southern California District. We are expecting a great time in Southern California. Brethren, pray for us.—D. Shelby Corlett.

### N. Y. P. S. RALLY OF ZONE 4, OKLAHOMA

Zone number 4 held their second N. Y. P. S. rally at Peniel church, November 26, 1925. The service began at 10:30 o'clock with a song and praise service. A welcome address was given by our pastor, Brother Joseph Garsee, then a special song sung by Sister J. Walter Hall, after which Brother J. Walter Hall, our District Superintendent, brought a message from the twelfth chapter of Romans and first verse. It was a very inspiring message and the Lord was with us. The young people and their pastors from the different N. Y. P. S. took part throughout the day's service. The young people from Bethany-Peniel College gave some very interesting numbers, especially the paper by Mr. James Garner on, "The N. Y. P. S., the Church of Tomorrow." Brother Wiman, pastor of our church at Guthrie, Okla., gave us a missionary talk, after which we took a missionary offering. Brother Hall brought another inspiring message in the evening.

## Uncle Buddie's Good Samaritan Chats

### Beloved Samaritans:

We left you last week at the close of our great campaign in Portland. We left Portland, Oregon, on Tuesday morning, November 24th. We pulled into Centralia about noon. We were met at the train by our good pastor, Rev. Ralph Gray. Prof. Wells and wife were entertained in the parsonage, and the old "Sub-hustler" was entertained in the Centralia Hotel. We had fine entertainment. A good deal of the time Brother Gray took the whole company to a splendid cafe and ordered all that we needed that was good. Our campaign in Centralia was a beautiful one. They have a very large church, that is, they can pack in six or seven hundred and we had it packed to the overflowing, and people standing up. We were there over Thanksgiving Day, and the various denominations of the city united with the Nazarenes and they held a Union Thanksgiving service in the Church of the Nazarene. This was planned by the Ministerial Association. The services were presided over by Rev. C. H. Lorrimer, the pastor of the First Christian Church. He is also the chairman of the Ministerial Association. He is a most beautiful cultured Christian gentleman. He had the Rev. John Grace, pastor of the First Baptist Church to read the Proclamation that was issued by President Coolidge. Brother Grace is a very beautiful brother. After the reading of this Proclamation, Brother Lorrimer called on the Rev. Deveries, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, to lead the opening prayer. After the prayer was offered a splendid free-will offering was taken to be used by the Ministerial Association for the relief of the needy of the city. The offering showed the liberality of the good people of Centralia, and the money was turned over to the Rev. Fred Lucas, who is treasurer of the Ministerial Association and the pastor of the German Lutheran Church. Brother Lucas is a deeply spiritual man, believes in full salvation and is a happy reader of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*. The Thanksgiving sermon was preached by the Rev. J. M. Canse, the pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. I have never heard a more beautiful Thanksgiving message brought than this one. Brother Canse proved himself to be a remarkable preacher of the gospel. At the close of this great service the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dexter, pastor of the Free Methodist Church, and the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*



readers know what a full-blooded Free Methodist preacher is. No finer men walk the earth than these Free Methodist brothers. During our convention the Rev. Walter Graves, a Free Methodist evangelist, with a fine young singer, Prof. Carlton Booth, were holding meetings in the Free Methodist Church. These meetings were not held in opposition to each other, because all hands were deeply in love with each other, but it was impossible for each church to make other arrangements than those which had been previously made. These brethren attended our afternoon services as they had none. They were most excellent workers and beautiful brothers in the Lord. Also Mrs. Wm. Booth-Clibborn was at the same time holding meetings in the Gospel Tabernacle, for Rev. Deveries. We understood they were having very fine meetings. We had many preachers with us during this campaign. Our good pastor, Brother Lyle B. Woodard, pastor of our new church at Olympia, attended several services. We also had Rev. Donnell J. Smith and family with us for one service from Portland, Ore. We also had the pastors of the Christian Missionary Alliance with us from Tacoma and Seattle. These are unusually fine brethren. I have known them for years. During our short Convention we had forty-seven at the altar, we secured thirty-two subscribers for the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* and took a fine couple into the church. The offerings came up beautifully, the evangelists were well paid and on the last Sunday night we raised some sixty-two dollars as a love offering to buy the Rev. Ralph Gray a full set of tires and tubes for his Chevrolet. The people gave hilariously be-

cause Gray uses his car out there to bless humanity. He preaches and sings all over that country. He brings them from all over the country and city to his church and hauls them there and back. He is one boy that looks after the sick and needy and old people and shut-ins. He is building up a great church and fine Sunday school in Centralia. This church is only two or three years old. They entertained the District Assembly last year and are going to entertain it again next year. That is some honor conferred on a young church and young pastor to entertain the District Assembly two years in succession. But Ralph Gray of Centralia and his brother, Russell of Los Angeles, were raised by a beautiful old widowed mother that strived for years to educate these young men for the ministry. God has rewarded her with two of the most beautiful preachers in the Nazarene move. The Northwest has the brightest outlook at the present time it has ever had. All of our pastors up there have been good and faithful, but the Lord has been sending up there some of our choicest young men. With Brother Donnell J. Smith in Portland, and Ralph Gray in Centralia, and Henry Wallin in Spokane, and Brother Jobe in Walla Walla, Brother Weaver Hess in Yakima, Brother Olin Waltz in Kennewick, Brother McShane in Newberg, Brother Croft in Sellwood, and we have many other fine pastors, their names and locations slip my mind, but there is not a scrub now in the Northwest. With Brother Speakes on one district and Brother Lord on the other and the Lord on the throne and the government on his shoulder, and the increase of His government and peace, the Book said, there shall be no end. The Nazarene boys are making good everywhere. I think the telegrams in the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* for the last two or three weeks reveal the fact that the Nazarene boys are making the greatest strides toward success and victory that has ever been made in our history. With the enlargement of the paper and the new *Preacher's Magazine* coming out the Lord is going to bless the move as it has never been.

In heaps of love,

UNCLE BUDDIE.

If we have little grace, we shall do but little good; but if we are filled with all the fulness of God, we shall exert a vast influence upon the interests of men.  
—DR. PECK.

## News and Notes From New England District

All reports for this page should reach me by the 10th of the month in which they are to appear. Rev. Ralph D. Schurman, No. Attleboro, Mass.

New England District Preachers Meeting is rejoicing in the privilege of sitting under the ministry of Doctor J. B. Chapman at this writing. Such seasons of refreshing in sermons and prayer and praise as we have not seen in many days.

### MANCHESTER, N. H.

We are very glad to report that we are still in the battle, and are having some degree of victory. Have just closed a meeting with Rev. H. V. Miller and wife as evangelists. Brother Miller preached with no uncertain sound, which is characteristic of him. I have never in my ministry seen such conviction on congregations. Folks could not sleep and paced the floor and streets nights. We saw results during the campaign but the climax came the last night when ten souls found Jesus for the first time, and others who were backsliders for years. We attribute much of the success to the faithful preaching and sweet spirit of our beloved Brother and Sister Miller. The unique feature of our meetings was the Prayer Chain. We had relays of half hour periods from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. with a good deal of fasting. While we did not see all we desired yet a foundation was laid for future building. Brother and Sister Miller greatly endeared themselves to the people of Manchester. The church at the close gave the pastor and wife a good pounding, marching and laying a fine offering on the table. The city papers were very kind, giving us daily writeups which reached thousands who did not get into the services. My own experience was never brighter, my hope and faith stronger than right now. I am in love and fellowship with my precious Lord.—L. E. Mann, Pastor.

### JOHNSTON, VT.

While there is no special and stirring news at this time we feel that God is with us and is blessing us. Brother Crossley is an earnest and faithful preacher and his wife is a preacher's true helpmate. We have quite a band of young people, some are already Christians and others we trust will soon be saved. Two young ladies were baptized a few weeks ago. At our November missionary meeting we had the privilege of listening to K. Hawley Jackson of India. Over \$100.00 was pledged for Missions which we felt was good for our small company to pay, though we wish we could multiply it in these times of need. A few pledges were also taken for a Prayer and Fasting League.—Mrs. Faith Carey, Reporter.

### WESLEYAN NAZARENE, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Our church has voted to buy a corner lot in the Broad street section of the city and plans to build a tabernacle church. The plans call for a 50 by 90 building with a total seating capacity of 590. Eight classrooms will open off of the main auditorium. A well lighted and ventilated basement will be fitted for the entertainment of conventions and will be used in the Sunday school work. We have disposed of our old property and have close to \$10,000.00 on hand. In fact at the last two mid-week services our folks pledged \$1,000.00 in each meeting. Recently we had with us K. Hawley Jackson and Brother and Sister Schurman in a Missionary service. At this time we raised \$110.00 on our budget and have pledged \$2.00 per member to be sent in at once. God is really blessing us here.—Reporter.

### WOLCOTT, VT.

We have just recently completed a most gracious revival with Rev. J. W. Turpel as evangelist. The adversary entrenched himself in the town at the very start and a real battle ensued, but we held on for over four Sundays, putting on a siege meeting, and God came down in the old-fashioned way during the last few services and gave us a break. Twenty-five seekers came to the altar and the great majority of them were happy finders, coming through with a shout and a shine. Brother Turpel poured in the truth red-hot, yet with such a tender appeal that sin-burdened hearts found it well nigh impossible to resist. A number of young people prayed through and really struck fire. During the campaign we had three all day meetings with visiting friends and preachers. This proved a great stimulus to our faith. We believe our church is in a better spiritual condition than at any time since we came here. Great grace is upon the people and we expect it to sweep on through the winter months. We are out to win, as pastor and people and by the grace of God we shall see the salvation of many souls in this place. Pray for us.—A. B. Manchester, Pastor.

### PEOPLE'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

God is surely giving us gracious times of refreshing from heaven these days. The attendance in our Sunday services has more than doubled in the last four months. Sunday nights where we used to have from thirty to forty we had last Sunday night about one hundred present. We have organized a Y. P. S. and have a fine lot of young people. The young converts from Brother Geiter's meeting are all showing up to the meetings and are all apparently going on. At

the Communion service Sunday morning three tables were well filled, and a fourth partly, which is at least one-third more communicants than we ever saw at the altar since coming here in April last. The Sunday school is now running from ninety to one hundred in attendance. Budgets are both paid to date and pledges given to cover the amount asked by the General Board. Local bills all paid too and by the help of the Lord we intend to try and keep His work going.—George D. Riley, Pastor.

