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*"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him,
and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away
the sin of the world."*

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THE NEW FORM OF THE HERALD OF HOLINESS

WE are beginning now to hear from some who have received a few copies of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** in its new thirty-two-page form. The majority are favorably impressed and like the change very much. Some few express the wish that the page size might have been larger, as well as to have the additional pages. These we think will appreciate the following explanation and statements:

First, it is only within the last three years that the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** has ceased to be a financial drain upon the Publishing House, and all who know the cost connected with its publication or with the publication of papers like it have been surprised that the Publishers have found a way to make the paper self-supporting.

Second, but the larger subscription list and the increase in our church membership made it impossible for us to serve the interests of our people as we wished and as they desired; for at times we were from one to three weeks behind with the news, so that for many months we have known that the size of the paper must be increased and we have earnestly sought the practical way to make this increase.

Third, but when we considered the various methods of increasing the size of the paper, we found that all our machinery at the Publishing House was adapted simply to sixteen pages and multiples of sixteen pages, so that to add even eight pages and keep the size we had before was to greatly increase the cost of production and thus to entail a certain deficit in the publication of the paper. There were only two things we could do and keep the cost down to where we could handle it without increasing the subscription price; one was to increase the size of the page and keep the number of pages at sixteen, and the other was to reduce the size of the pages and make the number thirty-two. We decided on the latter method for several reasons. In the first place, a page size twenty-five per cent larger than our former size would be unwieldy. In the second place the smaller size, with its narrower columns enabled us to use smaller type in many instances than would have been

possible on the other plan. And in the third place, it is possible to give exclusive page space to articles, notices and other material to which special attention is to be given with just one-half the sacrifice in space that would have been possible on the other method.

These are our explanations. And our statements, which must be taken as immature, as yet, are to the effect that we are at this writing completely up with the news, having sent down to the printers every item of a current nature which can be set in time for the paper to go to press at the usual time. This is not once only, but has happened with every issue since the beginning of the new plan. And we believe we will be able to keep this record for some time. Also, we are giving considerable more space to contributed articles than we have been able to do before in several months.

The actual size of the paper in square inches has been increased twenty-five per cent. But taking into consideration the other advantages mentioned above, the efficiency of the paper is increased at least thirty-three and a third per cent. And when one remembers that we are giving this larger paper at the same price as was required for the former size, and that all things considered, there are now few papers in the field of religious journalism which are as large as ours and selling for the price that ours sells for, we certainly have much for which to be thankful.

And, after all, it may be that it is the newness, rather than the actual change that is objectionable. A new hat, no matter if it is a better one than the old one, does not look natural or *right* for a while. Perhaps we will get, after a time, to where we will all prefer the arrangement that we now have.

THE IOWA PREACHER'S CONVENTION

Editorial Correspondence.

ON the last day of December and the first day of January, the editor had the privilege of attending the annual convention of the preachers of the Iowa District, which met in Des Moines this time. The preacher's meeting was preceded by a two days' Young People's Convention, which we were informed was quite an interesting and profitable meeting.

It was quite a privilege to speak each morning on themes of special interest to the preachers and to preach in the evening evangelistic services. The meeting was well attended, only a few of the pastors not being present, and a fine spirit of harmony and brotherly kindness prevailed throughout. The Iowa preachers are above the average in the interest they take in their annual convention. Their papers were well prepared and showed thought and carefulness in preparation. The discussions were always lively and interesting and there never was a moment that was

not needed in order to finish the program. There are sufficient old men in the Iowa crowd to fulfill the requirements for wisdom, and then there are some of the brightest and most promising young men that we have seen any where. A number of these have been educated in holiness colleges, some being graduates of John Fletcher College at Oskaloosa, and they give tone to the District gatherings which is very much missed in some quarters.

L. N. Fogg, the new District Superintendent, is broad minded and liberal, making it easy for any who feel disposed to disagree with him on any question of policy, but he is also outspoken and clear in his own expressions of conviction and judgment. He is a wonderful general, a good organizer, a great preacher, and is starting off with fine prospects of doing a splendid work.

Iowa is in the van for business like methods. They are fully up with their proportion of the General Budget and are now setting in to gather some special District Home Missionary money and to carry out some campaigns for the founding of new churches. They are a little behind on their District Budget and the pastors agreed to go right home from the convention and bring up the money necessary to put this phase of the work on its feet.

We had a fine revival spirit on in the convention and saw some souls brought into the fountain. The brethren were so kind and considerate of this editor that he feels like he has missed a lot by not having come into closer contact with them sooner. There is such a readiness to co-operate, such a pleasant response to every call for forward movements and such a fine, upstanding, sanctified optimism among these Iowans that one cannot help falling in love with them.

Iowa Nazarenes are ardent supporters of the HERALD OF HOLINESS and of our Publishing House, as well as of all the general interests of the church. The proportion of subscriptions to the HERALD OF HOLINESS, according to the membership, is high, and during the convention the various pastors agreed to take the paper for distribution in rolls, according to the new proposition of the Publishing House. The aggregation amounted to between one hundred and fifty and two hundred, and we took twenty-seven regular subscriptions during the convention. Practically all the preachers are already subscribers for *The Preacher's Magazine*, and the people are eager purchasers of the books offered by our Publishing House. We made arrangements to have a special Iowa page in the HERALD OF HOLINESS each month, beginning with February, and by this means we hope to give our readers a better opportunity to get acquainted with the work of our church in this great state.

This District Page plan is becoming quite acceptable and is being adopted by many of our Districts. It is a good way to promote District consciousness and

to give our people generally an idea of what is going on in particular fields. We invite every District in the church to take the matter up with us. The proposition involves no particular expense to the Districts, and only just a moderate amount of co-operation.

We promised ourselves that we will pray more for Iowa than ever before and that we shall rejoice in their success with a new element of joy in our rejoicing since meeting the preachers and people in this convention.

THE RIVER OF LIFE

SOMETIMES the word river, or the plural form rivers, is used in the Bible as a specific metaphor, but its general language is that of plentifulness. Thus there are rivers of peace, rivers of joy, rivers of oil and rivers of pleasure.

But one of the most important rivers mentioned, the last one mentioned in Revelation is the River of Life. It is the river the streams of which make glad the City of God, and in its midst and on either bank of it the Tree of Life grows. This river stands for both source and plenty. It is a type of God, and wherever God is enthroned this river is found. Thus it flowed in the original paradise, as recorded in Genesis, it flows now through and from the hearts of those in whom Christ is fully enthroned, as Jesus said on that last great feast day, and it will flow in that Eden restored which is described in the concluding chapters of Revelation.

And there is a close analogy between the earthly heaven of unfallen man, the spiritual heaven of redeemed man, and the eternal heaven of glorified man. In other words, there are many things in the Garden of Eden, in the sanctified heart and in heaven that are alike.

The river which watered the Garden of Eden, if not identical, was at least typical of "the rivers of living water" which Jesus said would flow from the hearts of those who had received the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and of that other river which flows through the eternal City of God.

And that Edenic river, although a unit at its source, flowed forth in four heads or streams. These streams were named Pison, Gihon, Hiddekel, and Euphrates. Philologists tell us that these words in their order signify "overflowing," "rushing," "agitated," and "sweet water." And as applied to the experience of entire sanctification wrought in the hearts of believers by the baptism with the Holy Ghost, certainly there are the factors of "fullness," "of power," of "action," and of "preserving," or keeping power.

Someone has called attention to the fact that the Eden of the first chapters of Genesis finds its complement in the restored Eden of the last chapters of Revelation. But we would call attention to the fact that it is God's plan to restore the subjective Eden of

the heart before one can enter into the Eden which is objective in the "City four square."

We all regret the loss of our first heritage, but God restores it in spiritual reality when He saves us from all sin and fills us with His Spirit. We all want to live at last in that City where none ever grow old or die, but we must have heaven in our hearts now in order that we may go to heaven then.

PRECEPT ALONE IS NOT SUFFICIENT

DESCRIBING Vice-President Dawes' speech to the "Little Senate," an organization of the pages who assist in the work of the United States Senate, a Boston paper says he laid aside "The celebrated Dawes pipe," and told the pages not to smoke, swear, chew or become "hip flask" boys if they wished to amount to something. "Be clean, be yourself, stand against the crowd," he urged.

This advice was followed by the suggestion that boys should not mind the fellow who is behind them, but should keep an eye on the man ahead, and that they should be modest and humble and not wear "pasteboard fronts."

The advice was all good, and we only wish it was not marred by the Vice-President's reputation for smoking and the use of profanity. Granted we will say, that the Vice-President did not take up smoking until late in life and that he has suffered no great amount of physical and mental harm from it; what shall we say of the part he has had in popularizing a pernicious practice that is damning tens of thousands of American boys soul and body?

Precepts are always more effective when backed up by example, and if it is a good thing to advise boys not to smoke and swear it is a good thing to *show* them how to get along without doing these things.

Bad living makes more sinners and infidels than faulty teaching; for it so often happens that "what you are speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say." We do well to strive to become "defenders of the faith," but we do better when we become indeed "doers of the Word." Sound teaching and consistent living are interdependents, if we would save those who look to us to show them the way of life.

RAISING THE MONEY IN ADVANCE

An item in the *Central Christian Advocate* says of a Methodist church, "In less than two weeks after our East Tennessee Annual Conference was held, the people of the Pocahontas (Va.) charge had sent to the World Service treasurer and to Morrison College our respective apportionments in benevolence and education for the years 1925-26."

It has been necessary in past years for the treasurer of the Church of the Nazarene to borrow huge sums of money and to pay out large sums in interest

in order to keep the salaries of our missionaries and other items that cannot wait, paid up during "the slack months" which usually come the first of the fiscal year. This is a practice which causes great anxiety and entails needless expense.

There is no doubt but that our church is established in the policy of estimating the amount that is to be raised and extended year by year in the promotion of the various enterprises which we are attempting to carry into effect. And there is no doubt but that our local churches commonly follow the plan of adopting a certain apportionment for the various causes. These things being true, it would greatly relieve the situation if at least a goodly number of our churches would set in early and raise the apportionments for the year and send the money right on in so that the General Treasurer would be able to meet the exigencies of the work as they arise, out of our own funds. All cannot do this, of course, but if even a substantial number would do it, it would help a great deal.

SONGS IN THE NIGHT

Songs are the expression of joy, gladness, praise and thanksgiving, and in the average life they presuppose health, prosperity and assurance against imminent danger and death. But it is said that God gives His children "songs in the night."

Now night is the time of reflection and of meditation, and the ancient prophet felt the inward fire as he mused upon his bed, and arose at midnight to give thanks (Ps. 39:3), and Paul and Silas sang praises at midnight (Acts 16:25). But it is not alone in the natural night that God gives songs to His saints, but also in the night of personal affliction, of temporal adversity, of painful bereavement, of persecution from the world, of spiritual depression and soul pressure, and in the gloom of the approaching night of death.

Jesus sang a hymn with His disciples in the darkest night of His earthly life, John sang songs of joy and praise as an exile on lonely Patmos, and God's people have found it possible to break through into light and victory and joy when it is dark to all the world besides.

The world knows no way to be happy but by making circumstances agreeable, but God knows how to bring victory out of defeat, life out of death, resurrection out from the grave, and how to give songs to His saints in spite of the darkest night that ever gathers.

The grace of Jesus Christ proposes to transform the "grim monster"—death—into a swinging door which opens into a glorious eternity.

Conditions of Prevailing Prayer

By EVANGELIST J. A. KRING

And he said thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed (Gen. 32:28).

WEBSTER defines prayer as the "Act of praying; entreaty. Words used in praying. Formula of worship." Real prayer when addressed to the Deity embraces communion, petition, and intercession. It is the simplest and yet the most mysterious, the easiest and yet the most difficult, the weakest and yet the most powerful weapon used by God's mightiest soldiers. It is simple, because the petitioner in humility makes his request known to God; and yet it is mysterious, for the One to Whom he is speaking cannot be seen with the physical eye; it is easy, for any child can learn to pray, and yet it is so difficult that no one can get his prayers through, unless they are caught up into that all-powerful, all-prevailing Holy Spirit intercessional current and carried to the ear of God; in the eyes of a God-defying, Christ-rejecting, Spirit-grieving and hell-bound world, it is the weakest of all things, and yet it is such a mighty spiritual force that it actually moves the Arm that rules the world and holds the planets in their respective orbs.

Jacob, the man of our text, prevailed with God, got his prayers through, received the answer, "Yes, my child," had his name changed, and from that time on the Scriptures recognize his God, as the "Mighty God of Jacob." We of the present century have the same God as he had, and surely as he prevailed, so we too may prevail, get our prayers through and receive the answer in the same old fashioned way. While the Scriptures assure us of the veracity of God, as seen in the fact that He always accomplishes His purposes, fulfills His promises and executes His threatenings, yet they teach just as clearly that prayer is conditional and that there are certain states of heart and mind, that according to the divine plan, make it impossible for God to answer; and yet, when one assumes a right heart and mind attitude, and meets the God-given conditions as laid down in His book, answers to prayer are as certain as the math-

ematical statement that two times two equal four. Come we now to some of these conditions.

1. The petition must be agreeable to the will of God. "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us" (1st John 5:14). If the Scriptures do not make it clear that the thing you desire is in harmony with the will of God, and you are not certain what His pleasure is in the matter, then, of course, like your Master you should pray, "Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." That is, if it is best for me to have my petition, amen, but if not best, then Thy will be done. Surely the above is a safe course to pursue. But I venture a step farther. If at the beginning of my petition I have no definite statement in the Book of God that seems to cover the thing that I desire, as being agreeable to His will, is there any other way by which I may ascertain what His pleasure is in the matter? It appears to me that there is. For instance, I might reason from the nature of His blessed character, and the goodness of His lovely disposition, that He would be pleased to grant the desired petition. Then if added to this the blessed Holy Spirit should assist me in offering the prayer, until I am caught up into that mighty intercessional current, and swept onward and upward toward the throne of God and into His manifested presence, I think that I might reasonably assume that

the petition would be answered, for the Holy Spirit would not lend His assistance to a petition that was not in harmony with the will of God.

2. The desired petition must be for God's glory. "I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images" (Isa. 42:8). "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your own lusts" (James 4:3). If we are to get our prayers through, then they must be free from selfishness and committed to the glory of God. Otherwise the heav-

A Glorious Victory

IT will thrill the church with great joy to learn that the special campaign to close the year without a deficit has resulted in one of the greatest victories in the history of the church.

Word comes from headquarters that sufficient funds have come in to close the books, with every department of the church out of debt with the single exception of the General Superintendents Fund, which could not be paid in full in as much as an insufficient amount was placed in the budget to cover it.

Foreign Missions will show a small surplus, Home Missions, Church Extension, and the other departments being out of debt.

We wish to add to this announcement, a word of appreciation to every Pastor and District Superintendent and all members of the church for united and loyal co-operation everywhere.

May God bless and reward everyone who has spoken a kind word, prayed, or given of his means to make possible this victory. Many friends of the church, though not members have been very anxious about the outcome of this campaign, and have helped.

May the whole church bow its head in humble thanksgiving to God. It is He who has led us to this victory. Let us give thanks and rejoice in Him.

BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

ens will be brass above our heads and the time spent, it would seem, will be wasted. One should look well to the motive that prompts the asking. Many prayers, so called, are offered without any regard to whether they are in harmony with His will, or for His glory.

3. The prayer must be offered in Jesus' name. "And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you" (John 16:23). Christ's intercession and atonement has secured every promised blessing and placed it in the bank of heaven, and there it is waiting to be bestowed, when the proper conditions are met. He has authorized us, His people, under certain conditions to use His name and influence at the bank of heaven in presenting our petitions to our heavenly Father, and assured us that when we comply with said conditions the Father will be pleased to grant the petition and give us the thing for which we pray. To be one with Him in nature, life, purpose and effort, and to approach the throne of grace in the name of His glorious person, power, authority, influence, and veracity is sufficient, and sure to bring the desired result.

4. Importunity comes in for a passing notice. "I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth" (Luke 11:8). From this parable of the "Unwilling Friend" we are reminded that importunity is one of the elements of prevailing prayer. While the Bible, observation and human experience teach that there may be and that there are cases where answers to prayer have come at almost the very instant that they were offered, yet there is ample proof to sustain the position that it is not always that way. The teaching of the parable of the "Unwilling Friend" as this scribe sees it, is not to teach that God is unwilling to answer our prayers at the time that they are offered, but rather to show that difficulties and hindrances are to be encountered in the prayer life, and that a lack of spiritual unpreparedness on our own part, or the part of those for whom we pray delays the answer, and that these things must be prayed out of the way, before the promised blessing can be bestowed.

5. Fervency is also an essential element. "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44). "Who [Christ] in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered" (Heb. 5:7, 8). When the will of God is known in the matter for which and over which you are praying, then importunity and fervency, or divine warmth, is essen-

tial. Just as it is necessary in the smelting of ore to bring the furnace to a white heat in order to separate the dross from the precious metal, so it often occurs in the prayer life that one must throw into the effort every physical, intellectual, emotional and volitional energy in order to prevail; and as in the case of the metal if the needed heat point is not reached, all the heat that has been generated is lost, so in the prayer battle one may be in sight of the goal, but if he stops short of the spiritual white heat stage, and releases his grip on the *covenant* and *strength* of God, as well as on His promises all will be lost, and he will return from the battle field, a defeated victim, rather than a conquering hero.

6. The human and the divine element in faith must be so united that it will be impossible for the intercessor to offer the prayer of faith, or to ask "Nothing Wavering" (James 1:6). To fail at this last point means defeat. For if he wavers in his faith, then "let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord" (James 1:7).

The school of prayer is open to all, and surely there has never been a time since the Apostolic Age, when wrestling Jacobs and prevailing Israels were more needed than now. Oh for a mighty army who will pray and fast and prevail till God opens the heavens and pours us out a blessing that there will not be room to receive it. Who is willing to enlist?

BILLINGS, MONT.

"True Holiness"

(Eph. 4:24)

By EVANGELIST URAI T. HOLLENBACK

TRUE holiness deals with sin as a fact. This is the only disease of the human race. All other ills are but symptoms or effects of this one disease. Slapping a few popular sins is only putting pain killer on the sore places. Sin is a constitutional disease. There must be a divinely wrought cure. The axe must be put to the root of the tree. The heart must be purged from all iniquity. True holiness is the removal of a real disease of the affections, and that disease is sin.

True holiness is preceded by a deep conviction and vision of our internal sin. And one glimpse of the uncleanness of the heart ought to start us to crying for deliverance.

True holiness is received by faith. "Purifying their hearts by faith." Faith is not believing something is true whether it is or not. Faith is trusting God to do what he says He will do. Faith is an attitude of the soul to receive from God what He desires to give. Faith must have a promise. And hear the promise: "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

True holiness is accomplished by the Holy Ghost. "And God which knoweth the hearts bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost even as he did unto us, and put no difference between us and them purifying their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:8, 9). The coming in of the Holy Ghost purges away sin.

True holiness is witnessed to by the Holy Ghost. "For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us" (Heb. 10:14, 15). There can be no

evidence that is as true as the Holy Spirit himself. He is the evidence.

True holiness is always accompanied and proven to the world by a holy life. Holiness is not simply a life but it is inseparable from a holy life. Negatively there is abstinence from sinful practice and tempers, and also it is a positive experience; it shows itself in acts of goodness, and charity toward men, and praise and spiritual worship toward God.

"Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever."

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Infinites of Grace

By BASIL W. MILLER

The Peace Which Passeth Understanding

THE world, crude, warped and barren, is mightily torn asunder with broils and babbles, breaches of peace and discords, disturbances and divisions. It is full of feuds, fierce factions and raging, tumultuous embroilments. On every hand is seen the effective workings of schisms and squabbles and strife, bloodshed and battle. Variances and ruptures mark the wreck of dejected, discouraged and disappointed men and nations. States, cities and communities are unpacified, polemic, discordant. Churches dispute, disagree and stir up dissension among themselves. Ministers in battle array are camped against one another. The laity without the dynamite of God are explosive on the smallest pretext.

Doctrines, creeds, dogmas settled for ages have become the battle-ground of the century's greatest ecclesiastical minds. In the commercial realm are price wars, battles of competition, scrimmages for trade. In the industrial fields are venomous strikes, corrupt bolshevists, deadly breaches of the truce of peace between capital and labor. In the world of education as armed camps are the deceitful evolutionists and the anti-evolutionists, the degraded liberalists and modernists and the fundamentalists and conservatives.

