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'How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things—Romans 10:15

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Who Controls the Church?

IT is commonly believed that the preachers run the church and that they are chiefly responsible for its blunders and failures; this may be true, but, to say the least, the Scriptures by no means clear the members. The true order of the prophet's words is not "like priest, like people" as is so frequently quoted, but "like people, like priest" (Hosea 4:9). And in his picture of the last days (2 Tim. 4:3, 4), Paul declares that "The time will come when they [the laymen] will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears [it is the people and not the teachers who have itching ears]."

But it is not my thought to clear the preachers of blame, but rather to say that the responsibility is divided between the people and the preacher. The people's ears itch and the preachers preach what the people want to hear—in such cases the Devil will get them both.

In the middle ages when the Roman Catholic Church had become so corrupt that it threatened to go to pieces like a rotten carcass, all agreed that there must be a reform; but on the method by which the reform was to be carried out there was not agreement. Some said, let the council reform the church and elect a pope as the final step in the reform, others said, elect the pope and let him carry through the reform. The latter plan was finally adopted with the result that there was no reform at all.

Conditions in the Protestant Church today, as every one admits, are such that a decided reformation is needed. The ministry is saturated with higher criticism and modern, polite infidelity, the membership is weighted down with worldliness. How shall the reformation be brought about? Some say, clean up the ministry and let the ministry purge the church; others say, purge the church and the ministry will fall into line. The fact is there is a demand for a genuine purging of both the ministry and the laity. If ten thousand higher critics were expelled from the ministry and a million worldly professors from the membership of the various denominations of Protestantism, the genuine revival which is needed would be promoted, and hastened. The method which interprets "the field" as the church instead of as "the world," as the Master interpreted it, has prevailed so fully within the last generation that "discipline" has become almost a forgotten affair in the average church. Every conceivable effort is made to get the people into the church and little effort is made to keep the church "distinctive;" hence, the world is in the ascendancy right within the church.

A strange sight greets one's eyes when he examines the average religious periodical today; for he will either read articles signed by preachers which sound as though they might have been written by Paine or Ingersoll, or he will read articles which accuse ministers of writing such articles and condemning them for doing so. But the strange thing is to find that ministers within the same denomination will accuse and counteraccuse one another and then go ahead in the same relation as they have sustained before. It would seem that the "Modernists" or the "Stand-patters" would either expel one the other or else that one or the other would voluntarily quit; for how can the divided house stand?

The situation in many of the older churches is complicated indeed, and one would be presumptuous indeed who would attempt to tell them what to do. Shall the spiritual and holy people withdraw and give the ministry up to the "Modernists" and the churches over to the "Worldly-minded"? Perhaps time will help make clear what should be done in this matter.

But the ideal and plan in the Church of the Nazarene is different. Our thought is that the church is the "force" and not the "field" and that, therefore, the church must be kept clean. And we must not leave the task to any one. Our ministers must keep so straight and clean and uncompromising that worldly people will not feel at home among us. And our people must keep so on fire with the love of God and the glory of the Pentecostal experience that they will refuse to receive a cringing, compromising ministry. Our whole church, "head and body," must be dominated by sanctified people. There must be no occasion for failure to distinguish between friend and foe, there must be no parties among us locally or generally; but as a clean, sanctified people we must recognize the world as our parish and we must go out to evangelize men with the gospel of full salvation. We must recognize our calling as the highest and holiest in the world and we must bend all our energies to make it a success.

There is not a "higher critic" in the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene today. "Modernism," as the present day, polite infidelity which gathers about the evolutionary hypothesis of the origin of man is called, has no hold or beginning among us. In all these matters our fight is entirely with "those who are without," hence, there is no "crossing of swords," but we must continue to stand as a solid phalanx in the defense of truth and in the propagation of the truth everywhere.

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

IT is a "two man's" job to build a home and the plan for making the woman wholly responsible for its success or failure is poor and weak and untrue. Truly, the woman does have to bear the responsibility for the home and for the rearing and training of the children many times, but this is wrong; and the wonder is not that so many failures are made but that so many do succeed. The ideal which would force a pure Christian wife to bear her own cares and in addition atone for the "renegade," irresponsible, Christless husband and father is a relic of the "dark ages" and unworthy of this civilized day of the world's history.

