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“How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things”

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## Give Grateful Thanks!

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*UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.—Psa. 75:1.*

IN CHURCH AND HOME, FROM SEA TO SEA,  
LET GRATEFUL THANKS BE GIVEN!  
AY! FOR A DAY LET HEARTS BE FREE  
TO PRAISE THE GOD OF HEAVEN! [STORE  
NE’ER HATH THE EARTH SUCH BOUNTIFUL  
POURED FORTH FROM HILL AND PRAIRIE;  
ENOUGH FOR OURS, AND MILLIONS MORE,  
IN STALL AND BIN AND DAIRY.  
O FAVORED CLIME! WHILE WAR’S DARK CRIME  
HAS STALKED THE EARTH IN MADNESS!  
PAUSE THEN TODAY, PUT CARES AWAY,  
AND WORSHIP GOD WITH GLADNESS!

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*HONOR the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.— Proverbs 3:9, 10.*

GAIN, TO HIM WHO GAVE THE PRIZE  
OF FREEDOM’S CONSOLATION;  
OF HOME AND ALL THE HALLOWED TIES  
OF FRIENDSHIP’S SWEET RELATION,  
WE OFFER THANKS! BUT WARMER GLOWS  
THE GRATITUDE WE TREASURE [GLOWS  
FOR CHRIST, AND FOR THE CHURCH WHERE  
HIS SPIRIT WITHOUT MEASURE.  
FOR THESE THEN RAISE YOUR NOTES OF PRAISE,  
OH, MAGNIFY THE SENDER!  
CATCH UP THE STRAIN FROM HILL AND PLAIN—  
YOUR GLAD THANKSGIVING RENDER!

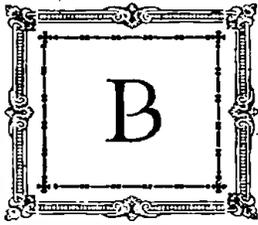
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*BLESS the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.—Psalm 103:1, 2.*

AND FOR OUR OWN DEAR FOLD WE BRING  
OUR ARDENT EXALTATION!  
THANKS FOR THE SMILES OF HEAVEN’S KING  
AND STREAMS OF FULL SALVATION!  
FOR PULPIT AND FOR PRINTED PAGE!  
FOR RESCUE HOME AND COLLEGE!  
FOR MISSIONS WHERE THE HEATHEN RAGE,  
BEREFT OF HOPE AND KNOWLEDGE!  
FOR THESE AND MORE—A THOUSAND O’ER—  
THE BOON OF OUR BELIEVING—  
OH, NAZARENES, IN WHATE’ER SCENES,  
JOIN IN OUR GLAD THANKSGIVING!

## EDITORIAL

## Some Historic Facts



**B**EFORE 1863 Thanksgiving Day was never observed or recognized in any manner outside the boundaries of New England. In this narrow section the day seems to have been nurtured and preserved until it should become the inheritor of a larger, yea, even a national recognition. Indeed, it is a singular fact that the day has never been celebrated as an anniversary. For a generation past it has been recognized as a national institution and seems to have grown in popularity and in the extent of its observance. Even with this recognition and increased popularity it is not yet thus recognized or observed as an historical celebration. It is observed only as a stated occasion on which to render thanks in a more or less public way for the benefactions of the last year. It has no traditional significance whatever, being wholly devoid of historic definition.

While this is true it remains nevertheless a fact that by our keeping of the day we do unconsciously memorialize an event of transcendent significance and importance. The mind spontaneously goes back to a thanksgiving celebration held at Plymouth in November, 1621. In this, really the first American Thanksgiving occasion, we have revealed the birth of our nation. This festival in a sense sealed and cemented and determined the perpetuity of our existence as a nation.

Who can read the founding of Plymouth Colony without a faster pulse? Who can revert to that momentous event and have any but feelings of awe and holy reverence for those heroes who suffered all sorts of terrors and reverses and woes that a nation might be born where freedom would be the birthright of every man, and our civil and religious institutions might exist and prosper under a flag of real religious and civil liberty! Can we ever forget those noble spirits of whom the world was not worthy who were the victims of nameless privations, and suffered literally all things that they and their great posterity might enter into the reward of their sufferings and found the mightiest nation the world ever saw?

Who on that august occasion could have looked through the horoscope of the future and foreseen what today thrills every true American? As we review that wonderful time, do not our minds take their flight adown the vista of a few years and behold what seems portending—the marvelous destiny of this baby republic in becoming the conservator of the same liberties and rights for the whole wide world which these hardy forefathers of ours at such a tremendous cost purchased for the infant colony and their American successors? This seems the inevitable outcome of the present world conflict; and does it not thrill every true American heart with gratitude that if the menace to the world's rights had come, and it seems now to have been inevitable and in no sense or degree the fault of America, that our own great country is to be the saving agency—the providential means through which God will work to avert the disaster which threatened the world?

So today, as we stand between the past and the present—between Plymouth and the near Waterloo of Germany—we should cover the entire gamut and in our gratitude include, not thankfulness for the war, but gratitude, as it did come and was unavoidable, that God will permit our infant nation to show itself the strongest, the most unselfish, and the most gallant and munificent in the outcome; and to secure in that outcome the preservation of all those things for

which our forefathers fought and suffered as not only our perpetual heritage, but also as the heritage of all the world.

“Lord, while for all mankind we pray,  
Of every clime and coast,  
O hear us for our native land—  
The land we love the most!

“Here may religion shed her light  
On days of rest and toil:  
And piety and virtue reign,  
And bless our native soil.

“Lord of the nations, thus to Thee  
Our country we commend:  
Be Thou her refuge and her trust,  
Her everlasting Friend!”

## Appeals to Our Gratitude

**W**HEN we come to “number our blessings” as the song tells us, we find ourselves lost in a maze of numberless exhibitions of grace and mercy and providence which are bewildering. God is so marvelously good to us beyond our deserts and beyond also our ability to remember, that it seems a hopeless task to begin anything like an enumeration of them. At the same time it is highly proper and helpful on occasions like the present, of a great national Thanksgiving Day, to meditate on the mercies of God and cultivate a spirit of praise to the Giver of all our good.

Looming large before the minds of most of our readers, perhaps, is gratitude for Christian parents. No blessings can be conceived of an earthly kind bigger and more benign than religious parents. To them we owe so much under God for all we have become or may ever be. The solicitude and prayers of these godly parents have followed us all along life's pathway while they lived, and helped to make us strong and successful. They succored us in hours of temptation and strengthened us for life's arduous responsibilities, and have proved, till even now, what they were while they lived, a constant encouragement to the soul when the tempter was near.

We should thank God for a spirit of genuine sympathy which brings us into touch with the great throbbing heart of humanity in its struggles and distresses, and will not let us live lives of selfish ease and exclusiveness. To the genius and power of our blessed Christ we owe this spirit of sympathy which has done so much for us in so many ways. So that to the great Giver of all our good we owe gratitude for this blessing.

When we look around us we see multitudes of good men and women, despite the large number of selfish and bad and evil-minded who do such incalculable harm in the world. Sometimes this latter class seem so numerous and so obtrusive and conspicuous in their nefarious work that we are tempted to grow discouraged and fear that the case is hopeless and that the bad have it all their own way. Yet upon reflection we can see that there are a large number of good and true men and women in the world who are its chief asset in many respects and their number will increase. We will find that God has not left Himself without witness but that there are yet the “seven thousand” who have not bowed the knee to Baal. We should thank God for the men and women who still practice piety and unselfish devotion to humanity's weal and for the vast relief of suffering and distress they

afford and the splendid example they set for the emulation of others. Such men and women help to keep alive in the world belief in great ideals.

We certainly should thank God for a friend here and there along life's road who helps to cheer our hearts with congenial fellowship. In all times friends are a wealth which we should prize. At special times of trial and stress which come sooner or later to us all, these friends are of special blessing in the way of consolation and encouragement. When the hands hang down we find that friends help to raise us up in hope and cheer. Let us thank God for friends.

We must thank God for the Great Friend who sticketh closer than a brother, whose loving touch allays sorrow as no earthly friend can; whose voice whispers hope when all earthly voices fail us; whose arm is mighty to deliver when all earthly supports are powerless; whose presence grows sweeter with the flight of years, and whose touch grows tenderer and more potent. For this Friend we can never be thankful enough, for He has forgiven our sins and cleansed us from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and made us sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty. His love is higher than the heavens, broader than the seas, deeper than the kingdom of death, and more enduring than the round of day and night and the roll of the ages to the ages, yea equal with the sweep of the eternities.

We should thank God for the Church which God has called out as the Bride for this our Friend, and that one day we shall celebrate the nuptials of the Bride and the Bridegroom. We should thank God for a future home beyond the stars where we shall be for ever with the Lord in blessedness and peace and shall enjoy Him for ever.

We should thank God for enough sorrow to keep us humble and evermore dwelling in the lowly place, and to enable us to sympathize with the sufferings and sorrows of others. How blessed that we can say with the Psalmist, "It was good for me that I have been afflicted!"

We should thank God for answered prayers, and for prayers He is going to answer for us as the days pass and the needs arrive from time to time along down the stream of time.

For all these and other things unnumbered let us lift our grateful hearts to God on this glad Thanksgiving Day according to the request of our President. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

## Moral Effects of Thanksgivings

**T**HANKSGIVING DAY has its special significance and associations. It turns our thought back to the pages of past history and develops the trend and the habit of study of greatness and beneficence and lofty deeds. The moral effect on a people who thus practice the habit of observing such a day annually can but be of the most beneficial kind. Any people who follow this practice can but be affected favorably by it with the heroic and the great. The children of any people thus practicing the celebration of such a day will insensibly have implanted in them sentiments and feelings of reverence for the great and good, and this is so greatly needed in any people. It tends to bring forth the best there is in us potentially and to make for a spirit and a purpose of emulation of these best and greatest things. -

How the mind turns on such a day to the hunger and privation and suffering endured to get for us this free country and the liberties we enjoy. How the sentiment of gratitude is thus grafted on a people. Then the day celebrates the harvests with which God honors and blesses us and to a degree the mind's eye is thus turned to the great Giver of all our good who "crowns the year with His goodness."

Along with these things the day also hints of gratitude we ought to feel for the joys of the past and the prospects of the future as well: for the love of parents and the filial response of children; for youth and love; for the hoar hair and the decrepit feet nearing the brink of the grave; for the quiet and serene influence of home, and the blessed privileges of the Church; for the calm friendships of mature years, and for the retrospect of later years, and the glorious consciousness of a race well nigh run which has been without reproach among men. By gratitude for all these things the heart is lifted up above the sordid and the selfish and made to beat with the music of altruism and the hope of faith and the glory of a better land after this life is past for ever.

May God bless this Thanksgiving Day to the multitudes of our people and make it a blessing and a joy and a help to them toward the noblest and the best.

## One or the Other

**B**EEER is either a bad thing or a good thing. It can not be both. If it be a good thing why not supply the soldier boys with it in abundance? Why should these boys deny themselves this good thing when already they are denying themselves home and business prospects and profits and home comforts and all else? What right have we civilians to monopolize this good thing?

If beer be a bad thing why should we permit it for ourselves at home? Why, if it be a poison, will we drink to our ruin the dastardly and deadly thing? Some one says: You miss the point. It is the revenue we need and must have. If this be the cause of its retention why did we not retain whisky also, as it paid revenue? Besides, does the government fear the American people would refuse to furnish the revenue when they are subscribing for bond issues in sums which stagger the brain, and in sums never before attempted in the world's history? Surely such a people could be trusted to furnish all the money needed without resorting to the sale of a deadly poison to raise money for the war. There is nothing but fraud in the revenue plea, as every honest man knows if he possess a very low degree of common intelligence.

Every man knows this revenue costs us very much more than we get out of it. The same ground used in raising hops to make beer would produce healthful and useful and badly needed grain for our armies and for our home people, and thus the high cost of living would be reduced.

No. The brewery lords in some mysterious way have more influence "at court" than all the homes, all the mothers, all the fathers, all the patriots, all the physicians and scientists, and all the most intelligent people in America.

WE WISH to commend most heartily the action of the mayor of New Orleans, who, at the request of Secretary Daniels, has started a movement in the city council of New Orleans for the closing of the vice district in that city on account of the encampment located there. This is what should be done in every city near which there is an encampment of our boys preparing to go to the front and fight. This is a marked advance in the way of protection of the soldier boys in time of war and preparation for it. It deserves and will certainly receive the thanks and the highest appreciation of every mother and father of a soldier boy, and also of every truly patriotic citizen of our country. Now keep the trenches clear and all will be well.

TO THINK of the body and neglect the soul is not according to the law of Christ.

# Thanks for Our Denomination!

By Rev. E. F. Walker, D. D.

**T**HE Lord says, "My Church." We say, "Our denomination." Christ builds His Church; we connect ourselves with, organize, sustain our denomination. The Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, has others who are not of this fold; but we have our own particular fold of Christ, our own household of faith, to which we are bound by special fealty, and for which we are particularly responsible to give adherence and support. We all belong to Christ's Church, which is His body, of which all regenerated persons are members in particular; but we are connected with this denomination by our personal choice and obligation.

Long before I was identified with the Pentecostal Nazarenes I loved to say that I "belonged" to them, for they seemed to belong to Christ and I, too, belonged to Him, in the most emphatic and vital sense—because of my own personal and entire consecration to Him, and by His own personal and entire sanctification of me; and "both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one" (Heb. 2: 11). At that time I thought, and I sometimes said, that the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene was the best church proposition of which I had any knowledge; and this is still my conviction. I know of no organization which, on the whole, suits me quite so well; and I am very thankful that, in the good providence of God, it came my way.

Our very name is significant "Pentecostal." The word stands for the fullness of the blessing of Christ. As a people we stand for the baptism with the Holy Spirit as a personal experience that eliminates from our personal being everything that is inimical to the life of Christ in the soul, and also for the thorough furnishing of the soul, enabling us to walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, to be fruitful in every good work, to be holy in all manner of living. This experience and life we hold to be necessary to correctly represent Christ in successful Christianhood.

Jesus was called "the Nazarene," because He was brought up at Nazareth, the despised. We take that name upon ourselves because we are followers of Him who said, "Learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart." We acknowledge that in ourselves we are not much. We are not many, though we are some; we are not rich, though such as we have we give to Christ and His cause; we are not learned, though we have a growing appreciation of scholarship. The people who are not of us may still say, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" and our answer is the same, "Come and see."

We are thankful for the history of this denomination, particularly in its formative period. About a fifth of a century ago there began a confluence of those who were of like precious faith, though of various ecclesiastical trainings, and of no training at all, uniting in hope and love upon what all regarded as essential and supreme, beautifully and sweetly agreeing to disagree upon minor matters—all making surrender of some things which they personally preferred, but which they were willing to give up for the sake of holy accord on the essentials. It was indeed a great evidence of true holiness when strong men and women were willing to ignore differences in church polity and minor beliefs, and unite in one for the work of spreading and conserving scriptural holiness in all lands. God's approving smile was upon this happy union, and His gracious blessings attended. Great was the brotherly love and holy enthusiasm and fiery zeal on evangelistic lines, and rapid was the growth of the work which the Lord gave us to do. It is probable that there never has been a spiritual movement since the original Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, unless it may be early Methodism, that has been more blessed of the Lord in its beginning than has been this.

Today we may bear more of a resemblance to the older denominations than we did originally; but still I think that, on the whole, we have the very best church proposition that is existent. Consider:

1. *Our Doctrine.* As a people we are strenuously orthodox. But, perhaps as no other people, we stress the Bible doctrine of holiness. This is our great watchword and song. This is the principal part of our creed. And every other doctrine which we hold is secondary and contributive to this—the supreme attribute of God and the main thing for all His moral creatures. That holiness may be known by us we hold to the necessity of the distinctive experience of sanctification, fully provided for by the grace of God, and made good to us on condition of faith which leads to entire consecration to God and implicit embrace of Christ our Savior for all His glorious fullness. Upon what we consider the minor doctrines we are not so strenuous and insistent; but upon the Bible doctrine of holiness we insist that we shall all

hold alike, and we require that this doctrine shall be translated into personal experience, and transmuted into life, and illustrated in all relationships and behaviors. We do not demand of those wishing to unite with us that, before we receive them into our membership, they shall be in the blessed experience of full salvation; but we do insist that every member among us shall hold to the doctrine, and at least be an earnest seeker of the experience. But for our ministry we require that, first of all, they shall, without hesitancy or equivocation, hold to our doctrine of holiness, shall preach it clearly and constantly, and shall profess it and practice it.