Discredited homes are rapidly becoming divorce mills, ending one-eighth of all marriages in separations. Here are enacted devastating quarrels, bloodshed, horrible child murders, crimes untold. Slouching children are at war with parental authority, scholastic laws, civil ordinances and federal government. Disheveled, wild and distracted crime—battle against authority, rule, law, government—has seized the nation until with a deathlike grip it is rapidly strangling the populace. Jails, penitentiaries, reformatories are overflowing with youthful criminals, warriors, fighters against God and man.

Ruthless war in the dismal social world has been declared against right, decency, morality, social purity, age-long customs of moral dress. Insane asylums are filled with destitute wrecks of mind, because of

man's fight against right moral, physical, spiritual and mental adjustments.

The world without grace, full of drunkenness, licentiousness and profanity, is a stranger to peace.

The unconverted, unregenerate heart, touched by envy, jealousy and malice, is a battle-ground of strife and soul war. Cankervorms of care have eaten their way through the soul. Gall and wormwood, bitter and untasteful, fill the heart. Fierce troubles, wild vexations and trials, provocations and misfortunes, curses, plagues and afflictions are companions in the egoistic, disdainful and proud life without the Redeemer's care and power. The spirit of peace has been corroded, cruciated, expelled from the inner man though the outer man is elegant, affluent and radiant. This heart is enraged, disturbed, cut to the quick. Here are furious storms of anger to arouse, thunderous tempests of passion to upset, raging waves of hatred to grate upon the feelings.

Horrific streams of hot contentions burn. The remorseful memory is haunted, annoyed, agonized with strife and discontent. This trouble rends the heart strings. Battle saddens, scarifies, tortures, torments, sickens and roils the life. The heart, the mind and the spirits are preyed upon by disunion and dissension. The fire of animated lust, consuming jealousy, malicious egoism and blocked paths of ambition make the curdled blood run cold and the flesh even to creep. Strife in the soul is a gangrenous canker, ulcer, eating away all vestiges of peace. Carnality plants a dagger in the heart, plunges one into sorrow and rankles the inner man. It stings as a serpent's bite.

All the life's feeling are tiresome, tragical and troublesome. The nature is unbearable and unendurable. Life is almost undesired. Friendships are unsatisfactory, unsatisfying, unwelcome, vile, woeful and withering. There is no peace. Melancholy gnaws at the vitals of peace. The foolish, ignorant and unscrupulous life of the sinner is irksome, joyless and tiresome. The flushed heart is horrific, horrid and horri-

ble! 'The ghastly nature is envenomed and dolorous. Hateful soul pains become excruciating.

There is no peace in the heart of the unregenerate, no joy that is lasting, no pleasure that endures. But when the genial and confiding soul is restamped in the glorious image of Jesus, wondrously remade through and through, majestically fired with the glow of divinity, completely purified by the baptism of the fire of the Holy Spirit, sanctified wholly, made perfect in love, the promise is that there shall be peace eternal, the bliss of holy soul calm, the rest of the heart.

"Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that . . . publisheth peace" (Nah. 1:15). "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee" (Isa. 26:3). "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you" (Jno. 14:27). "To be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8:6). "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7).

These are promises of peace for the soul of the blood-ransomed ones, the twice-born men, peace beyond the slimy grasp of the world, peace deep and sure, a steadfast anchor for the soul, a glimmering light for the life and a divine hope for the heart. The storm is removed from the inner nature and peace abides therein. The tempest of carnality subsides, and amity, friendship and holy calmness are substituted. The flaming, sizzling fire of soul-wrecking sin is torn out and sympathy, welcomeness and love enters. The wreck of strife through evil no longer rules, but pacification through Christ dwells within. The battle with the old man of sin is replaced by peaceful tranquility. The war of the soul is turned into a state of harmony and untroubledness. Peace comes with deep assurance that the Almighty Father is well pleased.

That which once rent and tore and disrupted the soul life, is now dead beyond survival, and celestial friendship with angels, holy companionship with saints, communion, restive and peace-affording, is alive in resurrection glory in the soul. The one in whom the milk of human kindness had soured, becomes tender, sweet and patient. The acid of the nature is transformed into the gracious humility of Christ. The man with the hair trigger constitution becomes still in the eternal calm of holy peace, waiting for the Lord to guide wondrously. Though impatient as the wind, Christ floods the heart with peace that calms the wind-rent, ruffled sea of life.

God's peaceful sanctified man is anointed above all with the sweet oil of good-feelings. His dullest days are filled with happiest hours. In the heart there is an irrepressible youthfulness, the reflection of divine peace, the peace of God. As merry as a child, as happy as an angel, is he whose life is hid in Christ,

immersed in the sea of divine peace. Only the happiest, most restful moods are allowed to fill the soul.

The Devil's signet of evil, the hollow shams of sins, the earthly passions, the parching blight of carnality, the burning poison in the veins are filled with rivers of peace, are swept away forever and eternally destroyed. The spawn of hell, the heritage of hate, the grip of evil forces, the gnawing sense of condemnation, the heart of adamant, the life unstable as water, the soul a hell of horror, are all flooded, erased, eliminated, uprooted in the heart where abides this majestic peace.

In this life is undiluted bliss in serving God. The life of the redeemed is as bright as a sunbeam. The heart is enraptured, ravished in the rest of righteousness. Here alone is genuine gratification, the satisfaction of purity. Every day is cheerful, contented, unmolested by storms, unruffled by sins and ills. No ill is able to vex the life into chaffing troubles. Here is resignation to the powerful will of God. Rays of divine comfort sweep across the heart strings. Mind serenity is undisturbed. The soul is at ease amid trial, of good cheer in tides of discouragements.

Longfacedness, disappointments, dissent, regretfulness, repining no more stir the one dwelling in God's great sea of peace. The soul is alert to deeds of goodness, painstaking and considerate with others. No more than one can sail past the north star, or count the stars, can he be touched with earth's vexations, worldly strifes and carnal battles of sin. This soul of the peaceful, the mind stayed on God, is a garden of unspeakable delights. This heart sings with rejoicing hope. It is an intense inner soul happiness, unruffled. The heart known to God and joy is transported into the realm of the celestial, the home of rest and transfigured peace.

The dove of peace sings sweet melodies in the heart. Lively exultations spring forth to the praise of God. Smiles inspired of peace chase away the tears of inner turmoil and struggle. Though the name may not stand high on the scroll of fame, still in God one is satisfied, in peace he is secure. Though hard pressed by the cohorts of hell, still there is rest. Though helplessly caught in the meshes of ill fortune, still peace broods over the troubled sea of life.

Golden sheaves of reverence and rest are reaped daily in prayer, communion and holy meditation. This peace of God is as old as the evening star, like the calling of deep unto deep. The driving wheels of fate, or the crescendo of power fail to move the man anchoring his bark to the rock of peace. Every wind of doctrine or belief moves not the man of sweet peace, the gift of God's love. No longer is he a creature of moods, as whimsical as a butterfly. All sorts of adverse winds may blow but in peace his anchor is dropped.

Where once he drifted as an idle straw at the

mercy of the winds, or as a wave of the tempest tossed sea, God's man of peace is anchored, resolute in this gift of His grace and glory. Dreams of the purely fantastic this may be called, nevertheless this infinite peace is eternal in its abiding. Dark though the night may be, in the blackest hope, peace is as the evening star.

The source of this wondrous peace, infinite in scope, is beyond the comprehension of man. The knowledge of it cannot be conveyed. It outreaches the power to indicate, speak of, or signify. Though one knows volumes of the intricate facts and mechanisms of life, still this peace is beyond such mental acquirements. Accurate learning, the endowments of the intellect, the acquisitions of the minds, mental attainments cannot fathom the source of infinite peace. Scientific apprehension, cyclopedic information and culture but touch the fringe, the border of the territory of "peace, which passeth all understanding." Encyclopedical learning, sensations, impressions, information, even insight and intuition, fall far short of understanding, knowing the peace of God.

The peace of the sanctified is more incomprehensible than the march of the intellect, letters and liberal training, the progress of science, soul perceptions, mental brilliance and proficiency. Peace is more copious and abounding, more exhaustless and luxuriant than all the contents of storehouse of learning, the theories of the intellect and the most extensive training.

The mind cannot conceive of this peace. The intellect cannot discover it. Training cannot fathom its depths. Culture cannot master it. The mental abilities cannot discern of such mighty peace. It is unexplained, unapprehended, unascertained, unknown alike by the mere mind of the savage and of the mental giants of the ages. Those of greatest mental capacities and powers are ignorant of its power to soothe, to calm the ruffled heart, to make tranquil the inner nature. The ground of wondrous, eternal peace, the celestial bliss of the purified, redeemed sons of God, is unexplored by the intellect of man.

Rolling rivers of this peace are more enormous, of greater magnitude and are more priceless than all the thoughts of the keenest intellects. Peace, nuggets of peace, gems of peace, are more extensive, more extraordinary, more excessive and more consummate than all the works of literary artists, than all the descriptions of master authors of time. Mind is unable to limit, to touch God's peace in the soul of the saint, dwelling in the recesses of God's love.

Sweet, heavenly, holy peace, starlit gems of life, towers above the wrecks of soul storms. It is undiminished by battle with sin, unutterable by the tongue of man. It is of greater amplitude than all the associations of ideas; surpasses all the activities of

man's cognitive faculties; is more lasting than human conceptions and consciousness.

Genius cannot reach the ends of its greatness; instinct or intellection are unable to scale its heights; intellectuality, intelligence, judgment are able but to reach the border of the empire of peace. Reason, rationality, wit and wisdom in their most active moments, fail to afford a complete knowledge of the stainless domain of peace found in the soul of the justified. Philosophies, mental, natural or moral, even metaphysics, are all unendowed, but the absence of intellect, give not assurance of information, when delving into the realm of the peace of uprightness.

When holy fire enters the soul sin is entirely consumed and God places therein the essence of His peace. The storm of sin subsides; sin is consumed; the clouds of evil blow away; the overcast sky clears of taints of crime; the darkness of carnality turns to the noonday light of holiness and happiness.

Such an infinity of grace passeth the mind with its ratiocinations, rationalities, nerve connective centers, neurones of the brain and enters the heart, the soul, the emotions, the inner man, where abides and works the power of God. Mental acumen, discernments cannot understand such a wondrous flow of peace, but it is the gratuitous gift of saints. The profundity of the sage, the depth of knowledge of the philosopher cannot reason concerning it, but in the soul of God's blessed man it abides, where it sweeps away all evil turmoil and heart disturbances.

Talent, the grasp of the intellect alone, are strangers to this peace, but the sanctified, hid in Christ, rest in its glowing light of heaven. Cool headedness, clear wittedness, never reach the glory of God's peace, but communion, speaking with the Master, abiding in the shadow of the Almighty, resting in the shade of the great rock in the weary land, being alive to righteousness, affords sweeping tides, rolling waves, sweet breezes, celestial zephyrs of the wondrous peace of God.

Peace stood in the creation of the universe—in the chaos of the dawn of time—in the consuming fire of the formation of light—in the miracles of God performed through man—when angels sang the herald of the birth of the Christ-child—in the darkest night of the crucifixion. It will last when angels say time shall be no more—when Christ rides out on the white charger, on the clouds of glory to receive His bride—when the judgment is set—yea in heaven throughout the sweep of the aeons.

Anchor your soul in God's great ocean of peace, peace which passeth all understanding.

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Christian Influence

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But thou didst follow my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, suffering (2 Tim. 3:10, 11, R. V.).

THE greatest man of all the Christian centuries is writing a letter to a young preacher—his much-loved convert, pupil, companion and friend. The epistle gives us a life-picture of two men whose names and influence will be as deathless as Christianity itself.

Paul tenderly calls Timothy "My own son in the faith." "My dearly beloved son." They seemed to have met at Lystra in Lycaonia where Timothy lived with his godly mother Eunice and grandmother Lois. Here, after a short but successful ministry, Paul was stoned and hauled out of the city by his persecutors for dead. Timothy doubtless beheld all this, and it made a lasting impression upon his youthful mind, very much as years before the stoning and death of Deacon Stephen had indelibly impressed Saul.

Young men of great elements of character and noble possibilities are not deeply impressed by weak, effeminate, self-indulgent characters. They are stirred and molded by the manly and heroic and noble in human conduct. So Timothy could not witness the exalted Christian manhood of St. Paul without being profoundly impressed and inspired to be a "Great-heart" himself.

I. Let us follow, step by step, the way the Great Apostle used to make his convert great.

1. "Thou didst follow my teaching."

Paul was pre-eminent as a teacher because he taught the greatest truths. He might have exalted rites and ceremonies and forms, and traditions of man, as the Judaizers did. But his spiritual vision was too keen, and his conception of divine truth was too vast and comprehensive to fix on such trifles. The deity and humanity of Christ Jesus, His atoning death, His resurrection, His ascension to the throne of God, His spiritual conquest of humanity until His kingdom shall cover the earth, His coming again to raise the dead and judge the moral universe. Ah, what truths they were! No other such truths have ever entered the mind of man. God's way of saving sinners by faith in an atoning Savior, and sanctify believers, restoring them again to the image of God! How young Timothy's heart would be stirred by the majesty of this Race-Savior, and this world available salvation!

We have some university bred infidel puppets, quite numerous in these degenerate days, who scoff at all these doctrines. But this greatest of men, since Christ left the world, declared: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." Of course,

if these Modernists are determined not to believe and are intent on damnation, God will let them have their way. But He saved Paul and Timothy and saves all others who welcome truth.

2. "Thou didst follow my conduct."

If Paul's teaching had been noble, but his conduct base, it would have failed of its purpose. But Paul practiced and lived what he preached. "I call you to witness and God also how boldly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe. Timothy heard the preaching and saw the life, and the two drew him upward and Godward.

Too many youth content themselves with a mere intellectual apprehension of the truth, without suffering it to become a vital force in their life. "Christ in you," not merely Christ *for* you, is the purpose of God unto salvation!

3. "Thou didst follow my purpose."

One cannot read the matchless story of the apostle's life with an open mind without discovering that he had a world-wide vision of the universal empire of Christ. This Son of God, in whom he gloried, was to reign "until he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power, till he hath put all enemies under his feet."

To this end was Paul commissioned to be Christ's ambassador to the Gentile world. He did not know how large the world was: but he did know that, however populous it was, the atoning love of the infinite Christ was ample to cover all sin. He determined to know nothing among men but Jesus Christ "and him crucified." He preached that as the power of God and the wisdom of God, the mightiest drawing power in the moral universe, and the wisest scheme of salvation that the omniscient mind of God could invent.

We pity the poor, deluded fools who can make light of the winning power of the cross! Paul declared, "God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of Christ."

Still further, it was the apostle's purpose "to warn and teach every man so that he might present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Col. 1:28). An infinite Savior for the whole world, and Christian perfection for every sinner, was the sublime purpose of Paul's ministry; and Timothy copied him!

4. "Thou didst follow my faith."

The great apostle went into the arena to fight for the supremacy of Christ. The forces of earth and hell were all marshalled against him.

He first believed for his own salvation. Then he believed that the omnipotent Christ who had saved

him, "The chief of sinners," could save any other sinner on the earth who was willing. And he further believed that the Son of God would ultimately win "the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession." So in every seeming defeat he fought on, refusing to admit that by any possibility the powers of darkness could ultimately win.

It is such men of heroic faith, never infidels, that move the world and lift society heavenward. And the apostle induced Timothy to join the men of faith.

5. "Thou didst follow my longsuffering."

What St. Paul suffered, almost from the hour of his conversation until the hour when Nero's sword translated him, it would take a volume to reveal. But he never wavered, never flinched, never quailed,

"His not to reason why,
His but to do and die:"

and on he went, looking death in the eye, with steady nerve enduring what might come until he drained the cup of suffering to the dregs and won the martyr's crown. And Timothy was pursuing hard after him, in the thickest of the conflict.

6. "Thou didst follow my love, patience."

Paul had bitter, relentless foes, who took an oath that they would never eat or drink till they had brought him to death. They followed him like relentless fiends, from court to court, from city to city, from country to country, from prison to prison, until they accomplished their wicked purpose. But in all those weary years so great was his love that he could have died for them if thus they might have been saved.

If he had hated them and been impatient and revengeful it would have worn out the apostle's life, and marred the beauty of the sacrifice he offered to God. "But like his Lord he prayed for God's mercy upon them." He did his best to save them from the consequences of their sins, while they were doing their worst to murder him.

Such sublime love and tender patience could not be exhibited in vain. Timothy caught the vision and girded himself for a similar career of Godlikeness.

7. "Thou didst follow my persecutions, sufferings."

The account drawn by the apostle and by Luke is very brief, only a suggestion, a hint. "What things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra, what I endured." A veil of charitable silence is thrown over it all. "And out of them all the Lord delivered me."

He does not condemn his persecutors: but pauses to glorify God for his deliverance. No wonder that Timothy was dear to Paul's heart! No wonder that he too became a power in the early church, and his name comes down the ages with a halo of glory!

II. I observe that St. Paul's ministry was not only a model for Timothy, but also for us. It is true

that God has pulled the teeth of persecution, and shut the lion's mouths. No longer are prisons filled with devout souls just because they will live godly. But even if the fires of martyrdom have burned out, we still need real men in our pulpit who will be true to their commission, and preach the whole gospel at any cost. We still need prophets who will blow the gospel trumpet with no uncertain sound. We still need preachers in all our pulpits burning with missionary zeal, who believe with all their hearts that the spiritual kingdom of Christ is to fill the earth.

We still need men in pulpits and colleges who will stand valiantly for all that the great apostle taught, the faith once for all delivered to the saints. May the Timothies of our day be greatly multiplied!

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Saving the World Through Childhood

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I HEARD a noted lecturer say a while ago, that the world would be saved through childhood. I thought this quite a peculiar way to state his case. Many of us have been taught that great preachers, statesmen, educators, reformers, and other great leaders, would be the determining factors in saving humanity.

The speaker took up the parable of the sower. Some seeds fall by the way side. There is no harvest. The truth is given, but no results follow. The minds of the hearers are impervious. They will not permit entrance into their lives. This is caused by prejudice, hatred, rebellion and such like. Thousands of adults are in this class.

Some seeds fall on stony places. There is not much soil for the truth to take root. In Palestine where these words were spoken, is a thin soil, only a few inches in depth. Underneath is a solid bed of rock. Many people mean to receive the truth and start out well. But they are surface people. They are superficial. Persecution kills their desires to do right. They give up and quit. The number in this class is legion.

Some seeds fall among thorns. The seeds were all right. There is nothing said about the soil not being good. In fact this ground is probably just as good as can be found. But the hearers are preoccupied. They are too busy to let the seed grow. Thousands of well educated people are in this class. They are capable, industrious, and good meaning citizens. But they have no time to give to Jesus Christ. He is the sower. The seed is the Word of God. There is nothing the matter with the sowing, or the seed. But the cares of this life have choked out the Word of God. There is no time to be a Christian. Hundreds of business men, lawyers, doctors, farmers, and others

make up this vast army of people, who are making a living and have choked out matters of eternal value.

Some seeds fall on good ground and bring forth a good harvest. This is encouraging. The good soil is childhood. There is no soil here but that will bring forth, if it is looked after early enough in life. Jesus said, there is the child—the key to the Kingdom. It is no wonder that the lecturer said that the world would be saved through childhood.

The childhood of today makes the world of tomorrow. If we are to have a new nation, we must make it through childhood. Bismarck, of Germany, said a few decades ago, that a different system must pervade the country if Germany would rule over all. He began with the children. He took possession of the educational system, the printing press, and in forty years the childhood of his day, were the men that were executing his plans.

In 1871 Japan started a new program. She was not recognized as a world power. She started an educational movement in her country that made her one of the five great powers of the world forty years later. Children do not inherit religion or education. They must be taught. This is the task of the Church. The home, the school, the community, are the teachers that will determine the future possibilities of making childhood the saving factor for the nation.

The high water mark now for conversion is at the ages of eleven and fourteen. After twenty only one out of one hundred is converted. Only one out of one thousand is reached after the age of thirty. Our destiny does not lie with our legislators. Our hope lies in the salvation of childhood and in Christian education.

The high water mark now for our criminals is at the ages of fourteen and fifteen years. Ninety-five per cent of our criminals committed their first crime before they reached the age of twenty. No kind of legislation will save the situation we are facing as a people. Our only hope is to save childhood and make a new generation for America. There is but little hope for the adults of our race. And I say it with a shudder, but I see but little hope for those who have reached their majority and are now helping to send our people the way of ancient Greece or Rome.