Under proper conditions, early marriage is preferable and the "single life" is not the best life for the majority of people; but, for all this, the marriage of a Christian of either sex to an unconverted person is as foolish as it is unscriptural, and no marriage at all is a thousand times preferable to such a union as this. And in this day when every profession and industry is open to women, every Christian woman, as well as every saved man, should "wait" for a proper Christian mate.

All honor to that large company of Christian women, who, finding themselves bound to a husband who will not get right with God and take his share of the responsibility of making and preserving the home, have lived the life and prayed their way through their mountains of difficulties and have brought many of their children with them into the kingdom! But, I repeat, the proposition is not fair, and no right thinking man should be willing for his wife to shoulder all the responsibility for the maintaining of the ideals of true Christianity in his family—ideals which are his, in reality, as much as they are his wife's—but he should get right with God and do his full part in this, the hardest task ever undertaken by two mortals, building and maintaining a Christian home in a sinful and un-Christian world.

No institution is more fundamental than the home and yet none is more threatened and menaced. And none of the proposed remedies are adequate. More stringent marriage and divorce laws might help a little but they would by no means cure. As in the case of personal salvation, the only hope for the home is Christ. Only the Christian home can weather the storms of present day life. But, also, as in the case of the individual, Christ is sufficient for the home. And by a Christian home, we mean a home where both the husband and wife are vital Christians and where the salvation of the children is the first thing sought. It is a home where prayer and Bible reading have a fixed place in the daily program. It is a home where these two principles of co-operation represented by the Scriptures which say, "Bear ye one another's burdens" and "forbear one another in love" are carefully and sensibly applied. It is a home where industry and obedience are considered as

chief virtues and economies and faultless business methods are demanded of all. It is a home where only righteousness is considered fundamental and where everything beside that must take a secondary place. It is a home where the glory of Christ and the advancement of His kingdom among men are laid down as the rule and motive in the deciding of every question. It is a home where Christ alone is the Master and where His presence and blessing are continually sought and maintained. And such a home will stand the storms of life and will produce the sort of citizens that the State needs and the type of Christians that the church requires.

RELIGION IN THE HOME

EVERY CHRISTIAN home should certainly have a blessing at the table, special set time for the reading and study of the Bible, and family prayer. If a program including these things is carefully followed, it will have a splendid effect on the spirit and conduct of the members of the family throughout the day. One will not often go right away from family prayer to do some un-Christian thing and it is difficult to bring one's self to family prayer *just after* he has done an unholy deed.

A minister told me that his father was always quite punctual about "saying grace" at the table before any one was served. But one day, just after the meal was announced and some members of the family were already at the table, something provoked the father into an outburst of "temper." Coming back to himself, the father called to the children and said, "Go ahead and help yourselves, there will be no blessing today." Grace at the table, and Bible reading and prayer in the family will not fit in with anything but genuine Christian living in the home.

HOLINESS IS A REALITY

THERE ARE SOME who would contend that holiness of heart and life is simply an ideal to be pursued, a pattern to be approximated, but not a reality to be attained and possessed. Some one has said that to groan for inward purity and to strive for outward holiness are accounted marks of true religion in any church in Christendom, but to apprehend the grace that destroys the last vestige of sin and to offer testimony to the sanctifying and keeping power of God is frequently marked out as crimes against the faith of the saints and a reflection on the Christian profession.

This is a strange inconsistency and one that should be apparent to all. God does not mock His creatures. He would never command anything except He would also give us ability to comply with His command. God is constitutionally and intrinsically opposed to sin and He is just as truly allied to holiness. He is no stronger in the desire to have us freed from sin than He is in the choice to have us renewed in His own image in "righteousness and true holiness."

Questions Answered

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

Q. Is there a possibility of the redeemed falling from grace in heaven? If not, please explain the casting out of Lucifer and his host. A. C., Iowa.

Ans. Probation ends at death and there will be no one saved who was lost and no one lost who was saved after that (Luke 16:26). We do not know very much about the fall of Lucifer or of his state before the fall. Our explanation can be only on the basis of logic, and on this basis we are forced to the conclusion that the angels were once on probation, somewhat as man is in the present world, or perhaps like Adam was in the Garden of Eden before the fall. Also the fixedness of the state of the fallen angels (Peter 2:4), and various references to the purity of the holy angels gives us ground for the belief that the probation of angels is now over, as Man's will be at death.