### So. MANCHESTER, CONN.

Personally I have never been in a meeting for the past twenty-five years like the one we have just passed through with J. Warren Lowman and wife. The day for a real old-fashioned revival has not passed in old New England because we have had one. In the first place we gave proper attention to advertising the coming meeting, getting it well before the people. Another feature of the meeting was the morning prayermeeting. It has been years since I have seen such taking hold of God in prayer. The people became all smashed up and there was real Holy Ghost groaning. It seemed it would tear the very heart out. We held these meetings in the homes. The first night of the meeting the church was packed to the doors. Brother Lowman sang as he alone can sing, accompanied by his wife. Then he gave a talk on prayer, getting down under things at the very first service. We gave Saturday night to prayer. Each night found a full house. Some nights people were turned away. The town became stirred as it has never been in the history of the church. So. Manchester is at present around 25,000 and it took God to cause the kind of a stir that took place. From the first the altars were well filled and people began to confess and make restitution. There were times when the presence of God was just awful. We came down to the last Sunday of the meeting. Brother Lowman was taken way beyond himself in both services. The real break came in the evening when Brother and Sister Lowman came before the people in tears. He did not preach long. The altar was filled and the front seats were filled and re-filled until about seventy seekers had come. It grew late and we fairly had to send the people home. A great crowd assembled to see them off Monday night. It will be a long time before Manchester will forget their coming.—Chester Francis Austin, Pastor.

### EVERETT, MASS.

We believe the Everett church can report victory for the past three months. Brother John Gould, who is now busi-

ness manager of Eastern Nazarene College, was obliged to resign as pastor to assume the duties of his present position. Upon his suggestion, the church called me to be their pastor for the remainder of the Assembly year. It is my first experience as pastor and Brother and Sister Gould have given me assistance freely. The church is in a good financial condition, our budget being met at the present time. The people realizing that I was laboring under a handicap of poor health have assisted me in a whole-hearted manner. Their prayers and support have made it a pleasure to be with them. Since I am able to do but little pastoral calling, many have taken it upon themselves to visit among the sick and shut-ins and to invite others to church where I try by God's help to preach the Truth with unction and love. God has and is blessing us. The congregations have held up very well. The first of October we had a Roll Call Service which was a blessing to us. The Communion service last month was another time of power. The Young People's Society desired a week-end revival meeting with some of the E. N. C. students as the workers. Brother Samuel Young and Brother Ray Hagerman were the preachers and Brother Clarence Haas and Brother Willis Anderson were the singers for the occasion. We closed this meeting Sunday evening, December 6, with several seekers upon whom the glory of God fell. It was a blessed season to us all.—Daniel M. French, Pastor.

#### FITCHBURG, MASS.

The eighteen day revival campaign closed in signal victory on December 6. Dr. E. Hilton Post of Fort Edward, N. Y., was our evangelist. His messages were unctuous, clear and convincing, and rang with the clarion call to full salvation. Mrs. Post also was with us and assisted in the special singing as only those can who are seasoned with years of grace. Quite a number of souls were definitely blessed at the altar services; some had struggles but gained the much-prayed-for victory. The church has been much encouraged by the gracious refreshing and we thank God and push on.—Revs. Arthur and Lura Ingler, Pastors.

#### EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE.

The past month has been one of great blessing at Eastern Nazarene College. We have held special revival services under the leadership of Rev. C. W. Ruth, during which time God showered us with blessings unprecedented in the history of the college. At the close of his week of service, Brother and Sister J. L. Lowman were with us for one day. They were beautifully led of the Lord and the day proved to be one of the richest in blessing and salvation we have ever known. We think there were not more than two or three individuals in the institution who were without victory at the close of these services. The college has been very fortunate indeed in its ability to secure able speakers for its

chapel services during this month. In addition to our own faculty, we have been favored with addresses from Dr. H. F. Reynolds, Dr. J. B. Chapman, Rev. K. Hawley Jackson and Miss McKay. We are now in the midst of a series of addresses delivered by Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Martin of Lowell, Mass., in the field of social and moral education. The first topics were "Freeing Personality" by Brother Martin and the "Sacred Temple" by Sister Martin. The series is certain to be of great benefit to our students. Rev. John Gould, our business manager, has just returned from a trip throughout the western part of our zone. His welcome was most enthusiastic and we are assured that the excellent things being accomplished this year are but the precursors of a wonderful future in days to come.—F. W. Nease, A. M., B. D., President.

#### WORK IN THE CAROLINAS

We praise God for the splendid opening there is in the Carolinas for the Nazarene work. We have just spent a few weeks helping Brother Harrison in opening up this great field. We had a glorious revival at Charlotte, N. C., with about 150 at the altar with many definite cases of salvation. We organized a splendid church of over forty members, a very fine class of people. This is a beautiful city of about 75,000 in the great Piedmont section. They built a tabernacle and purchased a lot on which they expect to erect the church later. There is a great opportunity here and in many places in North Carolina for our work. Brother and Sister B. D. Sutton of Olivet, Ill., had charge of the music. They did some great singing which was a blessing to all. We held five days' convention in the recently organized church at Greensboro, N. C., where we met a very fine class of true Nazarenes who are doing things for God around there. They have purchased a splendid corner lot in a good section of the city and have erected a good 40 x 60 building. We sure enjoyed these few weeks in helping get the Nazarene work started in our home state. Rev. Chas. Harrison and wife, whom the Indiana District sent to North Carolina to open up this work, are proving to be efficient workers and are pushing this glorious battle in these great states. Many openings are presenting themselves in the good cities of North Carolina. There are many improvements and concrete roads all over the state and an air of prosperity everywhere. Don't forget to pray for Brother and Sister Harrison in this great pioneer work in which they are engaged. We must keep pushing our Home Missionary work until every city and town in our country has a center of Holy Fire.—J. W. Short, District Superintendent.

#### CHICAGO CENTRAL S. S. AND N. Y. P. S. CONVENTION

The third annual N. Y. P. S. convention of the Chicago Central District was held in union with the second annual Sunday school convention of the Dis-

trict at Olivet College. December 1 to 6. Between forty and fifty local churches were represented by 150 delegates and visitors.

Dr. H. C. Morrison, editor of *The Pentecostal Herald* and president of Asbury College for a number of years, was the engaged worker for the young people's part of the program. He spoke each morning at the eleven o'clock chapel hour and preached each evening. His stirring messages replete with drama, oratory, and vivid imagery, all under the unctuous anointing of the Spirit, will continue to be a moving force in the hearts and lives of all who heard him.

Dr. and Mrs. Ellyson spoke daily on the work of the Sunday school and we were more than ever impressed with the bigness and the dignity of our job as Sunday school teachers and workers. We were also impressed with the progress and important work that the General Sunday School Committee is doing under the able leadership of Dr. Ellyson.

The music at the convention, which was in charge of Prof. and Mrs. B. D. Sutton, was of a high order. The College Glee Club furnished some very excellent special selections. District officers for both the Sunday schools and the Young People's Societies remain virtually the same as last year.—Reporter.

#### NEBRASKA PREACHERS' CONVENTION

The Mid-Year Convention of the Church of the Nazarene opened on time at the Omaha church and Rev. Elizabeth Mead, the pastor, gave the address of welcome. God's seal was on the prearrangements and continued throughout the convention. Delegates were entertained in the various homes, and meals were served the delegates in the basement. Some came four or five hundred miles through plains and sandhills, driving Fords and sacrificing themselves and their sleep and gathering up new travelers as they came to the convention. The hand of leadership was well manifest in the directing and managing of the convention by the District Superintendent, Rev. H. M. Chambers.

H. J. Beaver, of Chadron, read a paper on the "Stimulation of the Prayer Life." His own prayer was a stimulation to prayer. God bless such marvelous young men. Rev. L. N. Fogg, District Superintendent of Iowa, preached an evangelistic sermon in the evening and brought heaven and earth together. Brother Fogg remained for a couple of days and was an inspiration to every service. Prof. London of Bresee College lectured and sang. He made a powerful plea for the young people. H. O. Chrysler spoke on "Our Second Line of Defense." Harvey was converted only three years ago and sanctified two years ago. He is certainly a demonstration of what God can do with a young man when He has His way with him. C. B. Johnson of Farnam and Lone Star gave a report of his work and the convention rejoiced. Brother Johnson has a way of winning men to his cause and  
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## News and Notes From Canada

Compiled by M. J. Jones

All reports and news items for this page should reach me not later than the 10th of each month. M. J. Jones, 285 Balmoral St., Winnipeg, Man.

**NOTICE:** Dr. B. F. Neely of Bethany, Okla., will conduct special meetings during the winter at Regina, Sask., and Winnipeg, Man. Please remember us in your prayers that these efforts will be a success.

### OKLAHOMA CIRCUIT

I suppose some of our Nazarene family in the U. S. A. will wonder how it is that a report from Oklahoma occurs in the Alberta news. Well there is such a place up here in this fine province of Alberta. In July, 1924, at our annual camp meeting at Red Deer, Alta., I (a young, inexperienced licensed preacher) was informed by District Superintendent Thompson that I was to go to the Oklahoma Circuit. It was quite a surprise but I went trusting "Him who is strong to deliver and mighty to save." There are some fine folks in this neighborhood. People who love God and are serving Him in the place where God has placed them. In November, 1924, Brother Thompson came and held a meeting for a week. During that we saw eighteen bow at the altar for pardon and cleansing. God answered prayer and most of them are still claiming the victory and growing in grace which is an evidence of spiritual health. Our prayermeetings are real seasons of refreshing because the people love God and also love to commune with Him. We have as fine a band of young men as there is in any of our Alberta churches. Nearly all of them "know" they are saved. I teach the young men's class which usually numbers about twelve. Another service was opened up ten miles southwest of here at Moose Mountains where I have been preaching in the afternoon. As my own personal testimony I am glad to report victory. By God's grace I have been enabled to live with His blessing on my soul. I find real enjoyment in telling the old, old story though ever new. I want to keep in the Master's will and do His bidding. I love this place and people and want to be of what service I can to them.—Harold R. Irwin.

### CLARESHOLM, ALTA.

We are pleased to be able to report victory all along the line. And while there has not been much of a move since the last report God has been with us. Every Sunday night finds the church filled, and conviction is starting to rest on the people and we are looking forward to another great break in the near

future. Our W. M. S. with Mrs. J. J. Goozee of Graham is doing nicely, also our Y. P. M. S. is doing good things under the leadership of Miss Nola Smith, who has recently joined the church.—Rev. J. A. Tench, Pastor.