As a people we hold the Bible doctrine of divine healing of the sick. We hold that the Lord is the healer of the bodies of His people, and that He commissions the ministry to heal the sick, to lay their hands on the sick, and to pray over the sick, and to anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord in the confidence that the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and that the Lord will raise them up. But at the same time we believe in the use of means for the recovery of the sick, when it seems to be in the divine providence. We recognize the Bible truth that medicine doeth good; and that the Holy Ghost inspires to speak of "the beloved physician." In our position upon this subject, which is so interesting and so important in the esteem of God's holy people, we believe we are consistently scriptural.

So with the coming of the Lord. As a people we believe in the personal, visible return of Jesus, and that we should watch for and hasten the coming of our blessed Lord to earth, to receive His own unto Himself; and that our great work is to prepare the bride for that glorious return, ever praying, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly." But we recognize that with respect to particular questions regarding that second advent there is some room for difference of opinion; so we make this note in connection with our faith in the Lord's personal return for His own: "We do not, however, regard the various theories that gather around this Bible doctrine as essential to salvation; and so we concede full liberty of belief among the members of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene." As for me, I am what is known as a pre-millennialist; and it is difficult for me to understand how any devout and intelligent person can believe otherwise than that the King is to bring the kingdom—not the kingdom bring the King. Yet I know that there have been and there still are among us a goodly number of persons of at least equal intelligence and devotion, who do not agree with me as to the order of the coming of Christ. Very well; I agree to disagree agreeably. If these brethren who do not hold as I do regarding the order of the coming of Jesus, and are themselves prepared and are earnestly seeking to get others prepared to depart to be with Christ, should He come for them, rather than say to them, "Come," it will be a sweet surprise to them; a surprise, because they were not expecting His coming so soon; and sweet, because it is their Lord who comes, and they are ready to meet Him. And if, on the other hand, I, always looking for the coming of my Lord, should experience His call before He comes, to me it will be a happy denouement, though not so much of a surprise, for I acknowledge that He may call me home, and not come for me; but if I am ready, I even have a desire to depart and be with Him, and then with Him come for those who are alive and remain unto His coming. So, after all, it does not much matter whether He comes for us or calls for us, if only we are ready. And in this position also we believe we are in accord with the Bible.

2. *Our Government.* We who crown Christ as Lord of all recognize Him as Head over all things unto the Church. No man has any place in our denomination who has the spirit of lording it over God's heritage. One is our Master, and all we are brethren. But we read that Christ, in the exercise of His headship over the Church, gave to it organized form, and appointed to every man His work. He gave some to be apostles, and some to be prophets, and some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors, and teachers. And we know that the Lord operated through the body of the Church, as well as directly; so He said unto the Church, "Separate me [this person and that person] for the work whereunto I have called them." And the apostles, in the exercise of the office to which the Lord had called them, and to which they were separated by the Church, said unto the body of believers, "Look ye out [men with certain named qualifications]—whom we may appoint over this business." Here was divinely-appointed and Church-recognized offices. The Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene conforms to these principles of ecclesiastical arrangements. With us every man is expected to

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# Thanksgiving for Our Missionary Interests

By Rev. H. F. Reynolds, D.D.

**S**T. PAUL in this part of his epistle to the young church at Ephesus, takes advantage of the opportunity and exhorts them, boldly stating that there are some things which they, as followers of God and dear children, are not to do. They are not to be deceived with vain words; they are not to be partakers with fornicators; or with the covetous, or with the unfruitful workers of darkness; neither are they to be given to filthiness or foolish talking, nor jesting, but rather to giving of thanks. Furthermore, they are not to be drunk with wine, but are to be filled with the Spirit, which would give them a real experience so complete with victory that they would want to talk to each other about it, and sing about it; and with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, make melody in their hearts unto the Lord for saving them. This would give them cause for "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:20); giving thanks to God for giving His Son, and for all things that came to them through Jesus Christ His Son, Lord over all, and blessed for ever.

Evidently Paul had in mind all the good things which came to them through Jesus their (and our) Lord and Savior, in contrast to all of the bad things he had mentioned which emanated from Satan and sin. There is a sense in which everything that comes to an obedient child of God is good. That is, it may work out for good; for Paul states in another letter that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." And in such a state of grace, or experience, one can truly always give thanks to God the Father for all things.

That which was the privilege and hence the duty of the church at Ephesus, *may be*, and thank God, is true, of the GENERAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, which closed the tenth annual meeting of the Board, held at headquarters, Kansas City, Mo., October 20, 1917.

1. The reports of the work of this Board down across the last ten years show a gratifying, healthful, and steady growth on all lines and in all departments of its work for which we do give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for all things that have been experienced and accomplished.

2. The report of the general treasurer and secretary will show that the missionary year just closing has been one of the best, if not the best, of any year since the union of the several independent holiness forces into what is known as the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, for which we are truly thankful.

3. While it is true that five missionaries have had to return home on account of severe illness, thanks be to our God, for He has enabled us to send out sixteen new missionaries to re-enforce the work, and to open one new mission station in Peru, South America.

4. Notwithstanding the homes of our missionaries have been made sad, by the death messenger entering therein and taking some of the precious children to be with the Lord, we have great reasons to be, and are thankful, that the parents have been spared to the work.

5. The faithful and sacrificing labors of the missionaries have been blessed of the Lord and souls have been saved in every field. Some stations have had a much larger ingathering than others; however, spiritual progress has been made at every point of our outposts, for which our souls greatly magnify the triune God with abundant thanksgiving.

6. We are glad to note in the reports that some new buildings

have been erected, and that others are in the process of erection, which will add greatly to the convenience of the missionaries and workers, in preaching and teaching the gospel message. It will also add much to the health and comfort of their bodies, which surely calls for another Psalm of praise and thanksgiving to God.

7. The sending out of a good number of new missionaries and the erection of new buildings for the betterment of the conditions of our missionaries and workers has been made possible from the fact that our church, Sunday schools, Young People's Societies, and their many friends, have caught the vision, and have been inspired, and enabled to loyally, and royally give to the work which the General Foreign Missionary Board has been undertaking for the Master. By consulting the general treasurer's financial report, in the HERALD OF HOLINESS for November 21st, and also the *Other Sheep*, one may readily notice that a splendid sum was given, which totals for all purposes over eighty thousand dollars, which will show an increase of over thirty thousand dollars more than was given last year, or the year closing October,

1916, which truly is among the all things, for which we should, and do most heartily render thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

8. This marked and encouraging degree of success on all lines, instead of decreasing, or lessening our responsibilities, has greatly increased our burdens and obligations, for our needs on every line have been multiplied; but our church, and our many friends should not be cast down, or be discouraged in any degree! For were our undertakings purely of a commercial character, or for the sole object of making money, we would be able in the language of the business world to say, "we have had a year of unusual and great prosperity," the legitimate result of which would be to enlarge the business, and plan for a still greater degree of prosperity by a much greater outlay of money and effort. Therefore, as a church, let us not be cast down, despondent, or in any degree discouraged, but rather let us render thanks to God for the success of the past, and let us go a step farther, and thank Him for the increased and greater needs upon us both for men and for money, counting it among the all (good) things for which to thank Him. Among the needs upon the Board at this time, is the sending of more missionaries as soon as possible to re-enforce our present work, specially the stations in eastern and western India, China, Cape Verde Islands, South America, and at El Paso, Texas, our Mexican work on the border.

9. Owing to the urgent and pressing needs, the Board at its recent meeting planned to send out nearly thirty more missionaries, and also planned for a healthy, safe, and conservative advance on all lines of the already well begun work which our God has given us, and for which we are truly thankful, which will necessitate an increase in our offerings for all purposes, at least of ten thousand dollars.

10. Lest some might think that the Board did not arrange at their last session for sending out more missionaries, as some have falsely reported, because we could not get them, saying we had more money than we knew what to do with, and no men to send, we wish to say both statements are untrue, for it would take all and more, of the usable cash in the treasury at the time of the October meeting, to meet the demands for the month of November. Notwithstanding the fact that the Board sent out sixteen missionaries last year, and planned to send twenty-seven more this year, we have over one hundred of as fine a class of young men and women on our application roll, as the dear Lord

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## We Thank Thee, Lord

BY HALDOR LILLENAS

For countless blessings, manyfold,  
For mercies more than can be told,  
And treasures more than earth can hold,  
We thank Thee, Lord.

For harvest field and garnered grain,  
For rolling hills and fertile plain,  
For golden sunshine after rain,  
We thank Thee, Lord.

For sunny meads and shady nooks,  
For smiling dells and laughing brooks,  
For all of Nature's open books,  
We thank Thee, Lord.

For ocean wave and rolling sea,  
For shining stars that speak of Thee;  
For time and for eternity,  
We thank Thee, Lord.

For grace to trust through darkened days,  
For strength when toilsome seem our ways;  
For comfort, which Thy Word conveys,  
We thank Thee, Lord.

For Jesus and His saving pow'r,  
For ev'ry pentecostal show'r,  
And for this glad and golden hour,  
We thank Thee, Lord.

For Heav'n above, where strife shall cease,  
Where grace and glory shall increase,  
For Thou thyself, Thou Prince of Peace,  
We thank Thee, Lord.

AUBURN, ILL.

# Thanksgiving and Holiness

By Rev. John W. Goodwin

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you (1 Thess. 5:18).

**I**N the midst of these awful times, when our world is being torn to pieces by war and strife, when the hearts of our national leaders are burdened with unspeakable sorrows, when the dark clouds of universal anxiety are hovering over all lands; we turn away from it all with a look of thanksgiving unto our God who holdeth all things in His almighty hand. This beautiful experience of holiness enables us to trust and not be afraid.

The heart having been delivered from all sin and filled with the life of God, we have found our true relation unto all earthly things, conditions, and circumstances. We have learned to rest in the full embrace of infinite love, in sweet confidence of an all-wise and tender heavenly Father, who knows all things, whose eye never slumbers nor sleeps. He careth for you; the very hairs of your head are all numbered; not a sparrow falleth to the ground without our Father's notice; and ye are of more value than many sparrows. All things earthly may perish, conditions, and circumstances may press us seemingly beyond measure, yet He abideth faithful, and we give Him thanks.

This wonderful experience of holiness delivers us from an earthly centered life. Earthly hopes and ambitions are no longer ours. The soul with the vision of God can see beyond the crash of worlds. The things which are seen are only temporal; for the things just at our feet are passing away, and beholding eternal realities we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. This is what gave such joy and thanksgiving to the holy martyrs in the midst of trial. Looking not at the trial, they saw God who was more than all that could be against them, and so gave thanks. Thus trials are a blessing and a cause of thanksgiving to a sanctified heart.

This glorious experience of sanctifying grace so delivers us from a self-centered life, that things which would naturally seem against us are turned to our account. Opposing forces are not against us but against Him whose we are and whom we serve. In the consciousness of His presence nothing really matters while the Lord loves us, and He does. Right here the pure in heart have a thanksgiving every day in the year. They are never defeated because God is never beaten in the conflict. They are always true optimists because they have found their true center in God, who calleth the things that are naught as though they were already present. "Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended" (Isa. 60:20).

"I am so glad," becomes the common expression of the people of God, while they take courage and give thanks unto God. Their very prayers begin with thanksgiving and close with giving all the glory unto Christ Jesus. Sorrow and sighing have all taken wings and flown away to other lands, while artesian wells of thanksgiving burst forth to create new life and beauty to the soul. Thank God for such an experience which always causeth us to give thanks unto God in this Thanksgiving time.

## Thanks for Our Denomination!

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be called of God to some work; but no man is recognized in any office to which he has not been chosen by the authority that comes down from God and also up from the people of God. The local churches, banded together as a whole body, or in a representative body chosen by them, choose all ecclesiastical officers to have certain rule under God: Not a single person in our Church is a law unto himself. All are under the watchcare and control of the rest. Thus is secured, *under God*, a government of the people, by the people, for the people. Our form of government is our own—unlike that of any other ecclesiastical organization, but having the best features of all of them. We as a people are content with this arrangement, and submit ourselves to one another in the fear of God, to accept office, to exercise office, and to know, and esteem those who hold office over us in the Lord.

3. *Our Personnel.* Not many wise, not many mighty men are among us, and we do not expect many such to be identified with us. But, although there are doubtless those among us who were formerly in discontent always, and have come to us because we are about the latest denomination out, and they have been the rounds somewhat, and have no other place to go, and are desirous of some place among the avowed people of God where possibly they may have a job, yet on the whole our people are an un-

selfish, devoted, consecrated people, who know what it means to take up the cross daily in identification with Jesus, and are earnestly striving to represent Jesus in perfect love and loyalty. Some may not understand all things in the church, and may be led away from the simplicity that is in Christ, by wrong views of our doctrine and misunderstandings of our government and usages, yet we are a people who do know God, and who are strong in the Lord, and are doing exploits for the honor of God. On the whole there are not known a better class of Christians anywhere than may be found in that body of Christians known as "The Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene."

With these considerations in mind and heart, and many more that might be mentioned, we do thank God and take courage, praying that He who has begun this good work in us may drive off all our enemies, and may perfect that which concerns us; that He may so rule over us, and may so overrule us and all that pertains to us, that in eternity untold thousands may rise up and unite with us in thanking and praising God for the history, the doctrine, the government, the people, and for the whole proposition, project, perseverance, prosperity of the denomination with which this writer has the high privilege of being identified in the Church of Jesus Christ!

Beyond my highest joys  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise.

For her my tears shall fall;  
For her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be given,  
Till cares and toils shall end.

GLENDORA, CAL.

## Thanksgiving for Our Missionary Interests

(Continued from page five)

has on top of the ground outside of heaven, many of whom would be ready within ninety days to go to their long desired fields, if the Board had the money to send them! Is not the fact that the Lord has given us these splendid young people, who are wholly sanctified and equipped and waiting to go, another good reason for "rendering thanksgiving to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"?

11. As we review the work of the last year, and as we approach the annual Thanksgiving day, may we not appropriately and truthfully say in the language of the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad"; and may we not, with equal propriety and in deep humility, say with David, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." May we not do well, in the midst of the good dealings of our God, who truly hath done great things for us, and which leads us to cry out from the depths of our heart, "Bless the Lord, O my soul," to take heed and see to it that we continue to render joyful expressions of thanksgiving? We should also see to it, that in the flush of the precious victories of the past, together with our zeal for the continuation of the work of our God among us, and in the foreign lands, we should not forget all His benefits. In forgetting all His benefits, we fall to remain with Him "without the camp," and fall to offer up the "sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name" (Heb. 12:13). For He only is worthy of thanksgiving and praise.

I hear some folks saying "if there are any better folks, or if there is a better movement, I am going with them and it." Well, you need not talk any such stuff to me, for I know of no better folks on earth and I know of no better movement this side of heaven, than the majority of the folks in the movement called the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, and I am just running over with joyful thanksgiving to God, the Father, and to Jesus Christ my Savior, and to the Holy Ghost my sanctifier and keeper, for the privilege of letting me in to the arrangement. And I propose to stay with them and it, till Jesus, either comes, or says "It is enough, come up higher." Amen, hallelujah, glory be to God for ever, and for ever, and for ever. And if it was not for trespassing upon your time and patience, I feel just like keeping on, praising God, for ever, and for ever, and for ever; and I will some sweet day, just keep on praising God for ever, and for ever, and for ever. Hallelujah, what a time that will be. For it will be for ever, and for ever!

# Thanksgiving for Our Rescue Work

Miss Lue Miller, Secretary, General Rescue Board

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."

**T**HE Friend of sinners still, the Hope of the penitent outcast, the Redeemer of man or woman of many sins. The loving, compassionate heart still beats with tender love over the bruised and the broken. The water of life is still being given out by the Master.

## RESCUE HOMES

The setting is different, but the story is about the same as that given by sacred writers. Over the country, just a few in number, are scattered homes for the refuge of the outcast girls and women, conducted by our own dear people on full salvation lines. Few of the homes are the exclusive property of our church. Other homes have been recognized and indorsed by the District Assemblies, whose workers are members of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

From communications of District Superintendents and others associated in this line, come blessed reports of victories and many lives redeemed. We thank God for every worker who in any way has brought comfort to the girls or women who have become social outcasts, wilful or otherwise. The very nature of the work forbids much publicity. The human heart is much the same today, and too often cries out, "Stone her to death," instead of giving the Christ message, "Go and sin no more."