The destiny of our nation lies in the saving of childhood. The task committed to us is to save and train the child. There is no such thing as childhood naturally going right. It is good soil, but the seed must be sown, the ground must be worked. It has possibilities of bringing forth a harvest of thirty, sixty and a hundredfold.

Wealth will not save our situation. Babylon had plenty of money, but Babylon fell. Egypt had an abundance of wealth. King Tut's tomb was unearthed a while ago, and thirteen millions of dollars

was found in his vault. But Egypt with all of her millions fell.

Will our nation go the way of other nations? I fear we will if we do not look well to the saving of our childhood. A great teacher has said that the tendencies of childhood are pretty well fixed by the age of five.

Ninety per cent of our time, effort and money should be given to the saving of childhood. By this means our sowing will be on good ground, and we will be able to make a contribution to our race, that will help to bring our people back to God.

Questions Answered

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

Q—I have read and heard it preached that this world is the only fallen planet. Where do they get this information?

A—There is no conclusive proof of this position. The argument is inferential, based largely upon the fact that Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, came here to suffer and to die for the sins of men in this world.

Q—What is the meaning of Post and Pre Millenarianism, and what position does the Church of the Nazarene take? Some here say that Post-Millenarianism is the same as Russellism and that this is the position of the Church of the Nazarene.

A—There has long been hope of a golden age in which righteousness shall reign upon the earth, and from the twentieth chapter of Revelation and other Scripture passages, this golden age has been calculated as a thousand year (millennium) period. People who believe that the preaching of the gospel shall finally bring about this golden age, and that Jesus will not personally return to the world until after this thousand years of righteousness and peace are called Post-Millenarians. And those who believe that the present Gospel age will break down as have all the dispensations which have preceded it, and that Jesus will come before there is a millennium of righteousness and peace are called Pre-Millenarians. There is yet a third school called the Nil-Millennarians who believe that Jesus may come now at any time, but that when He does come, He will immediately judge the world and that there will be no millennium such as the others look for at all. The Nils are Pres as to the time of Jesus' coming, and Posts as to the manner and purpose of His coming. The Church of the Nazarene accepts as members and ministers believers in Bible holiness of any of the three historic schools mentioned. The "Russellites," so called because of the prominence of a man by the name of Russell, now deceased, who was one of their early teachers (though they grace themselves with the very indefinite name, International Bible Students Association), are heterodox on historic Christology, making Jesus but a man while in this world, are non-vital in their conception of present grace, are annihilationists as regards the final state of the wicked, and hold that what others take as signs of Christ's coming, are in reality signs of His presence, and that He has been in the world the second time now for some time. The whole position is out of harmony with evangelical Christianity and with the Church of the Nazarene in particular.

Q—Is it a fact that "We shall not die until our time comes"?

A—Well, there is much to indicate that a man of God is immortal in this life until his work is done, but this does not counsel needless exposure to danger or disease.

FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Conducted by Mrs. J. T. Benson

Dear Young People:

In our last number we talked about several great facts which are necessary to prove that the theory of evolution is true, facts which have never yet been discovered. They were as follows:

1. If God did not create the not-living matter of our earth, from whence did it come?

2. If God did not create life, how did the first tiny spark of life arise out of lifeless matter?

3. If God did not plan and create all the different species of plants and animals, how does it happen that life became divided into these various and distinct kinds?

We also learned that reputable scientists, even those who have not given up their belief in evolution, say that they cannot answer the above questions. We want to stress again, one very important point. It is this. That unless the different species have the power to struggle upward in the scale of life, changing into higher and different species, there can be no such thing as evolution. For this is evolution; life mounting step by step, from the lower to the higher forms of life. But we quoted from three leading scientists last week who said that in spite of the closest observation, there is not a case on record where it is known that one species changed into another.

"These different species are here, but we cannot account for them," says Prof. Bateson who still holds to the principle of evolution. "And while we often see variations within a species, we do not see anything which looks like the change of one species to another or the beginning of a new species." We have already quoted from this same writer as saying: "It cannot be explained why, after forty years of careful research, no evidence has been found to show how all these different forms of life came from one beginning."

We believe that it will be helpful to repeat Dr. J. B. Warren's words also. "If the theory of evolution is true, then during the thousands of years of which we have some knowledge, there would certainly be known at least a few instances of the evolution of one species into another. No such instance is known."

You can see then the position in which really honest believers in evolution find themselves. They still believe in the law of evolution, but confess that they have not yet found the facts to prove that there is such a law, although they have searched long and carefully.

The Bible as a Book of Science

Since human wisdom has failed to solve the problems of our earth and the different forms of life found upon it, let us see what the Bible can tell us about it. "But the Bible is not a book of science. I have heard Christians and even preachers say so," some of you are thinking. In a sense that is true, but we who believe the grand old Book should be very careful how we word such a statement. This is the way it appears to me. The Bible was not written to be a book on science. The Lord had a greater purpose in view when having His book written, than to provide us with a volume on science for our libraries. We need to know what sin has done for the world and how to be saved from sin, much more than we need scientific knowledge. So, in broad terms, we may say that the Bible is a book on Salvation for a Lost Race. But that does not mean that God gave us no scientific truth whatsoever in His book. He did. He did not go into the subject of science fully, as to details, but He made some wide, sweeping statements, statements so full of truth as to the laws which govern nature, that the whole field of science is covered in a very few words. Let us repeat this. God does not use many words in speaking on scientific subjects in His book. But what He says is so broad and so comprehensive, that it covers the field and makes the Bible the most authoritative book on science which has ever been written. In the first chapters of Genesis, the Book gives us the origin of not-living matter. It also gives the origin of life, and of the different species of plants and animal life. And while men have searched feverishly for proof that a species can change into and produce a different species, the Bible calmly and briefly states that each will bring forth, *after its own kind*. Here we have the two cases in a nut shell. Evolution says *after another kind*: The Bible says *after his kind*. Both cannot be true. Which one is?

Well, as we have seen, evolutionists have this theory but are without facts to prove it. On the other hand, the Bible statement is confirmed by every form of life on the globe. Not only today, but as far back as man possesses a record, life has moved along steadily in perfect keeping with these three short words of the Bible, *after his kind*. Each tiny spear of moss, each great oak tree, begets others, *after his kind*. From the creature so small that the eye cannot see it, to the elephant in the jungle, or the whale in the ocean, each brings forth others *after his kind*.

The Bible Vs. Evolution

Some people tell us that they believe in both the Bible and evolution. We cannot understand how that is possible, as the two absolutely contradict each other.

Evolution says that species have the power to change into a different species. No case has been found in which such a change has been made, however.

According to the Bible, species do not have the power to change into a different species. They are fixed. Each one can only bring forth in an orderly way, others *after his kind*. There may be variations in the members of a species, but not the sort of changes which would lift the member out of the species to which it belongs. Every fact in nature stands squarely behind the scientific statement of the Bible. Yet there are learned men who look at the case evolution has made out as to species; who acknowledge that there is not a scrap of evidence to support it but who will still say: "My faith in evolution remains unshaken." They will read the statements which the Bible makes on the subject, statements which are verified by millions of facts today just as they were a hundred or a thousand years ago. But there are some men who will say, "I cannot accept what the Bible has to say about it."

And this reminds us of these words in the Bible. "Where," asks Paul, "is the wise man? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in His sight. He reads the thoughts of those accounted to be wise among us, and knoweth that they are vain."

Do you think that Paul is belittling our efforts to gain knowledge, or that he is praising ignorance? Not at all. Paul was an educated man, and used his trained mind to the glory of God. But he knew that at its best, human wisdom is a very imperfect thing.

After His Kind

These three little words contain the greatest scientific statement ever made to man. But they state more than a scientific truth: they state a great, unyielding, uncompromising law. As we read the Bible carefully, we are impressed with the fact that God does not purpose for the different forms of life to mix and intermingle one with another. He has given some very strong commands along this line. But knowing that men would try to disobey Him in this matter, as they have in everything else, He seems to have so fixed the laws of nature as to block them in their efforts. We will speak along this line in our next article.

NAZARENE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

"Let No Man Despise Thy Youth"

FACING THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

By REV. D. SHELBY CORLETT

MY attention was called to the fact that the last day of December closed the first quarter of the Twentieth Century. With it has passed twenty-five years filled with events, the influence of which will go down to future generations, some to bless them and others to be used as a curse. I thought of some of the events that have transpired during these years, of some of the many mighty achievements in the different realms of science; of the new inventions and the perfecting of the inventions given us by those of the late years of the nineteenth century; of the many great men of the world that have passed away during these years, among them our nation has lost men like McKinley, Roosevelt, Wilson and other leaders in our national life; of the great World War, the worst war of history; and many other events that will live in the minds of the people as long as this generation shall live.

My thoughts were then turned to our church. I thought of what the first quarter of the twentieth century has brought to us as a church. How that twenty-five years ago we had no Church of the Nazarene as we know it today; and how under the leadership of God our church has been established and has advanced until now we have over 60,000 members. Small to be sure when compared to the great denominations of the world, but great in the influence it has wielded for the advancement of Old Time Religion. I thought of the men who were the leaders of our movement in its early day, and that the first quarter of this century has seen the passing from our midst of some of these mighty men. Dr. P. F. Bresee, Rev. W. C. Wilson, Dr. E. F. Walker are our General Superintendents that have gone from us during this time. Rev. Howard Hoople, one of our leaders of the East, Rev. J. O. McClurkan from the South; Dr. B. F. Haynes for so many years the editor of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, and many others too numerous to mention have passed away during these years. There are very few of the leading preachers of the holiness movement of twenty-five years ago who are still in the active ministry. The hand of affliction has been laid upon many and they are permanently laid aside. In fact very few of the original Nazarenes are active today.

We are now entering upon the second quarter of the twentieth century. I thought of what it held in store for the

Church of the Nazarene; of who our leaders will be throughout this quarter; of what kind of church we will have in 1950, if Jesus tarries; of what opportunities lie before us for the next twenty-five years.

Young people of the Nazarene Young People's Society, this is our quarter. From our ranks will come the leaders of our church for the next twenty-five years. Somewhere among us are the General Superintendents; District Superintendents, College Presidents, pastors, and leaders of the Church of the Nazarene twenty-five years from now. What kind of church will we have in 1950? Just what we, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit make it today. Surely Dr. Chapman is correct in saying that the Church of the Nazarene has the opportunity of the century. Mission fields are open to us that were not open to the church twenty-five years ago. Conveniences for the spread of the gospel are ours today which our fathers did not possess. The home field is "ripe already to the harvest" with twenty-seven million young people in the United States under the age of twenty-five who are receiving no systematic religious training; with about 70 per cent of the children in the public schools of America not receiving religious training; and with the church losing 75 per cent of its youth between the ages of twelve and eighteen; what a door of labor is opened to us. Young people, shall we enter it, or shall we disappoint God and fail to meet His will for us in the next twenty-five years?

Let the sacred obligations which have devolved upon us in this generation sink deep into our hearts. Those who have sacrificed and have brought to us the Church of the Nazarene are daily passing from our midst. The great trust now descends into new hands. We can win no honors by the side of Bresee, Hoople, McClurkan, Harris and others, the founders of our church. Our fathers have all filled them. But there remains to us the great duty of the advancement and preservation of the principles for which they stood, and the church which they gave us. Let our quarter of century be that of advancement and progression. Let us advance until the Church of the Nazarene shall be established in every city and town of sufficient size in our nation, and until we have churches in every nation of the world. Let us develop the resources of our church—the children and young people God has given us. Let us build up its institutions at home and abroad. Let us promote all its interests and see

whether we in this our day and generation may not perform something worthy to be remembered. Let us cultivate a spirit of harmony and unity. Let us pray that God may enlarge our vision to the circle of our duty. And by the blessing and help of Jehovah make the Church of the Nazarene a mighty factor in this country in upholding the religious principles upon which it was founded, and for the salvation of the people.

Young people, the next quarter of a century is ours, what shall we do with it?

FLORENCE, COLO.

We are still on the map and going strong with the blessing of God on us, His protecting arm around us, but sweeter than all, with Him still enthroned in our hearts, growing in numbers step by step, growing spiritually by leaps and bounds. Seldom finish our lesson.

God has His way and souls are saved and sanctified in our Y. P. S. meetings. We are planning big for our annual Assembly. By God's help we will have the largest and best Assembly ever known on the District. Yours for a great harvest of souls in 1926.—P. A. McGuire, Reporter.

IOWA DISTRICT

The Iowa District N. Y. P. S. Annual Convention, held at Des Moines, Iowa, December 29 and 30, was well attended by both district and local people and the blessing of the Lord was felt throughout the convention. Rev. G. B. Williamson, District president, presided with great efficiency and brought us an inspiring message Wednesday evening. Several good papers were read and the discussions which followed were lively but void of friction. One paper, "What Our N. Y. P. S. Stands For," was especially good and other papers on "Stewardship," "Genesis of Man," "Spiritual Battles of Our Young Men and Women" and "Echoes from Bible Reading Contest" were very helpful.

The business meeting was held Wednesday afternoon, in which Rev. G. B. Williamson was re-elected president; Rev. E. E. Russell, vice president; Lucilla Phillips, Secretary; and R. R. Johnson, Treasurer. The societies of the District also pledged \$250.00 to home missions this year.

We were favored with much special singing and every minute was filled with interest.—Verla Wells, Reporter.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT

The New Mexico Young People's Convention opened Tuesday morning, Dec. 29, at Portales and continued until the evening of Jan. 3. Pastor R. C. Gunstream and his good people received the delegates and visitors with a hearty welcome and entertained them royally during the convention.

In spite of the cold weather which prevailed throughout the state, this convention had a larger attendance, I believe, than any previously held on the district.

The Spirit of the Lord was manifest from the opening service and the enthusiasm which characterizes the Nazarene people, was in evidence throughout.

Each day's session began at nine forty-five a. m. and after a period of discussion on some important topic, a sermon was preached and the morning session closed with an altar call. The afternoon session was devoted to the reading of papers and to open discussion. Then the day closed with an evangelistic service in the evening. The preaching was done by the different pastors and preachers who came to attend the convention. Our District Superintendent was present for a couple of days and brought us two stirring messages. Brother A. K. Scott, the former pastor of the Portales church, with his family came down from Amarillo and helped boost the convention along.

The climax came on Thursday night when a Watch Night service was held. Brother L. M. May of Artesia brought the message of the evening and the sermon was followed by a great altar service and about ten souls prayed through. The district organization of the N. Y. P. S. is making progress on the New Mexico district.—Reporter.

NEW YEAR'S DAY RALLY, ZONE 4, OKLAHOMA

Zone number 4 held their third N. Y. P. S. rally at Aline church, January 1, 1926. The service began at eleven o'clock with a song and prayer service. A welcome address was given by Brother Kruse, pastor of Aline church, after which we had a praise service conducted by Brother Joseph Garsec. The blessing of the Lord was with each and everyone.

We were delighted to have our District N. Y. P. S. president, Brother Snyder, with us, who gave us some very good thoughts that were inspiring to our hearts.

We had a very good service in the afternoon. The Lord was with us. Brother Snyder again gave us a very inspiring talk, and we as young people were helped and our desires are to do more for the Lord this coming year than ever before.—Louise Rudy, Reporter.

"An earnest resolve to help others faithfully carried out, is one of the surest ways of improving yourself."

"Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun."

EVOLUTION OR CREATION—WHICH?

(A Theological Consideration.)

By L. A. REED, M. A.

I—FIRST CAUSES

As we stated in our last article, there are three views of creation held by fundamentalist people.

First, The pre-Adamic creationists, who believe that the first verse of the first chapter of Genesis refers to an early creation and that a great cataclysm occurred throwing the world into a state of chaos and that God reformed the same. That man was not created until after this first creation had been overthrown, and that all the prehistoric animals such as dinosaurs, were in the first creation. They base their contention on the phraseology of Genesis. God commanded that the earth should be *replenished*, which would signify that it had been inhabited before, but if you study the Hebrew word you will find that it means just one thing and that is "fill ye" the earth, and does not even intimate that it was filled before. Another word they use is found in the second verse of the first chapter, e. g., "became without form and void." This word is not "became," it is just the simple verb "was" and refers to a primitive state of things. Most theologians readily agree that this theory will not hold water. It is very unscientific, for if the earth "became" without form and void, all living matter would have been totally destroyed and not even fossils could be found.

Second, The Twenty-four hour theory. This theory is held by a great group of fundamentalist people. It states that the days of Genesis One are literally twenty-four hours long. That God created by gigantic movings of His power everything in existence in the brief space of six days.

Third, The period theory. This is held by a great group of fundamentalists, and is that each day mentioned in Genesis One represents a period of time. That in the formation of the physical universe God worked and operated through laws which He set in motion. That He created the animals in pairs, which were representative of the specie groups and from these original pairs there have sprung the various types in existence today. That God created man in His own image, a full grown being, and from him have come all the various racial types in existence at this time.

The Bible is a scientific book. The order of the animals in Genesis One is the order recognized by science, e. g., fish of the sea, creeping creatures, fowls of the air, cattle and beasts of the earth, and man. The term "moving creatures" in the twentieth verse should read "creeping" and in all probability refers to the amphibious group, and is placed in the proper scientific location. Genesis One, though a brief regime, is truly scientific in its explanation of the universe. The Nebula Hypothesis was found to be not in accord with these verses and scientists have only within the last few years shown that the early con-

dition of the universe before the formation of the spheres was a dark mass, showing that the statement "and darkness was upon the face of the deep" was literally true. This new theory which astronomical science has projected into the thinking of the world, is called the Planetary Hypothesis, and if our reader is a student it would be well for you to be versed in the details of this investigation. We can not linger longer here to discuss it in its intricate findings. Nevertheless it is interesting to know that it concurs very accurately with the Good Old Book, which we believe to be the Word of God.

II—EVOLUTION AND THE PROBLEM OF EVIL

In spite of the fact that there are many cults which take as a premise for their faith that evil is non-existent, there still confronts the human race a problem which is inexplicable in any other way than that given through the pages of the Scriptures. If evolution is true there was no such thing as a "fall," because the race would have kept evolving from the lesser to the greater; from the weaker to the stronger; from the dishonest to the honest; from the impure to the pure. Any person knows that history tells us the opposite, and the reader can reason himself and see that there are many processes of disintegration which are taking place and have been acting for thousands of years upon man. Moral disintegration is far more treacherous than physical. New discoveries might make this old world a better place to live in, but invention has never changed man's motive and intention. The phrase "wicked men shall wax worse and worse" seems to be literally true. There confronts us a problem which has been called the problem of evil, and many of us rub elbows with the problem every day. Men might call it non-existent, but something, call it what you will, has perverted man and made such a carnal twist in his nature that his thoughts and actions have become contaminated to the point that you can scarcely trust the major portion of the human race. Evolution has absolutely avoided this problem and has either given no explanation whatever for it or has maintained that evil is not in existence but is merely a manufactured term, relating to certain types of conduct. This does not satisfy the investigating mind. You cannot ignore an existing problem. Evolution had never offered us a solution of the question but had merely ignored it. At this rate evolution could never do this old world any good, for wickedness would control the affairs of men, if it were not for the Christian and moral balance wheel. The new method which the Devil has of treating the problem of evil is the same as the evolutionist's method. He tries to get people to ignore that which is not subject to the law of God in the bosom of the race, and which makes a rebel out of every soul on earth. There has been only one solution offered which has had practical results in society and which has made a change in this rebellious attitude toward law and order; that solution has been found in Christ. Some say that

Christ is hypothetical, and that psychology is the explanation for conversion. But if this is so, why do not psychologists get such an accurate explanation of the processes that they can make good citizens out of bad ones and eliminate this something out of our lives which makes us beasts instead of men? The marvelous grace of God is the only thing which can defeat evil. We must go back to this old, marked path if we are to find the solution to our problem.

III—WHY WORSHIP?

If evolution is true there is absolutely no necessity for us to worship a God. As we are evolving every day, we will grow better anyway. If we do not attain to the heights which we would desire, then our only consolation is that we have been a stepping stone in this process for the succeeding generations. But there is something in man which needs an explanation at this point. Why is it that the naked cannibal will see the fiery sun circle in its course and get on his knees or extend his hands toward the heavens in an attitude of worship? Why is it that the Indian will reverence a reptile, thinking that some great spirit dwells in its body? Why is that some heathen take an old stone and cover it with paint and make out of it an object of worship? Why is it that there seems to be present in the bosom of every human person the desire for worship? If evolution is true, where did this come from? We could keep on asking but would never get an answer. It has never explained this innate longing in the bosom of every mortal to give adoration to some being superior to himself. It is the call of worship. It is the natural element in man that recognizes that there is a God and that there is a supernatural force in the universe. Man first thought that God had to be appeased; that He had to be fed; that floral tributes would please Him; but he has found out that He is a God of love and through Christ, man has found peace for the craving of his soul.