### LETHBRIDGE, ALTA.

We are reminded of the fact that we have been here just five months exactly, among this loyal band of people. They have stood as one man behind us, which as every pastor knows is in itself a wonderful incentive to put forth the best within himself for the salvation of the lost. We have seen a few souls at the altar from time to time, and a few have united with us. The burden is coming upon the church more every week to see an old-fashioned visitation from God that will cause the unsaved to tremble, the saints to rejoice, and an upbuilding of the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ here in this beautiful little city. We believe God is going to give us a genuine revival, and we solicit your prayers to that end. We are expecting our pastor, Brother Tench, from Clareshome, to help us in meetings about January first.—A. H. Eggleston, Pastor.

### MORSE, SASK.

First of all I am still rejoicing in the Savior's love. I find it so blessed to live for Him. I know the blood has been applied and cleanses my heart from sin. Glory to His dear Name! During the month of September we were left without a pastor. We felt the loss very keenly although we did not give up in despair. We still have faith enough to look away to the hills from whence cometh our help. We prayed and trusted God, and as He works along the slenderest lines of faith He honored the feeble faith that was exercised and sent help in the person of Mrs. Welch, deaconess from Oklahoma. However, before she arrived we had some of our members to fill in so as not to go without a service. God's blessing was upon us. On the 27th of September the W. M. S. rendered a missionary program for the benefit of the new African hospital, which was a great blessing and inspiration to us. We got a larger vision of the needs in foreign lands. We are praying and working to do our best to help send the gospel of love to the ends of the earth. Although the evening of our program was quite stormy, we received an offering of \$30. To God be all the glory. Our ladies' prayer band meets at the different homes every Thursday afternoon. We have good times together studying God's Word, singing and praying. Sister Welch

has supplied the last three Sundays. We truly thank God for her. Her messages were so inspiring and helpful to us. Our Sunday school superintendent, Brother Bartrum, left us October 16 for Nampa, Idaho, where he expects to attend school to complete his course of studies for the ministry. His wife and children left us three weeks before he did. We will miss them from our midst as they were both talented musicians and singers. They were great Sunday school and church workers. Sister Bartrum was a member of our W. M. S. and prayer band. What is our loss will be others' gain. God bless them. At this writing we are still without a pastor. We are praying, believing and trusting God to send us one after His own heart. Pray for us.—Mrs. Irene Kridler, Deaconess.

### VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

We can report victory for our church in this city. For almost two years the church was without a pastor, and the cause was all but extinct. About seven months ago Brother Jas. H. Bury came on the scene, and for a few weeks put forth every effort to revive the cause and collect together the few remaining fragments. Five months ago the writer accepted the call to pastor the flock. Although compelled to labor under financial difficulties, God has been undertaking in a wonderful way. We have as good and loyal a band of Nazarenes as can be found in all the land. Unity and harmony prevail, and God's blessing is manifest in every service. Some fine people are coming our way; and in nearly every service someone gives the pastor the name and address of folks inquiring about the Church of the Nazarene. We have received some into membership, and others are getting their letters of transfer. God is giving salvation at our altar. Just recently a Catholic lady was saved in the second service she had attended. Others have been at the altar finding victory. The Sunday school is growing every week under the leadership of our enthusiastic superintendent. Home and Cradle Roll departments have been organized. We expect to organize a Nazarene Woman's Missionary Society, and possibly a Nazarene Young People's Society by the first of the new year. As a whole we believe the church to be on a better working basis now than at any time during the past six or seven years. There have been times when there were more in attendance, but at present all are interested in the Church of the Nazarene and are determined to see it go. To God be the glory. If there are those who

read these lines having friends in the city of Victoria, and you wish a Nazarene minister to call on them, send their names and street number to the undersigned at 1340 Bay St., Victoria, B. C.—W. W. Barker, Pastor.

#### ALBERTA NOTES.

Our evangelistic program for the fall months has been greatly hindered on account of the very unusual weather conditions for this country and the consequent dragging out of the threshing in the rural districts. However, we have done our best under the circumstances and have made a round of the churches, mainly in the interest of the General budget.

Our Canadian Bible school has recently re-opened in Calgary. We have a splendid course of lectures by some of the outstanding college leaders in our connection, and we trust that we shall be able to record a good enrollment of young people taking the classes.

At the present time all our Alberta fields are well supplied. In some places especially we have cause for thankfulness for a real harvest of souls. God is greatly blessing the Edmonton work these days. Under the leadership of Pastor Mathews a difficult crisis has been passed and a time of ingathering and advance has come. Our work in Edmonton has come to be a recognized factor in the spiritual life of the city.

This winter will see the first move, D. V. to plant the banners of Nazarene work in the great Peace River country. This wonderful Northland is an island empire in itself. We expect to hold an evangelistic meeting shortly, 350 miles north and west of the city of Edmonton, and we trust our next District Assembly will be able to send at least one permanent worker, as the vanguard, we hope, of a strong force that will plant organized holiness all over the Last Great West. We need an army of virile young men to whom the heroic has a great appeal, men who have a call to be trail blazers. There may be places where more settled conditions obtain, and where the salaries may be higher, but we much doubt that there is a better place available for the corn of wheat to fall into the ground and die. Garibaldi's war cry well fits the situation, "COME AND SUPPER."

We are now engaged in a string of evangelistic meetings on new points of the Collholme field with Pastor Spittal, that will probably occupy us till near the Christmas holidays. If your prayer list is not overcrowded remember these outposts before the throne of the heavenly grace.—Chas. E. Thomson.

#### FIFTH SUNDAY GROUP MEETING, ARKANSAS DISTRICT

The preachers of the Southwestern Group Fifth Sunday Meeting held their regular rally at Westmoreland, beginning Thursday, November 26. The pastor of the local church did the preaching until Friday night and the rest of the services were held by visiting preachers. We

surely did have a splendid time. Such preaching and rejoicing. The house would not hold the crowds at any of the services Sunday so the pastor and people are hoping and praying for a new church building at this place before the next Assembly. The next Fifth Sunday Meeting will be held with Rev. J. R. Francis at Prescott. A large attendance is expected and a program is being arranged that will encourage and bless our people. leader.—Rev. H. W. Blackshear, Re-

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church. "The Problem of Making Weak Churches Strong" couldn't have been handled any more fittingly by anyone than Rev. A. R. McDonald of York, because he did that very thing with his church. Rev. N. B. Herrell of the Kansas City District awoke in us a new desire to get at the tithing business. Rev. H. N. Haas of the Lincoln church brought a paper on "How Best to Pioneer at the Least Expense." He said he wished we could leave off the last two words and deal with the problem of "How Best to Pioneer." H. C. Miller of Curtis read a paper on the general status of the church and illustrated it well. Mrs. Miller was present with the light of the Holy Ghost shining in her countenance. Rev. C. E. Ryder, our pastor across the river in Council Bluffs, has a big church and is doing big things. He and his people came over in goodly numbers. Brother Ryder is an old Nebraska boy and fits in just right over here. He and his good wife helped to pioneer here in the early days of the Church of the Nazarene. Rev. F. K. Smith read a paper on missions from the angle of the pastor's responsibility for the interest of missions. Miss Alice McClellan gave a fine address on the different religions of China and Japan. The people listened intently for more than an hour. Rev. G. C. Miller of Hemingford with his good wife arrived after a long, hard drive in the cold and blessed everybody in the convention. Brother Miller undertook a hard job when he went to Hemingford but he is going over the top in fine shape. Q. A. Deck of Kearney talked on "How to Increase the Activity of Laity." Well, he brought some of his own people along and had his own daughter read a paper. I guess that is increasing the activity of the laity. Dr. W. W. Ward read a paper on "How to Increase the Activity of the Ministry" and suggested as a keynote to the problem "Loyalty" to the pastor in every way. E. C. Cain of Hastings on "The Successful Minister" said the subject was inexhaustible but gave a few remarks that were certainly counted among the men to be pertinent and helpful.

We shall praise Him all the days of our life for His blessings and favor upon us in this convention. We are also very thankful for the many strangers and visitors who came among us. It is not a vain thing to serve God.

DR. W. W. WARD, Reporter.

#### Sunday School Lesson

For January 3

By M. EMILY ELLYSON

LESSON SUBJECT: The Son of God Becomes Man.

LESSON TEXT: John 1:1-5, 10-18.

GOLDEN TEXT: *And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth—(John 1:14).*

JOHN was a most voluminous writer. Probably none except Paul of all the New Testament writers wrote as largely as did John. His Gospel is the most complete of the four records which we have of the earthly life of Jesus, and most people consider it superior to the other Gospels. Our lesson opens with the most remarkable statement that "in the beginning was the Word," that is, in the beginning before the creation of the world, before time began. Matthew Henry observes that, "the world was from the beginning, but the Word was in the beginning." Christ is not a word, but the Word. All the prophets were a word of God, that is, they were the vehicle by which God conveyed His truth to the people, so has every good man or woman who has added anything of truth and virtue to this weary, sinful old world been a medium through which God has spoken. These have all been a word, but Christ was the Word—the full, complete thought of God—uttered once for all, expressing the very mind of God with exactness and finality, so that of our Lord it may be said truthfully, "the Word was with God, and the Word was God." In the Word God dwelt, for "the Word was God." The purpose of the Gospel of John is to prove the incarnation, the deity of Christ.

John also assures us that there was not anything made without Him. The outreach of this statement is tremendous, for it reaches into all history, not just the original creation contained in the first chapter of Genesis, but He is the fulfillment of God's eternal intention relative to the return of all human lives back to God and their lost inheritance. Jesus then was not an after consideration, but was in the great scheme and plan of God as He conceived it.

Our lesson states that He is the source of all true life, and that life which we receive from Him becomes light in us, and to us, so that we are able to discern truth. Thus we may have a steady walk in the light and blessed fellowship one with another One. This wonderful life, so full, is not a life to be withheld, but to be shared. Then too, it is sufficient for all the race, so that we may bring our little vessel, which is our need, and find a full and overflowing supply.

How different things look in the light of the life He imparts. We see sin in its true color, sorrow is transfigured, and instead of the somber garb it usually wears, its raiment glistens with hope.