We praise God for every soul who has heard the message and heeded, who sings today with triumphant heart:

In loving kindness Jesus came,  
My soul in mercy to reclaim;  
And from the depths of sin and shame  
In love, He lifted me.

The number is not large, but full of pathos and grateful appreciation we hear the notes sound out from Swampscott Hope Cottage in the East; Bethany, at Memphis, Tenn.; Door of Hope, at Nashville, Tenn.; Rest Cottage, Kansas City, Mo.; Refuge Home, at Hutchinson, Kas.; Rescue Home, at Wichita, Kas.; on in the sunny Southland, the glad song is continued from another Rest Cottage, Pilot Point, Texas, and from Berachah Home, at Arlington, Texas. Then over on the coast of the mighty Pacific we catch the strain again at Oakland Rest Cottage. And as we travel northward we hear the song of the redeemed from Louise Home, at Portland, Ore., and from Lebanon Home, at Seattle, Wash.

Our hearts respond with a glad hallelujah again and again for every girl who has found hope in Christ and can sing this glad refrain—from the poor little child mother to the one who has gone to the outer realms of shameless sin. We thank God that there is room for all who will come, and a welcome for all. We thank God for an awakening nation along the line of the dangerous results of the social sin, even though its consideration has to do with the strength of our national forces.

## MISSIONS

Much more could be said along the line of redemption among the erring women, but we must hasten on to give God praise for the work of salvation carried on in the cities in rescue missions. Here again we have to say, we have but little work exclusively our own, and many of these missions are simply churches in embryo, and will soon be organized as such.

A gracious and blessed work has been continued through the year at 520½ East Fifth street, Los Angeles, Cal., known as the Nazarene Mission, under the Southern California District. Rev. W. C. Frazier, superintendent in charge at the present time, reports: "Meetings every night. Seventy-three seekers in one month; revival fires burning; food and clothing supplied to needy cases, and God's seal upon the work continually."

On the Pittsburgh District several missions are in operation, but they are soon to become churches. In Kansas City, Mo., a mission is being conducted under the supervision of Kansas District. It is located in the east portion of the city, and has been fruitful in salvation work.

We thank God the poor are having the gospel preached unto them and we must not overlook or fall to express our thanks for our deaconesses and other faithful workers over the land who are dally going with glad feet to the needy and oppressed, visiting the sick, going to the jails, standing by the bed of the dying, comforting the mourners, drawing out their souls to the afflicted, and meeting the need in every possible way.

Favorable mention should be made of the untiring efforts of the Dorcas Societies and similar organizations through which our women seek to unite their efforts to gather clothing, food, and such like for the needy.

## ORPHANAGES.

Last but not least, we come to the orphanage work. We can say this much, we have a start. The orphanage at Pilot Point, Texas, under the direction of J. P. Roberts, who also is superintendent of Rest Cottage, located at this place, is owned by the Hamlin District. The house is small, but the cry of helpless children so wrought upon the heart of Brother Roberts that he felt he must make some provision for them. The work is supported by voluntary contributions, and has been a refuge for many a poor little waif.

Another orphanage is located at Peniel, Texas, which has been a shelter for many years for homeless children. A late report brings this information that the property, free from debt, is to be turned over to the Dallas District Assembly. At present there are forty children in the home. Both of these are worthy institutions and have been carried on through much sacrifice. Thank God for all who have pushed forward in defense of the little ones, and all who have contributed.

There may be others who are engaged in worthy and Christlike ministries, with whom we failed to get in touch through correspondence; but we gladly join with them in praise at this Thanksgiving time. There is an eye that sees every deed, knows every heart throb, notes every tear that comes forth from a compassionate, Spirit-filled life.

## Church Extension Thanksgiving

BY REV. JOSEPH N. SPEAKES, GEN. SEC'Y.

**W**E thank God for something really worth extending. A great many things are being propagated these days that are a blight to everybody who is effected by them. I told a Russellite once that if a person believed what he taught he would be none the better off, that it could do no one any good. But blessed be the Lord, we have something to advocate that everybody needs and must have to escape hell and get to heaven, i. e., holiness of heart and life. That's our one business in the world. That's all the job one can possibly succeed at.

We thank God for a real successful plan of spreading and conserving that "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Our thanksgiving knows no words adequate to express itself for the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene. Nothing else in the earth has and is growing like this live, clean, militant organization, which has but one aim, ambition, and inspiration to extend holiness to the uttermost parts of the earth. I am not a Pentecostal Nazarene if, I'm not with this thing "it." And I must say I haven't much patience with a fellow that "ifs" and "buts" about it. If there is a better place than this and a better plan, go to it, and the Lord bless you; but let me rejoice in and push on in that way that the Lord has led me. I've been privileged to see the work and workings of this church this year as never before, and my gratitude is on the wing.

We are thankful for our church extension plan, for the extension of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene; for it is extending the light of full salvation. We plan to, we *must* extend this great organization. The church extension has for its job the making of two Pentecostal Nazarene churches to grow where only one grew before. It has for its aim the planting of centers of holy fire in every community in the land; the building of churches where holiness can be preached, sought, found, lived, and testified to the year round. Thank the Lord for such a prospect! We are enthused, inspired, and fired by the vision of such a glorious possibility. It can be done—then it must be.

We are thankful that the work is really making headway. Money is coming in, not by the thousands as we desire to see and will see, but it is coming. This has been the real beginning year for this great cause. It will go down in the history of our church as the time when our extension enterprise really began. We have been chartered this year, and more interest has been awakened than in all the history of our effort on this line; the General Superintendents, and our broad-minded editor have taken up the cause, and by their voices and pens are lending mighty and timely assistance. District Superintendents, pastors, evangelists, and laymen are warming up to the work. The vision is growing rapidly, and interest is taking deep root in the hearts and minds of our people.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the brethren where we have been in the interest of the work. Their courtesy and kindness have been real and big hearted. Time has been given in all the

Assemblies to represent the cause, and an opportunity to meet and confer with the Church Extension Committees.

This is a new enterprise with us and the people have to be educated and inspired to see its vast worth, but they are showing a beautiful willingness to take on this new study. Their hearts were already full to overflowing with the love of our other big undertakings, but they are getting the blessing of enlargement of heart so as to have room for this new baby which has been born to us of our love for the salvation of the world. This new addition to the family of our organized efforts does not ask for the place, but it wants a place. It does not ask for all the love, but equal love and attention with the rest of the children. It's our baby, it favors the other members of the family, and has the features and future of all the other children. It is not so large and strong as most of the others. It is younger and has been poorly fed since it has been in the family. The others have been given the first place at the table, and they have not stirred the milk so as to properly distribute the cream, and hence this little fellow has found poor nourishment in what was left. But it is growing in spite of such conditions, and is demanding a chance at the first table and some solid food. It will grow better on gold than "God bless you," and will be worth more if fed on silver than sentiment. It comes into the family with a *bona fide* promise to bless everything in the home, from the hearthstone in Kansas City to the front gate of home work and to the back yard fence of foreign missions. It is an investment and not a charity. Its plan and purpose is to clear up more land, dig out the stumps, enrich the soil, and build bigger barns so that we can the better undertake and do bigger things in extending the work of full salvation to earth's remotest bounds. Amen! We thank our Father in heaven for this work. Our poor heart melts with gratitude for the church extension cause, and our eyes grow big with wonder as we face the future possibilities of it. We see in glorious panorama cosy cottages, the homes of fire-baptized pastors, lovely chapels, filled with devout worshippers, seeking souls, shouting saints, and convicted sinners, and a white-robed, Spirit-led host, mighty, and militant, marching to the ends of the earth; and angels shouting and devils fleeing—the result of our church extension cause. Thanks be unto God.

## Board of Education

REV. DE LANCE WALLACE, PRES.

NOT the least among the many causes for thanksgiving from us at this time is God's favor toward our church in giving us our institutions of education.

They say among the heathen, "The Lord hath done great things for them."

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." He has given us the heathen for our inheritance. The proverbs of Solomon teach us that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge"; "He that winneth souls is wise"; "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning."

There has been a heart cry from the church for our children that they might be taught by holy men and women during their school day lives; that our teachers, preachers, and workers, in every department of the great work to which we have been called, might be properly instructed how, not only to handle the Word of God aright, but that they might show themselves approved unto God, and be able to give intelligent answer of the hope within. There were no other avenues open where our people could prepare for battles that are ours; and how marvelously have we been given so many schools and colleges. Multitudes, too, of instructors whose talents are recognized as of the keenest, and whose lives continually give out that fragrance peculiar to ointment of the holy place, of the Lord's own compounding; with student bodies full of zeal, eager to be well drilled soldiers of the cross to girdle the globe with salvation, with holiness unto the Lord.

"Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: she hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table. She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city, whoso is simple, let him turn in hither; as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled" (Prov. 9: 1-5).

We truly sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving and declare His works with rejoicing. Our recent educational number of the HERALD OF HOLINESS contained such reports as enlighten our church and friends of the holiness work where these towers and bulwarks are; and hath not the Psalmist commanded that we

should walk about Zion, tell the towers thereof and mark her bulwarks?

The hearty co-operation of each college and school with all the expressed desire of the last General Assembly and of this Board is certainly an example in unity and respect to God's ordering that is sure to bear fruit through further blessing of the Lord.

## Thanksgiving for Our Educational Work

BY REV. H. ORTON WILEY, Sec. GENERAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

IT is at this season of the year that we are led especially to meditate on the goodness and love of God and to render to Him our heartfelt thanks for the blessings of the last year. The educational work of our church has, in general, seen greatly favored of God and rapid strides have been made along many lines.

We are thankful especially for the host of young men and women which God has given to us— young people with lives consecrated to God and with laudable ambitions to prepare themselves for the widest possible sphere of usefulness. Our young people insure us of a coming generation of fire-baptized preachers and missionaries to carry forward the work of holiness which God has committed to us. Other denominations have found great difficulty in securing young people to fill pastorates in this country and vacancies in the mission stations abroad, yet God has given us a host of the best and brightest young people in the land. Thank God for the young people!

We are thankful for schools and colleges where these young men and women may be educated in an environment of spiritual life and revival power. We now have about one thousand young men and women in our different educational institutions. What must this mean to the church and the cause of holiness in the near future!

We are thankful for the success of our educational work. It was our privilege to attend the meeting of the General Missionary Board and to listen to the reading of the applications and also to meet some of the missionary candidates. It seemed to us that no finer class of applications could possibly come before any missionary board. There were many who were college graduates; some with the vernacular of the countries to which they expected to go; there were graduate nurses, teachers, and other trained workers—and these young people were on fire for God, with a deep-seated purpose to obey Him at any sacrifice. What was the source of this exceptionally fine list of applications? Generally these young people came from holiness colleges. Our educational institutions may have many defects, but it nevertheless remains a fact that they furnish the General Foreign Missionary Board with its candidates and the churches with their most successful pastors and evangelists.

We are thankful that we are coming gradually to a definite educational policy. The General Board of Education has been greatly hampered by the fact that no provision was made for funds to carry on the work, yet much has been accomplished by correspondence and we now have quite a well defined policy to put before the church in the near future. This policy is the result of conferences with one another, conferences with the presidents and other representatives of our educational institutions and the helpful suggestions and advice of many of the brethren throughout the church. We believe that our educational work is assuming shape and permanency and that rapid advances will be made in the next few years.

We are thankful that there has been a general advance in requirements for college entrance and for graduation. Several of our institutions have changed their names to conform to the standard of work offered; others have brought up the faculty requirements for standard colleges, and still others have expressed a desire to take junior college or academy rating and serve the local territory only in which their several institutions are located. These things are commendable.

Best of all, in general, our colleges are aflame with the glory of God. Several of the schools have had great revivals and the majority of the students are not only saved but enjoying the blessing of entire sanctification. It seems that God especially loves holiness schools and that the Devil especially hates them. We have but one thing to do—keep the glory down and the smile of God upon us. He will see us through and give us gracious visitations of His presence. Let all of our people take this great work upon their hearts and pray much for our schools and colleges. Let there be a general rallying to the support of this worthy work and the coming year will be marked by even greater success.

# Thanksgiving Day: A Confession of Faith

By Rev. T. H. Agnew

1. Faith in God. 2. A dependence on God. 3. Praise to God.

**F**AITH in God. That we have many people in the world and in America who do not worship God, is true; but we have many people who believe in God and have faith in God, that is not saving faith, for there is no repentance, and there can be no saving faith without repentance. Most men have faith in God, as a Creator, Preserver, and Benefactor; the heavens and the earth His creation, and the people on the earth, His creatures.

2. The second class, those having a dependence on God, are not so numerous or great as the first. Yet doubtless there are even in this class, many more than those who make public confession of dependence on God. Doubtless we have today, as in the days when Christ was upon the earth, many secret followers of Him. Membership in the churches, public confession of faith, public acknowledgement of dependence on God, is much embarrassed today, because of conflicting teaching in religion. It would be quite embarrassing, in the light of the fifth beatitude, to obtain mercy, if we were so narrow and Pharisaical to condemn all as feeling no dependence on God, who do not belong to our sect, or confess our Shibboleth.

It would be very pleasing and satisfactory to us, if those who are representatives of the people in the United States, in speaking of food producing activities, would acknowledge God, for giving fruitful seasons. But it must be understood this is a nation that has stamped on our coin "In God we trust," hence much must be understood, and taken for granted. A few years ago an effort was made to remove the inscription, "In God we trust," from our money. This was met with general opposition and condemnation, hence it was not done. This nation—United States of America—has no statutory standard, no state declaration of religious faith,

no supreme court confession of faith, as to what constitutes a Christian of Christian faith, but there is a written inscription stamped on the dollar confessing our dependence on God. Amen.

3. Praise to God. In this land of religious freedom, thank God, there are many who feel and render public thanksgiving. There are many who receive even a cup of water with thanksgiving. The prayer and thanksgiving of my aged mother, now in her ninety-second year, has often impressed me with Jas. 1: 17. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights." The good gifts, material, earthly, natural, are God-given. The heart fully given to God and filled with the fullness of God will render (offer) praise to God for all material and earthly blessings. The songs of the birds, how sweet they are. The flowers, how beautiful. All nature but speaks His handiwork and declares the glory of God. David, so filled with the spirit of devotion, breaks out, "His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Again, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." In my daily Bible reading a few days ago I was much impressed with the confession of St. Paul, Acts 28: 15. He thanked God and took courage. Thanksgiving called up the past mercies and care of God. The Devil would have us forget the good and great mercies of God. How beautiful the twenty-third Psalm, last verse.

It is the judgment of the writer that if there were more thanksgiving, there would be much less asking. We forget our mercies, our daily mercies, our yearly mercies, that becomes necessary for the President of the United States to set a day of Thanksgiving. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Psa. 100: 4, 5).

## "In Every Thing Give Thanks"

By Rev. C. A. Kinder

**I**n every thing? Certainly. The great apostle to the Gentiles wrote it that way, in his second letter to the church at Thessalonica; and no doubt but that he meant *all things* when he said *every thing*. And no one knew better than he what *all things* included; no one knew better than he that among the *all things* were many not to the personal liking of the one to whom they might come. Yet it is not a question of *whom*—that one might be able to render to God thanks under any and all circumstances, and another be altogether unable. The proposition is addressed to every one—you and me, as well as the Thessalonians—"In every thing give thanks."

But how can I give thanks when every thing seems to be against me; when my possessions are taken from me, when sickness comes, when death invades my home, when friends forsake, when dangers threaten—in fact, when all things are against me? It is all right to expect to render thanks to God when fortune is good; but how can it be done when fortune is ill?

Thank God, it is not a question as to good or ill fortune! It is only, is my heart in tune with the great, loving heart of Jesus? Do I fit in the divine plan? Am I His for evermore? In other words, the thanks I render are not for the things I enjoy, but always and without exception for the divine consciousness of His presence within.

Of course, I thank God for health, and continue to praise Him in ill-health; for prosperity, and also in adversity; when surrounded by kind friends, and when despised and forsaken; when sheltered beneath a good roof, and when in a hovel. Indeed, it is not the material condition that evokes thanks, but the heart condition. No good thing will He withhold: it is our privilege to

realize in our hearts that *all things* work together for good. And in no other place can we realize this great truth except in the heart.

But, how can we know even in our hearts, that all things work together for good? and how can we in every thing give thanks? I am convinced in no other way excepting as we see God in all things soever we do. The mother bears the child, not for the pain she endures, but for the vision of the days and weeks and months and years of sweet companionship. She is fortified by the great love motherhood always enjoins.