IV—WHAT WILL WE DO WITH CHRIST?

If evolution is true, then we did not need Christ, neither do we need Him now. All down throughout the history of Judaism, every Hebrew mother longed for male offspring for she thought that she might be honored by giving birth to the Messiah. This is more than just folk lore. It started way back in history and tradition was not able to contaminate this belief. Manuscripts have been lost and the history of the race has been handed down in many instances from mouth to mouth, and many of the stories are distorted and traditional to the extent of folly, but the Bible has had a remarkable degree of preservation. Her history is coincidental with that which is known as profane. Her genealogies are so accurate that even the most skeptical are made to bow in acknowledgment of their truth. Her laws are the very foundation of all law. Her codes of ethics are truly historical and the effect of her system of morals can be found in almost every corner of the known world. Her proverbs cover ev-

ery phase of life. Her prophecies have proven true and others are yet recognized to be fulfilled. With a background such as mentioned above, should we throw away our Christ for a group of misled scientists, when we have tested our faith and have observed it work under the greatest of strains? Can any man argue that that which is an experience to us is merely a chimera of fancy? If we were to take a text for this article we could well take those words of Mary when she said, "They have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid him." Evolution and Modernism have taken Christ away from the common people; from the high school and college students; and from the mother who no longer sees the need of prayer. If evolution had given something better in return it would not have been so bad, but all she gives even to the thinking mind is a cold agnosticism, which makes criminals and breeds bolshevism. I would urge every young man and young woman of our church not to be fooled by the foe to your faith but to hang on to your Christ, the only name whereby we may be saved.

V—DO WE NEED THE ATONEMENT?

If evolution is true there was never any need for the blood of Jesus Christ to be spilled on the old rugged cross for the sins of this world. Not recognizing the existence of evil; not recognizing that Christ was divine, the only logical consequence in such a classification of false beliefs is that there would be no necessity for the blood atonement. The skeptic calls the Christian faith the bloody religion. Mary Baker Glover Patterson Eddy said, "There is no more efficacy in the blood of Jesus Christ outside of His veins than there is in His veins." She echoed the conclusion of evolution. If there is no need of a savior there is no need of Christ. If man does not need salvation then no atonement need be made. If the demands of evolution were carried out to their logical conclusion, you would find that every problem of orthodoxy would either be contradicted or denied, and the whole world would be thrown back to the age of reason which the French Revolutionists tried so unsuccessfully to carry out. Man was and is in need of a Savior. Christ came to save. He became the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world. Christ prophesied that such men as evolutionists would be in the world prior to His coming, and they are here. And through His servant Peter, Christ has warned us to "beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness." There is no other name given under heaven whereby we might be saved. We must preach Christ crucified or the world will never know what it means to have the blood atone for their sins. Yes, man needs the atonement. The evolutionist needs it also, for his knowledge and Christlessness have been found to be as filthy rags on a deathbed facing eternity. Get and keep that which satisfies, e. g., the Christ.

(To be continued).

VISIT TO GEORGIA AND ALABAMA

By E. O. CHALFANT

Quite recently I had the privilege of visiting the Alabama and the Georgia District Assemblies. This was my first visit down south. I never enjoyed a two weeks any better in my life. I have been praying for the good Nazarenes down there, and to see them, to eat with them, and to hear them give their reports and lay their plans at their Assemblies was very encouraging to me.

In Alabama Brother H. H. Hooker, our good District Superintendent, and his people are certainly making progress. They are launching out and their reports showed a most healthful increase on every line. The way I saw it, there is opportunity on every hand.

Between the two Assemblies General Superintendent Reynolds gave his "Round the World Tour" at Birmingham, Ala. What a great city Birmingham is. This is one of the greatest cities in all the country. It is equal in activity according to its size to Chicago. I may not know many things, but I am of the settled conviction that the Church of the Nazarene generally goes best in these cities where there is a move, because we are a Movement. Our good pastor here and his people and our faithful Brother Hooker have got a hold here in the very heart of the city. We have a fine following. God is going to give us a great church in Birmingham.

The week closing November 8 I spent at the Georgia Assembly. I have never in my life been around a finer crowd. I never saw a crowd more anxious than they are to do something. Brother Anderson has done a good work during the last year. A very healthful indication is that people were there from various sections demanding that the Church of the Nazarene be planted in Georgia in their home cities. I found that in the great south land people are reaching out their hands for the message that our church brings.

It was my pleasure at the Georgia Assembly to meet with Rev. R. H. M. Watson, the District Superintendent of Mississippi. He preached a fine message. Also Brother Hooker and Brother Anderson each preached once. At the Georgia Assembly we arranged the Bud Robinson tour. I believe these brethren are going to come up to their next District Assemblies with more new churches, and more Nazarenes, and more publicity, than at any time in the history of these three Districts.

It was a great pleasure to me to be associated with dear Dr. Reynolds, our Senior General Superintendent. He was so good to me. The brethren down there were so good to me that I am sure I shall go back again and see them if they will let me come. I am sure I have received a new vision and a new concern for those great and good men in that great section of our church. My faith is that they are going to put it across in a great way down there.

News and Notes From Washington-Philadelphia District

Compiled by W. D. SHELOR

NOTE: Pastors and Reporters, please get your reports to me by the 30th of each month. Please be prompt and regular.—W. D. Shelor, Lansdale, Pa.

BRIDGETON, N. J.

We rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory for the many blessings which we enjoy from our Heavenly Father's bountiful hand. This church has had a very good month, and that in spite of several of our people being sick. We have recently started a "building fund" and hope to have a church sometime nearer the center of town. The Lord has been blessing our regular services and we are encouraged to press the battle. Our N. Y. P. S. services are very interesting and are a great blessing to our young people. We have our meetings on Tuesday nights in various homes, and in that way we reach people that do not come to our church. Under the superintendency of Brother Joseph Vineyard the Sunday school is progressing along all lines. The appropriate Christmas program held Wednesday before Christmas was greatly enjoyed by a large attendance. We do not have the oversight of the Port Elizabeth church any more, having turned that work over to Rev. Mrs. M. M. Bussey under whose ministry the work is making progress. God is blessing us along all lines and we are looking to Him for future blessing and success. Pastor and people love each other and there is perfect fellowship together.—H. I. Basham, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The N. Y. P. S. of the First Church, Washington, gave their pastor, Rev. M. S. Cooper, a happy surprise on Christmas Eve. The committee had arranged things, including a tree, very attractively, and as the people gathered they sensed a note of cheer and expectancy. The Spirit of the Lord was manifest in the devotional service, after which small favors were presented to everyone. During this Brother Cooper's name was called repeatedly as he was presented with cakes, fruits and other "goodies," but the feature of the gathering came when he opened a small box containing \$25.00 in gold and two new dollar bills. Our hearts were united in Christian love as we sang "Blest be the tie that binds." Some of the young people then arranged fruit baskets for the sick and poor. At midnight some of the church folk started from the church building singing Christmas carols. We sang from lamp-post to lamp-post until one o'clock. The audiences at windows, doors, in automobiles and on the streets were very encouraging to us. Praise God! the best of all was the real Christmas spirit in

our hearts.—Warren J. Comstock, President.

DEERWATER, N. J.

Our church here closed a revival December 20 with M. M. Bussey as evangelist. This was a good little meeting. Several were saved and sanctified. The pastor received four new members on probation as a result and we expect more later. The Spirit was present in the services and honored Brother Bussey's messages to the salvation of souls.—Leslie Woolson, Pastor.

DARBY, PA.

From December 10 to 13 we had a fine missionary convention with K. Hawley Jackson. He brought soul stirring messages each night which helped our people to a greater vision of their part in this great work. Sunday, the 13th, was the big day of this meeting, at which time the offering for missions was taken. The amount raised was over \$3 per member, or about \$225.00 in all. \$75.00 of this was given by the Sunday school. In our school each Sunday a box is passed around in each class, same to be opened at our quarterly missionary meeting. It is surprising how much money is raised in this way. Brother Jackson is certainly loved by our people. We praise God for such men, who are willing to obey Him at any cost. Darby intends to do her part in keeping the missionaries on the field. Our pastor, Rev. C. W. Nielson, is leading us on in a blessed way. Our people are encouraged and the church is moving on in victory. We expect to be in our new brick church on Sunday, Jan. 19.—Eva F. Childs, Reporter.

Birthday Greetings are extended to our beloved District Superintendent, the Rev. J. T. Maybury of Baltimore, who was fifty-years young on New Year's Day! May the Lord make his fifty-first year the happiest and best yet.

LANSDALE, PA.

Yes, Lansdale always has something to report. We are praising God for the good year 1925, and with courage and faith have embarked upon the year 1926. It is doubtful whether there is another pastor in the Nazarene movement that has more to make him happy at this new year season than the writer. It is my joy to be pastor of as fine a band of Nazarenes as are to be found anywhere. We have had four years of unity, blessing and victory here, with a steady growth in every department of the work. No pastor could be treated better by his people, nor more loyally supported than I. My salary has been increased four

times, in keeping with numerical growth, and I have been given "poundings," "surprises," suit, overcoat, new car, and a lot more that I am not worthy of. Three nights before Christmas about twenty-five of our young people came to the parsonage with their arms full of Christmas cheer. God bless them! A finer lot of young folk would be hard to find. God gave them a glorious prayermeeting in the evening of New Year Sunday. How they did pray, and how they were blessed! On Sunday, Dec. 20, we asked the folks for \$2.00 per member for the Missionary deficit. It was the easiest offering that I have seen for some time. Why, they could not stop at \$2.00 per, but they just kept marching up and sending in until we had \$4.39 per member, and this after our general budget was paid for the whole year. Modesty forbids us congratulating ourselves, but we do think that was pretty good giving, coming so near Christmas and New Year when there are so many places for money. We are to have a Second Blessing-Second Coming Convention January 15, 16, and 17, with our District Superintendent, J. T. Maybury, who is an adept along these lines. Then in March we are to have E. Arthur Lewis for a three-Sundays revival. Pray for us and come to see us.—W. D. Shelor, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

District Superintendent J. T. Maybury writes a card from Philadelphia bearing the following message: "December 13 we organized a nice class with several heads of families at Freehold, N. J. Also a Sunday school of twenty-six members, and placed Rev. Willard G. Prouse there as pastor. I shall visit all churches of the district during January and February."

N. Y. P. S., PARK LANE, VA.

The Society is standing true to God and refusing to compromise with any thing that might prove detrimental to their spirituality. \$28.00 has been raised this month for the debt of our Missionary work and two of the Sunday evening services have taken "Missions" for their topic. In the last Rally held by the Societies in former "Zone Three" it was voted to take a collection for the work of missions at each rally and the Local Society went on record as greatly in favor of any plan to help our loyal and self-sacrificing missionaries. We have not neglected to recognize our responsibility upon other lines, but have endeavored to have our part in Matthew 15:35-36 fulfilled, to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the poor and visit the sick.—Everett McCowan, Secretary.

PARK LANE, VIRGINIA

The Nazarenes here in the northern end of the Old Dominion are enjoying the fulness of God's blessings upon them and finding His blessed mark of approval upon their labors. Sunday night, December 20, the Junior Missionary Society turned over \$7.00 that they had raised in their meetings to be applied on the special offering raised for the general debt. The Y. P. S. raised \$18.00 that evening for the same cause and with this help the church raised over \$100.00 which was over their share in the debt. Two more have applied for membership in the church and will have been received by the time this report is published. We praise God that this is one church which does not open its membership to the world and try to enlarge its membership by a hand shake or card signing route. We first watch the life and works of the prospective member and require them to conform with the Bible standard. We intend by God's grace to enter this New Year with a greater determination than ever to push the cause of holiness among the people of Northern Virginia, the field God has entrusted to our care.—Everett McCowan, Reporter.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Not having sent in a report for a few months, I just felt like letting you know that we are still in the battle in old Philadelphia, and God has been blessing us in our regular services and souls have been seeking and finding God. We were blessed in having Revs. C. C. and Flora Chatfield with us from Dec. 7-20. They sang and preached the gospel with "the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven." Being near the Christmas holidays we did not have the attendance we had expected, but some sought and found the Lord. We closed with a goodly number at the altar. The Chatfields are splendid workers and we want them for another meeting. We enjoyed their fellowship and their holy lives were a blessing in our midst. We took our missionary offering the last Sunday in December and gave more than our apportionment per member, for which we thank the Lord. Pray for us.—G. W. Gottschalk, Pastor.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

The North Dakota District is still on the firing line. We have our General budget paid up for the entire year, also our District budget paid up to date. We have raised \$1,200.00 for the deficit. The Woman's Missionary Society has raised this year \$1,700.00 up to date. We have had a number of revivals on the District that were a success. I have visited almost all the churches on the District and find them in good shape spiritually. Most of them have made increase in membership. I recently visited Fessenden where Brother Brown is pastor, and received four members. In the afternoon we went out to Cotton Wood, a new point Brother Brown has opened up, and had services. Rev. H. F. Vogt

recently held a meeting at this place and had a great revival. Brother Vogt is a great preacher and is fast becoming one of our very best evangelists. We have organized two new classes since the Assembly with some of as fine people as can be found. Several new places have been opened up on the District. We are planning to enter Grand Forks and Fargo soon in a revival campaign. The Young People's Society is doing fine work. They are planning to have a revival at each church on the District and use the pastors of the District to do the preaching. They have just closed one at Minot, where Rev. W. I. Gough from Van Hook did the preaching. They had a great revival, quite a number of new people were saved and sanctified, as well as helping the church. Brother Gough brought some of the greatest messages ever delivered by any man, held his audience spell bound from beginning to end. He is going into evangelistic work another year, and any church in the whole connection will do well to secure his services. He is capable of filling any pulpit where they want the gospel in its force and fulness. Anyone wanting his services will write him at Van Hook, N. D. He will be engaged as pastor there till Assembly which convenes in July, but it would be well to write him early, for it won't take him long to fill his slate when it is once known that he is in the field. Pardon me but I feel it would be highly criminal to fail to mention Miss Eula Barkus, the District president of our Young People's Society, a young lady that Nature has set its mark on as a leader. She possesses unusual intelligence as well as strong and striking personality. She wins her way right to the hearts of the people wherever she goes, and through her persistent and tireless efforts the work is growing by leaps and bounds. We ask the prayers of the saints throughout the entire connection that the God of battles will continue to give victory even greater than we have yet seen or known.

L. E. SWANEY, District Superintendent.

CHRISTMAS AT REST COTTAGE, PILOT POINT, TEXAS

This has been a delightful Christmas in Rest Cottage, one of the best in the history of the institution. Truly God greatly honored us with His presence. The parlor was filled with friends and older girls, one with her husband and family, and the hall was filled with girls and children who took part in the program, prepared by one of the girls. Everyone that had part in it carried out her part splendidly. We spent a real sweet and profitable evening. Everyone seemed to enjoy it highly. We wish that all our friends who made it possible for our girls to enjoy this occasion could have been here to see the bright happy faces as they received their presents. Some of the most spiritual inmates of the home remarked that this was the richest, sweetest and deepest and most spiritual Christmas evening that they ever spent in their lives. Where God is there is peace, joy and happiness.

We want to take this opportunity of thanking all our friends who have so nobly stood by us this past year with their prayers, aid, words of kindness, and good wishes. This has been a good year in the history of the home. Rest Cottage doors have been open for nearly twenty-three years under the same management, for the betrayed girl and outcast children. During this time we have sheltered and cared for more than 2,600 unfortunate ones. 85 per cent have been restored to virtue and purity and are living useful Christian lives. With God's help and your co-operation, prayers, and support, we shall accomplish still greater things for our Master in 1926 than we have done in the preceding years.

—J. P. AND MINNIE ROBERTS.

PREACHERS' CONVENTION

The Annual Preachers' Convention of the Iowa District was held in Des Moines December 31 and January 1, following the N. Y. P. S. convention. Rev. L. N. Fogg, District Superintendent, was in charge and led the devotions Thursday morning. The blessing of the Lord was upon the convention from the very beginning. The subject of the pastor in his study, in his home and in the pulpit was discussed, also the subject of the evangelist. Other topics such as "Home Missions," "How to Discipline a Member," "Financing the Church" were freely discussed and proved very helpful. Dr. J. B. Chapman, editor of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, brought two inspiring messages to the preachers and also preached both evenings. Six or seven seekers found victory.

We were royally entertained by the Des Moines church, and expenses were easily met. Most of the pastors were present and enjoyed this spiritual feast. —Verla Wells, Reporter.

EVANGELIZING ON THE BRITISH ISLES DISTRICT

Just after our last report we accompanied District Superintendent Clark to the Kilmacollm church, which is the "baby-church" of this district. We were intensely interested in this church for it was the outgrowth of a "Home Missionary Project" which was put on this past summer. We had heard how Brother Clark had gone into the city with the district tent and started services and how many attended the meetings and testified that they had been unsatisfied with only "form and ceremony" for their souls to feed on, and had attempted to bring in "Better days" in the churches of the city, but had only met with opposition and even a church trial by which the officials attempted to turn them from the church, but had failed as they soon grew ashamed in their attempt to prosecute the good people for their piety. We also heard how these dear people had stood true to the Lord and prayed that God would send a spiritual awakening, a movement that would assist them in getting food for their hungry souls. Well, God heard and spoke

to the Nazarene brethren telling them to go and spread the table, and when they did the spiritual folk feasted and then asked for the organization of such a church in their city. This request had been granted and there was much rejoicing among the more spiritual people of the city.

When we arrived in Kilmacolm we were taken to the home of the leading family of the church and after receiving a warm welcome, we looked on the library table and saw the good **HERALD OF HOLINESS** and the pictures of each of the contributors to the "Nazarene Pulpit." The more we looked about the place the more we were convinced that we were in a real Nazarene home. For the evening meal we were served eight kinds of bread and pastries, three kinds of meat, three kinds of drink, and other dishes which were entirely new to us. After the evening meal we gathered in the drawing room and someone said, "Let us pray for the meeting tonight," and everyone in the home went on their knees and each prayed very earnestly for the meeting. Well, the Holy Spirit was in that prayermeeting, and He was in the meeting that night. Many new people came in and we had much liberty and a very precious service. We left Kilmacolm feeling that we had been with real Holy-Ghost filled people, and that they would do their part in "Scattering the power of the holy people" in their community.

Our next work was at Uddingston, Scotland, where we were booked for a fifteen days evangelistic campaign. We arrived on Friday and on Saturday preached and sang in the "Conference" which was well attended. Sunday morning our "Special Mission" (as the Scottish people call evangelistic meetings) began, and we felt the presence of the Lord from the beginning. Many of our pastors and people from other places attended many services during the two weeks. We thought the crowds were not as large as they might have been, but were informed that they were the best the church had ever had, and that more than one hundred people attended the meetings who had always refused to enter the church building. Pastor James Jack was very congenial to labor with. His people were very loyal. This church is blessed with six or seven sanctified school teachers, and they are all very devoted. We greatly enjoyed our association with the young people of this church and had the privilege of assisting them in the organization of a Nazarene Young People's Society. There were many splendid victories during the altar services, and the saints testified to receiving added light, new encouragement, and a greater impetus to push the battle for righteousness and true holiness. Both pastor and people claimed much lasting good accomplished.

On Tuesday evening it was our privilege to be with the church at Paisley where we found a splendid crowd of hopeful people. There was much freedom, and a splendid atmosphere in the

service. When the altar call was given the space at the altar rail, and also at the front seat, was soon filled and there was real old-time seeking and finding. We are to be with the Paisley church for a number of services during January and we expect great victory. The people of the British Isles are a precious people to labor with, but we certainly do need the prayers of our people everywhere for our work in this country as there is much to be gained if an aggressive warfare is waged at this time.

G. F. AND BYRDIE OWEN.

NEW YEAR'S ALL DAY MEETING

The New Year's All Day Meeting, in the First M. E. church of Collingswood, N. J., under the direction of W. B. Woodrow, General Secretary of the New Jersey Holiness Camp Meetings, was a great success.

The church was filled morning, afternoon and evening. Rev. John Fleming of Astland, Ky., was the preacher all day. He was fresh from a fourteen-day meeting in the First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena, Calif., in which time about 1500 seekers were at the altar. His messages were powerful and as a result there were between fifty-five and sixty seekers at the altar throughout the day. Seventy-three churches were represented; people coming from great distances, some as much as one hundred miles, to the meeting.