Ordinary duties are glorified and in the rush of life's activities we may move tranquilly and steadily forward, for we who once groped in darkness now walk in the light.

We also read that this light shineth in the darkness and the darkness overcame (R. V.) it not. How the dark thoughts and passions that had their nest in our hearts resisted this light, and refused to be dragged out into the blaze of that shining. But when one has accepted life from Christ, all that was originally dark has passed away, and though theirs may be a life of conflict, yet it is one of triumph and glorious victory. All the tunnels through which we may be called to pass we may enter unflinching, for "the path of the just is as a shining light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Darkness cannot overpower this light; for we bear a radiant light with us always, hence we cannot walk in darkness. Beside all this, faith can see beyond every cloudbank a land of "far distances," a glorious morning-land made radiant with the Sun that never sets.

Our precious Dr. Bresee had a habit of always greeting the people with the words, "good morning." The day might be far spent but he would grasp your hand and say, "good morning." On one occasion when the twilight shadows were gathering about us, we stood on the front veranda of the college building at Pasadena as he was leaving for his home. As the writer shook hands with him and said "good night, Dr.," he looked up with a radiant smile and said, "good morning." We then asked, "Why do you always say 'good morning?'" His reply was, "Why don't you know that the sun never goes down in the morning." To him, the morning-land was a very real country though he was living amidst the shadows of earth's little while.

And why should it not be so? Is it not life eternal to know Him? And if life eternal, then light eternal. Our lesson says, "in him was life, and the life was the light of men." The Psalmist, many generations before Christ came to earth, saw with clear prophetic vision this marvelous light, and as his fingers touched the trembling harp strings thrilling them with that touch and they gave forth a volume of heavenly harmony, his soul burst forth in a wondrous anthem of praise, and he sang,  
*For with thee is the fountain of life,  
'n thy light shall we see light.—Psa. 36:9.*

Our lesson further tells us that John the Baptist bore witness to the Light. Indeed that was the special purpose of his life. He was sent of God with a holy mission to perform and was faithful in declaring the truth. Do we as Christians realize that we have this charge committed to us in this generation? Do we understand clearly that the chief business of our earthly life—which will soon be over,—is to witness to the light? If we do we too will sing until three worlds will hear our song of praise.

*"Eternal life begun below,  
Now fills my heart and soul,  
I'll sing His praise forever more,  
Who hath redeemed my soul."*

As we listen to the Baptist witnessing, we hear him say, "This was the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Wonderful vistas at once open before us, and we see that the rays of light focused in our Lord are so diffused that not a human soul can get beyond the reach of that shining. Even in benighted heathendom a measure of the light finds its way to darkened hearts, who give expression to their yearnings in strange philosophies and religious observances, that are often vile and awful in their outward aspects. If we looked at men as Jesus did we would be asking ourselves the question, not what they are, or what use will they be to us, but what can they become by a proper diffusion of the light that we have received. Let us rub up the sides of our lantern as light bearers, and go to the business of shining so men may see and glorify God.

Jesus is depending upon us for 1926. And as the year opens before us with all of its possibility let us reverently bow before Him and say in the language of Frances Ridley Havergal:

*"Another year of service, of witness for  
Thy love,  
Another year of training, for holier work  
above,  
Another year is dawning; dear Master,  
let it be  
On earth, or else in heaven, another year  
for Thee."*

## CHURCH NEWS

EVANGELIST FREDDIE THOMAS—"Just closed a great revival last Sunday night, November 29, in Fort Wayne, Ind., where Rev. Howard Paschal is pastor. God surely came on the scene, and gave us an altar filled with men praying to old time victory. Brother Paschal is one of the best pastors that I have ever worked with. He went there six years ago to a small church of near twenty members, and now he has a great church of more than two hundred faithful people. We had around 176 at the altar the twelve nights I was there and had an old fashioned all day meeting Thanksgiving day. The power of God came down and the altar was full in the afternoon. I am now here in Clinton, Ill., starting last night with the tabernacle full, and a number of hands up for prayer. After this meeting I go home to spend Christmas with my blessed mother and father, who are holding up my hands in prayer as I travel over the country. After Christmas I start to Miami, Fla., to spend a couple of months down on the coast holding revivals. I mean to keep humble and stay at the foot of the cross to learn more about the Christ, and keep preaching Bible holiness up and down the country. Remember me in prayer."

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.—"The Church of the Nazarene at this place is mightily encouraged. Since Brother Russell and his fine family came to us on October 11 there have been five additions to the church. Brother and Sister Robbins of the Free Methodist church, Brother Elbert Dodd of the Church of God, Sister Levan, late of Coffeyville, Kans. Brother Robbins, Brother Dodd and Sister Levan are all preachers. Also, Sister Opal Medford has come in with us. A Woman's Missionary Society was organized with fifteen members to begin with, and at this time there is a membership of twenty-five. We are contemplating raising and enlarging the choir platform and staining the church inside. Brother Russell is planning an immense flower garden and curbing the east and north sides of the church yard. It is certainly a spiritual uplift to hear our dear Sister Russell shout the victory and the girls' singing is much appreciated. A splendid program is on for Christmas. Truly, truly, God is good. If He is for us who can be against us. Our slogan may well be over the top for Jesus."—Mrs. S. G. Seago.

EVANGELIST T. S. MASHBURN—"Sunday, November 22, we began our work at Mount Carmel, Ga., church, and by unanimous vote, we started a revival meeting at once. Weather conditions were very bad, almost all of the time during our fourteen days' campaign. An epidemic of whooping cough and sore throat swept over the people, and then, too, we were greatly handicapped by bad lights and the unfinished condition of the house. We are told by Rev. Joe Massey that for some three years past there has not been a real revival in this little flock which totals ten members. Our impressions are, we have some good goods tied up in this package. Anyway, by the help of God we pushed and pulled through with some splendid results, though far short of our heart's desire. Christians were revived and one sister made a public prayer for the first time in life. We fasted some, cried some, shouted a little, prayed much, testified and put the plow down deep, steered straight for the highway of holiness. We had some great seasons of prayer, and at times much conviction on the people; and three persons came to our altar of prayer, one a young man and two young ladies. We are going in for a Young People's Society, and we are arranging a Sunday school program for Christmas. Yesterday we closed with best attendance and interest during the whole meeting. Some folks drove ten miles, with a horse and open buggy, stayed all day, and drove home after night service.

EVANGELIST P. P. BELEW—"Just closed a good meeting with our church near Lupeer, Mich. The church being located five miles in the country and on a bad road, the attendance kept us from having a 'big' revival, but the church was considerably helped and several different seekers claimed victory at the altar. Thirteen subscribers were received

for the HERALD OF HOLINESS, the evangelist was remunerated, and a love offering given to the pastor. Pastor W. G. Martin and his wife are splendid, consecrated people, and are doing good work. I am now in a meeting with our church at Bradley, Mich., which is starting well. Anyone desiring my services may communicate with me at my home address, 110 So. Forest Ave., Marion, Ind."

EVANGELIST GEORGE BEIRNES—"Just closed a very good meeting in Cooperdale, Ohio, with Brother and Sister Laird. We did not see all the results we would like to have seen, but we are sure we did sow the seed and will leave the results with the Lord. When the angel opens the record it may look better than this report. We had the privilege of attending the missionary and preachers' group meeting during the day sessions at Coshocton, and heard some splendid papers read and addresses made. It truly was highly inspirational and a blessing to all. Brother Gibson, our splendid District Superintendent, came over and preached for us Saturday evening and brought us a great message. We picked up a splendid club of thirteen subscriptions for the HERALD OF HOLINESS, almost all annual subscriptions. We had a splendid missionary service Thanksgiving morning and about raised the \$2.00 per member. We took the pastor a special offering and they also gave them a good pounding and sent us away with a good offering. They expect to take into fellowship soon a good class of about ten. This is just a young class but we believe they are catching the true Nazarene spirit and are pushing on for larger things. We have some open dates for winter and spring. Write us at Kingswood, Ky."

PASTOR J. F. HENDRICKS, MERKEL, TEXAS—"We have just closed a good revival at this place. Brother H. C. and Sister Mary Lee Cagle are doing the preaching. Now they set the old gospel plow to run deep, so sin was exposed in no uncertain way. And there were troubles and hindrances settled and a better spirit of unity prevails. While some members did not come to a service, if they had we could have settled every misunderstanding. But God blessed in the plain preaching of His Word and some were saved and others sanctified. We thank God and take hold with new courage. Sister Emma Jones of Abilene, Texas, was led to organize the Church of the Nazarene here about one year ago, and with many difficulties to overcome we have built up to where it looks now as though we can have a very strong church here. Rev. R. B. Williamson and wife were with us to take the lead in song, and were a very great help in prayer and altar service also. Brother and Sister Cagle are pioneer preachers in the holiness movement. They are a power. We thank God for such men and women. Any of God's children passing through Merkel, stop over and preach for us. We ask an interest in your prayers."

PASTORS A. M. AND MINNIE MOOREHEAD, PAYNE, OHIO—"We surely do praise God for real victory in our souls and for the way He has been blessing and leading the past few months. We came here last spring, found a loyal class of Nazarenes and that God had used the former pastor, Rev. Roy Klingler, to build up the work here in this place. When we arrived we began to pray for God to send us an old time revival and He surely heard and answered prayer. We had a splendid meeting with Evangelist J. E. Hughes. Brother Hughes is a great revivalist and you will make no mistake in getting him. There were a number both saved and sanctified. They prayed through in the old time way. The church would not hold the crowds. Finances came easy. The Lord has helped us to redecorate the church inside and put natural gas in, which is much better than burning coal. Our Sunday school has been growing. We went over the top a few Sundays ago and reached the 110 mark. Now that may seem small to you but this is a small town with six other churches, so we thank God for the increase, and feel like going on. We are praying for another campaign in March."

EVANGELIST P. A. DEAN—"We are in a revival campaign in Ashland, Wis., with Miss Estella Adams, evangelist, and Miss Berkey as song leader. The meetings have been going two weeks and the Spirit of God has been with us and great conviction is on the meeting. A number have swept through to victory and new ones are coming in. This church is just a new one organized in September. We feel that the prospects are good for a strong Church of the Nazarene here. We will be able to add several heads of families to our membership. We are continuing on with the revival. To God be all the glory."