Q. Please explain Prov. 31:6, 7, "Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. Let him drink and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more." A. C., Iowa.

Ans. The Talmud (a Jewish book of law) treats this passage as the foundation for the merciful custom of providing medicated wine to dull the pain of those condemned to death (Mark 15:23).

Q. At what time will the Bride of Christ be taken away, and will any one be saved after the Bride is taken? Also, how long will the Great Tribulation judgment last? D. C., La.

Ans. The Bride will be taken at the time when Christ appears the second time. In other words, the very first occurrence in connection with the coming of Christ will be the rapture of His church; and we are to be on the constant lookout for this to take place. Aside from the fact that the signs are favorable for Christ's soon coming, we do not know just when it will take place. Pre-millennialists commonly believe that there will be conversions after the Rapture and that some will come up to heaven "out of the great tribulation," and from the period of the millennium itself. This does not mean that persons who have rejected Christ in the present dispensation will have a second chance, but that the call of mercy will not end abruptly so as to cut off those who have never had even the first chance at salvation.

Q. What do you think of a Nazarene Church's calling a Pilgrim Holiness preacher to help in a revival, and what is the difference between Nazarenes and Pilgrim Holiness? Mrs. J. M. M., Texas.

Ans. It is perfectly proper for Nazarenes and Pilgrim Holiness to interchange in their work. There is no essential difference whatever between them, in fact they SHOULD be united as one church.

GOD'S TREASURE

TEXT: "Now, therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation" (Ex. 19:5, 6).

THE words of our text were spoken by God to Moses with the request that they be repeated to the Children of Israel.

It is about forty five days since they had been so wonderfully delivered from the Egyptians. God had manifested His power and exercised His proverbial care on several occasions. For two weeks they had fed on quail and manna miraculously provided. They are reminded of their deliverance in these words, "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself."

The eagle is noted for its gentleness with its young, the mother supporting the young eaglet on her back while teaching it to fly. God has successfully, tenderly and without the loss of one, brought them from under the yoke of the oppressor, and now urges a loving obedience, with the promise that if this is rendered, they shall be His peculiar treasure.

In the elucidation of our text we shall try to show; first, That the believers in Christ are the true heirs of the covenant made with Abraham; second, That obedience is required in order to enjoy its provisions; third, That as a reward of obedience, they are to be God's "peculiar treasure"; fourth, That as a further result of obedience they shall be "a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation."

FIRST: It is easily proven from the scriptures that the children of God—the Christians of our day—are the true heirs of the covenant made with Abraham and to his seed. In the 12th chapter of Genesis we read of the covenant which God made with Abram, promising to give him the land of Canaan; to make of him a great nation, and that through him should all families of the earth be blessed. He confirms this in chapters 13, 15 and 17.

When Abraham was 99 years old God said to him, "I am the Almighty God: walk before me and be thou perfect." He again renews His covenant, and for a token or sign he institutes the rite of circumcision.

Adam Clarke says of this rite, "The circumcision made in the flesh, was designed to signify the purification of the heart from all unrighteousness." We find this taught in Deut. 30:6, "And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul." Also in Romans 2:28, 29, "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God."

We find in the life of Abraham, the following important lessons, (1) That through him shall all nations be blessed. (2) That it was not on account of obedience in observing the law of circumcision, but because of his faith in God, that he was accepted as righteous. (3) That the heirs of the covenant made

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with Abraham, are those who have believed God as he did.

Roman 4:13: "For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not made to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith." See Rom. 4:9-14 and Gal. 3:6-9.

SECOND: Let us consider the relationship of obedience on man's part to the fulfillment of promise on God's part.

Man in the wisdom of God was made a free moral agent. Obedience was the great test for Adam and Eve. They disobeyed—failed in the test—and the fall of man was the result.

How necessary and important in the government of the home, is obedience on the part of the children. God designs our greatest happiness in this life, and our eternal joy and supreme felicity throughout the eternal ages. While earthly parents sometimes require obedience in things which are unnecessary, unkind, and in some cases, impossible, God

INTRODUCTION

Brother Frank H. Hoose who occupies the pulpit this week is an old time holiness preacher. He was for many years a local preacher in the M. E. Church in Pennsylvania, was two years President of the Philadelphia Holiness Association and leader of the old Friday Meeting in Philadelphia, a meeting that was started by Alfred Cookman over fifty years ago. Brother Hoose is now chairman of the Board of Trustees in our First Church at Pasadena.—EDITOR.

never makes such a mistake. He said to Abraham, "Walk before me; and be thou perfect. Abraham might have said, "Impossible" had not God preceded the command with the statement, "I am the Almighty God," intimating that Abraham's weakness would be reinforced, nay supplanted, by His Almightyness.