Just so with our relationship with God. We do not give thanks because we realize only the present pain; but always because we *know* the end of it all is sweet companionship in the celestial city with Him. All that goes on in this earth is but a part of the great divine plan that ushers in the ceaseless ages of God's and our

eternity. So, no matter what that part may be, because it enters into the eternal plan, I will in every thing give thanks to God.

### Thanksgiving Prayer

By Rev. Fred H. Mendell

T O THEE, OUR FATHER, LORD OF ALL,  
H IGHEST KING, LORD, AND PRIEST,  
A TRIBUTE OF OUR PRAISE WE BRING  
N OW GATHERED AT THIS FEAST.  
K ING OF OUR HEARTS, MASTER SUPREME,  
S AVIOR OF LIFE AND SOUL,  
G IVER OF EVERY GRACIOUS GIFT,  
I N ALL, HAVE THOU CONTROL.  
V ICTORIOUS, REIGN THOU IN OUR LIVES,  
I NSPIRE EACH THOUGHT AND WORD;  
N OR CEASE THY SWAY, TILL ALL THE WORLD  
G IVE PRAISE TO THEE AS LORD.

# Pentecostal Thanksgivings

## From the District Superintendents

### KANSAS DISTRICT

REV. FRED H. MENDELL, SUPT.

I PRAISE GOD for His leadership and blessing during the year which lies between this day and last Thanksgiving day. Upon our Kansas District His blessings have been constant and abundant. Through another year, He has vindicated His Word, rewarded faith, and fulfilled His promises. He himself has been with us and the manifestations of His presence have been many. Our hearts have been enlarged, our vision clarified, our faith strengthened, and our fervor intensified. Thank God for Himself, for Jesus, and the Holy Ghost. Personally, I praise Him that He has redeemed me (and does redeem, bless God) from all iniquity and purified me unto Himself, a person for His own possession.

### NEBRASKA DISTRICT

REV. M. F. LIENARD, SUPT.

TAKING A HASTY GLANCE into the Psalms I am surprised as never before at the note of praise manifested by the Psalmist. He begins the book with a man blessed and closes with him shouting "Praise ye the Lord." He invites about every thing in God's universe to attend his big praise meeting and lest some one should feel slighted, in the very last verse he says, "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." That takes me in, and I am in the procession today. I thank God for keeping me sweet, humble, and steady. My heart is fixed. He satisfies my life. He keeps me from getting excited over the war tax and the high cost of living. I thank God that salvation is practical and He helps me to meet the problems of life as they are, regardless of circumstances or environment. I praise God for our Zion and its interests. I am glad I am a Pentecostal Nazarene and don't feel like jumping the fence. The pasture is good. I feel fat, flourishing, and optimistic. To God be all the glory. Praise ye the Lord!

### CHICAGO CENTRAL DISTRICT

REV. CHARLES A. BROWN, SUPT.

WITH THE PSALMIST my soul cries out, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name." Truly, this has been a glorious year to me. My earnest prayer is that He may keep me humble and Christlike. Thank God, He has kept me from sin. I praise Him that I was permitted to spend the first several months of the year in Olivet University where I was in the greatest revival I was ever permitted to witness. With all my unworthiness, God has permitted me to walk with Him and to have a little part in forwarding the great work to which He has called me. Truly, the lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places. I covet your earnest prayers.

### KENTUCKY DISTRICT

REV. H. REES JONES, SUPT.

"We thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations" (Psa. 79:13).

WE PRAISE GOD FOR the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, for its sane and holy men at the helm, for God's manifest blessing this year upon the missionary interests, Publishing House, and schools, and for the spirit of sacrifice, and love that prevails among our people. Surely the "Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psa. 126:3). Let us go forward with renewed zeal and the anointing of the Holy Ghost to fight the good fight of faith and make the coming year the very best spiritually, financially, and numerically.

### MISSOURI DISTRICT

REV. W. I. DEBOARD, SUPT.

I THANK GOD FOR Thanksgiving day and what it means to the Christian. I thank God for good old-time religion, for entire sanctification, for the holiness movement, for the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, for the Missouri District with its self-sacrificing preachers, for the HERALD of HOLINESS, and its staff of workers, for the *Other Sheep*, which gives us the news of the mission fields, for the little Missouri Nazarene, for the Nazarene Bible Institute, and for all of God's work in every place.

### TENNESSEE DISTRICT

REV. F. W. JOHNSON, SUPT.

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, Isaac, and Jacob, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has been with us in blessings abundant during the last Assembly year, for which we desire to praise Him. We thank God for the clean lives of the pastors who have so faithfully served this District, for the evangelists who have blazed the way, and for the noble laity who are standing under the work. But most of all we praise Him for the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost, in His saving, sanctifying, and keeping power.

### MICHIGAN DISTRICT

REV. C. L. BRADLEY, SUPT.

AS A DISTRICT, we have great reason for thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God for His manifest goodness. Peace, harmony, success, and good will prevails among us as a people. We are looking unto the Lord from whence cometh our help, for national, and world-wide peace, when nations shall war no more, but righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters do the mighty deep. And our prayer shall be, Lord hasten that glad and glorious day. Amen!

### DALLAS DISTRICT

REV. P. L. PIERCE, SUPT.

WE ARE THANKFUL for the best year in the history of the Dallas District. Our pastors and church boards have been more systematic and constant in their work; our evangelists more faithful to organized holiness; and numerical and spiritual strength has been added to the church. There has been 150 per cent increase in missions; three missionaries have been sent to the foreign field, and there has been marked increase in support of pastors and Superintendents. The Publishing House apportionment has been nearly all raised; circulation of the HERALD of HOLINESS has increased. The Peniel College moves steadily on with the indebtedness greatly decreased. God has given rain, crops have been good, and our people have been faithful. We live in abundance of peace among ourselves, and we are THANKFUL.

### COLORADO DISTRICT

REV. A. E. SANNER, SUPT.

TRULY, AMONG COLORADO Pentecostal Nazarenes "there hath not failed one word of all his good promise." The fruits of perfect love are in evidence, for the good promise is being embraced. The pastors are loving the evangelists, the evangelists the pastors; and both are loved by the laity, and the laity by both. And all love the constituted officers of the District, and all by them are loved. We love our Almighty Father, His Christ, and His Holy Spirit more than all. In fact, this is a love affair. For these things, and the souls He is giving us as the result of these things, the Superintendent on this Thanksgiving day, is profoundly grateful to God.

### PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

REV. JAMES W. SHORT, SUPT.

AS WE APPROACH ANOTHER Thanksgiving day, our hearts well up with praise and gratitude for all God's blessings to us. Personally, God's blessings have been many. Good health has been ours, and we have preached and labored on the District constantly. While trying to feed and bless others, the dear Lord has watered and blessed our own soul continually. Hallelujah! We are thankful for His many blessings on our family. All are spared to cheer us on, and our needs have been supplied.

On the District God's blessings have been many and glorious. The work has taken advancement on all lines. The churches have caught the vision more and more. The fire burns on our altars, and the glory has swept on us, saving, sanctifying, comforting, cheering, inspiring us to press on. Many new centers of fire have been started on the District since last Thanksgiving. Missions and churches have been organized, and advancement has been made on missionary lines. The Lord be praised for His many blessings. Greater glory and victory awaits us.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

REV. HOWARD ECKEL, SUPT.

THE PSALMIST DAVID says, "O give thanks unto the Lord of heaven." He enumerates, first, for remembering us in our low estate. Second, for redeeming us from our enemies. Third, for giving food to all flesh. Fourth, for His enduring mercy. These are the things for which we ought to be most thankful. Remembering us in our low estate—how low the race has fallen, and how good God was to redeem us. John 3:16, tells the whole story. Then we are thankful for His goodness in supplying us with food and raiment. And his enduring mercy, oh, how great! Luke 1:73-75, "The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life." I thank Him for the great privilege of doing this.

### MANITOBA-SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT

REV. C. A. THOMPSON, SUPT.

I AM THANKFUL FOR Jesus who saves and keeps me, and for the Holy Ghost who leads and comforts me, and reveals the dying love of Christ to my heart. Amen!

I am thankful for the church, without which I should not have been able to live, or to be instructed in the things of God. I am thankful for a place to labor and be spent for Him whose love has constrained me to leave all else for His glory.

I am thankful for every mercy, and every good, whether in the state or in the church.

I am thankful for every trial permitted by a loving hand, and am determined to profit by every chastisement, as well as every apparent blessing. Amen!

### MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

REV. S. E. GALLOWAY, SUPT.

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thess. 5:18). THERE IS MUCH said at this time each year on Thanksgiving, but many times but little thanks. Let us stop amid the tumult and rush of this busy age and give thanks to our heavenly Father, Who through the last year has been so mindful of us; and while in many instances we may have been unfaithful, yet He has al-

ways been faithful. When we stop to number our new centers of fire, and new churches with live pastors, the great revivals held by our Spirit-filled evangelists, the thousands of newborn souls, the strong workers added to our list, the increase in interest for the general work of our church, it creates within us a prayer irrevocable, and surely there is not a Pentecostal Nazarene any place who would not join us in a thank offering to Him who is worthy, the most high King.

#### IOWA DISTRICT

REV. E. A. CLARK, SUPT.

PERSONALLY, AS WELL as in behalf of our work on the Iowa District, I have great cause for gratitude. I am grateful indeed that God is giving me health and strength to keep busy spreading holiness in Iowa. It greatly rejoices my heart that several new fields are opening to our work, some of which will be heard from in our reports in the near future. At this writing I am especially thankful for the victory God is giving us in this battle against sin, and for the precious souls who have found the Lord recently in Centerville, Iowa.

#### FLORIDA DISTRICT

REV. M. M. BUSSEY, SUPT.

THE LORD HAS BEEN very gracious to us this year. The District is young and small in numbers, but healthy in spiritual growth. The people are serving the Lord from choice. They have counted the cost, paid the price, and are going up the King's highway shouting praises to God. They are not murmurers and faultfinders, not leaners, but lifters. Praise the Lord for them. This has been the very best year we have ever known in the Lord. The boundless love of God has flooded our soul, the horizon of faith and experience has been greatly enlarged. Praise Him.

#### NORTHWEST DISTRICT

REV. J. T. LITTLE, SUPT.

WE OF THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT have much to be thankful for at this time. First of all, God is with us; hence we are a united people, pushing the battle for God and souls. We have made marked progress along all lines. The debts are being paid on our church properties, and this is being done very rapidly, we have met and almost doubled our apportionment for the Publishing House, and why should n't we? Rev. DeLance Wallace of this District, a man highly esteemed among us, is a member of the Board of Publication. Also good Brother Jack Sanders we claim as our own. We were on the spot when God spoke to his soul. The first work he did after being converted was for me, with a pick and shovel, and well do I remember, how he looked me in the face after a hard day's work and said, "Brother John, you don't know how good it seems to earn an honest dollar." How we watched him grow in his Christian experience until he was known as one of the greatest personal workers and soul winners in the city of Spokane. How he moved on from one position of trust to another until he was one of the most esteemed, and sought after men among the larger business firms in the city; and all this time he was saving all the money he could from his large salary to pay up old bills and make restitution, until after years of this kind of work he could say, "Thank God they are all paid." Jack, we love you just as much as we ever did, if not more, and if there is anything you want at any time that is in our power to give just let us know. If God ever took a human being and made a real man out of him, that man is Jack Sanders. He is God's own creation and handiwork and a noble man indeed. Then we also have C. W. Jones and D. L. Rice, employees in the Publishing House, from this District. These men we know; they are tried and true, and it is a perfect delight to stand back of them and give them a word of encouragement now and then. Why have I said all this? Oh, yes, the thought of why we more than paid up our

apportionment led up to it. We also outstripped ourselves in foreign missions. I have n't the exact figures, but I am quite sure that we doubled up, and with a burning spirit and zeal to do more this year. We have pledged, and the pledges are coming in fast. Over four thousand dollars for home missions this Assembly year, and this besides our regular apportionment of over two thousand dollars. We propose to actually sow this District down with holiness unto the Lord. What we need right now is good holy men, men whom we can trust, men who can bring things to pass, men who will enter a new field and stick to it until things come to pass. We are having salvation in most of our churches right along, and the prospects are transporting. Are we thankful? Indeed we are thankful. We humble ourselves in His presence, giving Him all the glory and tell Him we love Him more and more. He alone knows how we love Him. We hope ere long to see Him face to face.

#### NEW YORK DISTRICT

REV. PAUL HILL, SUPT.

WE ARE THANKFUL for the past, present, and future; loving hearts, true men, childhood memories, sweet music, sacred songs, religious literature, great opportunities, young blood, high ambitions, old truths, heavenly consolation, beautiful scenery, pleasant climate, great industries, promised revivals, people who pray for us, growing faith in God, greater vision, a Spirit-maintained ministry, great inventions, patriotism, holiness that unites, fire that is hot, hearts that are white, records of triumphant deaths, an open Bible, good preaching, happy feelings, a defeated Devil, a mighty Leader, the Church invisible and invincible, the second blessing, the upward grade, the family altar, missionary interest, the privilege of prayer, the atoning blood, a returning King, the Holy Ghost, increasing revelation, and God over all blessed for ever. Amen.

#### GEORGIA DISTRICT

REV. E. H. KUNKEL, SUPT.

MY HEART GOES OUT in praise and thanksgiving to Him who has led me victoriously through another year. Trials were many, but the blessings far outnumbered them all. We have a mighty Foe, but King Jesus is still upon the throne commanding the forces of the sky, and the saints of the earth, and leading them on to certain victory. And with a conquering tread we are going on with thankful hearts for the blessings, and victories of the past, more determined than ever to press the battle to the very gate. The most that I have to be thankful for is salvation from all sin through His precious blood. We are also thankful for the added blessings, such as food, raiment, home, churches, souls saved and sanctified, churches organized, etc.; but nothing fills and thrills my soul with peace and thanksgiving as the fact that He is, and was, "able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Tim. 1:12).

#### WESTERN OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

REV. J. I. HILL, SUPT.

THIS THANKSGIVING FINDS ME very grateful for the blessed Holy Ghost which has so definitely led in the work of the Lord on the Western Oklahoma District the last year. There has been a marked advancement in every department of the work on the District the last Assembly year, and we are entering into our new year with thankful hearts for the past, and for the future whatever it may bring, because we feel that it is the will of God concerning us.

#### SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT

REV. WILLIAM E. FISHER, SUPT.

WE HAVE MUCH to be thankful for on the San Antonio District. There have been blessed revivals at almost every church. Hundreds of souls have been saved and sanctified. Some places the church has doubled its membership. Old church debts have been

paid and the buildings dedicated. Missionary offerings have increased 50 per cent over last year. Holiness has been planted in new fields. The Williams-Robinson campaign is now in full blast in San Antonio. This District leads all others in the number of subscribers to the HERALD OF HOLINESS. Two new missionaries have gone from our District to Cuba. To God be all the glory.

#### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

REV. N. H. WASHBURN, SUPT.

THE TIME HONORED CUSTOM, that of setting apart a day for thanksgiving, had its beginning, as we all know, with the Pilgrim fathers at Plymouth, Mass., nearly three hundred years ago. Having spent my boyhood days near this historic landmark, it is but natural that my mind should revert, at this time, to the place of my birth, especially as it was there that I was born again. I praise God for this beginning of a new life and for the privilege in later years of being associated with such a noble, and spiritual band of holiness preachers, loyal to God and the church, as we have on the New England District. If our forefathers found cause for thanksgiving after such hardships as they endured, how thankful we should be in this land of plenty and religious liberty. Let us count our blessings and do our best to express to God our heartfelt gratitude for His exceeding kindness to us as a people.

#### INDIANA DISTRICT

REV. U. E. HARBING, SUPT.

"O give thanks unto the Lord." THIS HAS BEEN the best year in the history of the District. We have had great increase on all lines, while values in church property, home, and foreign missions, were about doubled. Unity and harmony prevails. God has been good to our people, blessing them on earth and from heaven. While we are in the evil days, our preachers and people are blessed. They have a burden for souls, and a hunger for the deeper things. For all this, and more, we are gratefully thankful.

#### ALABAMA DISTRICT

REV. P. M. COVINGTON, SUPT.