PASTOR EVERT BAKER, CROTHERSVILLE, IND.—"We took pastoral work here in September and had the first revival held by Rev. J. H. Baughman of Parker, Ind. He gave us red-hot preaching. The church was greatly revived, fifteen prayed through for the first work of grace and six for the second work. Took in two members and more prospects."

PASTOR B. H. HAYNE, WOODLAWN CHURCH, CHICAGO, ILL.—"God is in a marvelous way blessing Woodlawn church. We have just closed one of the best revivals in the history of the church. We secured Mrs. S. A. Keel of Des Moines, Iowa, as evangelist, and she proved to be the one for the place. She is, I think, one of the clearest and most logical women evangelists I have ever had hold meetings for me. She is fearless in her preaching, yet very tender. The church is growing in every department. All seem encouraged and working to have the greatest year of our church. The Sunday school is growing very fast under the superintendency of Brother Steuneck. Every teacher is working and enthused over the outlook.

There has been an increase every Sunday this Assembly year except one, that being an exceptionally bad day. There has been an increase of thirty-three in church membership. We praise God. The people are standing by their pastor and boosting and I am convinced that it can be done. If all hands work with a might and boost continually any work can be made to grow. The old adage 'Where there is unity there is strength' is very true in building churches and there seems to be such unity in our church. I am so glad for the wonderful way God has led me back to this people. I love Him supremely."

EVANGELIST LEE L. HAMRIC—"We are at Lubbock, Texas, the fast growing city of the South Plains, in the opening of a fine revival. God is with us and has been since the first service Saturday night. The second service brought souls to the altar and victory, and Sunday night we had a glorious service with souls getting through to victory. Pastor Wood and his good church had everything ready and in good order when we arrived, which makes it easy for a revival. The West Texas Tech. State College has just been built here at a cost of a million and one-half dollars, so Lubbock is soon to become a real city. We have two more Sundays here and are expecting a great revival. Remember us in prayer."

"NEW YORK DISTRICT CORRELATED BOARDS met with the District preachers' meeting at John Wesley church, Brooklyn, December 2, 3, 4, District Superintendent C. B. Jernigan presiding. The opening prayer hour, nine to ten, will never be forgotten by some of us. The very first morning was one of intercessory prayer and the Spirit of the Lord came upon us like at Pentecost of old. This joint meeting was both profitable and very inspiring. It was well attended by the brethren except a few from the northern part of the state. The preachers reported victory all along the line and stated that the day star is soaring toward the sky and that their folk are all looking up. Every baptized fire brand preacher on the District that wishes to do something worth while and is willing to get up, out and go is with District Superintendent Jernigan, who is giving his life and blood, growing old or breaking prematurely to get some centers of fire to going. God is blessing and answering prayer all over the District. We were sorry to have to lose our beloved General Superintendent, Dr. H. F. Reynolds, right in the middle of the meeting, being called away on account of the death of a relative in Chicago. Likewise, our pastor, Brother O. L. W. Brown, while in the meeting, was notified of a loved one passing on to meet our Lord. A rising vote of sympathy and love was extended for the bereaved. Brethren, our days here shall soon be over, let's love each other, the sinner, all stand by our great work and pull together. Rev. C. B. Jernigan brought the opening message Tuesday evening;

Dr. H. F. Reynolds, Wednesday, and Rev. J. A. Ward of Spruce Valley, Thursday evening. The unction was very evident, their messages were great and timely."—A. G. Crockett.

PASTOR C. E. PENDRY, BLOOMINGTON, IND.—"We certainly want to praise the Lord for the way He is undertaking here at Bloomington. We arrived on this field of labor three months ago yesterday, December 6, and it is certainly marvelous the way God has worked things out in this time. The first Sunday of the Assembly year we had forty-one in Sunday school, yesterday we had 188; and we are boosting the school in every way possible, and believe we will soon be having two hundred more. We have had about two hundred seekers; about fifty or sixty in regular services; as high as sixteen in one service. We had a great meeting with Rev. John Fleming, closing November 1. God used him in a marvelous way, and we surely enjoyed working with him, and having him in our home. We have had over sixty per cent increase in membership since coming here, and we are praying and trusting God to give us a great Church of the Nazarene as a soul saving station, in this enterprising city of 20,000 population. We found the financial condition of the church very poor; several debts, and only about \$15.00 per week coming in, but God helped us to adopt the budget system, and our weekly pledges now amount to more than \$60.00. We appreciate the people here very much. Perfect unity prevails. Crowds are increasing with each service, and we are now preaching to fine crowds Sunday mornings and very large crowds on Sunday nights. Perfect order, and in all we do certainly praise the Lord for leading us to Bloomington. We are glad we ever got into the Nazarene movement, and have the privilege of laboring on the Indiana District, and to have such a leader as our much loved District Superintendent, J. W. Short. Pray for us that we may keep the glory on."

DETROIT, MICHIGAN, First Church of the Nazarene—"We have just closed two weeks of special meetings with Chas. H. Stalker, Quaker evangelist, of Urbana, Ohio. There was utter absence of froth or clap-trap, but there was deadly earnestness, mighty preaching of the Word in the Spirit and some hundred and fifty seekers. The Church of the Nazarene needs the type of evangelism that this man of God stands for. I highly recommend him to our pastors and people. We are back of the General Board in their call for foreign missionary activity. Detroit First went \$350.00 over the amount asked of us last year at the call of Dr. Williams during Assembly. We went home from Assembly and located that amount. Now, with this call upon us we pledge ourselves to meet the need. God is blessing us nearly to death and souls are coming at almost every service. It is not needed that we deliver a sermon at some services, souls come while we sing. We had seven hundred seekers

last year and are praying for twice that number this year. We are buying a tent and will put on several campaigns for souls in the city through next summer. Brother and Sister Ling are on the field at Second Church, and are already building the permanent tabernacle. They are a royal couple and God will honor them. Personally I feel like undertaking something desperate and impossible for God. Glory!"—Howard W. Jerrett.

PASTOR I. L. FLYNN, AUSTIN, TEXAS—"The First Church at Austin, Texas, is still enjoying the unusual blessings of the Lord. Following the Assembly, which was held here with this church, the work has been making good progress. The spiritual tide is rising. The last two Sunday nights there have been several in the altar, and a good number have prayed through. This is our fifth year, and we are praying and hoping it will be the best. We are having splendid peace and harmony among us. The Assembly was the best we have attended on this District in five years. The spiritual power was high. The business was dispatched with a fine spirit of cordiality seldom seen in business transactions. The Assembly was entertained without taking up one cent publicly. There were eight pulpits of the town opened to our preachers which were filled. Among these were some of the leading churches of the town. We are glad to recommend our preachers to fill any pulpit. They make good in spirituality if no other way. The church and town were greatly helped by the Assembly. Come again, my brethren."

PASTOR C. J. FROST, JASPER, ALA.—"The work here is growing, the spirituality is rising and the interest of our General church is paramount. We are going to do our best to bring up our share in the Christmas offering. Our services are well attended and God is wonderfully blessing our efforts here. We entertained the District Assembly in October and it was a delight to have the privilege to serve the people of this District in that way. Our Sunday school is on the upward trend and steadily growing in interest under the able supervision of our dear Brother J. W. Randolph. We have ten classes and fifteen officers and teachers. We have some of the finest teachers as can be found anywhere. The N. Y. P. S. is doing some good work and is increasing in both interest and membership. Dr. J. C. Turk is president at this time but we are sorry that he is preparing to leave us. Dr. Turk came to us about a year ago from the Progressive Christian church. Since casting his lot with us God has called him into the ministry which he has gladly accepted. He hopes to prepare for the ministry in our beloved Trevecca, beginning next session. We wish for him success wherever he may go. We have an active Woman's Missionary Society, organized since our last Assembly. Also a Dorcas Society that has been functioning for several years, and doing some valuable work. Our mid-week prayer service is

thriving and interest increasing with every service. We have been blessed with some of the best evangelists this year that have ever come this way. Rev. I. M. Ellis of Santa Rosa, Calif., held forth for us in the spring and Rev. A. O. Herricks, Pasadena, Calif., held our fall revival closing with the District Assembly. These men cannot be beat for the old time holiness preaching and I gladly recommend them to any church that wants the truth in the old fashioned way. Prospects for the coming year are brighter than any previous year and we are trusting in One who has never failed to lead us to certain and definite victory."

LAMAR, MO.—"God has given the church here a most gracious revival through the labors of Rev. Will H. and Mrs. Lillie B. Nerry. From the first of the meeting to its close, the Spirit was manifested in power due to much fasting and prayer, and the evangelists increased in favor and fellowship with God's people inside and outside of the church. There were about thirty good victories. One man and his wife were both saved, sanctified and joined the church who will be valuable assets to our work, and others will doubtless join later. Brother and Sister Nerry came in the fullness of the Spirit, ready for business and did not spare themselves for their Ford, but fasting and prayer cottage meetings were begun the first morning after they arrived and continued each day of their stay with gracious results. Several members of another church opened their homes and attended these morning meetings, mingling their prayers and praises with ours. The night after the meeting closed a merchant and wife invited us to their home for a meeting which the evangelists held, about sixty were present and three sought God. The preaching was clear, definite, unctuous and interesting. Sister Nerry captured the people also by her singing and proved to be a splendid leader of both the junior and senior choirs. Her children's meetings and demonstrated sermon on God's Soldier were very beneficial and much appreciated. The entire membership was strengthened and encouraged and we are pressing on with good interest in the services. Rev. D. S. Corlett was with us one night and preached a fine sermon during the meeting but a heavy rain hindered the attendance. Rev. N. B. Herrick has visited us since and preached twice to the edification of saint and sinner. He is a great booster and we were delighted to have him visit us.—Mrs. Carrie M. Flower, Pastor.

PASTOR WILL H. SOUTH, Graham Church, Los Angeles—"God has been very gracious to us during this year. We have a splendid band of people working and praying together for the salvation of souls and their upbuilding in holiness. Our District Superintendent, Brother Hill, was with us recently in a week-end convention, and preached with unction and blessing. Sunday afternoon he spoke on stewardship and we believe every

family represented pledged themselves to tithing into the 'store-house.' A beautiful 'Store-house Tither's Roll' has been prepared and posted in the church. At the evening service four prayed through at the altar and saints were refreshed. Brother Brewer, who is a member of this church, has preached with unction and victory a number of times. Thanksgiving evening saw our church filled with grateful people. A heavy shower of food was given the pastor by the good people and the service closed with a young man kneeling at the altar for pardon. God still loves us!"