Arrangements are being made already for the 1927 New Year's Day Meeting, and it is hoped that both the Fleming Brothers can be secured for that day—W. B. Woodrow, General Secretary of the New Jersey Holiness Camp Meeting Association.

MISSOURI DISTRICT

With great pleasure and with thankfulness to the Lord and my friends who prayed earnestly for me during my sickness I type these few lines by way of report. I am glad to say I am far on the road to recovery, but am not entirely well. I am able to be on the district again but have to take things a little easy for awhile. I was surely near the crossing of the river, but the Boatman failed to appear so I am spared to serve my Lord and the Missouri District again. I greatly appreciated the words of comfort and cheer from my many friends on the district and elsewhere, and I thank you through this agency.

I want to say the outlook on the district is very encouraging. One good omen I see is that every church seems to think it has the best pastor and every pastor seems to think he has about the best church. I intended to visit all the churches before the holidays, but my sick spell hindered me; however, I expect to get around to all of them as soon as possible. Malden, Mexico, Eldon, Bernie, Dexter, Townley, Flower Memorial, St. Louis, Zion church St. Louis, Sabula, Annapolis, Caruthersville and Euclid Ave., St. Louis, have all had revivals and some of these places were at-

tended with great victory. Other churches are engaged in a meeting at this writing and we trust many will be swept into the kingdom of righteousness and the Church of the Nazarene; other churches are planning revivals. We are going in for the greatest year in the history of the church.

Our young people have a vision and they are energetic and aggressive. They are full of faith and have a mind to work; they are planning to man and finance some revivals this year. With Brother J. B. Ramsay and his corps of workers we believe they will accomplish great things for the district this year. They held a good rally at Malden recently.

We are planning to have our Preacher's and Worker's meeting some time in May. I am hereby asking that all the pastors and evangelists send in topics as soon as possible as we want to arrange the program. Send them to me at 2637 Lyle Ave., Maplewood, Mo.

Our evangelist, Rev. Copeland, is with us on the district and is now at Piedmont with our pastor, J. D. Hoffman, and he is also billed for meetings at Esther, Moberly and Mexico. Evangelist Chas. Robinson and Lawson Brown (singer) are coming to us to work on the district. Brother Robinson will begin at Morehouse Jan. 5. They are fine workers and if any of the churches want to secure them I would advise them to get in touch with them right away. They will be with us until June. D. V. Now if you want them, write me and I will arrange with them to hold a meeting for you if possible. If any one knows of any place in your community where an old time revival is needed please get in touch with me, and I will do my best to get a meeting started and trust God to give the revival. Asking the prayers of all who read these lines and trusting God for the victory, I say, "ON WITH THE REVIVAL."

E. C. DEES, District Superintendent.

MINNEAPOLIS DISTRICT NEWS NOTES

Fergus Falls, Minn., church is in a campaign with Evangelist Stella B. Crooks.

Evangelist Minor put on a very gracious and fruitful campaign at Jamestown, N. D. Pastor Finch, of that church, has asked them to select another pastor for the coming year. He desires to secure work near some one of the church schools, so that his family can have the benefit of attending. The church unanimously invited Rev. H. T. Davis, of Muncie, Ind., to accept the pastorate.

An effort is on foot looking toward the re-division of the Minneapolis District, so as more adequately to care for the state of North Dakota.

The Mid-Winter District Preachers' Convention will be held at Ellendale, N. D., March 23 to 26. All preachers are expected to attend. The first day will be devoted to two themes dealing with the Woman's Missionary Society.

Pastor F. C. Piercy, of Sioux Falls, S. D., has suffered a nervous prostration. His wife is successfully filling the pulpit. A gracious revival has been on under the leadership of a Brother Shockley, an aged local retired minister.

A new church building was dedicated January 3, at Turkey Valley, near Irene, S. D. Pastor C. C. Swalwell, of the Freeman church has superintended the building. He raised the initial amount of \$400 for the lumber bill in six minutes. Several of the Freeman church gave and assisted in a generous manner. This place was generated last year by the self-sacrificing work of Rev. D. C. and Lizzie Stout, now pastors at Loomis, S. D.

Rev. F. W. Wheeler had to stop a very successful pastorate at Regent, N. D., in order to attend to business matters. He is followed by Rev. Ed. Ax.

The Mitchell church is forging slowly but surely to the front under the leadership of Pastor Wesley Armstrong. He recently closed a good revival meeting there assisted by Pastor Lyman D. Smith of the Plano church.

Rev. Leon Dage, from Mitchell, S. D., has taken the care of the newly developed work at Presho, S. D. This new work was generated last summer by Pastor Lewis Bacheller, of Mt. Pleasant church.

Evangelist William Griffith has formally withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the Church of the Nazarene.

Pastor R. L. Hobza, of Mandan, N. D., has been assisting the church at Ft. Clark, N. D., in evangelistic meetings.

Three-fourths of the churches of the Minneapolis District participated in the special offering for the Missionary crisis. Several contributed last summer, so that all told practically all have been included in the good effort.

Several Christmas boxes and packages reached some of the pastors on the less advantageous pastorates. These were solicited and sent by the "Pastor's Welfare Committee," which was organized last Assembly. It is composed entirely of women who are anxious to lessen some of the privations incident to some of the pioneer church efforts.

J. G. M.

OUTLOOK ON CHICAGO CENTRAL DISTRICT

There is no place where our District is making greater progress than in Eastern Illinois. There is a continual flow of influence going out from the student body at Olivet. The students have been evangelizing the country on both sides of the state line, as Olivet is less than ten miles from the Illinois-Indiana state line.

At Olivet, Rev. J. E. Williams, our new pastor, is being well received. He has our finances in about the best shape that I have ever seen them. Quite recently we had our District N. Y. P. S. and S. S. Convention here. There is no finer lot of Nazarenes than is to be

found at Olivet. God is certainly sustaining us here. Brother Williams and the good people here are talking strongly of a new church which will seat one thousand to fifteen hundred people.

North of Olivet is Danville, where Rev. L. G. Milby, so well known, is coming to be the pastor in one of the greatest centers of the District. We have a fine plant here. Brother Milby will no doubt make one of the greatest churches in our denomination in this place. Quite recently we have organized a new church at Lyons, where Rev. Edith Long is pastor. We have a Sunday school membership at Lyons of one hundred. Also Sister Long has a Mission Sunday school nearby with thirty-five members. At Westville, a town which is strongly Catholic, we have a fine and faithful people, who, with their pastor, Brother Mitchell, are making some progress. Brother Condon is being well received as the new pastor at Georgetown. They are excavating for some new building purposes. They have a great increase in their Sunday school. We have a new church at Paris where Brother Galloway and wife, students of Olivet, are faithfully serving. They are making plans for a new lot and tabernacle.

At Hoopston, Ill., Rev. R. L. Morgan is doing the miraculous. Since the Assembly in September he has gone to this place and by amalgamating some country people, he has a church of between sixty and seventy members, with a Sunday school of around one hundred members. He has a tabernacle 28 x 64 feet made exactly right. I was there a few days ago on a stormy Sunday night, and they had a fine crowd. Brother Morgan has moved his family from Indiana to this place. This new church is paying their pastor \$30.00 a week and will increase the salary soon.

Rev. Reuben Morsch, one of our students at Olivet, is doing a good work at Medcalf—which is a new church. At the student points, Ogden, Fithian, Fairmount, and Sidney, we have faithful people. The students report good progress at these places. Rev. H. B. Garvin, our faithful pastor at Champaign, has one of those phenomenal churches where the progress has been almost unbelievable. The church, a little over two years of age, has a membership of about 150. They have a fine Sunday school. Quite recently they had to put an addition on one side of the tabernacle 12 x 50 feet. Already this new addition is being taxed with the crowds. This church is responsible for another new church twelve miles north called Rantoul, where Rev. John Drake is our pastor. They have a fine band of tithers. Quite recently Brother Redmon closed a good meeting there. Champaign is also responsible for another new church twelve miles south, where Brother Noah Garvin is the pastor. He is being assisted by Sister Burton of Benton in a revival meeting.

Let us stop and reflect. Why is there such phenomenal growth in our denomination in these new works? To my

mind there are just three reasons. The first is that the world is starving to death for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When it is presented in a way that is at all appealing, we get a following. The second reason is that there is a spirit of co-operation on our District and in our denomination in pushing out and doing the work. Our pastors are not seeing how little they can do and draw their salaries, but our pastors and people are continually making plans to launch out. The third reason is that we have men who have push, vision, passion, and God, and who are willing to die for our cause. With these three outstanding characteristics, we can plant the Church of the Nazarene anywhere.

Don't forget to pray for Chicago Central District and our eleven million people.

E. O. CHALFANT, District Superintendent.

Sunday School Lesson

For January 31

By M. EMILY ELLYSON

LESSON SUBJECT: Jesus Feeds Five Thousand Men.

LESSON TEXT: John 6:1-14.

GOLDEN TEXT: *Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life, he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst (John 6:35).*

IN our last lesson we have the Master represented as the water of life. He used the water of Jacob's well to introduce His discourse on the living water. In the lesson for this week He is the bread of life, and as in the case of the living water those who drink will have a constant flowing well, so with the bread of life he that cometh shall never hunger. Soul hunger and soul thirst are amply provided for in Jesus. No one need die of spiritual hunger or thirst for He is the bread and water of life.

The present lesson is one of three in the quarter which shows Jesus' power over the work which He created—over natural substances, over disease, and over life itself to restore it after it had left the body. In this lesson, having crossed the Sea of Tiberias, He climbed the hillside and sat down probably desirous of having a quiet time with His disciples. He knew they needed such a time of communion, for to be constantly in a crowd does not give a soul space for growth.

The great multitude of people spoken of in this lesson were attracted to Jesus partly because of human curiosity and partly because of human need. They were a hungry crowd, hungry to see something really supernatural and hungry to hear truth. Fortunate for them that they could reach Him, for whom Christ feeds He satisfies.

Seated on the hillside with eyes bent down, He is lost in deep contemplation.

He is seeing the invisible. Unseen things absorb His attention. For a brief time He is turned away from active human life and is seeing with the inward sight. But He catches the sound of hustling feet. The crowd is approaching, and we recognize at once the quick response with which He turns and looks up and listens and is ready for them. He gives Himself to their claims, for He is theirs. Nothing can make Him blind or deaf to appealing human life in need of help. So He lifts up His eyes and sees clearly the whole situation. We learn here what Jesus thought about a crowd, and how He felt about a crowd. And this should teach us how we are to think and feel about the great motley crowd composing the population of the world.

Jesus had a care for the people's need both temporally and spiritually. We emphasize so strongly, but none too strong, the spiritual need and supply, that sometimes we forget that Jesus sees and cares about the difficulties of these fast flitting days of our little earth life, the things that nag, the shortage of supplies, the heart-aches and heart-breaks that silver the locks and droop the shoulders and cause the step to slow down. But, dear struggling one, His eyes are wide open, He knows and cares, and we are just as precious to Him today as the fainting multitude were that day on the Galilean hillside.

We note here that, though Jesus was not dependent on the calculations of His followers, for "He knew what he would do," yet they are taken into consideration in this miraculous feeding as it is an opportunity for the testing of their faith. And beside this, He wants their co-operation in this work. The needs of the multitude are to be supplied by the loving self-sacrifice and service of the disciples, which when yielded to Him, though not sufficient of itself to meet the demand, yet in His gracious hands of blessing it is increased and yields wonderful returns. We wonder if many of the trials we are called upon to face are not permitted by our Lord to test us along the faith line and prove whether or not our faith is equal to the emergency. If we look closely we may see written over every strange and unexplainable test of life the inscription of our lesson, "This he said to prove them." Then can we not write beneath the trial, "I know that all things work together for good to those that love the Lord." Our own resources may be small but He will make them sufficient.

Andrew's faith may have been a bit stronger than Philip's, for he did speak of the five loaves and two fishes, but immediately apologized for the expression. Andrew saw what we so often see, the smallness of the visible supply and failed to see the richness of the unseen power. So often we hear expressions like these: "But my talent is so small I cannot accomplish such a task." "But I am so weak intellectually and it takes a strong and capable mind for such work," "But my educational advantages have been so inferior that I am disqual-

ified for such service." In all such cases we are saying with the disciples, "But what are these among so many?" That faithless BUT has so often been the instrument that has kept many a holy cause from coming to full fruition. Someone has said, "To do little things in a great spirit, to use little things for a great end,—this is the way to greatness."

Why should we withhold our little all from Jesus just because in our human estimation of values it seems to us so inferior? If you will listen just now you will hear Him saying to you, Give me thy barley loaves and two fishes, for I have a multitude to feed and they are famishing for the "Bread of life." Great throngs there are who have been waiting long, whose eyes have grown dim with watching, and whose hearts are sick and faint. Is thy answer going to be, "But what are these among so many?" Or in the language of God's servant of old, "Here am I; send me."

Let us remember too, that none ever gave his all to the Master that did not find in every hour his own need fully supplied and that abundantly. A basketful was the reward in our lesson to each disciple, beside the sweet consciousness of having ministered to the needs of others. To the true servant of God, this last thought fully realized is worth more than having his natural appetite sufficed when he is hungry. As in our lesson, Jesus would move among the throngs today, but He is depending upon our feet to take Him there, and our hands must minister to their need. He is depending upon us to carry on His work and give them the Bread of life. It is as presumptuous to think we can do nothing, as it is to think that we can do everything.

CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR PAUL GOODWIN, EAST PASADENA, CALIF.—"The last Sunday in January will hereafter be known as 'Victory' day in the East Pasadena church. For truly it was a marvelous day of victory and answered prayer. In the morning both General Superintendent Goodwin and District Superintendent Hill were with us. Brother A. S. Spaulding, one of our splendid laymen on this District, gave a short and inspiring talk, starting off the offering with a conditional pledge, and in a few minutes the entire amount still needed to care for our lot and secure clear deed and title was raised. Escrow proceedings have already been begun. Our beloved District Superintendent gave a rousing message. How our people love and appreciate this man and his work. The pastor's father, General Superintendent J. W. Goodwin, on behalf of the church, presented him with a fine new watch as a Christmas remembrance. The afternoon service was held in a large tent pitched the day before on the site purchased for the new church. It was filled

to overflowing and many were standing on the outside. Many seemed surprised when the announcement was made that the money had all been raised (about \$2,500) for the lot and that a clear deed and title would be presented to the board of trustees as soon as legal proceedings could be completed. A sketch of the new church was exhibited for the first time. It will be a modern brick structure, with large, light basement under the entire building with facilities for comfortable care for from three to four hundred Sunday school scholars. The main auditorium will care for about four hundred at capacity. Brother Bud Robinson delighted us with one of his characteristic messages and Prof. Kenneth Wells and wife sang most beautifully. Rev. U. E. Harding, pastor of First Church, Pasadena, brought a strong appeal for co-operation and support. Rev. P. G. Linaweaver, pastor of Bresee Ave. church, and Rev. G. Arnold Hodgins, pastor of Pilgrim First Church, were with us and led in prayer during the service. A number of other well known preachers encouraged us greatly with their presence, including Dr. C. B. Widmeyer, Rev. W. H. Tullis, Rev. J. C. Henson, Rev. J. B. McBride, Brother Frank Cooper and Rev. Joseph Gray. Dr. Goodwin presented the need for funds to start the building. Nearly \$4,100.00 was brought in in cash and pledges payable in from one to five months with very little 'pull.' Including our morning offering this made about \$4,700.00 for the day. How deeply we appreciate the support of our own people and loved ones in our own home town, and then the help of many friends in our two great churches and our sister church (Pilgrim), but most of all we give God the glory, and praise Him for answered prayer. At the close of the service a cash offering was taken for Uncle Bud and the Wells, and amidst much rejoicing the pastor turned a shovelful of dirt Uncle Bud and Dr. Goodwin have both promised to be back for the dedication which we hope to have within five months if all goes well. We will need over twice as much as has already been raised to complete the building. And we expect to begin excavating in the near future. Pray for us in this great undertaking."

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—"God is surely giving us gracious times of refreshing from heaven these days. We united with North Long Beach church for our watch night service and the Lord did surely bless us there. Sunday morning in our own church the Holy Spirit fell upon the meeting with mighty convicting power. Our pastor, Brother L. A. Reed, preached and the Holy Ghost brought deep conviction on the unusually large congregation and six men and women came to the altar for salvation and each prayed through to victory. We are going to open the doors of the church next Sunday and a good large class are coming into the church, praise the Lord forever. Our Sunday school is growing, attendance—257 and offering was over

\$17.00, under the leadership of Brother Fred R. Dean who has just been re-elected superintendent, and we have set our goal for 550 by June 1 and will no doubt have more than that number. We also have a very good and live N. Y. P. S. with Brother Russell Price as president and they hold a real lively prayer-meeting every Tuesday night at 7:30 and they request your prayers for their N. Y. P. S. revival, to be held next month, February 21, with Brother D. Shelby Corlett as evangelist. We are looking for a mighty outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon the young people. Pray for us that we may keep the glory upon us."—John V. Smith.

PASTOR S. K. MOXLEY, MOREHOUSE, Mo.—"We are engaged in a battle against sin. Our campaign opened last Sunday, January 3, with Brother Dees, District Superintendent. He could not give full time and helped us to secure the services of Brother Charles Robinson of Bethany, Okla. Brother Robinson arrived on the scene Tuesday of the fifth and preached a wonderful Spirit-filled message. Truly he is a man of God, full of faith and the Holy Ghost, zealous, courageous and very optimistic. We feel highly favored in securing this good man. We also have with us Miss Edith Olinghouse of Elkhart, Ind., formerly of the Edwards Evangelistic party, as organist and singer. She is talented and is a consecrated young woman. Mrs. Moxley, formerly of the Edwards Party also, has charge of the singing. God is with us—we hear a sound of a going in the mulberry trees. The second night of the meeting, after an inspiring message four responded to the altar call and three (all backsliders) found sweet pardon and reclamation in Jesus. Glory! We are encouraged. Please let us urge all the HERALD OF HOLINESS family to join in special prevailing prayer."

CLIMBING HILL, IOWA—"We just closed a four weeks' meeting, which many say is the best meeting this place has had for years. The pastor, Craig Weathers, did the preaching and Merle Puderbaugh, evangelistic singer from Chariton, Iowa, had charge of the music. There was some real deep Holy Ghost work done. Several were converted and received the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly helped and deepened in things of God. Each Friday we met at the church for a day of fasting and prayer. At the first of these services one of our members, a man who had been sanctified thirty-nine years, dropped dead while praying. At the next a real burden of soul travail came on and as a result a poor backslidden, almost helpless man spiritually was saved and sanctified. We organized a good N. Y. P. S. with twelve members. We raised about \$3.00 per capita December 21 for the missionary work."—Reporter.

"THE DUNCAN, OKLA., church is coming along fine with Rev. Arthur Green as pastor. Brother Green came to us November 4. He is an effective preach-

er. Since his coming here there have been four reclaimed, one sanctified and one united with the church. In the two months there has been \$685.00 raised besides local church expenses. To God be all the glory. We are pressing forward, expecting greater things in the future. We want this new year to be one of the greatest in the history of the Duncan church. The Lord willing we will have a revival beginning January 7 with Rev. C. E. Toney as evangelist. Pray for us."—Mrs. Harry McLendon, Reporter.

PASTOR J. R. WEAVER, HISLOPE, KY.—"We wish to send in a few lines at the beginning of this New Year to let our Nazarene friends know that we are having a good time in the Lord here at Delmar church. We entered this field under very unfavorable and discouraging conditions, had we not been looking above the clouds. But there could not be found anywhere a truer, more kind hearted people than we found down here; and feeling that we were sent by God to be their pastor, we have labored and prayed until we are seeing Him working and souls are getting blessed and sinners are coming out to the altar at regular services. We are praying for a real, Holy Ghost revival and believe we shall see it before long. This is the home of Sister Eltie Muse, who has been in India for over six years, but recently returned on furlough. She is in poor health but we are praying that the Lord may touch her body soon, that she may be about His business of helping win souls, and of helping awaken the missionary interest that Christians should have. Her arrival just before Christmas gave her loved ones a much happier and more complete Christmas time than when the sea was between her and them. The old home, where her mother resides, having with her this past year the youngest son, Rev. Sam Muse, and wife, was a scene of real love and Christmas cheer on that blessed of all days. Sister Eltie had brought gifts from India, beautiful pieces of Indian women's handiwork, and toys of brass for the children, some souvenir for each one present. These were handed around by the pastor after making a few fitting remarks on the suitable observance of Christmas day, followed by prayer. A splendid dinner was enjoyed by all at the noon hour. There were present the mother, her only brother, five sons and their families, Sister Eltie the only daughter, a granddaughter and family, the pastor and wife and one near neighbor, Brother Joe Barker, who lives alone, making thirty-seven in all. One grandson, Lonnie Taylor, was not able to be present. On December 20 this church responded with almost the requested quota of \$2.00 per member, and given with a melting up time in prayer to God to bless it. We are seeing great possibilities in this place and expecting a great year."