I CAME INTO THE WORLD in the year 1869. Mother went to heaven when I was a baby, and left me to have a hard time. When a boy in my teens God forgave all of my sins, and made me His son; and said, "Son, I want you to be a preacher for me." But I never wanted to be a preacher. So I had a hard time trying to live a Christian life and not do what God wanted me to do. But in the year 1904, I was reclaimed from a back-slidden state, and the same year I was sanctified wholly by the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire, and it is still bright today. To God be all the glory. I am praising God for the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene. I thank Him for the HERALD OF HOLINESS, and the Publishing House; I thank Him for the men and women who are giving their lives to spread holiness. This has been one of the best years of my life.

#### WASHINGTON-PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

REV. W. W. HANKES, SUPT.

"O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good." AS A CHURCH we ought to give thanks that God is leading us on. Although the path may be rough and stony, it may be due to our own folly. May the Lord give us clear heads as well as clean hearts. As a District, we want to give thanks that, with few exceptions, our churches on the Washington-Philadelphia District are marching on with a revival spirit, and looking forward to an increase on all lines this Assembly year. As an individual, I want to give thanks to Him, for constant victory in my soul. While we realize the battle is on, we also realize that our God is on the throne and still answers prayer.

ALBERTA DISTRICT  
REV. JAMES H. BURY, SUPT.

ALBERTA IS ABUNDANTLY blessed in all things material: good crops, tremendous natural resources, beautiful climate, a sturdy race of people. She is cursed with one thing, sin. Our need is, more men baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire to spread the remedy for sin. We praise God continually for the mighty plan of salvation made for the human family, and yet we feel that the times demand men like the old prophet, full of God, fearless, majestic in His strength, yet full of compassion, living continually in the experience of 1 Cor. 13. Our greatest note of thanksgiving is, Jesus is coming. Amen.

HAMLIN DISTRICT  
REV. J. C. HENSON, SUPT.

IT IS WITH A HEART full of praise and thanksgiving that I write these lines. In spite of war conditions, and the high cost of living, and possibly one of the worst droughts in the history of the country, inasmuch that parts of the country have become depopulated, God has been good to us and has given revivals in most of our churches. Our people, as a rule, have been heroic and have wrought well considering conditions.

Our rescue home at Pilot Point is moving along nicely; and Central Nazarene College at Hamlin, with practically its entire territory covered by the drought, is braving the tide heroically. We thank the Lord for the missionary spirit among us. We have about doubled the money given for missions over last year, and our people responded nicely to the Hallelujah March for our Publishing House. So we take courage, thank God, and press on.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT  
REV. T. W. SHARP, SUPT.

WE ARE THANKFUL to our heavenly Father—  
For the gift of Jesus, His own Son,  
For conflicts waged, and victories won;  
For the Holy Ghost abiding,  
For confidence in Him confiding;  
For the year with all its blessings,  
Grace to stand through all the testings;  
For our Nazarenes all loyal,  
Pentecostal joy that's joyful;  
For our ministry, great and small,  
General Superintendents and all;  
For our dear HERALD, its well filled pages,  
The best of its class of all the ages;  
For *The Youth's Comrade* and *The Other Shecp*, too,

Our Sunday school literature, no other will do;  
For progress made on the District this year  
In spreading the gospel of good will and cheer;  
For our opportunity to preach His Word,  
To tell of redemption through the blood of our Lord.  
All hands together now—let's give Him praise,  
Thanks be unto God for all of His ways!

EASTERN OKLAHOMA DISTRICT  
REV. E. C. CAIN, SUPT.

THOU, GIVER of every good and perfect gift, we thank Thee. Thou hast crowned our years with Thy blessings. Thou hast opened Thine hand and we have been fed; Thou hast opened Thine hand and we have been clothed. Through Thy mercy, O righteous Lord, we have been saved from our sins and given an inheritance among them who are sanctified. Thy love has comforted us, Thy spirit has led us, Thy Word has instructed us. In the day of joy we have beheld Thy goodness, in the day of adversity Thou hast not forsaken us. And Thou, who are the same yesterday, today, and for ever, wilt be with us always, even to the end of the world. Amen.

## Notes of Praise From the Publishing House Folks

Thankful to God? Yes, indeed! A thousand times yes! Thankful for the precious blood that cleanses every sin stain. Thankful also for the privilege of spending my time and energies in an institution that has been established for the purpose of spreading the glad tidings of full salvation unto the uttermost parts of the earth.—P. H. LUNN.

Above all else, I thank the Lord for victory over sin through His precious blood, and for the privilege of having a part in proclaiming full salvation throughout the world.—ANNA BRUCK.

I thank God that He lets me work where I can serve Him with my hands. I thank Him for health, a spiritual church, and a spiritual home.—A. M. MARTIN.

I expect to use not only Thanksgiving day, but every day as a day to thank the Lord.—P. B. SCOTT.

I wish to render praise unto the Lord for this, another year. He has kept me free from sin, and with His Spirit abiding within.—JENNIE L. ANDERSON.

I thank God that this, another Thanksgiving time, finds me well saved. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psa. 103: 2).—ELLEN ANDERSON.

*Praise the Lord.* How my heart rejoices as I write, to really know that the blood shed on Calvary availed for me, and that I am enjoying saving and sanctifying grace. Hallelujah!—CHAS. W. JONES.

Saved, sanctified, and kept. I thank the Lord for a pure heart, pure motives, and an upward determination. All for Jesus.—JOHN THOMAS.

I am very thankful for health, work, and a good Christian home, but best of all for the Comforter who dwells within my heart just now.—LUCY ROWLAND.

Thanks be unto God for the knowledge of sins forgiven; for the unmerited blessings bestowed; and for the privilege of serving One who is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.—M. LUNN.

I am truly thankful for a constant spiritual atmosphere in which to work for my Lord and earn an honest dollar. Saved, sanctified, healed, and kept, all for Jesus.—MOZELLE SCOTT.

I am truly thankful for what God has done for me. He saves, and sanctifies, and keeps me by His grace.—E. H. EDWARDS, JR.

This is my happiest Thanksgiving. Let us all continue to give our best moral and physical efforts to help and co-operate in making the Publishing House bigger each Thanksgiving day.—G. M. WATHAN.

I am so thankful that I am saved and sanctified wholly. The only thing I am sorry for is that I never found the Lord sooner.—NADINE SHATZER.

I am thankful to my precious Savior for sins forgiven, a heart cleansed, a body healed, and the blessed assurance that He cares for me daily.—MRS. A. RUSSELL.

I am thankful for the Publishing House, the Pentecostal Nazarene church, Christian parents, Christian training, and all else that I possess.—FLOSSIE D. WEST.

I am profoundly thankful for the year's spiritual blessings and victories, for food, raiment, and shelter, for family ties, and Christian fellowship. Abundantly satisfied.—J. D. SCOTT.

Most thankful, that I have surrendered this, at one time gnarled, knotted, sin-cursed, and defiled, mind, body, and spirit of mine into the nail-scarred hands of Jesus Christ without any reservation.—DAVID E. ALLEN.

I feel profoundly thankful to God for the good way He has led and kept me during the last year. I am wholly and for ever His.—D. L. RICE.

I want to thank the Lord for salvation. The precious blood has been applied to my heart and I have perfect victory in my soul.—R. A. EDWARDS.

I thank God for full salvation, and for the privilege of working in the sanctified atmosphere of the Publishing House, helping to spread scriptural holiness over the earth.—JEANITA CARTER.

I thank God for the Publishing House and for the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene. They have meant hope, life, and salvation for me; most of all, I am thankful for His matchless salvation.—MARGUERITE STEPHENS.

I have Thanksgiving every day, for Jesus has come to stay. He saves, sanctifies, and satisfies me. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for His bountiful goodness.—HARVEY EMERSON.

I am thankful at this Thanksgiving time that I am an American citizen, living under the protection of the Stars and Stripes.—WALTER H. EARRHART.

Thanksgiving is a day of rest for which we are thankful. We are also thankful to our Lord for our good health, our home, and numberless other blessings.—FRANK GRANGE.

I am thankful first, for the Trinity, for my salvation, and for the human love of my family and friends. I am thankful for a godly place in which to work.—JOHN COLE.

Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift. I thank God that by His grace I have reached another milestone on my journey heavenward.—JOHN F. SANDERS.

I thank God for a realization of personal acceptance with Him through the blood of Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.—C. A. KINDER.

## Missionary Headquarters Give Thanks

We are full of praise and thanksgiving to God for the marvelous way He has heard and answered prayer during the last year. It has been a year of unbroken peace and victory and above everything else we praise Him for the way He has laid the burden of a lost world on the hearts of His people, and for the way they are responding to the cries of the millions in the regions beyond. Our vision is getting larger and our faith increasing each day.—E. G. ANDERSON.

Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift. I am thankful Jesus saves me; thankful Jesus sanctifies me; thankful Jesus keeps me; thankful for a little part in sending the gospel to the ends of the earth.—HERBERT HUNT.

We want to praise the Lord for the last year with its battles and victories; for the grace which He has given, and for the joy that we have found in His service. The cries of the lost ring louder in our ears than ever, and we are determined to be faithful and do our best to spread the gospel.—RUTH ANDERSON.

Words can not express the praise and gratitude to God for the wonderful way He has blessed me the last year. I want to thank Him for the way He has cared for me and led me during the last year, but most of all I am thankful because I belong to Him and that He will never leave nor forsake His children.—EMMA B. WORD.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

December 9

## Ezra and Nehemiah Teach the Law

Neh. 8:1-12

GOLDEN TEXT—*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*—Psa. 119:105.

### THE LESSON OUTLINE

BY REV. B. F. HAYNES, D.D.

#### (A) *The Law Called For.*

The temple and the wall rebuilt were not enough. Even prayer and praise and sacrifice reinstated did not meet all the felt needs. We hear in the very opening verse (1) of our lesson the following demand of "all the people":

And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel.

It is great when the people call for the Word of God. It is a most wholesome sign. It is fortunate when the people have such a builder as Nehemiah who so promptly responds and gives them the Word. How carefully he arranged for a convenient and favorable hearing of this Word (vs. 2-4).

#### (B) *Reverence for the Word.*

The whole history and tone of this incident indicate marked reverence for the Word, which has indeed always been a distinguishing characteristic of the Jew. And this we would add is one of the most beautiful and hopeful national traits of this remarkable people. They revere the law and so teach their children.

The pains taken to arrange for an orderly reading and hearing of the Word; the respectful voluntary standing of the people as the solemn words were ready to be read from the sacred pages and the great pains taken to explain and make lucid the meaning of the words, the mention of the very opening of the book, all indicate great and eminent proper reverence for the law of the Lord.

#### (C) *The Word Expounded.*

The very names of the Bible teachers or doctors of the law or the theological professors are carefully recorded. Their names deserve to be quoted, and more especially their principles of interpretation and enforcement of the precious Word.

So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

Who can improve it? What theological seminary or what commentator or what system of instruction has ever existed or is to be found today which excels these few simple rules? There are only three of them.

- a. Reading in the Book in the Law of God distinctly.
- b. They gave the sense.
- c. "And caused them to understand the meaning."

#### (D) *Reverence and Love for the Word*

were further shown in their proclaiming a holy day unto the Lord.

The strength and hope of any people or individual is in reverence for and diligent study and obedience of the Word of God.

### NOTES : QUERIES : QUOTES

BY REV. E. F. WALKER, D.D.

Bible conferences, Bible conventions, Bible schools, have their license in the gathering on the plaza between the temple and the water gate in Jerusalem, and the recognition by Nehemiah the soldier-saint and Ezra the priest-scribe (v. 1).

The Book of God is for all classes and ages that have common understanding (v. 2).

When God's Word is opened all the people should stand at reverent attention (v. 3).

He who discourses God's Word should be, in the esteem of the people, and in fact, elevated above the common level of this world (v. 4).

The Bible is for all the people; and all the people should always show the profoundest reverence for the Book of truth, of holiness, and salvation, and God (v. 5).

Grateful praise of God should ever be given that He has spoken to man in human language; and because of this all the people should unite in such praise, should lift hands in faith and love, and should reverently prostrate themselves at the feet of the Giver of Truth (v. 6).

The Bible should be read with great carefulness in pronunciation, and should be learnedly explained and lucidly illustrated—that the true impression of truth may be received (v. 8).

Mourning is dispelled by holiness—(v. 9).

Joy in God gives nerve to faith and courage and victory (v. 10).

All God's people should endeavor to so comport themselves that they may give in every respect right expression to the holiness which ought to characterize them in the service of Jehovah (v. 11).

The right understanding of the volume of God's truth should minister peace and charity and joy to human lives (v. 12).

In that Jerusalem court were gathered male and female, young and old, to hear read, and expounded by men learned in sacred lore the Word of the living God, the living Word of God—this is a picture of what the Bible school ought to be.

## Young People's Thanksgiving

BY REV. R. T. WILLIAMS, D.D.

ONE year ago, we were all loud in our expressions of praise to God for national peace, and for a President who kept us out of war. Conditions have, within the last year, greatly changed and today this great republic is in the midst of the most gigantic struggle ever known in the history of the world, a struggle that we all hope and believe will end in the triumph of democracy, if Jesus shall tarry till the end can come.

In spite of the dark days and the sad conditions existing in so large a part of the world, we still have much for which to be thankful. We could speak of the national prosperity, the great crops God has given us, the many years of peace we have enjoyed. We could praise God for the souls that have been blessed through the gospel of His Son, for those who have been saved, sanctified, edified, sustained, and kept under these trying times, through the power of a great Savior. Gratitude should also be expressed for the supply of our physical needs, and for the health God in His good providence, has seen fit to give us, and not least, for the great progress God has enabled us as a church to make in all departments of our work.

While we are celebrating this great national event, expressing thanks for all great blessings, it will seem very proper and appropriate for us as young people of the church to thank God for what might to many seem a small thing, namely, the progress and growth of the work of the young people.

In the first place, there is a real indication of an awakening throughout the movement, concerning the importance of aggressive work among the boys and girls within our influence. We are beginning to see that the church can not build, and grow, and become a great power for the salvation of souls, unless its growth is from the ranks of the young, which is natural and normal. There is a forward movement becoming evident, for a revival of interest looking forward to the definite conversion and sanctification of the young, and may God intensify this interest in our midst.

In the second place, we are thankful to God for the great number of consecrated, Spirit-filled young people He is giving us, who have a vision of God, a vision of the world's needs, and a vision of their own possibilities in God's service. Their influence is being felt, and will be felt more and more as the opportunities arise for them to step out into active salvation work. More of them have offered themselves to the church to be sent as missionaries to ~~the~~ foreign lands than we have the money to send them. Some churches are seeking talented young persons who are willing to be sent, but God has raised up in our midst more consecrated lives than we are able so far to support on the fields. How sad, we have not the needed money! But it would be much sadder if we had the money but no one to send.

The third fact that stirs our heart with gratitude, is that we now have a place for the young people who get sanctified, to work. It is a well known fact that no young convert or young sanctified person is likely to prosper unless he is given an opportunity to exercise his gifts and graces. For years in the holiness movement we would get young people everywhere saved and sanctified and then leave them to seek congenial surroundings, and good associations wherever they could find them, and the result was, that they were scarcely welcome among those who did not believe in holiness if they felt obliged to propagate their doctrines and try to get others into such experience as they enjoyed. There was finally an awakening as to the need of having a church, and also of having a particular work in that church for the young. Thank God we have a long felt need supplied finally in our young people's union.

Again, we should thank God for the fact that the young people are beginning to see their own privileges and responsibilities in the church. It was never intended that they should be inactive, or feel that they are of no importance in the work of God. When our societies, or unions were first organized, few seemed interested, but conditions are rapidly changing. More organizations are being perfected, and those already in existence are growing. The writer has been in a few churches where this part of the work was the life of the community, in real spiritual life, and power, and influence. Should we not thank God?

In matters of organization, we have never done a wiser thing than make provision for the societies, and it will be equally wise on the part of those for whom this provision was made, to grasp the opportunity given, and make the society a source of real and lasting blessing to all the people where they live. Doors are surely open, and thank God we are beginning in a very substantial way to see our privileges. Another year will witness still greater progress; progress in interest, in membership, in numbers of organizations, in Holy Ghost power, and the salvation, and sanctification of many more souls than this year.

But, it is not enough to thank God for what has been. We must resolve to go forward. Pray more, work more, sacrifice more, seek a closer walk with God, and resolve by the help of God, to definitely seek the conversion and sanctification of every young person in the community, and then strive hard for his establishment and edification in the Christian life. Amen!