PASTOR FRED M. WEATHERFORD, Oakland, Calif.—"First Church has just closed what the older members of the church consider the greatest revival in its history. Evangelist H. N. Dickerson, one of the speediest in the movement, a converted racehorse man, was the preacher. He is 'The Ex-Racehorse Evangelist.' He is a young man, this being his first trip west of Kansas City. His messages go home like a thunderbolt, and he carries the heavenly radiance of an unclouded sky. He makes no boast of scholastic learning, yet few of the learned can measure with his evangelistic gift. He is a heart burdened, prayerful soulwinner. Earle F. Wilde was the special song evangelist, who is without a peer as a gospel soloist. Having the authorized national recognition as a phonographic record producer and the ease with which he is placed to sing over the best radios, makes his gift a wonderful advertising feature and a drawing card that can not be over estimated. You will know what kind of a revival we had when I say there were about 250 different seekers. The offering came like logs down a greased skid shoot. Thanksgiving day the people asked for an opportunity to give to Foreign Missions. Amid tears of humility and holy triumph, they gave until the treasurer totaled the sum of \$1,168.00 for this cause. There were \$512.00 in cash, including \$200.00 left the church by Mrs. D. C. Taylor, deceased, for Foreign Missions. The balance is in the form of pledges. One person pledged the support of one of our missionaries for the ensuing year. Besides this there was enough jewelry turned in to start a small second band store. We received thirteen new members into the church on the closing day of the four Sunday campaign. We could add here the proverbial phrase, 'More to follow,' but we refrain. Every department of the church is on the lift. The budget is cared for through the regular channels, and it's up to date. The Sunday school is hovering around the two hundred mark. It supports a native worker in Africa and a Sunday school in Japan. The Young People's Society is entering into a definitely outlined home missionary program. The Woman's Missionary Society is carrying the full support of Miss Mae Bursch, who is now returning from India on furlough. The church has more than doubled its membership in the past eighteen months. We praise the Lord, and say

there are no better people to labor among than Oakland First Church."

PORTERVILLE, CALIF.—"Praise God for glorious victory in Porterville. We have just closed a tent campaign with Evangelist W. P. Jay and wife. People were attracted to the revival by the original songs sung by this Spirit filled couple. Crowds gathered to our Saturday street meetings, first to listen to the songs accompanied by Rev. Jay on his folding organ, then to hear what he had to say. The Lord was with us from the beginning, giving us seekers the first day. Brother Jay's plain, scriptural teaching on the second blessing, owned of God, enlightened the hearts and minds of many, and resulted in the sanctification of eight souls. Eight seekers for pardon were also happy finders. God gave us a gracious healing service the last day of the meeting. Nine Christians were definitely healed in answer to prayer and of these three were also sanctified. Fire from heaven fell and the saints had 'spells,' not carnal ones you may be sure. The rejoicing continued until two in the afternoon. Rev. Jay's messages on the second coming, aided by his large, seven colored wall chart, were well attended and left a deep impression on hearts. Four united with the church and others are looking our way."—Christine Snelling.

"THE BLACKWELL, OKLA., CHURCH is coming up the road with victory on her banner. Rev. E. G. Theus came to us September 1 as our pastor for this year. He is a preacher that can hold his own with any of the boys, full of business, a booster for the tithing band, prayer and fasting league and for a great missionary offering December 20. In fact, he is the best all around man for the job that the church has had since the days that we had the late beloved C. A. Imhoff. We are planning for an all night of prayer. We are shelling the woods with several cottage prayermeetings every week. After a great sermon last Sunday night the altar was filled with seekers, and the most of them prayed through to victory."—Chas. W. Fisher.

"CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE AT TYRO, KANSAS, was born out of a revival, conducted by Rev. W. A. Menneke of Coffeyville, Kans. Organized November 29, 1925, with fourteen charter members. We were honored with the presence of our beloved District Superintendent, Rev. N. B. Herrell, on December 6, when we were one week old. Had a great time in the Lord all day with three seekers and, praise God, all were finders of this second definite work of grace, called entire sanctification. God is blessing in every service and Tyro church is determined to do her best for God and souls, uphold the blood stained banner of victory and fill her place in God's harvest field."—R. L. May, Pastor.

PASTOR W. S. PURINTON, OGDEN, UTAH —"We have no evil report to bring. We

recently held a twelve days meeting with Brother and Sister Ludwig which was a great blessing and we are glad for a number of souls that prayed through and are standing true. We have the only holiness church in the state of Utah that we know of and we are finding it a hard battle to establish a work here but we are going on. Pray for us. We preach every Thursday night at Salt Lake City in the homes of the few Nazarenes that we have there, and are hoping that before long a church may be organized in that needy city."

PASTOR JULIUS MILLER, DICKINSON, N. D.—"The church here is forging ahead. People are seeking the Lord at our regular services and the tide is rising. Recently Dr. J. G. Morrison, our District Superintendent, was with us and brought a great message on "Backsliding." A goodly number came forward at the close of the service and obtained help from the Lord. All our interests, General and District, are paid up to date, and on Thanksgiving Day we took a special offering to help on the deficit for Foreign Missions. The people gave liberally and seemed to enjoy doing it. We are praying and looking ahead for a revival this winter in our church. We solicit the prayers of the readers of the HERALD OF HOLINESS to that end."

PASTOR I. D. FARMER, MUSKOGEE, OKLA.—"We have just closed one of the best meetings that this church has ever held. Rev. Chas. Robinson and Prof. Lawson Brown of Bethany, Okla., in charge. Truly God was in our midst and there were thirty-five to pray through and twenty additions to the church, and the church greatly built up. Brother Robinson did some of the very best preaching that it has been our privilege to hear in a long time, and Prof. Brown did the singing in a most satisfactory way. They sure are a fine, congenial set to work with. Finances came easy, and the people gave the pastor and family a fine pounding, we are looking up and going on. These good men are sure friends to the pastor and the church. He did not try to get the church to see that they were all backslid, but he fed them until they just shouted the victory and God came to our rescue in the old fashioned way."

PASTOR F. W. DOMINA, HAVERHILL, MASS.—"The greatest and most fruitful revival campaign that this church has ever had came to a close Sunday night, with the church filled to the door, and the altar full of seekers. Rev. M. M. Bussey, the quaint and unique evangelist from South Vineland, N. J., assisted the pastor. Brother Bussey surely is God's man. He knows how to inject the old gospel truth into the heart of his hearers, while he amuses them with his witty sayings and pleasing manners. He is tender, yet fearless as John the Baptist in driving home the truth. The Lord wonderfully used him in our midst. It was the best revival that Haverhill has seen in many years, over one hundred

seekers in all. The attendance was the largest that the Haverhill church ever had in a revival meeting. One of the old sisters of the church had her eyesight restored at a healing service, and the effect was magnetic on the community, and brought out many people to see what was going on. The daily paper gave us much publicity as a result. The revival spirit had been coming on the church for several weeks leading up to the campaign, with a shout in the camp that made old split-foot sit up and take notice. Seekers came to the altar every night, except the first night, which is a rare thing in New England these days. There was a large number of new people in every service. A goodly number will unite with the church following a baptismal service, several good men among them. The church is on revival fire, and the good work will continue on. All Hail to the King!"

EVANGELISTS THEODORE AND MINNIE LUDWIG—"The Lord has been graciously blessing our labors since we last reported. We traveled over two thousand miles by auto from National Park, N. J., camp to our next meeting in Norman, Okla. Here A. E. Miller is the faithful pastor. The Lord blessed the Word and more than sixty seekers, counting as they came, knelt at the altar and some united with the church. We then pitched battle at Colorado Springs. Here we found a faithful and praying church, who, under the wise leadership of their pastor, J. N. Tinsley, had everything in readiness for the revival. The Lord graciously blessed and 150 sought the Lord for pardon and purity. We were permitted, again and again to see the altar wet with penitential tears and hear the shouts of newborn souls. As a result of this meeting fifteen came into the church. The pastor informed us recently that as far as he has been able to ascertain all who prayed through have kept the victory. Here we stored our car for the winter, crossing the Rocky mountains by train and started our next meeting at Ogden, Utah, in that sixty per cent Mormon city. The faithful pastor, Brother W. S. Purinton, and his heroic church are laboring against great odds, for these formal worshipers are asleep and satisfied with a form of godliness and do not wish to be disturbed. Our people have built a beautiful tabernacle and we predict a good, strong church at this place if they remain faithful. The progress is slow, as it is hard to get Mormons to attend a Church of the Nazarene. But, praise the Lord, some are becoming interested. Eighteen souls sought the Lord during the meeting. Brother and Sister Purinton are doing good work and we are convinced that any pastor who succeeds in a field like this can make good anywhere. From Ogden we journeyed on to our next battle field at La Grande, Ore. Here our hearts were made to rejoice in having the delightful privilege of laboring with the pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Meggers, who knelt side by side at an altar of prayer, some years ago, in a meeting we were con-

## Greetings

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ducting in Nebraska and both were beautifully saved. They sacrificed and economized and thus worked their way through our college at Nampa and are now making good in the pastorate. God bless our faithful, heroic, and sacrificing pastors and their wives. Here pastor and people are knit together in love like Jonathan and David. About ninety seekers responded to the invitation and twenty united with the church. In these meetings we have conducted some very fruitful healing services; also children's and young people's services. We praise God for children and young people who count the cost and pay the price and become faithful followers of the meek and lowly Nazarene. At present we are in a meeting in Baker, Ore. There is deep conviction on the people and a number have already found the Lord. Our labors for the winter and spring are in the Northwest and then to Minnesota for the opening of the campmeeting season. At the close of this year, and as we stand on the threshold of the new, we praise the Lord for His many blessings. For health and strength, for brothers and sisters in the Lord as co-laborers, for the Church of the Nazarene where we can preach full salvation, for the best paper in the world, the HERALD OF HOLINESS, which we have faithfully presented in every meeting and taken many subscriptions which the pastors have sent in. We praise Him for a humble place and a little corner in the Lord's vineyard to labor for Jesus. By His grace we shall endeavor to do our best in the coming year."