MT. CARMEL, GA.—"It is said that during the recent cold wave, three degrees below zero was recorded here, but

yet we put through our Sunday school program which did much credit to Brother Frank Massey, our godly superintendent. We think the children all did real well, considering the short time in which they had to prepare, with all attendant difficulties. Also, we succeeded in doing a lot of work on the church, making it much more comfortable, cleaner, and more attractive. Mount Carmel church is small, and is both significant and familiar to all Bible students. True, the God of Elijah yet lives, and in His name, we have set up our banner, and expect to win by His strength. We did the best we could Sunday, Dec. 20, and succeeded in sending in to our District treasurer one-fourth of our proportional part. Then, too, we sent in two subscriptions to the HERALD OF HOLINESS. This people tell me that their growing crops have been short for some four years past, and we are fully convinced that with the return of normal conditions, Georgia folks will prove to all of us that they are a people possessed with big warm generous hearts. Well, the first Sunday in the New Year, owing to the very bad stormy weather conditions that obtained, we were unable to hold any service at one little church; then too, the epidemic of bad colds, sore throat, and some cases of fever are prevalent. Please pray for us, as we believe this to be a very needy field of our work."—T. S. Mashburn.

MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS—"We are glad to report victory in the church here. The church is moving along nicely under the efficient leadership of our faithful pastors, Brother and Sister Green. Have just closed a revival with Rev. R. B. Armstrong of Bethany, Okla., and Brother Roscoe Carrell as pianist. Ten prayed through to victory. Some of these plan to come into the church. We are encouraged to enter the New Year and will endeavor to make it the best of our lives. Pray for us."—Church Reporter.

JACKMAN, MAINE—"A great many of our friends and fellow laborers have been requesting me to send in a report of the work here in Jackman, Maine. I am glad to report victory through the blood of Jesus. God is still blessing the work at Jackman. Since the wonderful outpouring of the Spirit here last March we have been steadily growing. We have had special seasons of refreshing and anointing of the Holy Ghost. Men and women, boys and girls have been wonderfully saved and sanctified. One year ago we opened up the Congregational church, which had been closed. Our congregations have held good all last winter, with snow three and four feet deep, and fifteen to thirty below zero. The church was filled every Sunday morning and evening with hungry men and women to hear the gospel preached and sung. Our congregations have held good all summer and fall, and are still holding good this winter. Our prayermeetings are well attended. Where there used to be two to four in attendance, we now

have from fifty to seventy-five, and almost all of them taking part, either in prayer or testimony. We have a splendid Young People's Society and many of them are saved and sanctified, have stripped off their jewelry and fixed up their clothes in holiness style. One store-keeper in town got saved and sanctified and threw out tobacco and cards, and in the old tobacco case she exhibits Bibles and testimonials for sale. Upward of some fifty Bibles have been sold since last spring, and a large number take holiness papers. We have seekers almost every service. Last night was a wonderful sight to see a large class of boys surrender themselves to God. At Christmas time folks brought large puns and after the concert we went all over the village singing carols until midnight. It was wonderful to see the interest shown, about forty of our young people went. We serenaded the dance hall and they came running out to see the poor deluded folks, out in the cold. Some of our young folks got blessed as they sang for Jesus on the outside, when a year ago they would have been on the inside. We felt like shouting ourselves hoarse at the marvelous transforming power of God. This was the first time this town ever had carol singing, and a watch night service. We had some forty or more out to sing and testify the last night of the old year, many of them rejoicing that they were praising God instead of dancing the old year out and the new one in, as in previous years. It was a very blessed time, with the wind bowing a gale and temperature fifteen below zero, but the Holy Ghost fire was burning on the inside, praise God. In previous years, they have never been able to raise the pastor's salary and church apportionment without a show and supper and fair, and all the fixings, but praise God, since we have preached tithing and free will offerings all monies have been raised and no supper or shows, and no house to house canvass. We give God all the glory. We also praise God for His power that has been present to heal. We have had some marvelous cases of healing, one lady healed of asthma, another of cancer, and one man strained his back and slipped a vertebra out of place that it pressed a nerve which affected his left limb. The pain was so intense he was kept under morphine. The doctor could not seem to help it one bit. We prayed over him in faith, laid hands on him in the name of the Lord, and suddenly as he arose to walk it slipped back into place and he was instantly healed. Praise God. Others have been healed of rheumatism, crooked hands straightened. One prayermeeting recently seven men arose and praised God for deliverance from the appetite of tobacco. One man said he had it so badly if he could not get tobacco he would smoke tea or tree bark, but was instantly delivered. Praise the Lord. There is nothing too hard for our God. I expect to leave here April 1, and turn the work over to a good pastor and wife, when I shall resume evangelistic

work again. I am having calls for camps and revival meetings. I feel God would have me to move on in the evangelistic field as preacher and singer as He directs. My address after April 1 will be Nahant, Mass."—Mable R. Manning, Evangelist.

PASTOR J. D. SAXON, MEMPHIS, TENN.—"God has been blessing our efforts here since the Assembly in October. We held a revival meeting from December 6 to 20 with Miss Essie Morris as song evangelist and the pastor in charge of the preaching. We had only a few professions and five good additions to the church, but God used the revival to remove many difficulties that have hindered our progress here. We have received eight members in all since the Assembly, have paid our General budget in full and believe that before the Assembly year is gone we will see great things accomplished here for our Master. Pray for us."

EVANGELIST F. P. CASSIDY—"Since my last report we have conducted meetings in several places. The first one was held at Arcadia church near Marion, Ind. God gave us a good meeting, between thirty-five or forty at the altar and prayed through. From there to Muncie, Ind., which was my second time, but the Lord was there. The people said it was better than the first one. The pastor, Rev. Davis, received twenty-two into the church. Our next meeting was with Rev. Himler of Bluffton, Ind. Between fifty and sixty were at the altar. The Lord has wonderfully helped Brother Himler in building a beautiful church. May God continue His blessings on them. Some twelve or fourteen united with the church. Our next meeting was with Rev. Leo Davis at Mohawk, Ind., in which we enjoyed seeing God work. Forty or fifty prayed through, several united with the church. At present we are at Kewanee, Ill., with Rev. M. L. Brown. The meeting is starting off good, and by the help of the Lord we mean to put Kewanee on the map. Will be here until the 25th of January if the Lord wills, so please pray for us that God will give me souls."

PASTORS FRED AND MYRTLE SHARP, BRADLEY, MICH.—"We recently closed a successful meeting with Rev. P. P. Belew as evangelist. The meeting was a great blessing to the work here, although the attendance not large. Ten different people were seekers at the altar of prayer and each one claimed victory. Much prejudice was broken down and the church was blessed and helped. We feel that any church would make no mistake in calling Brother Belew as evangelist. He preaches the Word, is thorough in his methods and knows how to help the pastor in his work. He is one of the best evangelists we ever had the privilege of working with. We came to Bradley last September and found a small class of God's good folks. Rev. A. T. Neilson, the faithful pastor who pre-

ceded us, started the work here two years ago. He laid a good foundation. We have some real prayers and are trusting God for greater things in the future at Bradley."

WESLEYAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, LAWRENCE, MASS.—"God is surely giving us a gracious outpouring of His Spirit. The church is marching on to victory in the name of the Lord. We recently closed a revival meeting with Rev. E. E. Curtis of Lowville, New York. He truly is a man of God and was a great blessing to the church. Sunday, January 4, we received seven members in full and eight on probation with more to come later. The Sunday school is on the increase, our budget paid to date and all local bills paid. I mean to press the battle harder for God and souls."—B. S. Marshall, Pastor.

EVANGELIST M. M. BUSSEY, South Vineland, N. J.—"The past year has been the best of my ministry. God has given me good health and good victory in my soul. He has blessed me with an unbroken chain of fruitful revivals. I have preached in thirteen states, and held twenty revivals, and have labored with over a thousand seekers at the altar. Most of the seekers found the Lord. I have seen some wonderful cases of salvation this year. I have labored with six District Superintendents, and twenty pastors and thousands of the Lord's children and had beautiful fellowship. The Lord has a beautiful family. Among the closing revivals of the year was one with Rev. Tom M. Brown at Beverly, Mass. I enjoyed my labors there and the Lord gave us some good fruit. Then I went to Haverhill, Mass., to assist Rev. Fred W. Domina for eighteen days. Brother Domina is a fine evangelistic pastor and everything was in fine shape for the meeting. For seventeen nights souls prayed through at every service, and the last night the house was packed and the altar run over at both ends. Next the Lord gave us a good meeting at Deep Water, N. J., with Rev. Leslie Woolson. Then I answered a special call and came to Newell, W. Va., to assist Rev. Lulu Kell. This meeting is going now, and God is working. I have seen some of the brightest cases pray through that I have seen in the sixteen years of my ministry. The first revival of 1926 is to be held with Rev. O. L. Benedum, in East Liverpool, Ohio. I am trusting Jesus for a great year in soul saving. I earnestly desire that God will raise up a few more good saints to pray for my ministry. May the richest blessings of God rest upon my brethren in the ministry, and may they be very fruitful in soul winning this year."

PASTOR G. V. WILSON, DIAGONAL, IOWA—"This is the fourth year of the Nazarene work here at Diagonal-Knowlton. Miss Cora Cook, pioneering for the Church of the Nazarene founded the work and on Oct. 29, 1922, Rev. H. L. Kinzie, the District Superintendent of the Iowa District, organized a class with

twenty-one charter members and appointed Miss Cook as regular pastor. The following two years were served respectively by Rev. M. E. Devoll and Rev. F. F. Horne. The class continued to grow and when we accepted the call to the pastorate in August, 1925, we found it numbering forty-one. We found preparations going forward for enlarging and remodeling of the church building, which same was very much needed as the old building was in a sad state of repair and too small to permit of any growth. So after meeting together in prayer and counsel and having completed the plans and arrangements which were duly passed by the board, on the first week of October we began building. The old building was raised and a seven foot foundation wall put under it. This wall was also extended out sixteen feet to the side on which was built a new addition making the church now 32x40 roofed over with a three-gable roof. This was done at a cost of \$1,681.00. All this was undertaken by faith and although we still need \$1,285.00 we feel certain that God is going to see us through. We will have our dedication service Jan. 24, 1926, at which time Rev. L. N. Fogg, our District Superintendent, will be with us. We hope to have many from surrounding churches with us at that time. At present we are in the midst of a revival campaign with the pastor as evangelist. We ask an interest in all your prayers."

PASTOR CHAS. F. PEGRAM, SCIENCE HILL, KY.—"Since the Assembly in September when we came to this place, our experiences have been many and various. We have a splendid people to serve and they are whole-hearted in their endeavors for God. My predecessor, Rev. Elwood Taylor, who was pastor here for three years still lives here although he is in the field of evangelism; and has been of inestimable value to us in gripping the situation. He knows how to give up a pastorate and be a booster for a successor in the charge; and he and his wife are of intrinsic value to us in the work. We had District Superintendent Montgomery and the Trevecca College Male Quartet here for an educational rally the week-end of November 15, and God gave us a most blessed time and about \$80.00 for the College. We have organized a N. Y. P. S. and the attendants at its services often number fifty to seventy-five. We bespeak for it a successful career in its place in the church. Our Sunday school is doing nicely. It declined some during the summer after the pastor entered the evangelistic field, before we arrived at close of Assembly, but it is in a most healthful condition now with an attendance around 125 and collections from \$4.00 to \$9.00 per Sunday. We have started a Cradle Roll. God blessed our people and put the burden of Missions upon their hearts, and they wept and prayed and sacrificed, bringing their offering Sunday the 20th of December which amounted to about \$80.00. This meant sacrifice for many, since a number of our members have no

source of income, many being women and children. The writer has been elected President of the City Ministerial Association, and our church was host for the Union Thanksgiving service. We also preached the Watch night sermon at the Union watch night meeting held in the M. E. church. We have a favorable program to anticipate in the future months of the Assembly year. Rev. I. T. Stovall is to give us a week's convention in February. The District Preacher's meeting will be here in the spring, Evangelist George M. Wilson, the converted lawyer of Indiana, and Prof. Kirby Fields and wife will conduct our June tent meeting. Will the readers pray that we may have a mighty revival."

PASTOR W. I. GOUGH, Van Hook, N. D.—"We are praising God for His presence with us and for His Spirit manifest in our regular services. In November Brother Earl C. Pounds of Caldwell, Idaho, came to us in the fulness of the blessing and God owned and blessed his services in our midst. His messages are clear cut and he fears not to declare the whole truth. Two souls sought and were happy finders and the saints were built up in the most holy faith, who are still determined to press the battle for God and lost souls."

EAST SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—"We wish to report victory in the work of the Lord in East San Diego. God has blessed and helped us throughout the past year. We have been favored with a number of visiting brethren during the past few weeks, among them Dr. Charles H. Babcock, who was with us on Dec. 20 for three services. And of course those who know Dr. Babcock and have been fortunate enough to be under his ministry know that we had a good day. Our hearts were greatly encouraged and twelve people sought the Lord. We had twenty-two seekers at our regular services during the month of December, and started off the new year with two praying through the first Sabbath. Our prayer-meetings run from forty to sixty in attendance. Our Sunday school averaged 110 last year and we are looking forward to 1926 as the greatest year of our lives. We are trying our best to hold up the Bible standard of holiness, and fight the Devil and carnality. We are serving a true and loyal people; they love their pastor and wife and let them know it. We love the work of the Lord, and are glad for the success He is giving us. We purpose in our hearts that during the coming year we will spend more time reading the Word, and waiting upon the Lord for a continuous revival.—I. C. Mathis and Wife, Pastors."

PASTOR D. L. BRANDENBURG, FRANKLIN, OHIO—"We have recently closed a splendid meeting with Rev. H. C. Little of Troy, Ohio. The attendance was hindered on account of sickness and the holiday season, but God moved upon the hearts of those that attended, and the meeting closed with sixteen at the altar the last Sunday night, and the

saints blessed. We feel that the meeting was very profitable, on account of the deep, searching messages, which did the church a world of good. Since the revival our attendance is larger, and we are seeing some fruitage. Brother Little is God's man, and the pastor's friend, he spends much time in prayer and carries a great burden for the lost. His messages are so clear and plain that even the children can understand them. We are planning to have him back for another meeting. The Sunday school is growing, and the W. M. S. is composed of women who have a vision and a mind to work. On the last Friday night of the meeting the church remembered us with a generous donation, and on Christmas Eve presented wife and me with a beautiful leather rocker. We are planning on organizing two praying bands that will enter into homes on Sunday afternoons and pray with the people."

CAMAS, WASH.—"The Lord is with us here. All departments of the church are moving along nicely. Souls get saved and sanctified occasionally and there is a good spirit among the people. Our Sunday school is growing; good attendance and interest in the preaching services, and finances coming along good. On Dec. 20 we made an effort to raise our share of the General Budget deficit. It seemed for a while we would not make it, but we went to prayer again about it and we raised an amount equal to \$2.50 a member. We have started a Sunday School Workers Class and have eighteen enrolled in that. Our membership is only twenty-nine at the present time, so that is not bad for this size membership. We received three people in as full members the first Sunday of the new year. Each new member was presented with a subscription to the HERALD OF HOLINESS and a new Manual. We feel like continuing the battle.—Carleton D. Jones, Nelle V. Jones."

PASTOR L. LEE GAINES, North Little Rock, Ark.—"These are good days with us here in our work. The Sunday school under the efficient superintendency of Rev. J. S. Curtis, is averaging about two hundred, frequently going above this mark. We are beginning our class in the regular teacher's course this month. Our N. Y. P. S. has a membership of about fifty fine young people and is doing good work under the leadership of Miss Irene Dunham. Our Juniors and W. M. S. are doing their part faithfully in their respective fields. We have recently had Rev. J. W. Oliver, our District Superintendent, with us; also Rev. Miss Lula Williams. Their messages were a great blessing to all. God is graciously blessing our regular services. It is seldom that a Sunday passes without souls praying through at our altars. Our people have a good vision, carry a heavy burden and a beautiful spirit of harmony prevails. They have also shown many tokens of their appreciation for their pastor and his family the past few weeks, by substantial dry goods and grocery poundings."

EVANGELIST H. E. COPELAND—"For years we have had in our heart a genuine desire to visit Florida. We shall not forget our stay in South Jacksonville. On Dec. 13 we closed a tent meeting in South Jacksonville that will live long in our memory. We have no church there. Brother J. S. Hopkins and Dr. A. O'Bannon, living there, got the city on their hearts, bought a tent, engaged us for the campaign, also, Mr. Stiles and family were engaged for the musical end of the work. The weather was said to be unusually bad for Florida, and the people were not turned away for lack of room. But we shall not forget the altar scenes as scores of men and women confessed, and prayed, and wept their way to God. Some hardened sinners, some from the upper strata of life, some from the lower. Scores were converted and sanctified. The people with Brother Hopkins are carrying on a mission work there, and will launch another evangelistic campaign soon, and will in all probability organize a church with fifty or more charter members."

EVANGELIST MRS. FLORENCE DAVIS closed a very successful revival at Montrose, Colo., on December 6. Her messages not only searched out sinners, but also encouraged and built up the Christians, and brought them farther along on the beautiful way of holiness. Brother C. W. Davis, District Superintendent, came to our rescue for a few services and it was surely a great time of blessing and spiritual uplift for our church in our midst for this revival. Men and women having an opportunity to hear Sister Davis' messages will have no excuse at the judgment bar of God. The Montrose church and town will feel the far reaching influence of this good revival in years to come. May the Lord continue to bless Brother and Sister Davis as they go up and down the district reaching men and women and bringing them to God. The Lord is also blessing us in a wonderful way through our Brother Phillips and his family, who came to us only last June, and our people, without exception, love them dearly. May the Lord bless them and encourage their hearts and make the New Year the best year of their ministry as they labor among us in the Montrose church. We feel blessed and encouraged at Montrose, Colorado, and ask the prayers of the brothers and sisters throughout the Nazarene movement.—R. A. Leisy, Reporter.

ATLANTA, IND.—"Rev. J. M. Wines was called here to organize a Church of the Nazarene. A splendid week end meeting ensued, and a class of twenty was organized, of which all are counted as adult members with the exception of three. Nine HERALD OF HOLINESS subscriptions were secured. Among the members taken in were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Innis (formerly Wesleyan Methodists) parents of Sister Etta Innis Shirley. Sister Innis presented the new church with a carved wooden collection

bowl, made in Africa by Sister Shirley's Kaffirs in Swaziland. It is a work of art and much appreciated as a first donation. The new church is planning to buy its own place of worship immediately, as a permanent fixture to Atlanta. Rev. Maud E. H. Illyes, a home girl, was unanimously called by the church and appointed as pastor by the District Superintendent, Rev. J. W. Short. We covet your prayers."—M. E. H. Illyes.

PASTOR G. W. DORRIS, YAMPA, COLO.—"Our meeting is starting fine, good crowds with much interest. The sermons of Ben. J. H. Crawford are gripping the hearts of the people and we expect a great revival in this little town. Miss Emily Steel is leading the host to victory in song. She is doing her part well. This is a great country, located on the western slope of the Rocky mountains, located in the fertile Yampa Valley. Our church is not represented in this great valley of 25 x 100 miles with several nice towns without a preacher of any kind in them. This is an irrigated country, great for vegetables and berries."

PASTOR J. W. SLATON, WALLOWA, ORE.—"Our revival closed here last Sunday night, January 3. While we did not have a real break in the meeting yet we feel much good was accomplished. The town was awakened, stirred by the powerful messages of Brother and Sister Ludwig and we believe much good will come of the meetings yet. The Ludwigs are truly good, safe, sane evangelists and we are glad to have had them with us. The attendance was good and better from start to finish. The finance came even better than we had expected. The Church of the Nazarene has brighter prospects than before. Pray for us at Wallowa, Ore."