# THE WORK AND THE WORKERS

## DALLAS DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The ninth annual Assembly of the Dallas District, in session at Cedar Hill, Texas, closed Sunday night. The Assembly was preceded by a great evangelistic service Tuesday night, at which time Dr. E. F. Walker preached a splendid sermon.

The business session opened at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. The delegation was larger than at any time in the history of the Dallas District. The different reports showed a large increase on all lines. New churches have been organized, weak ones strengthened, debts lifted, and some waste places restored. The reports of the pastors were full of courage and progress. Evangelists have been busy and there has been a great ingathering of souls. The laymen have stood by those whom God has made overseers of the flocks. The report of the Board of Missions showed an increase of \$1,200 paid this year. We have enlarged the places of our tents, stretched forth the curtains of our habitations, lengthened our cords, and strengthened our stakes.

This was the first time we have had Dr. E. F. Walker as presiding officer. His great efficiency, wise counsel, and genial spirit endeared him to the entire Assembly. We were glad to have with us again Dr. H. F. Reynolds. His presentation of missions and missionary interests moved all hearts, and the people responded with a subscription of more than one thousand four hundred dollars. The rescue work was represented by Rev. J. T. Upchurch. This was a very impressive service.

Pledges amounting to several hundred dollars were made to the work.

Rev. Oscar Hudson and wife were there in behalf of the orphanage work at Peniel, Texas. This home has lately become the property of the Dallas District. Plans are now on foot to increase its usefulness. After an earnest address by Mrs. Hudson, \$50 cash offering was taken, and a larger amount by subscription.

Our Publishing House was well presented by Rev. August Nilson. His good report encouraged us, and the response from our people in the subscriptions to the papers, and the purchasing of books showed the interest and confidence of our District in the Publishing House.

The educational service was conducted by Rev. James B. Chapman, president of Peniel College. Testimonies were given by a number of students, and Drs. Walker and Reynolds gave short addresses.

We are sorry this year to part with our former District Superintendent, Rev. P. L. Pierce. He has served us faithfully for four years, bearing on his heart daily the care of all the churches. Since we had to make a change, we are glad to have Rev. E. G. Theus, formerly of the Louisiana District. He was at one time a student in Peniel College, and has for some years been serving very successfully pastorates in Louisiana. Mrs. E. J. Sheeks was unanimously re-elected District secretary.

Also Brother E. H. Sheeks, District treasurer. Brother and Sister Sheeks have been a great help to our work and we are glad to keep them in this capacity.

Special notice was given this year to our young people's societies, and Rev. V. A. Fisher was elected District president, and Miss Lillian Carroway, District secretary. Among the number of visitors present each day were Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Caylor of Hamlin District, and Rev. Mr. Davies of the Montana District. The spirit of brotherly love prevailed throughout, and we were encouraged to press forward, coming to Peniel next year, still making full proof of our ministry. Business sessions Saturday afternoon. All joined in singing "A charge to keep I have."

Sunday was a great day, beginning with the sunrise prayermeeting, and the people's meeting at 9 o'clock. At the 11 o'clock hour Dr. E. F. Walker preached a wonderful sermon from Acts 1:8. In the afternoon Mrs. Bettie Morris was consecrated. Following this was an ordination service, at which time Rev. V. A. Fisher, Mrs. Anna Adams, and Rev. J. H. Erwin were ordained. The Assembly closed with a great evangelistic sermon by Rev. August Nilson.

We can not fail to mention the splendid entertainment we received from the good people of Cedar Hill under the management of Brother W. H. Cox, Brother T. M. Bray, and others. The arrangements for entertainment were the best we have seen. More homes were opened than could be used. A large dining hall under the care of Brother and Sister Carroll was splendidly and neatly arranged, and a well filled table, which had not been marred by the high cost of living. The best of all, God was with us, favoring us with nice weather, and refreshing our souls with His presence. Praise His name.

INA LEE HUGHES,  
Press Reporter.

## EVANGELIST M. C. ADAM

We closed our meeting at Bunker Hill, Ind., with good victory. God owned His Word and His cause by the salvation of souls and the sanctification of believers. Some became angry and wrote the presiding elder to close the revival because we preached sanctification as a second work, in place of a growth in grace. But, thank God, a few got the blessing and the saints shouted for joy. We preached the last Monday evening in the M. E. church. Over thirty were at the altar and prayed through to definite victory. We are now in our second revival in the Pentecostal Nazarene church at Logan, Ohio, this year, having been here in April, and we have the promise of good victory. Pray for us.

## EVANGELIST ANDREW JOHNSON

Here we battle at the forks of the river in the empire state (Au Sable Forks, N. Y.). While the war over the seas continues to wage, we must press the battle for holiness on this side. Souls are being converted and sanctified, and there are indications of a greater victory to follow.

## EVANGELIST C. B. JERNIGAN

We are in a hard battle in Ontario, Cal., with Rev. E. M. Hutches, our pastor, and God is truly giving victory. The altar was well filled last night and all prayed clear through. We never saw such a spirit of prayer and old-time groaning on people like it has been here for a week. The church has gotten real free and now sinners are at the altar. We have several days yet, and expect great things from God. California is different from any state that we ever worked in. There has never been the jammed house and great crowds in any of our meetings here that we have had in Oklahoma and Texas; but somehow about all the sinners who attend get saved. We go to Milton, Cal., next to assist an old Oklahoma friend, Rev. D. M. Coulson, who is pastor at Milton.

## EVANGELISTS ALLIE AND EMMA IRICK

Just a word or two from the battlefield. We are all well, soul and body. The Lord is giving us the best revival season of our life. Many souls are getting saved, reclaimed, and sanctified. We just completed a long campaign of several months' duration up in Kansas. We held forth at Union Valley, near Belleville; with Rev. Mr. Stansbury near Burr Oak; then with Brother Karkuff near Formoso, and at Wayne, Kas., in the Community church. All these meetings were productive of much salvation work, general advancement to the cause of holiness, and withal, an exceeding uplift to the church.

The last meeting at Wayne was one of the greatest in our life, and the logical, and natural outcome will be a red-hot Pentecostal Nazarene church. Hurry up there, Brother Fred Mendell, and get it on foot at once.

We were never treated any better anywhere

## District Assemblies and Foreign Missions

By Gen. Supt. H. F. Reynolds, D.D.

At the close of the meeting of the General Foreign Missionary Board—even before the writer had time to attend to any of the vast amount of foreign correspondence which always accumulates very rapidly at the time of the annual meeting of the Board, turning the same over to our general treasurer and secretary, who was already overworked—the writer started for the extensive cotton raising section of our great country.

### EASTERN OKLAHOMA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY.

My first stop was at Hugo, Okla., the seat of the above named Assembly, with General Superintendent Rev. J. W. Goodwin presiding. We found that our foreign missionary work had a large place in the hearts of the members of this Assembly, and doubtless in the hearts of the membership of the District quite generally, from the fact that the reports of the District missionary treasurer showed an amount had been given by the District during their Assembly year, which included the amounts paid in during the month of October (while the missionary year closed October 1st), totaling the sum of \$1,673, for which I am sure all the readers of these lines will join us in praising God.

While the members of this Assembly were very thankful for the good amount given, they evidently felt a conviction that they had not done their best, evidenced by the fact that the pastors and representatives of the churches joyfully pledged themselves to give, or to raise, a sum exceeding \$2,300 for the work of the General Foreign Missionary Board, the coming Assembly year.

The spirit manifested by this generous undertaking of the Eastern Oklahoma District Assembly, is a great encouragement to the members and officials of the General Foreign Missionary Board.

### MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT ASSEMBLY.

In order that we might save some time, we undertook to visit two Assemblies in one week; and in order to do so we had to leave Hugo on Thursday night, arriving in Houston, Miss., where the Mississippi District Assembly had been in session, on Saturday about noon, to find General Superintendent E. F. Walker, D.D., taking the same train on which we arrived, he having finished the principal business of the Assembly on Friday night, with the exception of a few details which he left for the District Superintendent, Rev. S. E. Galloway, to care for.

We remained at Houston over Sunday, October 28th, and did what we could to encourage the few remaining members of the Assembly, together with the members of the local church,

to press on in the blessed work of spreading and conserving holiness in this and in all lands.

The total offerings from the District for the foreign missionary work of the church for their Assembly year amounted to \$150, showing a gratifying increase over the amount given in 1916 of \$100, which was three times as much as the sum given the previous year, and should be very encouraging to those interested in foreign mission work. As Sister Galloway, wife of the District Superintendent, is the District missionary evangelist for the coming year, we are very confident that this District will also continue to help the General Foreign Missionary Board in its undertakings for our Lord and Master.

### LOUISIANA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY.

The writer arrived in Jonesboro, La., where the members of the Louisiana District Assembly were convening for their Assembly, on Tuesday night, October 30th, in time to hear General Superintendent Walker, chairman of the Assembly, preach one of his excellent sermons from his series, on his favorite text found in Acts 2:1-4. We were glad to note that this District has made advancement; specially is this true of its interest in the work of foreign missions which the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene is endeavoring to carry on through its General Foreign Missionary Board. The total receipts from the churches on the District for the foreign work during their Assembly year amounted to \$246, showing an increase over 1916 of \$100. Surely the members of the Assembly and the membership of the churches have reason to take courage, knowing that they made such a good gain during the last year.

In response to an earnest invitation from Rev. J. S. Sanders, pastor of our church at Shreveport, La., we put in Sunday, November 4th, with him and his people, preaching twice on missions, and giving an address to his very interesting Sunday school on "Sunday School Work at Home and in the Regions Beyond." Brother Sanders has his church and Sunday school well trained on systematic giving, and the foreign missionary work comes in for its share, which amounted last year to \$80; and, judging from the offering for missions the Sunday I was there, it being their missionary Sunday of the month, which was over sixteen dollars, they will go much beyond their contribution of last year. Indeed, they feel that they will be able to do much more for foreign missions now that they have their new church building, which is free from debt. I am sure all of the readers of these lines, will rejoice with Pastor Sanders and with all of the other pastors and members of the District for the encouraging progress made on the District, as well as that made at Shreveport.

than during this campaign of more than two months in only two counties, in old Kansas. God bless them. The rallies we held for Rest Cottage at Pilot Point, were graciously owned and crowned with abiding and increasing results.

At this writing we are in the midst of an old-fashioned holiness revival with the church at Jasper, Ala. Great crowds, wide interest, and salvation scenes are part of the heritage. We go next to Pavo, Ga., November 29th to December 10th; then, God willing, home for a rest. Our slate for 1918 is filling. We love God and Bible holiness. Our home address is Pilot Point, Texas.

**THANKSGIVINGS FROM REST COTTAGE FAMILY**

We are glad to tell the readers of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** how God has blessed and cared for us since last Thanksgiving. During the last year over sixty persons have been sheltered and looked after at Rest Cottage, Pilot Point, Texas. Our dormitory is now full to overflowing and others are knocking for admittance.

Since October, 1916, many girls have found the Lord. Many little ones have been cared for; friends and relatives have found Jesus here; others have been encouraged to look up and press on amid the sorrow brought on by a wayward daughter or sister. We can not tell how many fathers, mothers, and brothers have unburdened their hearts and found rest as they were told of Him who was a "man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." Our superintendent and matron, Rev. J. P. Roberts and Sister Minnie Roberts, are never too tired or weary to listen to the tales of woe, and help the suffering ones find comfort. Many will rise up in the great judgment day and bless God because Brother Roberts was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

Rest Cottage is a chartered property, owned and controlled by the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene. Truly, we are thanking and praising God for bringing us on to one more national Thanksgiving day.

We praise Thee, God of our salvation,  
Looking on us from above,  
For the smile of Thy countenance,  
Beaming on us in love,  
For life, food, and raiment,  
Thy bounties replete;  
Most of all, blessed Jesus,  
For Thy love so sweet.

MRS. E. J. HARBELL,  
Reporter.

**NEW MISSION OPENED**

We are glad to report that by the help of the dear Lord and a few holiness friends, we have established a Pentecostal Nazarene mission in Cookeville, Tenn. The outlook is encouraging. Cookeville is a town of 3,000 inhabitants, having, as the county seat of Putnam county, five churches, but very little godliness. We have launched out to a great extent on the faith line and are, by the grace of God, expecting to preach a full gospel at any cost, for the older we get the more we love holiness. Beloved, pray for us.

W. H. CRAWFORD AND WIFE.

[This report from the Idaho-Oregon District came too late to be placed with the Pentecostal praises from the District Superintendents, hence its appearance on this page.]

**THANKSGIVING TO GOD**

BY N. B. HARBELL.

Thanksgiving to the heavenly Father is the grateful acknowledgement of benefits received; a real sense of value in the things bestowed; a reception of them with satisfaction; a joyful testimony of the obligation conferred; an ardent love to the giver; a flaming desire to please Him. Amen.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, are the givers of all good and perfect gifts: the sun, moon, and stars; the clouds, thunder, and lightning; the rain, snow, and hail; the firmament, earth, and waters; the birds, beasts, and fishes; the timbers, verdure, and minerals; the giving of life to all living, tell of the wonderful God we have to thank for His unspeakable blessings.

What is man that God should be so mindful of him as to give him such a storehouse of blessings? He made man a little lower than the angels, crowning him with glory and honor. From this bountiful store God gives man his daily bread, i. e., light, air, food, water, clothing, shelter, medicines, transportation, etc. Then, above these God has given man eternal life through His Son, our Lord, and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving is man's God-given way to show his appreciation for the unspeakable gifts bestowed upon him by his heavenly Father. O let us rejoice with thanksgiving and praise to Him who has all power in heaven and in earth. For His ways are past finding out and His mercies endure for ever. Holy and righteous is His name, and the whole earth is full of His glory. Shout aloud and make a joyful noise unto Him who is worthy of all praise, and honor, and glory, for unto Him belongeth riches, and wisdom, and might, both now and for ever. Amen.

**THE HAMLIN ASSEMBLY**

The Hamlin District Assembly met this year in the auditorium of the Central Nazarene College.

**Mississippi and Louisiana Districts**

By Gen. Supt. E. F. Walker, D.D.

The first of these words has four syllables, and the second five; but the natives of these states generally, in brevity and affection, pronounce with but three syllables, thus: "Miss-ipp-i" and "Lou-san-a." I love to hear them so pronounce.

Though these states are comparatively large — territorially, politically, agriculturally, commercially, and seem to be having a steady growth, yet I failed to discover much religious prosperity as evidenced outwardly — in church property, membership, and attendance. And particularly the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene has comparatively small representation, though there appears to be some growth, and the outlook is not altogether discouraging.

In the order of our church government, this writer has jurisdiction over these two Districts for this year.

**MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

The Mississippi Assembly was held at Houston, which is a town of two or three thousand souls, with a fairly good surrounding country. We have but few church organizations in the state, and these are pretty well scattered, though the richest and best parts of the state seem to be without the gospel as we preach it.

The attendance at the Assembly was fairly representative of our work in the District. There was not much ecclesiastical business to attend to, and we easily got through with it before the Sabbath.

Rev. H. F. Reynolds, General Superintendent of Foreign Missions, came to us on Saturday, in the interest of the work to which he is especially called, and he and the people had a profitable time together on the Sabbath, while I went on my way.

There were no ordinations of ministers and no consecration of deaconesses, not because there were no candidates, though these were few, but because the courses of study preparatory thereto had not been finished. There seem, however, to be some coming on, and we hope that in the future there will be some who have finished their course.

The support of the ministry of this District is very meager. This is not because of the extreme poverty of the people, though generally our people have but little of this world's goods, and are not able to pay largely. Yet if they would come anywhere near the tithing system for the support of the ministry and nothing else, (which our Manual declares to be "best, if not also obligatory") the ministers would receive a much better support. But the preachers themselves are largely to blame, in that they fail to teach the people, and give them information and inspiration concerning God's financial plan for the church, preferring rather to support themselves with their own hands than to be "burdensome" to the people. *Forgive them this wrong!* It certainly is as much our duty to teach Christian ethics, and responsibility, and sensibility, and advantage along the lines of money as it is along any other line; and we will certainly so do if we understand and are respectful of our duty as ministers, and are desirous of making full proof of our ministry, keeping back nothing that is profitable unto the people, and shunning not to declare unto them the whole counsel of God. True holiness has in it the ethical principle which will lead to the support of the ministry, according to the divine order; but the people must be taught the ethics of holiness. The heart is made right by sanctification; yet the head needs to be instructed in things pertaining to righteousness.

There are some very precious souls in the work on the Mississippi District. It did me good to hear them sing and testify, and to see them rejoicing in the Lord.