PASTOR G. S. HUNT, TILLAMOOK, ORE.—"We have just concluded a good meeting with Rev. O. B. Ong and the Turner Brothers as special workers. It was probably the most fruitful meeting we have had for some years. The battle was no easy one; but the faithful, covenant keeping God was present to hear and answer prayer, and quite a goodly number ploughed through to real victory. Some who had been undecided as

to their future life work, appear to have settled the matter forever. Brother Ong is one of the hardest working evangelists we have had. Puts all there is of him into every part of the campaign. Does all that the human can do to prevent shoddy work at the altar. The church and pastor were so pleased with the evangelist that they have recalled him for another meeting early in the New Year. The Turner Brothers have been with us on several occasions and are always welcome to Tillamook. While writing, I may say our District and General budgets are paid up for weeks in advance, still we expect to go over the top in answer to the appeal for an amount equivalent to two dollars a member just received from General Headquarters. Amen!"

EVANGELIST W. W. LOVELESS—"I just closed a fine revival at Oak Forest, out in the hills of southern Indiana. Although the roads were rough and muddy, and some nights very rainy; yet the crowds came and God gave us a good harvest of souls. Rev. John Simmonds is the pastor of this good people, and this was my third meeting with him this year. He is true blue, and stands by the evangelist in every way. We had some cases out of the ordinary in this meeting. One man got so under conviction for sanctification, that he sent his wife at 1:30 in the morning, and called the pastor and me out of bed, to come and pray for him. When we got to his home, we found him all worked up over his condition. He told us he was going to die. We set in to praying for him, and before daylight he did die, and the old man died too. Another man, who was a backslider left his busy work on the farm, and drove fifteen miles over the rough roads, one day, to get the pastor and me to pray for him. We prayed and dealt with him a long time; but it seemed he could get nowhere. He finally took his departure for home, but as he was driving his auto down a big hill, the Lord met him, and he was gloriously saved. He came to church that night with a shine on his face, and a ringing testimony for Jesus. Quite a number of young people were beautifully saved in this meeting, as well as adults. All in all, we count this a mighty good meeting. We have just started in a meeting at Sturgis, Michigan, with Rev. A. C. Clark and his little band of Nazarenes. We are cramped for room, but we already see omens of victory. God is keeping me busy in the evangelistic field, and I am happy on the way."—W. W. Loveless.

PASTOR J. SCOTT BLYSTONE, WEBB CITY, MO.—"Since the Assembly we have been working harder than ever to make this the greatest year of our lives. Truly the Lord hath helped thus far. A mighty spirit of prayer and burden for souls rests on the membership and it is bearing fruit. We have had over twenty-five souls pray through in the good old fashioned way since the

Assembly in our regular services. Last Sunday night we had seven pray through for pardon and purity. We have received ten into the church, good substantial members. This makes our total membership seventy-three. Last year the Lord helped us to double our membership and we are praying that He will help us to do the same this year. Thanksgiving Day will long be remembered as a time of great feasting with our Lord. Brother Savage from Joplin with several of his good folks came over and we just had a time praising and thanking Him for His wonderful works among the children of men. Two of our young men have been saved and sanctified and answered God's call to the ministry and God has given them souls for their hire. Our young folks are on fire for God and He is truly blessing them. We are praying that God will give us a better church building and location and two folks have already subscribed \$1,000 toward this. We feel that we do not deserve any of the credit for the way the work is progressing. Never have we seen a peo-

ple that get under the load and push as do our folks. Pray and fast all night and God does the rest, praise His Name. These results have not been brought to pass without the Devil being heard from, He has done His best to tear up the work here, but God is on the throne, and the most wonderful spirit of unity and love for the pastor prevails. We are determined by the help of the Lord to keep the Devil out the outside where he belongs. We are having large crowds, and splendid interest. Last Sunday night about twenty-five young folks from the Christian Church came to the services in a body; they are hungry for the real gospel. We are praying that the Lord will break in upon us with a mighty revival that will stir all this community, He is able. We are planning on opening up a mission work in a nearby town and putting our young folks to work. We have plans for other revivals in nearby communities. Pray for us that we may keep humble and low at the feet of Jesus. We drove over to Coffeyville to the Group meeting last week and had a great time with the other preachers and the fine church that Brother Menneke has there. Such singing and shouting we did have. Before we left Saturday there had been fifteen souls saved and sanctified. Brother Herrell our beloved District Superintendent was an inspiration to us with his splendid talks and sound advice."

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EVANGELIST MACK ANDERSON AND WIFE —"Since our District Assembly in September we have conducted four revival meetings. The first one was on the Western Slope at Yampa, Colo., with Rev. G. W. Dorris, who is one of our good pioneer preachers. He has laid the foundation for a number of our Nazarene churches. Our meeting here was held in the Congregational church. We found these people hungry for the old time gospel and many of them fell in the altar and prayed through in Nazarene style. At the close of the meeting they called Brother Dorris to be pastor and with this good man as leader they are sure of success. From here we went to our old home at Johnson, Kansas. (Bethel church) where Brother and Sister H. W. Anderson are the faithful pastors. They sing, play, preach, and visit the people and are doing a good work on those western prairies. We were there only two Sundays and on account of rain just had five services but God overruled and nineteen seekers knelt at the altar. We went next to Augusta, Kansas, and labored with pastor J. H. Vance and wife. He is one of our strong preachers, and it was indeed a great blessing to us to be associated with these old veterans of the cross. There was not the visible results in this meeting which we would like to have seen, however, there were about twenty individuals that bowed at the altar for pardon or purity.

Our last meeting was in a rural district near Marland, Okla. It was arranged for by one of our elderly preachers; Brother S. A. Saey, and we surely did enjoy working with this good man. Many denominations took part, crowds were large, interest and attention could hardly have been improved upon, deep conviction was on and a number yielded to God. We were well paid financially. In fact it was a fine meeting in every respect and we go back for another meeting next August. We are now at Liberal, Kansas, with our efficient pastor, Rev. Miss Anna Erdman. The meeting was well advertised and prospects are favorable for a good meeting.

EVANGELIST EARLE F. WILDE—"We are at present in a blessed revival campaign at Bakersfield, Calif., with Rev. M. R. Dutton, pastor. I began here last Tuesday evening. The altar has been filled every time we have made an altar call. Some very fine cases of salvation. The pastor and people are under the burden and supporting the evangelist with their presence and prayers. This is one of the few churches in our movement where we have more men present than women. Such a fine bunch of men to help push the battle. And they don't sit around and enjoy things, but jump into the battle, sing and shout and help like real soldiers. We have a splendid choir here directed by Mrs. Freizen (Nee Corlett). A fine orchestra and an enthusiastic, faithful pastor and wife as you will find, in Brother and Sister Dutton. Closed a great meeting at Oakland, Calif., last Sunday, Rev. Fred M. Weatherford, pas-

he here two more Sundays."

tor, and former Pasadena College boy. He is surely the real goods, knows how to pray, knows when to do things, how to give to the cause, and knows how to take care of the evangelist. Our co-laborer here was Rev. H. N. Dickerson from Ashland, Ky. He has the Holy Ghost stamp on his preaching. Sails into everything that looks or smells like sin with full sails. God wonderfully blessed his preaching. We had to continue another week to take care of the situation. I shall not soon forget the radio programs and the piano playing of my good friend, Z. E. Bells at Oakland. He would leave his business at nine every morning and go with me to the broadcasting station and send out the gospel in song. Many were gotten

into the meetings through this avenue. We (Mrs. Wilde and I), go home from here, and then after the first of the year will be busy in Southern California."

EVANGELIST J. G. DEMORET—"I wish to report victory through the precious blood of Jesus. I just closed a very good meeting near Jetmore, Kansas. Some claimed to pray through to victory, for which we thank God. At the beginning of the meeting we were hindered by bad roads and weather, but as the roads got better, the people began to come, and God honored His Word and our prayers, and gave us victory. Much conviction was on the people, but hard to get them to yield. We did our best, and leave the results with God. I was to begin a meeting at Lewis, Kansas, the 6th of this month, but had to postpone it, because they could not get the building completed in time, in which the meeting was to be held. Therefore I am at home. Any church desiring my service can reach me at my home address, Bethany, Okla.

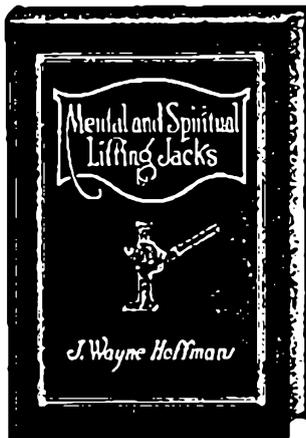
EVANGELIST W. F. HERBIG—"After closing our services at Nashua, Montana, with Sister Lela Palmer and her people we arrived back on our circuit and assisted with saw and hammer on our new church building which has been in construction for over a year. This church was begun under the faithful labor of Brother George Rider. This dear brother got the vision of a Church of the Nazarene in McKinzie County, N. D., and labored faithfully until Assembly when he was appointed to another field. We completed same so as to hold our first services November 22 when we had an all day service. We were several hundred dollars in debt and on November 22 we raised the indebtedness in full, not by pledges but by cash, so we have it all paid now. We have only a common floor in it and have not got it plastered yet, but are expecting the dear Lord to send in means to complete same to His glory. We do not believe it is pleasing with the dear Lord to be in debt so we are just going according as He supplies our needs. We have a great circuit and believe in another year this will be a portion of the state that will be known as one that can trust God for great things. We have now two strong bands of loyal pilgrims and are doing our best to make it a three point circuit. With the few Nazarenes we have here and as Mrs. Herbig also preaches, I could assist some of our holy brethren in some holiness conventions during the winter and make dates for summer tent meetings. We have several fine young men and women who can also assist in meetings. If any of our brethren will correspond with us we will be delighted to help advance the cause of our blessed Lord."