God said to the Children of Israel, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy might." They might have said, "It is impossible; we are so 'prone to wander'; there are so many temptations." He knew they were weak, erring creatures, so he graciously provides power to obey: "The Lord thy God will circumcise thy heart, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul." He performs a divine surgical operation, removing the weak spot, the disease of sin, making the patient sound and well at the same time.

God requested Moses to go to Egypt and bring out the Children of Israel. Moses said, "Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh and bring forth the Children of Israel?" God replied, "Certainly I will be with thee."

Gideon was commanded to deliver the

Children of Israel from the Midianites, but he was fearful and said, "Oh my Lord, where-with shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." And the Lord said unto him, "Surely I will be with thee."

Let us now turn to the New Testament and notice some of its commands and promises. We read in Matt. 7:21: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven." 1 Thess. 4:3: "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification." Matt. 5:48: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Jesus here asks the same of New Testament Christians as God required of Abraham. He also reiterates the Old Testament command, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind; and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." He also says, "If any man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." Again, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love."

Now note carefully what Paul says must be done in order that we may be able to keep these commandments, "In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands [by divine power] in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh [the sinful nature from which outward sins proceed] by the circumcision of Christ" (Col. 2:11).

Thus the ancient rite and the covenant by which it was ratified were transferred to the New Testament, to be carried out in the spirit of the law rather than the letter.

In Jer. 31:31-33 we read of a new covenant which the Lord would make with the house of Israel, "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers . . . but this shall be the covenant . . . I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts."

This is also referred to in Ezekiel 36:27, "And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them." The first was a covenant of works, the second of grace.

THIRD: As a reward of obedience, God says, "Ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people."

God has many treasures. He says, "The silver and gold are mine and the cattle on a thousand hills." Things which are considered treasures by some, have little or no value to others. With a child a doll may be the greatest treasure; with a mother her child; with a rich man his stocks and bonds.

We read of the treasures of Solomon; of the great value of the crown jewels of kingdoms and empires; but God says, "They shall be mine in that day when I make up my jewels," or, as in the margin, "my special treasure."

What will not an infinite God, whose resources are unlimited and inexhaustible, do for those whom He considers His special treasure? The eloquent Spurgeon tries to tell us in one of his sermons, "Do you want provision? The cattle on a thousand hills are His; it will not impoverish Him to enrich you; He will give to you like a God. Do you want comfort? He is the God of all consolation. Do you want guidance? There is infinite

wisdom waiting at your beck. Do you want support? There is eternal power, the same that girds the everlasting hills, waiting to be your stay. Do you want grace? He delighteth in mercy, and all that mercy is yours. Every attribute of God belongs to His people in covenant with Him. All that God is or can be—and what is there not in that?—all that you can conceive and more; all the angels have and more; all that heaven is and more; all that is in Christ, even the boundlessness of Godhead—all this belongs to you if you are in covenant with God through Jesus Christ."

If you should receive word that a very wealthy relative had made you his special heir; that you would receive a large part of your inheritance at once and the balance at his death, the news would give you great joy. God wants to make us His treasure; to make us His heirs and joint heirs with Christ to an eternal inheritance in which is included a mansion, a robe and a crown of priceless value and unfading glory.

"If ye will obey my voice, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people, for all the earth is mine." We can seem to hear God say, "I might have made other things, or created beings, my treasure, but I loved you—I gave the best jewel of my kingdom to redeem you; I have called ye by thy name, thou art mine."

His Coming Draweth Nigh

A Most Practical Doctrine to Teach

By REV. B. W. MILLER

ONE of the most practical doctrines of the Bible is that of the Second Coming of Christ. The remark is often made that those who take up their time in preaching such had better be busy with doctrines that will build up the believer in the "most holy faith." Jesus and the apostles thought otherwise. Practically one scripture in twenty of the New Testament is concerning Christ's Second Coming. When Jesus wished to stress the importance of watching and being ready such were linked with His return to earth again. When the apostles desired to ground their converts in sobriety, in faithfulness, in purity, in brotherly love, and holy conversation, this great truth that He cometh again was used as the motive. The modern church needs to return to the teachings of apostolic days and emphasize His coming as an appeal to holy living. Let the Bible speak and prove the importance of this doctrine.