PASTOR D. P. HENRY, MARSHFIELD, ORE.—"We came here in July for a tent meeting and the Lord gave us a few precious souls and the hearts of many people. We were persuaded by District Superintendent, Rev. E. J. Lord, to take charge of the work. Since then

we have received twenty-five members into the church and have built a neat and comfortable church building with four rooms and auditorium which seats four hundred, with good pews in a good location. We have a growing congregation which is about one hundred now and three Bible schools in the community. We also are building a parsonage 26 x 32 which will be modern and within four blocks of the center of the city. It will be finished about March the first. This work has been made possible through the careful leadership of the Holy Spirit and real sacrifice of the people. Rev. A. N. Saunderson organized one Bible school and laid the foundation that made possible the after success."

PASTOR O. F. RING, NEW BRITTON, PA.—"I am still engaged in the battle here, and God is giving us great victory, all praise is given to Him who is worthy. God has put His seal on all services since we have been on the field, and we expect to keep low at His feet and keep the glory in our soul, keep things red hot for God, and see a great ending of this year. Since we have come here our Sunday school has tripled, all departments are on the increase. In one week of my pastoral visits I obtained the promise of forty more scholars for the Sunday school. We are starting the New Year with great victory, had a great day the first Sunday of the New Year with large increase in Sabbath school. In the praise service Sunday night the people seemed to have a better ring in their testimony. We are more determined to press the battle for truth, and righteousness than ever before. Our church is on the Hill, 423 Penn Ave., New Brighton, Pa., and any Nazarene preacher passing this way don't hesitate to stop and see us. We want this church to be a light house, we believe in keeping busy about the Master's business. We love pastoral work, and we expect by the help of God to keep the fire burning in our soul. We covet the prayers of every HERALD OF HOLINESS reader."

LINDSAY, CALIF.—"The first six months of the Assembly year have passed and we are glad to report victory on every line. We called Rev. W. L. Fear in June. At that time we were behind in our finances some, as we have had three very hard years among the ranchers of which this church is chiefly composed. We adopted the budget system in connection with the tithing system and God has helped us to keep our local District and General budget to date. God has blessed us on spiritual lines in a great way also. We have had seekers all the year, with as many as thirteen at the altar at regular services. We are planning a great revival campaign January 11 to 25, with Rev. Bona Fleming."—Reporter.

ROXANA, ILLINOIS—"Situated in an oil refining district, about twenty miles north of East St. Louis is the little thriving town of Roxana. A little over two years ago Rev. W. H. Sullivan came to Woodriver, Ill., seeking employment. A

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tentmeeting had been held in Granite City but no church proceeded from it. Rev. Sullivan did personal work at the same time arranged for a meeting which was held between East Alton and Wood-river, through the months of June and July. Rev. Seals and Rev. Hughes were the evangelists. A few were saved and sanctified but no church grew from this, in fact there was not much visible result. One day in August Rev. Sullivan was called to Roxana for the purpose of conducting a revival in the Baptist church. A few were saved and sanctified. Acquaintance was made with a few of God's children who had wandered into the town seeking employment. At the Assembly of the Chicago Central District Rev. Sullivan became acquainted with Rev. Mrs. MacRoland Budd. She and Mr. Budd and their song leader, Rev. Mrs. Evangeline Kludas, came to Roxana to hold a meeting. From this meeting came the long hoped for church. On October 25, 1925, Rev. Ralph Rice came to Roxana as pastor. At that time the people were worshipping in the homes. The question of building was discussed. Two weeks later Rev. Sullivan was secured for carpenter and building was begun. A great deal of the carpenter work was donated. The lot was leased to the church by Brother and Sister Boyd, members of the church. Two weeks from time the lumber was laid on the ground we had services in as pretty and as well constructed a tabernacle as was ever erected. Twelve feet at rear of building is reserved for parsonage. It is separated from the church by a solid wall partition. The pastor and his wife declare it a very nice cozy home. We are grateful to our friends who have given assistance in this great work. We have been able to make our down payments. We feel we can truthfully say that God has helped us financially. Each member believes in tithing. We want to be missionary in spirit. We expect to give some to missions this year. Though we are twelve in number I believe we are all Joshuas. God is blessing, the spiritual condition is good. We began a revival January 3. This is a needy field. From East St. Louis to Alton and adjoining town there is but this one Church of the Nazarene. We ask you to pray with us that this church may be the Alma Mater of many other churches."—Mrs. Ralph Rice.

* "NORTH ST. PAUL, MINN., Church of the Nazarene is still on the Lord's map. Best of all it is forging ahead on all lines. We are now sixty-five in number, having started not yet three years ago with twenty-six charter members. There seems to be a spreader in our class; two of the best women on earth, once the main ones here, are working for King Emmanuel down in Florida. The pastor at Ellendale, N. Dak., was one of our good laymen a while back. Last Monday evening four of the finest young people agoing, left for Faith Home School, at Mitchell, S. Dak., to prepare for the "Royal Priesthood." In some two weeks another one of our fine young

women is to leave for the same place. The young folks had a great time in the Union Depot, singing His praises. The missionary deficit was well taken care of. In all, responding to the various calls, we have come across at about \$3.00 per member. Besides meeting our District and General-claims monthly, we are paying on our building lay-out, too. 'Give and it shall be given' surely has been proven by most of our dear people. Every now and then this would-be parson just has to have some weeks out in the evangelistic work, that has been, and still is, my main job in the Lord's precious field of labor. During the month of November, practically speaking, I was with Rev. C. A. Miller and his good folks at Oakes, N. Dak. Talk about holding on in faith and prayer, those fine people surely do. I cannot say 'did' because they are going right on with their 9 A. M. prayermeeting every morning and have been for the last three or four months. The Lord was pleased to give us some fine seekers, finders, too. In all there were some twenty-five. Rev. C. E. Johnson of Minneapolis, who most wonderfully supplied our pulpit, is one of our coming men. I also spent a few days at St. Croix Falls, Wis., with our precious Nazarenes there. Rev. G. E. Coryell, evangelist, had been on the job for some three weeks but was called away before the series could justly be closed. They had things in real working order, seekers and finders each evening service. Sister C. A. Taylor and her good people are bound to win, they know how to pray."—J. O. Schaap.

PASTOR ESTELLE REID LIENARD, Lawrence and Clinton, Kans.—"Over the Christmas holidays the meeting was held for the Clinton Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Preston E. Kennedy of Mid-

dleburg, N. Y., in charge. The meeting was short as to time and not so large as to numbers, but as to preaching and definite experiences obtained and the work of the Spirit of God throughout the meeting it could scarcely have been surpassed. One elderly man realizing his soul's need went down before God. He prayed through to salvation, witnessed to by the Holy Spirit, and then was sanctified. He had never had the witness to his salvation—had been a deceived soul for many, many years, although being a most devoted man to the cause of God. A fine man who came from the Presbyterian church a couple of years ago to the Church of the Nazarene with his wife, believed himself sanctified. He was located by the Spirit. When he sought the Lord and was sanctified, the power of God came upon him until he was dazed, drunken, transformed. It was like Judgment Day—yet it was like Pentecost. He immediately became a second blessing specialist and is moving things for God. His wife prayed through and got the witness of the Spirit to her salvation and was then sanctified. A woman very ill of diabetes came from Missouri to visit her daughter. Her daughter, whom she left at home, told her not to come home one of those shouting Christians but that is just what she did, for she was most gloriously saved. A young man had a terrible struggle to yield to the Lord, said if he got saved the preacher would get all his money. He did not, like the rich young ruler, go away sorrowful, but got it settled that he would give God his tithe and then was beautifully blessed. Another young man was almost carried to the altar by his mother. She was under real soul travail. He said later all he could think of was Jacob wrestling with the angel. At break of day this young Jacob was also blessed but the full glory did not fall upon him until in the morning service while praying for his cousin whom he had led to the altar. A fine middle-aged man, whom the Devil had almost worked to death in his struggle to amass wealth, was wondrously saved. In a few seconds God had ironed out the deep seams and lines from his face until ten or a dozen years seemed to drop from him like magic. A goodly number of other souls were blessed. The church put on her strength. After the evangelist left the meeting ran on for four days on its own momentum, with souls getting through to God. There was never so good a prospect for holiness in the Clinton community as at the present. Most valuable aid was given in the meeting by Rev. M. F. Lienard and by Miss Edna Cole of Burr Oak, Kans., who visited the pastor over the holidays. Miss Cole was a gracious object lesson of what God can do with a devoted young person in a revival. Lawrence church has secured Brother Kennedy for a campaign meeting beginning May 12."

PASTOR C. B. JOHNSON, FARNAM, NEBR.—"We are making some progress at the Lone Star church. Evangelist B. H. Edwards closed a good meeting for

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this church November 1. Brother and Sister J. L. Rice, members of Lone Star, led the singing. The meeting was hindered some because of bad roads and sickness, however, the Lord gave us a good sweep of victory. Souls were saved, sanctified and reclaimed. Eight young people united with the church. Interest is increasing and the church is encouraged. After the meeting at Lone Star Brother Edwards held a good meeting for us at Farnam. A goodly number sought pardon or purity and prayed through. The town was stirred by the fearless preaching of Brother Edwards. The saints of Farnam love the truth. We are holding two services each week for them, with splendid attendance and interest. We believe there is a future for Farnam. We truly recommend Brother Edwards as a safe preacher of the gospel. We are glad that we ever met this man of God."

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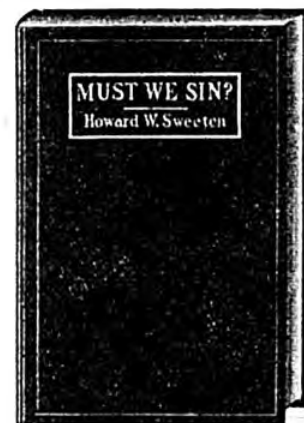
PASTOR HUGH S. CLARK, POOR FORK, KY.—"We came here less than a year ago and found one family of Nazarenes and one family of Wesleyan Methodists. We lived with the former and started a house to house work; cottage meetings, school house meeting, and street meeting. Now we have a small class organized and a small building erected. These mountain regions need the light of true holiness. Pray for us that we may be always a revival church and also that we may meet our obligations. This is in a mining district, and there is a constant movement of people. Already we have six members moved away, three in Florida, two in Virginia, and one in Kentucky."

PASTOR R. S. RUSHING, FAIRFAX, ALA.—"We are glad to say the Fairfax church is on the map, and coming up the road with banners waving. We came here as pastor at the close of the Alabama Assembly, and found a fine class with a good lively Sunday school and N. Y. P. S., all prayed up, and paid up and ready to do business for God this coming year. Pastor W. P. Colvin who had just closed a successful two-year pastorate, left every thing in fine shape, and we were ready at once to settle down to business. God has been blessing, and we have had a number of seekers at the altar, and all the departments of the church are on the increase both in attendance and interest. December 20 was a day of victory when the little class of forty-five went over the top with more than the \$2.00 per member asked for. Our budget is now paid until April the first with a good surplus in the treasury. Last night at the first Board meeting of the New Year, plans were made to erect a nice five-room parsonage on the lot adjoining the church building. We hope to have this completed by early spring. The church is greatly encouraged, with their faith rising for a real revival year. On we go in this great work—the work of the pastorate."

PASTOR D. V. JOHNSTONE, GARY, IND. First Church—"Just closed one of the best revivals in the history of the local church. Brother Elwood Taylor, evangelist of Science Hill, Ky., was with us, and God surely blessed as he preached the old-fashioned gospel in the old-fashioned way. Many knelt at the altar for pardon and purity and a goodly number prayed through to victory. The closing Sunday of the revival we took seven into the fellowship of the church. Finances also came remarkably easy, and, including all, over eighteen hundred dollars was raised during the short time of the meeting, of which seven hundred was cash. The remainder, over eleven hundred dollars, was raised in short time pledges to cover the balance of the debt on the new parsonage. Over three hundred dollars was paid to the evangelist, and a splendid love offering was taken for the pastor. Rev. Foreman Lincome, of this city, an evangelist of national reputation of the Free Methodist church and also a fine singer and song leader, was at home during a good part of the meeting, and volunteered his services without charge for the singing. His influence and talent in the meetings was surely appreciated by all. Brother Lincome and his family have surely been a blessing to the local church here. We can heartily recommend these two brethren to the confidence of all. They are worthy warriors and you will not go amiss in securing their services. The church here is doing valiantly on every line and we are continually looking forward and trusting God for greater things ahead."

PASTOR J. WESLEY CROFT, PORTLAND, ORE.—"The Sellwood church has just passed through a wonderful revival with

O. B. Ong as evangelist and Rolland Gillam as chorister. It was a time of plain preaching in the Holy Ghost and the seekers digging to the Rock. There were nearly two hundred seekers at the altar among whom were included many of our own church people and as this mighty and faithful man of God fearlessly brought the truth home this pastor was located as having taken a blessed experience of regeneration for holiness, and as definite conviction came, he lined up as a seeker for entire sanctification, after first going down the line on restitution for everything that needed to be brought under, the blood since being regenerated. Of course it was humiliating, it was death but it is also life and peace, and now with my feet on the Canaan side of Jordan, every shadow gone and question mark removed I am making for the hill country and the upper and nether springs. Rev. Ong had to return home but after his departure it seemed evident that the revival was not ended and the church called him to return at his earliest convenience and we are expecting him any time. Meanwhile we are pressing the battle and seekers are pressing their way through. We surely thank God for Brother Ong and his faithful ministry, and we are expecting the revival to reach much larger proportion. Pray for us!"



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PASTORS J. H. AND J. B. SULSTON, Toledo, Wash.—“We are glad to report that we are still in the battle, and God is blessing and helping us. The work in both charges is progressing, slow but sure, we are building for eternity, and thus careful of the way we build. The attendance is on the increase in all of the services, and some precious souls are seeking and finding God. A short while ago a young woman sought and found God at the close of the preaching service, and just recently three young men and one young woman came to the parsonage hungry after God, all three found salvation and are rejoicing in His love. We had two splendid Christmas concerts at both charges, Evaline and Toledo.

The seating capacity at Toledo was all taken and extra seats were brought in until only standing room was left. A good offering was taken at both charges for the general Missionary needs of our church. Scripture texts calendars were sold to defray expense of Sunday school treats for the children, thus leaving others free to give for our precious missionary cause. Outside talent consisting of some of our high school teachers and the soloist and other musicians from the Presbyterian church all rendered splendid assistance and helped to make our program a success. This is a hard field, the battle has been tremendous, but we are seeing results and fruit for our labor. We begin revival meetings next week in the Kentucky District schoolhouse four miles from here, Mrs. Sulston and myself as the evangelists. Pray much for us as we enter this new field, where souls are so much in need of the gospel. We are out to win as pastors and people, and by the grace of God we shall yet see a strong work established in this part of the Master's vineyard. We love this precious people, and if Christmas gifts mean anything, we have reason to believe that they love us. Pray for us.”

EVANGELIST LAWRENCE REED—“Since our Assembly at East Liverpool, Ohio, which convened there last May I have seen the best period of my ministry. I have labored in thirteen meetings, taking me into six different states, and bringing me in contact with some of God's truest saints. I am at this writing helping Rev. H. B. Schlosser of Lisbon, Ohio. God is blessing and last night fifteen souls were at the altar and a number prayed through, and there was a real shout in the camp. We expect this to be a great meeting. Rev. N. B. Vandall, of Akron, has charge of the singing and that is enough said to let you know it will be high class. Brother Vandall should be kept busy. Well, God has been good to me all along the road, has blessed and supplied my every need and I say ‘On with the battle.’ Pray for me. I have recently moved from Mannington, W. Va., to Damascus, Ohio. Mail will reach me at that address.”

PASTOR W. A. HUFFMAN, HAGERMAN, NEW MEXICO—“The Lord has visited this church with a gracious revival. We began meeting on Christmas night with Rev. Allie Irick and wife as evangelists. The congregations were large, and every service with but one or two exceptions, resulted in the salvation of souls. No account was kept of the number who prayed through, but the recording angel registered every name. There must have been more than fifty. We are expecting to receive some good new members soon. Dear old Father Wyland, the father of Sister Irick and my wife, was here, and his presence was an inspiration. On the last Sunday of the meeting the beautiful new Church of the Nazarene was dedicated in the presence of a large congregation. A very impressive program was rendered in which the other pastors of

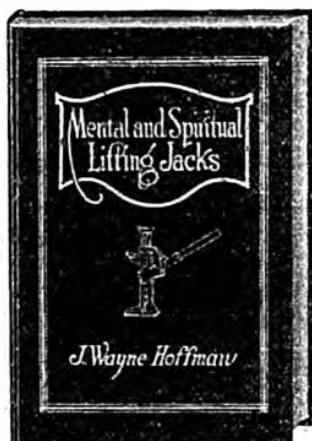
the city, together with District Superintendent John F. Roberts, participated. Brother Irick's dedicatory address was masterful, and certainly put the local church before the people in an impressive way. The new building is a credit to the town, and is admired by all observers. The Hagerman church is now on the map, and with the beautiful building just completed, and a constituency with a mind to work, we shall forge ahead with the banner of holiness, and gain new victories until the battle is over and the armies are called home.”

MALONE, WASH.—“A meeting was held at the home of Brother and Sister McKay on December 22, 1925, to organize a Church of the Nazarene in Malone. The meeting opened by singing hymns and a season of prayer, after which the 46th Psalm was read by Rev. E. J. Lord of Dundee, Ore., District Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene. After the church discipline was read and Brother Lord spoke very forcibly of the duties of the Church of the Nazarene there were eleven joined and a joyous time in the Lord was had by all which included Rev. M. M. Cahill of Hoquiam, Wash., who has been holding meeting here for several months in connection with his Hoquiam work. He has indeed won the respect of the people in general for his firm faith in God and his tactful disposition in working with people. We feel very grateful to have him and we shall all stand behind him in his work here. We are also grateful to the Hoquiam people who have encouraged us and helped us in every way possible. After we put our names down as charter members Mrs. Ford pinned a white carnation on each, which was to remind us of purity. We are all anxiously waiting for a revival soon and we feel it is coming. Praise God for the standard of holiness. We hold our cottage prayer-meetings weekly and Bible study in connection.”—Mrs. Alex Vance.

PASTOR B. M. KILGORE, STAMFORD, TEXAS—“Since the Assembly we have been doing our best for our churches, preaching every Sabbath and praying God to give us a revival. The Lord always hears us when we pray for revivals for it pleases Him to give them. We have had Brother J. R. Patrick with us in a revival at our church in Stamford. God's blessing attended the preaching of His Word and there were quite a number of souls prayed through to real victory. It is so refreshing in these days of lukewarmness to see people put up their hands and pray earnestly for salvation, as most of those who came to the altar in this meeting did. The church was greatly strengthened and built up and we feel that the future is brighter for the Church of the Nazarene in Stamford. I would be very glad to hold a few meetings this year, as my wife can care for our work at Stamford at any time I am absent. Please pray for our work that God will continue to prosper us and give us victory.”

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PASTOR HOWARD ECKEL, First Church, Miami, Fla.—"Commencing February 7 and continuing to the 28th a three weeks' revival will be conducted by the Rev. C. H. Babcock, evangelist, and B. D. Sutton, chorister. First Church has enjoyed a steady growth the past year along all lines. Sunday school enrollment and also the church membership have doubled. Finances have also greatly increased. We invite all Nazarenes coming this way to attend First church. We have a great prayermeeting every Wednesday evening at 7:45, a large crowd and a lively time from start to finish. The church board recently gave us a surprise by granting us another liberal increase in salary. Our folks love to do things. A few Sunday mornings ago we asked for a special missionary offering and received about \$1100.00 cash before we had the opening prayer. First church is on the up grade. We are conducting a Sunday school and preaching service at one of the large tourist camps where we have erected a tabernacle for the purpose. Don't forget that First church is located at 535 N. W. Eighth St., Miami, Florida, the Magic City. It is always June in Miami."

TELEGRAMS

Please note that all telegrams must be in our office on or before Thursday 10:00 a. m., preceding the date of publication of the Herald of Holiness. Messages reaching us later than that time must be held over until the next issue.

SEBREG, OHIO.

Great meeting on at Lisbon, Ohio. Crowds are fine. Went to High School auditorium over Sabbath. Largest crowd ever attending Nazarene meeting in Lisbon. Evangelist Lawrence Reed and N. B. Vandall are the workers. Rev. H. B. Schlosser is the pastor of the good church.—Reporter

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

Great revival Arvin, Calif., with Evangelist W. P. Jay of Pasadena, John Warren assistant. Great crowds. Church organized, thirty-four charter members. List of subscribers to HERALD OF HOLINESS taken. Fine Sunday school. Young People's Society organized. Lot secured for church with temporary building for services. These men should be kept busy.—Rev. A. C. Willbanks.