The District Superintendent for the last year, re-elected unanimously for the new year, is Rev. S. E. Galloway, who is a young man of sterling quality, away ahead of the average. He has served well, and will continue to do so as long as he holds the responsible office.

The wife of the District Superintendent is the District secretary. She is also pastor of the church at Houston. The twain are well noted, not only in marital relationship, but

ecclesiastically. She certainly will stand by the District Superintendent. If there is any difference between them, she seems to have really more vim and vigor than he, and will continue to push with him aggressively in the great field of that great state. May the Lord increasingly bless all these "Miss-ippi-ans" in the work of spreading true holiness in those lands. Amen!

**LOUISIANA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY.**

The Louisiana District Assembly was held at beautiful little Jonesboro, where we have a fine church building, erected largely by the self-denying efforts of two or three "elect ladies," the \$200 of debt remaining being provided for in the Assembly, mostly by members from other places, thus fulfilling the Scripture injunction to "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

This Assembly is not large in membership, but the members are of good quality, and were faithful in attendance, and very kind and considerate of one another, and showed great interest in the work of the District, and of the work at large.

Rev. B. F. Pritchett, a member of the Dallas District Assembly, acted as Superintendent of this District, by appointment of the General Superintendent having jurisdiction last year. Brother Pritchett labored faithfully and earnestly, but he did not receive that support he should have received, as the Assembly last year unanimously had requested the General Superintendent to appoint a Superintendent for the District, and Brother Pritchett came to Louisiana and labored constantly and did the best he could in the work. But evidently the District was not properly organized for the support of a Superintendent; and so this officer did not receive that pecuniary support that was justly due.

Rev. T. C. Leekie of the Arkansas District was elected Superintendent for the coming year. This brother is well known throughout this District, and we hope for him full support of the people in every way.

Our evangelistic and other services at this Assembly were very blessed. God's smile beamed upon us, and His holy arm was made bare in salvation.

Rev. H. P. Reynolds, our General Superintendent of Foreign Missions, was present throughout the entire time of the Assembly, and he preached well and plead earnestly, especially for foreign missions, and to the edification and delight of us all.

There were also present Brother and Sister Corlett, former students at Arkansas College, who are now on their way to Nazarene University at Pasadena, to further pursue their studies for the ministry. Brother Corlett is a licensed minister in the third year of the course of study, and his wife is also a candidate for the ministry, studying with this in view. Both of them are most excellent singers of the gospel, and the Lord blesses them in this ministry.

This Assembly, on the whole, was a very precious and excellent one; and we all greatly enjoyed our association with these people, some of whom I knew many years ago, when I was in regular evangelistic work, and conducted a number of evangelistic meetings in Louisiana.

But Louisiana, like Mississippi, is greatly in need of home missionary work, as the fields are wide, and the doors not very widely open, though the people seem to be specially ready to receive the kind of gospel we have to give in the name of Jesus.

This writer hopes that the time may not be far distant when, as a denomination, like other church organizations, we shall have a General Board of Home Missions for the assistance of District Boards of Missions, through their District Superintendents and other evangelistic agencies, in extending the work in these wide, and needy, and ready fields, white unto the harvest.

May the dear Lord bless our few and feeble people in Mississippi and Louisiana, and put it into the hearts of His people everywhere to do what they can, in the spirit of Jesus, which is always the spirit of missions, for the spread and conservation of holiness in these as well as in other lands!

Hamlin, Texas. In an attempt to describe it, we can only say it was great—great in attendance, considering the drought-stricken condition of the country; great in harmony, in spiritual power, in the ministry of the Word, in dispatch of business and in the offerings for our church institutions. Dr. E. F. Walker presided with grace and endeared himself to our people by his geniality, judicious rulings, and wise counsel; and thrilled them by his logical, scriptural, and unctuous preaching. General Superintendent H. F. Reynolds, who was present in the interest of foreign missions, added much to the Assembly by his humility of spirit, sunny disposition, and also able gospel preaching. Miss Myrtle Mangum, who has been forced to return from her labors in India on account of ill health, was with us and delivered an interesting address on the conditions and needs of the people in her field of labor. Rev. August Nilson, who represented the publishing interests, was an inspiration to those in attendance.

This country has been suffering for more than a year with an unprecedented drought, practically nothing being made this year; and many wondered if money could be raised to defray the expenses of entertainment. We met with the Hamlin church, who for weeks, led by their able and godly pastor, Rev. J. E. Gaar, had been earnestly praying for God's blessings upon the Assembly. A fair representation of the church at large was present. The Lord opened the windows of heaven upon us from the very beginning, and throughout the session, demonstrations were in evidence.

A spirit of disloyalty to our church institutions had developed in some instances, some of our people having adopted a policy of supporting independent or undenominational concerns to the neglect of those fostered and managed by us. Much pressure was brought to bear upon this situation, Dr. Walker, and others speaking at length on the evils of putting money and influence into plants, movements, and institutions built upon and around a personality, which come to us for indorsement and support, but who refuse to submit to our inspection, ownership, and supervision.

Our institutions were all well represented and the people responded with liberal offerings in a hilarious manner. At different hours, the educational, publishing interests, orphanage, foreign missionary, rescue, and prison mission causes were set before the people; and aside from that which the District expects to raise for missions this year, the offerings for all purposes totaled more than four thousand dollars, \$1,400 of which was cash. The offering for entertainment ran way beyond what was called for, and the chairman called on them to stop, stating he had all the money he wanted.

The vote for District Superintendent was practically a unit, Rev. J. Walter Hall receiving more than the necessary two-third majority on the first official ballot. It was with some regret that we turned our faces homeward, but with renewed determination to press the battle for true holiness in the organized way.

OSCAR HUDSON.  
Reporter.

MISSISSIPPI ASSEMBLY

The Assembly which closed at Houston, Miss., on Sunday night, October 28th, was the best in the history of our District.

General Superintendent Walker presided. His sweetness of spirit won the hearts of our people. His messages were helpful and instructive. We praise the dear Lord for the letter of the law and for men who are able to teach according to its precepts and at the same time keep heaven open upon their hearts and lives. Shouts deep and high were enjoyed as different ones gave the report. As dear Sister Farmer told of how God had enabled her to mother six children, keep up the Sunday school superintendent's work, and missionary aid at home, and go fifteen miles in the country to pastor Blackhorn church, the glory came down and all joined in singing, "I feel like traveling on."

Dr. Pinson, of Texas, was a pleasing visitor. On Friday night we were blessed and edified by the rescue service. Dr. Pinson gave a short but helpful address on white slavery, followed by a feeling message from Brother A. J. Voltery, of Memphis. He gave evidence of being definitely called and blessed of God for this work.

We were much encouraged over the addition of several new members to our District. We feel the work in these parts is getting on a good footing. Much of our territory has, as yet, been untouched. The Assembly voted to buy a District tent that new work may be opened. Rev. S. E. Galloway was re-elected District Superintendent. Our missionary offering was three times the amount given for any previous year; and for the coming year, we are putting forth special effort for far better results. The unexpected pleasure of having dear Brother Reynolds with us and hearing his good messages along missionary lines will have much to do with our achieving great things for God and missionary interests. Miss Ova Trusty, of Nazarene Chapel, offered herself as a foreign missionary. She is now in the M. E. boarding school at Mathiston, Miss. She is doing a good work there, even while she acquires her training. The Assembly will be entertained next year by Hollywood church, Rev. I. D. Farmer, pastor. Dear ones, pray much for us in this District.

MRS. S. E. GALLOWAY,  
District Secretary.

FROM REV. TONNIE HAYS AND D. W. DILBECK

We have just closed a two weeks' meeting at Bennett, Okla. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us. We have had good crowds, and about ten have prayed through. The church will get several new members here, and we feel that the work will move on. We go south from here. Pray for us.

CHURCH NEWS

Martinsburg, W. Va.

We have a hard work here but the Lord is with us and is giving us a few souls in our regular services and as we go from home to home visiting and praying with the poor neglected ones, we are often permitted to help them to Jesus in their own homes. Then the Lord has greatly blessed us in our cottage prayer-meetings. We have two each week and we try to reach the homes of the unsaved, and in this way reach and help many who would not come to church. There were two professions last week, and two the week before. Last night we began our special revival which will continue for several weeks. Rev. W. H. Hudgins, evangelist of Rodgers, Va., will be with us November 1st to help us push the battle. Pray for us.—J. H. PENN, Pastor.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Our church is slowly but surely moving forward. We are still in the midst of special revival services. Some have been saved and others sanctified. God has put a burden on the saints for lost souls and we are determined to plead until victory comes to many hearts. Our pastor, Rev. L. H. Humphrey, preached a powerful sermon last evening, November 10th, from the text "Quench not the Spirit," and "My Spirit will not always strive with man." Many hearts were under conviction. One young woman yielded to God.—GEO. E. GRAYZINGER, Reporter.

Providence, R. I.

We are still in the fight in this wicked city, against sin and indifference. While we are not making as much headway as we wish we were, we are doing our best with what we have on hand. God gave us a good victory in Ephratah, N. Y. While it was a discouraging beginning, the Lord gave us a glorious ending. Some fifteen good cases saved, a few claimed to be sanctified, and the whole church helped and enlivened. While only a few of the members had ever taken part in meetings,

since becoming members, we got every one who attended forward to the altar, praying, and testifying. We closed last Sunday night in a blaze of glory, and waving of handkerchiefs, and a shout in the camp. The people said we never saw it on this wise before. We were entreated to stay longer, but owing to special meetings in our church this month, I was unable to stay longer. Lewis and Mathews are to be with us, November 10th-25th. Pray for the meetings. On the firing line.—F. W. DOMINA.

Wilson Chapel, Ky.

We have just closed a two weeks' meeting at Wilson Chapel, near Pulaski, Ky. Rev. L. W. Dodson, of Kingswood, Ky., was with us and did the preaching, and the Lord blessed. We can truly say our God yet hears and answers prayer. Many souls prayed through to victory, some being saved, others sanctified and backsliders reclaimed. The last Sunday five were healed at the healing service. We are much encouraged and looking to the Lord for great things next year. To God be all the glory.—MARY A. ARDIS, Pastor.

New Hope, Ark.

Brother O. L. Bennett, of Hico, La., began a meeting on October 27th, and closed November 4th. I can truly say Brother Bennett is a Holy Ghost man. Many souls were saved and several sanctified fully. Many made peace with each other and shouted the victory. The blessed Holy Ghost was in our midst blessing our service. For several years the church seemed to be spiritually dead, no one preaching there. The people gave a free will offering to Brother Bennett amounting to \$117.55. How we praise God for it. We see great victory ahead for lost souls.—MRS. ETTA CUMMINGS.

Elwood, Ind.

The blessing of the Lord is still upon us. The church is alive and on fire. Our revival is now in progress and has been for three weeks. The glory is falling and souls are getting to God. We never saw such people to hold on to God in prevailing prayer as we have here, and we never saw such results. Last Saturday night the house was crowded to the limit. One man in the back of the house came to the altar crying out loud to the saints to pray for him, and screaming out that something had hold of his soul. He rolled on the floor and cried and prayed, then he would stand up and throw up his arms, then fall upon his knees and pray. He is a backslider. He went away without the victory, and we felt sad, but God will deal with him. Another man came to the altar Sunday night after we preached on the text found in Hosea 10:12. He said that for the last seven years his mother had cried and prayed for the salvation of his soul every night; that he had wakened in the night and heard his mother praying for him. He began to pray and to unload his pockets of the Devil's rubbish. After a long time the glory came in and it was a sight to behold. That brought joy to our hearts. Well, glory! We are certainly having a revival, and we feel the prayers of our Olivet boys and girls, and also of our Publishing House and home church at Anderson. May the Lord bless them abundantly.—F. P. KERST, Pastor.

Searey, Ark.

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- H. R. JONES, Louisville, Ky.
- E. A. CLARK, University Park, Iowa.
- C. L. BRADLEY, Berlin, Mich.
- J. E. RATES, Minot, N. D.

A number of other District Superintendents have been invited to be present. The preachers of the Chicago Central District will be present, also representatives from about ten Districts through the Central states.

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The educational convention opens Thursday, December 6th, 7:30 p. m.

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less, but God undertook, and that is the victory. Pray for us.—A. G. RIDOUT.

**Holtville, Cal.**

God is with us in power. Last Sunday, November 4th, was a red letter day in our church. God came on the scene from the first song. Rev. C. E. Roberts and wife, of Pasadena, were with us and brought some stirring messages on Christian education. At the morning service he represented our school at Pasadena with its needs, and our little church gave over five hundred dollars for the school. There was a great evangelistic service at night. Several were at the altar and three got the victory. Dear pastors, let's keep the fire on us and God will give us the hearts of the people. We are praying for a great revival to strike the Southern California District, and I believe it is coming.—W. E. ELLIS, *Pastor*.

**Fairview, Iowa**

One week of the revival at Fairview has gone into history. We expect to press the battle until victory comes. We have large crowds of mostly un saved young people. They give good attention and God is honoring the truth and the prayers of His children in convicting people of sin. Sunday night the crowd could not all find seats, but some sat on the floor and others crowded the doorway. Four requested prayers. Pray for us.—CHAS. BAUERLE AND WIFE, *Pastors*.

**Harlette, Mich.**

We are glad to report real victory here in northern Michigan. Our beloved District Superintendent has been with us on his first yearly visit. His messages have been real inspiring and his counsel of untold value. We are believing God for the best year in our ministry in this place.—FRANK HORTGHTALING AND WIFE, *Pastors*.

**Walla Walla, Wash.**

A note of victory and praise for the wonderful manifestations of God's presence in our midst. Truly He has blessed beyond our deserving, and marvelously answered prayer. We have just closed a meeting from October 18th-November 4th, with Rev. Charles Gibson, of Illinois, a real live Pentecostal Nazarene, full of the Holy Ghost and fire. His sermons on hell and the coming judgment were so vivid and graphic that the congregations sat spell-bound, and the very air was charged with burning, fiery truth. Conviction was on the people and many refused to yield, which made our hearts sad. A great many were saved, reclaimed, and sanctified. The Spirit of the Lord came upon the saints in a special manner many times during the meeting, which caused much rejoicing, and shouts of victory were heard. The afternoon meetings were real seasons of refreshing from the hand of the Lord. Wonderful truths were grasped and very much good accomplished. Praise His dear name. With the Lord's help we expect to keep the revival fire burning to be in readiness for our next meeting during the month of January, 1918, with Rev. Mr. Owen of Alabama.—M. H. WILLS, *Reporter*.

**Chittendale, Mass.**

The Lord is graciously blessing His flock here and we have precious times together but we are hungry to see the work of salvation spreading and deepening. Our people took us by surprise the other evening when they all marched in singing "Brighten the Corner," and loaded us down with good things. The Lord bless them. He knows about the high cost of living. We have raised \$300 toward the Pentecostal Collegiate Institute debt, and are in a campaign to take \$200 off our church mortgage, and plan to wind up with a grand all day meeting. We invite all our friends to come over Sunday, December 2d.—TOM M. BROWN, *Pastor*.

**Caruthersville, Mo.**

We have spent two Sundays with the church at this place and can truly say that they have been times of victory and pleasures. The church has some excellent people who believe in standing by their pastor. After being royally entertained for a week, we were located in a nice house well furnished by the church. Also we were given an old-fashioned pounding, which added much to the comforts of our home. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit we are anticipating a year of signal victory.—P. P. BELEW, *Pastor*.

**Shelbyville, Tenn.**

We have just had a gracious revival here. The meeting began Sunday night, October 7th, running three weeks. Evangelist B. L. Patterson, of Henderson, Ky., did the preaching. Rev. E. C. Dees, formerly of Kentucky, now of Nashville, Tenn., led the singing. Miss Grace Moore, of Kedron, Tenn., also rendered efficient service at the organ and in special songs. We had a number saved, reclaimed, or sanctified, and the saints of God encouraged and built up in the faith. Brothers Patterson and Dees came to the Nazarene church from the M. E. church, South. No one will make a mistake in calling these brethren to hold a revival on full salvation lines, for they will preach and sing holiness until things happen for God.—W. A. FISHER.