Jesus said, "Watch, therefore . . . your Lord cometh . . . Therefore be ye also ready; for in an hour that ye think not the Son of Man cometh" (Matt. 24:42-44, R. V.). "Whosoever shall be ashamed of me . . . the Son of Man shall also be ashamed of, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38, R. V.). "For what shall a man be profited if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his life? For the Son of man shall come . . . and then shall he render unto every man according to his deeds" (Matt. 16:26, 27, R. V.).

"The Lord so cometh as a thief in the night . . . let us watch and be sober" (1 Thess.

FOURTH: As further results of obedience, God says, "Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation."

Here is a great thought, a marvelous plan. The priesthood of every believer is clearly taught in the Word. In 1 Peter 2: 5, 9, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. . . . But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." John writes, "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God."

According to the plan of God every believer was to be a priest, offering up spiritual sacrifices; every believer a part of a holy nation.

The inevitable result of obeying God was to be brought into complete harmony with His will, purposes and nature—to be holy, even as He is holy. Would you be God's peculiar treasure? One in whom He takes delight? Seek to know and do His will; abandon yourself to the leading of His holy Spirit, and He will fill you with all His fulness. You will then realize the "exceeding abundantly above all that you can ask or think."

5:2-6, R. V.). "Be sober and set your hope perfectly on the grace that is about to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:13, R. V.).

"Let your forbearance [or moderation] be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. In nothing be anxious; but in everything . . . let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:5, 6, R. V.).

"For ye have need of patience, that, having done the will of God, ye may receive the promise. For yet a little while, He that cometh shall come" (Heb. 10:36, 37, R. V.). "Be patient . . . until the coming of the Lord . . . establish your hearts: murmur not" (Jas. 5:7-9, R. V.).

"Your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, shall be manifested, . . . then shall ye also be manifested in glory. Put to death therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, . . ." (Col. 3:3-5, R. V.).

"It doth not appear what we shall be: . . . we shall be like Him: for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in

him purifieth himself, even as He is pure" (1 John 3:2, 3), "And now, little children, abide in Him: that when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming" (1 John 2:28).

"Ye greatly rejoice, . . . that the trial of your faith, . . . might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:6, 7). "What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, nevertheless we according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (2 Peter 3:11-13). "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" (1 Pet. 4:13).

"And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love . . . To the end He may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness . . . at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints" (1 Thess. 3:12, 13). "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20).

"I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Tim. 4:7, 8). "Unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Heb. 9:28).

"But that which ye have already hold fast till I come [our faith in God]" (Rev. 2:25). "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" (Rev. 3:11).

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world: Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:11-13).

"Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come" (1 Cor. 4:5).

"Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Our great reward) (Matthew 19:27, 28).

"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ" (Phil. 2:15, 16).

"That in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; . . . So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . that ye may be blameless" (1 Cor. 1:5-8).

"In Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (Our resurrection) (1 Cor. 15:22, 23).

"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear,

"BE YE THEREFORE READY"

By MARY E. BRANDON

*I know not the day nor the hour of His coming,
Whether morning or evening or midnight
or noon,
But all along the line by Prophecy fulfilling
I know that my Lord cometh soon.*

*If He calls in the hush of the morning
Or the rush of the noon-day's heat,
Or the quiet peace of eventide,
Souls be ready His coming to greet.*

then shall ye also appear with him in his glory" (Our manifestation) (Col. 3: 4).

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (Our comfort) (1 Thess. 4:16-18).

Thus we see that Jesus and the apostles used the Second Coming of Christ to enforce many practical admonitions. We are to watch and be ready, and not to be ashamed to confess Him before men and to seek heavenly things and save the soul, for He is Coming!

We are to be sober, to set our hope on the grace of God, to establish our hearts in holiness and to remember that we are to be godly in conversation, for His coming draweth nigh! We are to fight a good fight, keep the faith, win a crown and to look for His appearing, for Behold He Cometh! We are to be ready, hold fast our crown, to deny ungodly lusts and to live righteously and soberly and to judge not, for He shall come with the holy angels. We are to be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, to shine as lights, to hold forth the word of life, to be moderate and patient, to keep the commandments and to rejoice, to abound in love and to be enriched in Christ, and to comfort each other, for the Lord cometh and we shall see Him as he is!