DUNCAN, ORLA.

Great revival on in Church of the Nazarene here. Evangelist C. E. Toney, Texas trio, Johnnie and Jackie Douglas and Miss Ruth Lanier at their best. House full, altar full and overflowing, fifteen praying through yesterday, Sunday. Another week yet. Pray that we may go over the top for Jesus and souls.—Arthur Green.

ATLANTA, GA.

Have moved to Atlanta. New address, 92 E. Ormond St. Good building secured for church at 200 Ormond St. Excellent location. Revival now going. Rev. Sam Haynes assisting. Will start

Sunday school at once. Prospect very encouraging. Will you pray for us?—A. B. Anderson, District Superintendent.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Closed greatest revival in history of church in Whittier, Calif., with Rev. Bona Fleming, evangelist, at his best. Between 350 and 400 people knelt at the altar to be saved and sanctified in nine days. Fine baptismal service, divine healing service, good class taken into church, more to follow. Church in fine spiritual condition. Watch for reports.—Pastor C. W. Griffin

MIAMI, FLA.

Temporary building enlarged to seat 500. Boy evangelist, Freddie Thomas, Bloomington, Ill., opens fire Sunday, arrived today. North Side church climbing heavenward, growth substantial, self-sacrificing loyal people. Pray for the revival. Write or wire about your friends in Miami. A. P. Welch expected tomorrow.—J. L. Roby, Pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. Chas. E. Thomson, Supt. Alberta District, a son on Dec. 26.

NOTICE—To those who have ordered my little booklet, "Up from the Depths" (the story of my life): On account of

ill health I will not be able to get this booklet out before March. We are both singing and preaching now in revivals, therefore I have not been able to give the time to writing as I had hoped. The book is almost ready for the press now, and no doubt will be delivered sometime during the month of March.—J. Warren Lowman.

NOTICE—We are open for calls after Feb. 1. Address us Mineral Wells, Texas Box 422. For information, write Rev. E. H. and Mollie Greer, Mineral Wells, Texas, or Rev. Allie Irick, Pilot Point, Texas.—John L. and Beulah Knight, Song evangelists.

WEDDING BELLS—On Jan. 6 in the Nazarene parsonage at Abilene, Texas, Mr. H. C. Wendell and Miss Edna Driskill of Hamlin were united in marriage by Rev. W. B. Pinson. After the ceremony the young couple left for San Pedro, Calif., where Mr. Wendell is in service on the U.S.S. Arizona.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER—A young Baptist minister in a southern city writes. "I want to see an old time Holy Ghost revival and souls get saved. Won't you pray that the Holy Ghost will have His own way in my life and ministry."—Brother Robt. Hardie, Miltonvale, Kans., is seriously ill. Sister Hardie writes: "Hemorrhage on the brain with other complications keeps my husband in this serious condition. Would appreciate prayer in his behalf."

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS—Rev. L. G. Milby is now pastor at Danville, Ill., and his address is 508 Harrison St., P. O. Box 327, Danville, Ill.

SPECIAL NOTICE—Let all the pastors, evangelists, and every member of every District Board, and all others who will and can, take notice that the Arkansas District Advisory Council will meet with the North Little Rock church January 22, 1926, at 10 o'clock a. m. The District Ministerial Convention will meet on Tuesday night before and continue over the following Sunday. Please let us have a full attendance. A splendid program has been arranged, and we are expecting at this time to make plans for the coming year's work. The W. M. S. and District N. Y. P. S. also take notice that you are included in this arrangement.—John W. Oliver, District Superintendent.

RECOMMENDATION—Rev. B. F. Harris has entered the evangelistic field. He is one of our best and strongest preachers, and should be kept busy with our churches. We heartily recommend him to be a good man and above the average in preaching ability. He has been with the holiness movement for many years, in fact all of his Christian life. He was a successful minister in the Free Methodist Church and came to our church four years ago. Any favors or calls given him will be much appreciated by the writer. Address him at 216 East Brockett St., Sherman, Texas.—J. W. Bost, Superintendent, Dallas District.

NOTICE—Ohio District: The Group Ministerial Convention for the churches in the southwestern part of the Ohio District will be held in the Church of the Nazarene at Hamilton, Ohio, Feb. 2-4. An interesting program is being planned and all the preachers are urged to be present. All preachers who notify us at least three days before convention opens will be entertained free. Let us go in for a real live convention and soul saving time. Let all who plan to come write the pastor at once so we can arrange suitable entertainment. Address, Rev. H. W. Welsh, 1224 Lincoln Ave., Hamilton, Ohio.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING—The annual meeting of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene will convene at 10:00 a. m., Thursday, February 11, 1926, at Headquarters, Kansas City, Mo. At this meeting officers will be elected for the ensuing year and any other business transacted that may be deemed necessary.—E. J. Fleming, Secretary General Board.

RECOMMENDATION—Rev. L. A. Miller has entered the evangelistic field. He has been a successful preacher in the holiness ranks for many years and is well known among our people and needs no commendation to them. Many of his friends will be glad to know that it is possible to have him hold meetings for them. We commend him to your confidence, and hope you will keep him busy. Any favors or calls given him will be much appreciated by the writer. Address him at 117 N. Walnut St., Sherman, Texas.—J. W. Bost, Superintendent, Dallas District.

NOTICE—I am to be in California for the month of February, at Lankershim and Pasadena. Anyone wishing my services for a meeting enroute from Kansas City, may write me at my home address.—C. J. Garrett, Evangelist, 835 Princeton St., Ottawa, Kansas.

DEATHS

THOMAS—Lloyd Dayton Thomas was born at Bear Creek, Ohio, September 3, 1889, and departed this life after an auto accident at Mercy Hospital, Arkansas City, Kansas, December 24, 1926, age thirty-six years, three months and twenty-one days. When only a young man he was converted, soon afterwards sanctified and called to preach, to which calling he had been faithful, preaching constantly, only during the years spent in school, most of which were at the Bresee College, Hutchinson, Kansas. Services were held over the remains at his church in Arkansas City by Rev. A. L. Hipple, District Superintendent. Business men in Arkansas City say Brother Thomas' life and influence had done more for that city than any man who had ever lived in the city. The remains were shipped to Walden, Kansas, where his parents and relatives lived. Funeral services were held in the M. E. church, Rev. A. L. Hipple, Rev. H. O. Davis, Rev. R. C. Holmes each speaking. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. F. R. McConnell of Sapulpa, Okla. The body was laid to rest near a church where Brother Thomas did some of his early ministry. Brethren, truly a man of God has gone home.—F. R. McConnell.

BUCHANAN—Rev. William Thomas Buchanan, Superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Nazarene church at Austin, Texas, for ten years, was hit with an automobile on January 4, 1926, and died a few hours later. Brother Buchanan was born in Tennessee, August 10, 1868, coming to Texas at the age of fifteen, living in this country ever since. He was converted about twelve years ago and united with the Nazarene church here and was elected superintendent a few hours later, and with the exception of one year has been superintendent up to the time of his death. He was ever faithful in his duties in Sunday school and church, and unless providentially hindered, was never late at any service or board meeting in the four years he was his pastor. He was employed by a wholesale and retail hardware company here for twenty-one years. In respect to his funeral the Hardware Company closed their business for four hours and attended the funeral in a body. The funeral was conducted at the Church of the Nazarene by the pastor, assisted by Rev. Morrison, Baptist minister; Mr. Roy Smith, of the Tipps Hardware Co.; Rev. J. E. Threadgill, and Mrs. H. O. Wilcox. The funeral was the largest ever held in this church, and the largest ever held in this part of town. The house was filled with every available bit of space taken, with at least two hundred standing. Brother Buchanan was also a local preacher. He leaves his wife and one daughter, four brothers and a number of other relatives. Burial took place in Oakwood cemetery.—I. L. Flynn, Pastor.

AYCOCK—Sister Josephine Matthews Aycock was born in Octave county, Mississippi, January 19, 1846, departed this life at her home in Hughes county, Oklahoma, on January 5, 1926, age seventy-nine years, eleven months, sixteen days. She was married on November 2, 1865, to Jasper Aycock, in the state of Mississippi. To this union were born eight children, five boys and three girls. Two girls and one boy have outstripped them in the race of life and gone on before. Those living are as follows: Charlie Aycock, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Alice Walker, of Holdenville, Okla.; Will Aycock of Bethany, Okla.; George Aycock, of Texhoma; Rev. J. E. Aycock, of Bethany, Okla. Sister Aycock was saved in early life, in the state of Mississippi and

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joined the Methodist church in the year 1866. She was sanctified at Newberg, Okla., in the fall of 1906. All through her life she gave testimony that the way was clear, and she was ready to go. She lived to see all her children profess faith in Christ. Only two were present at her death, Mrs. Walker of Holdenville, and Will Aycock of Bethany. Brother and Sister Aycock had spent many happy days together, they were both Christians, and had been married sixty years last November. Her request was that when her time came to leave this life, Mrs. Walker, her daughter, and Rev. Jarrette, her baby boy, be by her bed, each holding her hands. Mrs. Walker was present. As she was passing over the song was played, "I am drifting over the Sea," and the twenty-third Psalm was read. This was her favorite passage of Scripture, also Rev. Jarrette's. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. E. M. West and the writer. Her remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery in Hughes county, Oklahoma. She is gone but not forgotten.—W. J. Bell.

SPOUSE—Wednesday morning, December 23, William Benjamin Sprouse died at the City hospital at Austin, Texas, from blood poison. He was in the hospital a week when death claimed him. Brother Sprouse was fifty-six years of age, and had been a Christian since a boy of fifteen. He was sanctified some twenty-five years ago, and we have heard him testify that for twenty-five years he had not broken faith with God. A testimony that is envied by thousands. Brother Sprouse was a member of the Board of Trustees at the First Church of the Nazarene, a faithful member in every respect, true to his

church and pastor, liberal with his money and never failed to give when money was needed. Above all he knew how to prevail with God in prayer and brought things to pass. He would pray and weep at times all night. The church has lost a valuable member. He has gathered with others from this church around the Throne to praise Him he loved above all else. Funeral services were conducted in the church by the pastor, assisted by Rev. J. E. Threadgill and Rev. E. D. Messer. Buried in Oakwood cemetery to await the resurrection morning.—I. L. Flynn, Pastor.

McMAHAN—The death angel has recently visited our town and took from our midst Sister Della McMahan. She was born in the year 1837. Was married to Claud McMahan Nov. 23, 1906. She was saved in early youth, and sanctified several years later. She was a great sufferer, having cancer of the stomach, liver and lungs. She had a triumphant departure; for some time she had been in a semi-conscious condition, but all of a sudden consciousness fully returned and she looked up and spoke so loudly that she was heard distinctly in the adjoining room and said: "Oh! Look! Look! The gates are opening, I'm gone;" and indeed she was gone without a struggle or a groan, or even a frown. No wonder John Wesley said, "Our people die well." She leaves a host of friends and loved ones to weep over her departure and to look forward to a happy reunion in the land of perfect delight.—Mary Lee Cagle.

ADKINS—Rose Lucille Adkins was born October 24, 1920, and went to be with Jesus December 21, 1925, at the age of five years, one month, twenty-seven days. She was the daughter of

Truman and Marguerite (Minger) Adkins, of Flackville, Ind., and leaves to mourn her loss father, mother, two brothers, Newman and Edward and three sisters, Betty, Ruth and Baby Evelyn, also three grandparents. Her going leaves a vacancy which cannot be filled. While we miss her sadly we cannot but say, "Thy will be done," for we realize that God knows best. Our loss is her gain, for Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." The funeral service was held at the home in Flackville, Ind., Rev. H. J. Rahrar, pastor of the Flackville Church of the Nazarene, in charge. Mr. and Mrs. Adkins are members of this church.—H. J. Rahrar, Reporter.

ROLLINS—Mrs. Martha Lee Rollins was born January 9, 1867, died December 21, 1925, ago fifty-eight years, eleven months, twelve days. Sister Rollins was sick just a week. She suffered much, but through it all was patient and always said, "Thy will be done, O Lord." Her life has been a benediction to many. Her service as a deaconess was blessed. Her last thoughts were for suffering humanity. Her life has been one of usefulness and indeed full of good works. O, how we miss her but her last few years have been that of great suffering, and we know she is at rest. A few minutes before she passed over a halo seemed to overshadow her face, placing upon it a beautiful calm which remained. Funeral services were held at the cemetery by the pastor, Rev. H. L. Brown, assisted by Brothers E. G. Winfield and R. B. Sullivan. She is survived by a son, a daughter, a husband and seven grandchildren who have our deepest sympathy. — Myrtle Rollins, Church Secretary.

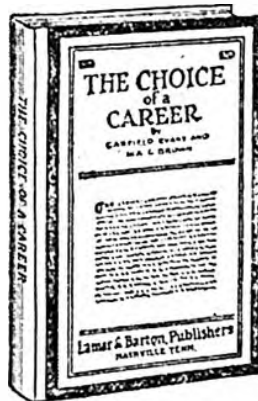
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Spokane, Wash.....Feb. 14 to 28
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Portland, Ore.....March 28 to April 11
Everett, Wash.....April 11 to 25
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A. F. AND LEONORA T. DALSMEIER
Pasadena, Calif. (Hollywood Nazarene).....Jan. 10 to 24

P. P. BELEV
Lowell, Mich.....Jan. 17 to 31

M. M. BUSSEY
East Liverpool, Ohio.....Jan. 13 to 31

W. R. CAIN
Kenia, Ohio.....Jan. 24 to Feb. 7

C. C. AND FLORA CHATFIELD
Lawrenceburg, Ind.....Jan. 21 to Feb. 7
Dunkirk, Ind.....Feb. 11 to 28
Hansville, Ind.....March 7 to 21
Akron, Ohio.....March 28 to April 11

H. E. COPELAND
Moberly, Mo.....Jan. 12 to Feb. 14
Esther, Mo.....Feb. 14 to March 7

F. W. COX
Deloit, Ohio.....Jan. 3 to 24

WILLARD B. DAVIS
Moberly, Mo.....Jan. 20 to Feb. 14
Neodesha, Kans.....June 11 to 27
Cherryvale, Kans.....July 23 to Aug. 8

H. N. DICKERSON
Modoc, Ind.....Jan. 13 to 31
Chester, W. Va.....Feb. 7 to 21
Muncie, Ind.....March 22 to April 10

CHARLES EYE
North Baltimore, Ohio.....Jan. 22 to Feb. 7
Lancaster, Ohio.....Feb. 11 to 28

HARRY JOSEPH ELLIOTT
Emmett, Idaho.....Jan. 17 to 31
Parma, Idaho.....Feb. 3 to 17
Baker, Oregon.....March 14 to April 4

THEO. ELSNER AND WIFE
Hammond, Ind.....Jan. 23 to Feb. 8
Ft. Wayne, Ind.....Feb. 10 to 28
Miami, Fla.....March 6 to April 4
Bloomington, Ind.....April 11 to 25
Crawfordsville, Ind.....April 27 to May 9
Akron, Ohio.....May 30 to June 13

KIRBY FIELDS AND WIFE
Auburn, Ind.....Jan. 3 to 24
Indianapolis, Ind., Ray St. Church, Feb. 7-21
Shelbyville, Ind.....Feb. 22 to March 14

R. P. FITCH
Auburn, Ind.....Jan. 3 to 24
Greenfield, Ind.....Feb. 14 to 28

DONA FLEMING
Lindsey, Calif.....Jan. 11 to 24
Anahelm, Calif.....Jan. 25 to Feb. 7
Phoenix, Ariz.....Feb. 8 to 21
Warren, Ohio.....March 18 to 29
Alliance, Ohio.....April 1 to 11
Cleveland, Ohio.....April 14 to 23
Indianapolis, Ind.....May 1 to 18
Ashtabula, Ohio.....May 20 to 30

C. B. FUGETT
Manchester, Ohio.....March 7 to 21
Mansfield, Ill. (Camp).....June 20 to July 4

PHILIP GEITER
Springfield, Mass.....Jan. 10 to 31
Hartford, Conn.....Feb. 7 to 21
Barberton, Ohio.....Feb. 28 to March 21
Hamorton, Pa.....March 28 to April 18

LEE L. HAMRIC
Tahoka, Texas.....Feb. 5 to 21
Quanah, Texas.....Feb. 28 to March 14
Wellington, Texas.....March 26 to April 4

J. C. HAFLEY
Hugo, Okla.....Jan. 22 to Feb. 7
Cleveland, Okla.....Feb. 7 to 21

A. O. HENRICKS
Los Angeles, Calif. (Eagle Rock) Jan. 19-31

URAL T. HOLLENBACK
Franklin, Ind.....Feb. 1 to 20

OSCAR HUDSON
Chicago, Ill., 1818 Sunnyside Ave., Feb. 1-15

LUM JONES
New Rockford, N. D.....Jan. 22 to Feb. 7
Jamestown, N. D.....Feb. 12 to 28

E. ARTHUR LEWIS
Buffalo, Kans.....Jan. 10 to Feb. 1
Philadelphia, Pa.....February
Lansdale, Pa.....March

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State of Florida.....Jan., Feb., and March

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Portsmouth, Ohio.....January

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Troy, Idaho.....Jan. 7 to 24

W. W. LOVELESS
Toledo, Ohio, 420 Raymer St., Jan. 21-Feb. 7
Fresno, Ohio, Gen. Del., Feb. 11 to March 7

THEO. AND MINNIE LUDWIG
Kennewick, Wash.....Jan. 18 to 31
The Dalles, Ore.....Feb. 1 to 14
Arlington, Ore.....Feb. 21 to March 7
Chelan, Wash.....March 8 to 21

W. H. MINOR
Oaks, N. D.....Jan. 15 to 31

JAMES MILLER
Chicago Heights, Ill.....Jan. 7 to 24
Kalamazoo, Mich.....Jan. 28 to Feb. 14

WADE L. NELSON
Okemah, Okla.....Jan. 22 to Feb. 7

G. F. AND BYRDIE OWEN
Gildersome, England.....Jan. 20 to 31
London, England.....Feb. 2 to 7

Paris, France.....Feb. 0 to 11
Cairo, Egypt.....Feb. 17 to 22
The Holy Land.....Feb. 23 to March 23

GEORGE OWEN
Drexel, Mo.....Jan. 20 to Feb. 7
Enid, Okla.....Feb. 14 to 28
Ashtabula, Ohio.....April 11 to 25
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Elk City, Kansas.....July 1 to 13

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Haltown, Mo.....Jan. 27
Ottawa, Kansas.....Feb. 10

J. E. AND ADA REDMON
Havana, Ill.....Jan. 22 to Feb. 7
St. Bernice, Ind.....Feb. 12 to 28
Winchester, Ind.....March 5 to 21
Newark, Ohio.....March 20 to April 11

LAWRENCE REED
Macksburg, Ohio.....Jan. 18 to Feb. 7

LEWIS J. RICE
Neenah, Wis.....Jan. 8 to 24
Rock Island, Ill.....Jan. 27 to Feb. 14

C. C. RINEBARGER
Upland, Ind.....Jan. 8 to 24
Newton, Iowa.....Jan. 23 to Feb. 14

CHAS. ROBINSON AND LAWSON AND IRENE BROWN
Dewey, Okla.....Feb. 5 to 21
Mangum, Okla.....Feb. 28 to March 14

J. A. RODGERS
Warren, Ohio.....Jan. 21 to Feb. 7
Greencastle, Ind.....Feb. 14 to March 7

C. W. RUTH
East Palestine, Ohio (Gen. Del.).....
.....Jan. 24 to Feb. 7
Detroit, Mich. (Gen. Del.) Holiness Tabernacle.....Feb. 14 to 28
Upland, Ind. (Taylor University), Mar. 23-28

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Findlay, Ohio.....Jan. 24 to Feb. 14

E. H. STILLION
Kent, Ohio.....Feb. 2 to 14

FRED ST. CLAIR
Froid, Mont.....Jan. 10 to 31
Bridgefield, Wash.....Feb. 7 to 28
Tacoma, Wash.....March 7 to 28

FREDDIE THOMAS
Miami, Fla.....Jan. 10 to 24

JOHN THOMAS
Fort Wayne, Ind.....Jan. 24 to 31

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Meade, Kansas.....Jan. 3 to 24

N. B. VANDALL
Kenmore, Ohio.....Jan. 24 to Feb. 7

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