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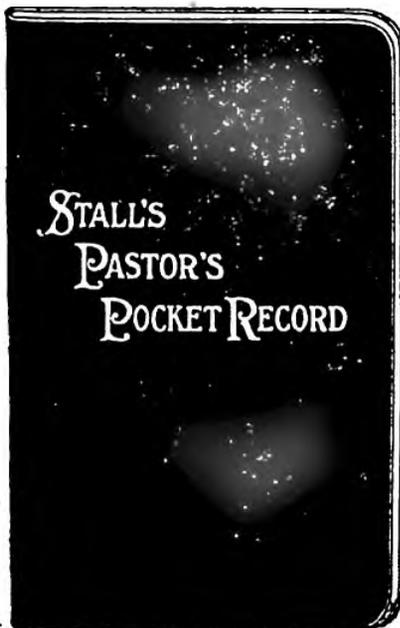
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dently say that the Malden church is in a better condition than it has been for several years. Some undesirable folks have withdrawn from the church and some clean, real Nazarenes have united with the church. Our Sunday school, under the supervision of A. A. Patterson, is forging ahead, increasing numerically and financially. The N. Y. J. S. is far ahead of anything we have ever had. They are promptly meeting all district and general claims and have taken the support of a child in India. On the 13th of December the N. Y. P. S. of Zone 5 will have a rally here. Some of the District officers will be present and a real good time is expected. The Lord is blessing us and we covet the prayers of the HERALD OF HOLINESS family for a continuation of divine blessing and guidance."—Erna Patterson, Reporter.

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that they all may be sanctified, and for the healing of one of the daughters.—Two sisters in Mississippi, desire prayer that they may find the Savior.

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**SPECIAL REQUEST**—Brother F. W. Burleigh, who has just taken the pastorate of the new church at Duluth, Minn., desires the prayers of our readers for the work at that place. He also requests that anyone having friends or relatives at that place send the names to him. He could use back numbers of the HERALD OF HOLINESS and tracts, in house to house visitation. Address Sailors Rescue Mission, Duluth, Minn.

**A CORRECTION**—In my report in the December ninth issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS, I stated, concerning my next summer's engagements, "I have some of the camps listed." This is a slight departure from the truth; and it would have been true to fact had I worded it, "I have one camp meeting and some tent meetings listed"; for only one of the stated meetings is a real camp. Forgive me, brethren.—Roy L. Hollenback, Evangelist.

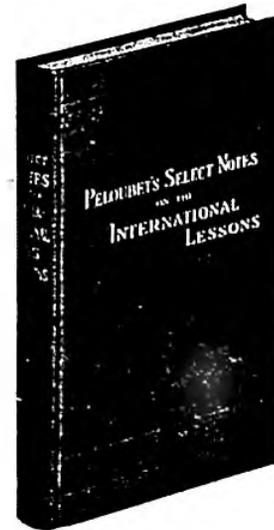
**NOTICE**—I will be away on my vacation last half of January and again the latter part of February at which time mail will not reach me unless it is very important and so designated on the envelope. Each matter referred to me during this time will be given prompt attention upon my return.—J. W. Montgomery, Superintendent, Kentucky District.

**NOTICE**—Being unable to remain in Marlinton, W. Va., as per arrangements at the Kentucky District Assembly, wife and I have returned to Lexington, Ky., and will accept calls for revival meetings from anyone desiring our services. My wife is a fine singer and will accompany me in the work. Those desiring to communicate with us in regard to meetings, please write me, Lexington, Ky., Gen. Del.—A. R. Brooke.

**NOTICE**—The Women's Auxiliary of Chicago Central District will have their Annual Convention at Champaign, Ill., corner of Second and East Park Street. All organized societies will please send one delegate, and churches not having an organization will please send one representative. Rev. Mrs. S. N. Fitkin of Brooklyn, N. Y., will be present and speak. A good program is being arranged. The date will be February 3 to 7. For further particulars write the undersigned, or Mrs. Robert Howe, Mansfield, Ill.—E. O. Chalfant, District Superintendent.

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**EAST PALESTINE, OHIO.**

Just closed great Sunday school convention at Akron church. Near two hundred in attendance. Zeal, determination and holy fire prevailed. One third increase in enrollment of school pledged.—James F. Ward.

**BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.**

Closed great revival with E. F. Wilde as evangelist. Greatest crowds of any meeting ever held in church, packed full closing night. Seekers at every service. Ten joined church, more coming. Wilde great preacher, singer, general worker, called back for tent meeting in May. On to victory.—M. R. Dutton.

**BATH, MAINE.**

Lowmans as usual, at best. Singing captured city. An old fashioned revival on. Church inadequate, moved to large community hall first Sunday night. Packed building. Over fifty sought God. The faithful, tender, gripping, preaching of our Brother Lowman gets results. Continue another week. Pray.—C. O. Miller, Pastor.

**PASADENA, CALIF.**

East Pasadena church Sunday school breaks all previous attendance records with 103 Sunday morning. Rev. Joseph Gray, superintendent. Church membership increased during past six months from fifty to eighty-two. Splendid lot purchased for much needed new church structure on Pasadena's leading business street. Plans for new church building soon to be adopted.—Paul Goodwin, Pastor.

**CADDO, OKLA.**

We are in the midst of a great revival with Rev. L. M. Payne of Bethany, Okla. God is blessing His messages. He is a great evangelist, no church will make any mistake in calling him. Had regular Pentecost Sunday. One more week in revival. Your prayers requested.—R. T. Smith, Pastor.

**BETHANY, OKLA.**

In Aycock revival, Bethany, Okla., Bible was read through without stopping by thirty-two consecutive readers in thirty-one hours and fifty minutes, all using same Bible. The Bethany congregation read during seven days of campaign sixty-seven thousand chapters. East Liverpool, Ohio, church take notice.—A. L. Parrott, Pastor.

**BETHANY, OKLA.**

Closed ten day revival with Jarrette and Dell Aycock. Eighty-six seekers last service, 509 seekers during meeting, forty united with church, love offering for pastor, good offering for evangelist, two hundred subscriptions for the HERALD OF HOLINESS. Mrs. Aycock's Sun-

day afternoon object sermon great. Good crowds throughout meeting, fifteen hundred last night.—A. L. Parrott, Pastor.

**RUTHERFORD, N. CAR.**

Just closed second meeting at Charlotte, N. Car. God blessed us with a good meeting, seven new members, making fifty for Charlotte church, others looking our way. O. G. Marsh of Modoc, Ind., has accepted the pastorate, church strengthened. Join in prayer for Carolina. To God be the glory.—Chas. M. Harrison.

**EL CENTRO, CALIF.**

The Holtville, Calif., Church of the Nazarene in great revival with Evangelist C. E. Toney. Sunday great day, conviction deep, some falling before reaching the altar. Altar overflowing, all praying through and then others rushed to altar and prayed through. Sunday night house full and running over. End is not yet.—B. V. Seals, Pastor.

**SEYMOUR, IND.**

On account of two meetings being unavoidably cancelled I have the first ten days in January open, also the first three Sundays of February. Any church wanting a song evangelist write or wire Irl Sparks, 527 E. Third St., Seymour, Ind., Song Evangelist.

**PITTSBURG, KANSAS**

Thanksgiving night was a red letter day for our church. Evangelist Aug. N. Nilson with some friends of our church had arranged for a pounding for the pastor. All told \$445.00 in cash, new suit and groceries were brought in by the community at large. Brother Nilson's preaching used of God. Church revived and souls saved and sanctified. Community headed by the Ministerial Association arranged to pay off \$5,000.00 mortgage.—Ira F. Stevens.

**PASADENA, CALIF.**

The Fleming brothers revival just closed was the greatest in history of local church. House filled every night, four times overflow meetings were held, many turned away. Estimated about fifteen hundred seekers, impossible to be exact as at times people were seeking in all parts of the building.—U. E. Harding.

**EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO**

Owing to the serious illness of our daughter, Martha Jean, with scarlet fever, I take this opportunity of sending all our friends greetings. Mrs. Sloan and I are quarantined and will appreciate your prayers. You may write, but cannot reply. Will attend to important District business by telegram or telephone.—Dr. J. Sloan.

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☞ The Revival is on and the tide is rising. Write to all your friends, wire them, do anything to get them to come to this last meeting in the old edifice. Entertainment free if you notify the pastor in advance when you are planing to come. New Years day at 11 o'clock we expect a scene that will surpass even that of "40 years ago."

☞ Already God has and is answering prayer absolutely beyond what any man thus far has been able to think or ask. Let everything go New Years day and come at 11 o'clock. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

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**M**ILLIONS look forward to the night before Christmas in happy anticipation. It is at this time that they look for a gift from some loved one, and very often in the desire to follow the custom of the age many will forget what Christmas really means. To them it is but an occasion to give a gift, and possibly receive one, forgetting that there was One who came into this world almost two thousand years ago and whose birth ushered in the first Christmas and whose life on earth, followed by death on the cruel cross, has perpetuated the great day known as Christmas day. The wise men saw the star of hope and obedient to the heavenly vision sought the babe in Bethlehem and brought to Him gifts. To them Christmas was not an occasion for receiving but an occasion for giving to Him who was to give His life to redeem a lost and a dying world.

### What Christmas Means to Me

In the HERALD OF HOLINESS for December 20, 1922, Charles A. McConnell writes the following, beautifully illustrating what Christmas really means:

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Man's night of sin has been long, and dark, and deep with woe—but One came, and in Him was light and life and fulness of joy. Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength? A Redeemer, mighty to save.

Utterly ruined by my sin; helpless and hopeless, unworthy the love of Goodness, deserving the curse of Justice, One comes to take my place, to pay my debt, to set me free.

And He came, and took my place. Oh, my heart broke when I knew it, and I yielded myself to Him in utter loyalty, and He saved me, and cleansed me, and made me like Himself. My Christ, my Redeemer, my King, my God!

### Shall We Fail Them?

It is almost unthinkable that thousands, if not millions, who have enjoyed the benefits and blessings that have come as a direct result of Christianity should so easily forget the Christ who through His suffering and death has made possible what we enjoy today. And yet we venture to say that at this Christmas time possibly more people will be thinking about a gift for some friend than a gift to Christ and His cause. Millions of homes in America will be made happy at this Christmas, yet there are multiplied millions in the regions beyond who have never heard of Christ nor of His power to save. They know nothing about the joys and blessings that are ours; they grope in darkness and despair, hopelessly wandering through the dark night, trusting that some ray of light may eventually penetrate the dense darkness and give them some relief from their pain and suffering. Millions of little children at this Christmas time live in heathen lands, suffering from hunger and many of them on the verge of starvation. Millions of others for whom Christ also died have never felt the touch of love nor been blessed with even one ray of hope that there was a better day coming.

It is for these that we plead at this Christmas time. Our missionaries are trying to reach many of them not only with temporal blessings, but with spiritual blessings. Can we afford to fail Jesus Christ at this critical time? He has sent our missionaries forth. They have gone cheerfully and willingly, in humble obedience to His call. *To fail them is to fail Him.*

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