**Gardner, Mass.**

The little band at Gardner is still holding on to God in faith, and have seen some prayers answered. We thank God and look up and take courage, know-



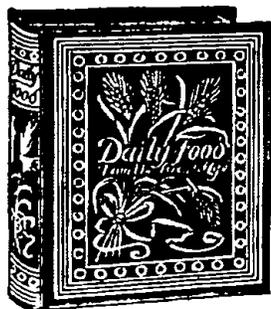
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held and thirteen souls saved and there were thirteen additions to the church. Rev. M. M. Mitchell, of Pangburn, Ark., was our helper. Brother Mitchell knows God, preaches straight, carries the burden, and knows how to touch the throne. I know of no church which has gone through testings more severe than this little church. They were very discouraged. We confess that it looked hope-



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ing that we are on the winning side. Our first communion service was held a week ago Sunday with Rev. George R. LaFlash, pastor of Worcester church, as preacher, using Eph. 5:1, 2 as his text. The presence of the Holy Ghost was manifest as he commemorated Christ's death for us. In the evening Sister Elizabeth LaFlash preached on "Fire," the four kinds mentioned in Scripture. Our hall was nearly filled with people, a goodly number of strangers coming in with us. Our service of song is being maintained for the children on Thursday afternoons at 4 o'clock, and we have seen some results from our street meetings. We are sowing seed broadcast and leaving results with God. Hearts are being broken by the going of our boys

to the military camps. In this way God is affording opportunities for binding them up with the oil of gladness.—Reporter.

**Winchester, Ind.**

We are finding plenty to do for the Master these days and He is surely blessing our efforts. Only seventeen members here, but we are not afraid to trust God and go ahead. All our members want is some one to say "Forward, march," and they are in the harness. God has given us new glass for windows, a new Bible stand, a table, and a new carpet. The furnace was in bad shape and the furnace man said there was no use of wasting money on it. But the pastor and one of our faithful soldiers put on their overalls, and the furnace is working. Praise the Lord. We are also pleased to remember putting a real altar in an old Christian church. Women and men alike, Quakers, Methodists, and Nazarenes, all had a hand in it. When it was finished all knelt down and thanked God for it and implored His blessings on the work. We are in a revival at the time of this writing. God is blessing, conviction is falling, and we are looking for great things at the hands of the Master. We were pleased to have the pastor from Red Key church, Rev. Herbert Groves, with us for one service.—B. A. FLEMING, Pastor.

**Covington, Ky.**

We are having victory here in the fight against sin. November 5th-17th was a blessed time. Seven seekers were at the altar, some for holiness and some for pardon. They all claimed the victory for their various cases. We are expecting to branch out in three more missions, one at Silver Grove, Ky., one at Cheinatti, Ohio, and one at Newport, Ky., in the business section of the town. We are expecting this to be the best year in the history of Newport. Our membership is still increasing, and our church is packed to the doors. May God's richest blessing rest on our Pentecostal Nazarene church.—WILLIAM H. FIRBS, Pastor.

**Muncie, Ind.**

Our revival is under good headway. We are having the best crowds we ever have had. Last night we had eleven at the altar. The meeting lasted until midnight. Old-time preaching on hell and sin are bringing results. We will continue until December. We are going to have Brother E. G. Anderson with us December 13th-16th. At this time Sister Minnie Morris is assisting us. She is certainly a good, clean, straight preacher. She is also an evangelist who lives on her knees. And as far as I am concerned, I do not care much to have an evangelist help me who does not live on his knees. Our church work is scattered all over town. We are soon going to have another new church in this county, and there are good prospects for another, twelve miles west.—EVERETT O. CHALFANT, Pastor.

**Lowell, Mass.**

The Lord is blessing the work in our church here. Praise His name. Sunday evening, September 30th, we had five souls at our altar seeking salvation. Again on October 8th, and last night we had more seeking souls, and God gave them salvation. One young society girl testified that her convictions were so deep she could not sleep until 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning. She has been gloriously converted, and gives evidence of a genuine change. A backslidden preacher has been saved and last Sunday gave a wonderful testimony to the sanctifying grace of God in his soul. We had a wonderful day on Sunday. Some of the soldiers from Ayer spent the day with us. A spirit of old-fashioned prevailing prayer is upon our people and God is answering. Conviction is coming on the people. One woman who resisted conviction in the Sunday night service came out to the women's prayermeeting Tuesday afternoon and prayed through to victory. We are expecting to see salvation throughout the winter months. We had a rally day for the Pentecostal Collegiate Institute and raised a little over four hundred dollars. We also had a Sunday school rally and gained twenty-four new scholars, besides having an enthusiastic reunion of old members. God is helping and blessing in all lines. Brother Riggs, the senior pastor, has gone to Florida with his family for the winter.—MARTHA CURRY, Pastor, 21 Myrtle St.

**An Invitation**

The Georgia District Assembly is to be held at Donaldsonville, Ga., beginning with a great rally Tuesday night, December 11th. We are planning to make this the greatest Assembly ever held on the District. Accompanied by the District Superintendent, we have just visited most of the churches, seeking to interest them in the Assembly. We found the interest good and quite a number planning to attend. We wish also to extend a cordial invitation to those of other Districts to come and help us get heaven more largely open upon us and enjoy with us this annual feast. May it be a real feast of Pentecost. We would especially invite those who are looking for a mild and beautiful climate in which to locate, and a place with good school and church privileges, to take advantage of this occasion to come and see our country. The superiority of this climate seems to not be very well known, but if you will come and see for yourself you will be convinced. Also there are many natural advantages here that are not found in other places where the fineness of climatic condi-

tions is exalted. We further extend a special invitation to live, aggressive, and real pastors, or those wishing to be such, who are willing to make the sacrifice to enter this needy field and help push this work of God to the greatest possible success. Georgia is a great, open, and a very needy field. We have some good work begun, but need some sacrificing pastors to care for it. There will be support for those who will by faith enter the field and push the work. "Come and see." Come, see the country; come, see the school; come, see the work; come and be blessed, and be made a blessing. Donaldsonville is on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, running from Montgomery, Ala., to Savannah, Ga. On behalf of the church.—E. P. ELLYSON, Pastor.

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J. C. STEVENS.

pled with such a sense of my unworthiness of His favor. He is giving me unusual insight into scriptural truth, and with this an enlargement of soul which makes me say, as my heart swells with love for needy humanity, "The world is my parish." A few months ago I thought there was one pastorate in the Pentecostal Nazarene connection I would never, never want to undertake. That is the one where I now am; and, moreover, my soul is filled with a sweet contentment for here is where my personal, God-given Skekinah has halted. There seems to be a growing conviction among us that a general thaw is on, for the heavenly Chinook is blowing, and, although there may be some straggling patches of ice clinging here and there to the banks, the main channel of the stream of our church life is clear, the volume is increasing, and the temperature is rising. We plan to observe Thanksgiving day as a special day of fasting and prayer, and we shall not be surprised if, by that time, the levees break, and a real inundation occurs. Please pray for us.

Chicago First Church

How thankful we are that the fountain of salvation never runs dry. In the last two weeks enough people to form the nucleus of a church have plunged into this precious life giving stream. That our people are paying as well as praying is shown by the fact that a special offering of over six hundred dollars was taken up on November 4th for a special need in addition to our regular weekly contribution, which amounts to about two hundred dollars a Sunday. Rev. W. G. Schurman's evening sermons are signally blessed of God. His discourse on the evening of November 4th, "The Price of Our Redemption," was remarkable in its power and unction. Yesterday morning our dear associate pastor, Rev. F. M. Messenger, preached a most helpful sermon on the gifts and graces. Brother Schurman's sermon in the evening on Paul before Felix was signally blessed of God, not only to sinners but also to believers. A peculiar feeling of the awfulness of the doom of the man who waits for another opportunity which never comes pervaded the church and hands went up for prayer all over the house. A great altar service ended a strenuous day, and the angels must have rejoiced in the new names written down in glory.—MRS. HARRIET E. CRAIN, Reporter.

Bluffton, Ind.

Ten have been received into the church in the last two weeks. We expect quite a number more soon. We had a great day yesterday, November 11th. Never have we seen such a marvelous demonstration of the Holy Ghost. The message of the night was "God's Wrath." There were five at the altar and the service continued until about midnight. The day's tithes and offerings amounted to \$26.50. It pays to insist on every member tithing. We are expecting a three days' convention here November 27-29, with District Superintendent Harding and singers.—CLYDE E. GREEN.

Maxwell, Neb.

Sunday, November 4th, was a great day on the Maxwell circuit. We were blessed by having with us our dear Brother and Sister Essley, of Curtis, Neb. Brother Essley brought us two stirring messages, in the morning at Maxwell, and in the afternoon at Pleasant Valley. The Lord put His seal on both services. Sister Essley, our secretary and treasurer of the Nebraska District Missionary Board, brought us a stirring missionary address in the evening. Sister Essley certainly knows how to present missions effectively. The result in offering was something over forty dollars and a box of jewelry. And the end is not yet. Praise the Lord. In Sister Essley we certainly have the right one in the right place. Amen. We are headed for the hill country.—J. N. SMITH, Pastor.

PERSONALS

We come to this Thanksgiving season with the manifest smile of God upon us as a people. Reports in this issue from our General Superintendents and General Boards all show a marked increase along all lines. Never were the blessings of God more manifest upon the Publishing House than at this time. We have received more than a thousand new subscriptions during the last three months. Our sales department has greatly increased over any preceding year, and there is a steady and constant

growth in every department. Also a beautiful spirit of harmony and confidence prevails among the workers. For all of these things we are truly thankful.

Rev. and Mrs. Clarence L. Davis announce the arrival of a son in their home, Lowell Breese Davis, on November 18th. Another prospective Pentecostal Nazarene preacher, of course.

Brother G. W. Groseclose, of Hutchinson, Kan., paid the Publishing House a call last week while visiting in the city. Brother Groseclose has been a true and tried friend to this institution and has stood loyally by it with his means.

We greatly regret to learn that on November 17th Rev. H. D. Brown and his wife, Mrs. Libble Beach Brown, of Seattle, Wash., were seriously hurt in an automobile accident. They were immediately carried to the hospital where they are slowly recovering. Let the readers of the Herald of Holiness pray for them.

Just as we were going to press we received this good note of Thanksgiving from our dear brother, Rev. D. S. Reed, Superintendent of the San Francisco District: "I thank God for His great goodness in saving me from sin and sanctifying me, wholly; for a Christian wife in full sympathy with me; for a place in His vineyard, a nice place to live, and godly men to associate, counsel, and labor with. I am profoundly thankful for the privilege of dedicating and using my all to God's service. I am thankful for our beloved church and its institutions—Publishing House, churches, schools, missions, and rescue homes—and especially for our good, clean paper so free from harangue and abuse of

any one. Wife joins me in praising God, from whom all blessings flow."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Announcement**—Rev. E. F. Pritchett will begin a meeting at Lake Charles, La., November 25th to December 16th. C. E. Woodson, pastor. December 30th he will begin a series of meetings in western Texas and Oklahoma. He could give some time in March, either in that part of the state or Kansas. He will be assisted by efficient singers. Home address, Sherman, Texas.

**Change of Address**—Having finished my year's work as Superintendent of the Louisiana District, I have moved back to Sherman, Texas, and will give all my time to revival work another year. I will travel during spring and summer with a band of workers and my own tent. I will hold three and four weeks' meetings or longer, if necessary. Address me at Sherman, Texas.—B. F. Pritchett.

**Recommendation**—We desire to recommend to any church in need of a pastor, Rev. W. P. Hopkins, who recently united with the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene at Franklin, Ohio. He comes to us from the Methodist church, and has had three years' training in Asbury College, at Wilmore, Ky. He is married and has no children. Address him 614 Manhattan St., Middleton, Ohio.—C. L. Wireman, Pastor.

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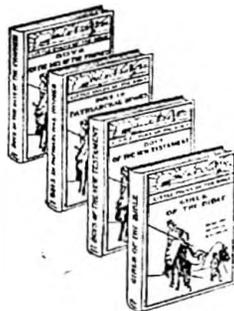
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to edit and publish a paper in the interests of the school and other holiness work here. In this connection I am arranging to devote some time to evangelistic work, and would like to hear from those desiring a campaign. I am a recognized elder and commissioned evangelist of the Nebraska District.—Stephen B. Williams.

Wanted—A good sanctified woman, with no children, to stay in the home with myself and only son. I am very feeble and need help. No objections to a maiden lady.—Mrs. Jennie Nash, Box 213, Kirbyville, Texas.

Announcement to the Mississippi District—Our District will please notice that my address is changed from Hauka, Miss., to Springville, Miss. J. M. Westmoreland, Dist. Treas. Foreign Missions.

Notice—Allie Irick and wife will conduct a meeting November 29th to December 10th in the new brick church, Pavo, Ga.—A. O'Bannon, Sec'y.

Meeting—We extend to you a cordial invitation to attend the meeting of the Georgia District Assembly of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene to be held at Donaldsonville, Ga., December 11-16, 1917. This is a splendid time to come and see our school and our fine country, and help us get heaven more largely opened on our District.—E. P. Ellyson, Pastor; E. H. Kunkel, Dist. Supt.

Notice—It has become necessary for me to leave my pastoral work at Lawrence, Kansas. I will return to the evangelistic field again. My address from this on will be 329 East Seventh St., Hutchinson, Kas.—J. B. Mickey.

Wanted—To hear from some man, who would like to get into the evangelistic work the first of the year; one who can help finance the Pentecostal Nazarene church extension work. Write for particulars, and inclose self-addressed, stamped envelope. I also have one open date before Christmas, from December 14th to 23d. Any one wanting this time write me at my home address. I will be in the north part of the state.—E. E. Wiggins, 205 Pearl St., Richmond, Ind.

Pastorate Wanted—Rev. H. P. Blakeley and wife would like to correspond with some church needing a pastor. They have had years of experience. Address Rev. H. P. Blakeley, Delight, Ark.

Wanted—A graduate nurse to act as head nurse in the hospital connected with the Florence Crittenton Home. For further particulars write to Mrs. E. E. Thomas, East Park Ave., Lynn, Mass.

Mid-Year Preachers' Convention—The mid-year preachers' convention of the Pittsburgh District of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene will be held at New Brighton, Pa., December 18th to 21st inclusive, in the Pentecostal Nazarene Church, located at 423 Penn. avenue. Rev. George Ward, pastor. The opening service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday. The date of the convention was changed from December 11th-14th on account of the National Holiness Association convention at the Pentecostal Nazarene church at Pittsburgh, Pa., falling on that date, which many of our preachers desire to attend. New Brighton is on Pennsylvania, Ft. Wayne, and P. & L. E. railroads. It is also connected with Rochester, Beaver, and Beaver Falls by street car. Printed programs will be mailed to all regular members of the convention, including pastors, elders, and commissioned evangelists and District Advisory Board. Free entertainment will be provided for all regular members of the convention. The traveling expenses of all are to be pooled and pro-rated, making it equally easy for all of our preachers to attend. A full attendance is urged and a great time is anticipated. All who plan to come write Brother Ward as early as possible so arrangements can be made for entertainment. His address is 423 Penn. Ave., New Brighton, Pa.—W. H. Parker, Sec'y.

Notice to Pastors of the Chicago Central District—The annual meeting of the Ministerial Association of this District and also an educational conference will be held in the First church in Chicago, Ill., December 4th to 6th and December 6th to 9th, respectively. Each pastor is kindly urged and expected to attend both these meetings throughout.—Chas. A. Brown, Dist. Supt.

A Rally—Of the Pennsylvania state holiness people for the advancement of Bible holiness and salvation will be held in the First Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, 212-214 Sycamore street, Mount Washington, Pittsburgh, Pa., Rev. J. N. Hampe, pastor, December 11th to 16th. The meeting will begin Tuesday evening, closing the following Sunday night. Services each day at 9:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. The forenoon will be devoted to the presentation of interesting and important topics by local people, with general discussions; the afternoons and evenings to song services and evangelistic preaching. Workers: Revs. C. W. Ruth, C. J. Fowler, W. H. Huff, and C. C. Rinebarger and wife.

Notice to Iowa District—We will have an all day meeting at the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene at Ottumwa, December 12th. All are cordially invited to come. Take Charlton avenue car get off at Williams street.—Thomas F. McLearn, University Park, Iowa.

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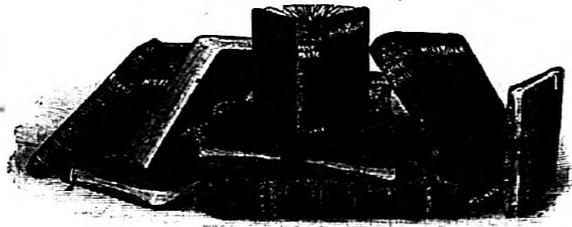
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