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Revelation Versus Evolution

By P. P. BELEW

HERE is no media between revelation and evolution. So-called Theistic evolution, which assigns to God the remotest possible place in all the realm of nature, is a flagrant compromise with evil, and would doubtlessly have been repudiated by the originators of the evolutionary theory. It is very apparent in the writings of evolutionists that they are not concerned about Theism, but rather to seek to account for the existence of all things independent of a personal God.

The great divergence of revelation and evolution is first seen in the cosmogony of the universe. Revelation says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (the Hebrew word for created is *bara*, which denotes a completed action): but evolution says at first there was a diffusion of matter, which was condensed by gravity and began rotating; that the rapidity of motion became so great that parts were thrown off from the main body, forming other bodies, which continued according to the same law till all the planets were formed. This theory, which in the main is accepted by all evolutionists, is averse to well known scientific facts. Advocates of it must either hold that matter existed from all eternity or that it originated in time. The discovery of radio-activity disproves the first position; and the established truth that matter can not be brought into being by any forces now known as "natural" disproves the second. These facts have made it necessary for even evolutionists to concede that "a force nonresident in matter" was necessary to the existence of the world.

Evolutionists claim as a support to their theory that distinct forms of life have lived in successive ages of the world; but a thorough and unbiased study of geological science will prove the contrary. Older fossiliferous rocks have been found at less depths in the earth than younger ones, and over such vast areas that the "thrust fault" invention furnishes no proper explanation.

The great divergence of revelation and evolution is next seen in the origin of organic life. Revelation says that all forms of life, plant, animal, and man, originated in the creative fiat of God; but evolution says that all forms of life evolved from a few simple primitive forms. This claim is based on the following points: (1) The similar structure

of the different animals, (2) rudimentary organs in man, which are active in animals, (3) the prenatal history of the human embryo, (4) fossil remains, and (5) the experiments of natural selection.

The fact that some animals are made on the same general plan of man furnishes no more proof that man evolved from the animals than the fact that a barn has some things in common with a house proves that the house evolved from the barn. It shows design and bespeaks the wisdom of the Creator. The fact that science has found no use for certain organs in man does not prove that they have *no use* or that they ever performed the same function that similar organs perform in animals. This evidence has little more weight than the claim of evolutionists to find in man the remains of a tail, which the large apes wore off when they learned to sit down. Their argument from embryology will scarcely support its own weight. (1) There is an apparent similarity between the egg that produces the fish and the egg that produces man, and (2) the changes in the prenatal history of the human embryo are assumed to represent the different stages through which the species homo passed in his evolution. That there is an essential difference between the egg of the fish and the egg of man is shown from the vastly different species which each produces. Before it can be said that the changes in the prenatal history of the human embryo represent the different stages through which man passed in his evolution, those stages must be known. Obviously this is mere assumption, which has no place in true science. Concerning fossil remains, the anatomist Virchow said there was a "complex absence of any fossil type of a lower stage in the development of man." Of the Engis skull found in Belgium, which was declared by some to be the "missing link," Prof. Huxley said it was "a fair average skull, which might have belonged to a philosopher or contained the thoughtless brain of a savage." It is strange that the experiments of artificial selection should have been chosen as a basis for the theory of natural selection and the survival of the fittest. While many varieties have been produced by artificial selection, no entirely new species has yet been started. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred hybrids

refuse to breed, and the mule is a concrete illustration of this fact.

Thus far we have attempted little more than to answer the arguments that are set forth in favor of evolution. We now wish to submit some objections, which we deem fatal to the theory.

1. Missing links. Darwin spoke of "the missing link as if there were one, but the fact is that the theory abounds with missing links. Between inorganic and organic matter, between plant life and animal life, and between the highest animal and man, are missing links which evolution can not forge and for which it has no explanation.

2. Multiplication of cells. Muscle cells do not produce gland cells, nor do gland cells produce nerve cells, but each cell tends to produce after its own kind. How then, may I ask, did the human body with its multifarious cells evolve from a unicellular form? Evidently evolution has no answer for this question.

3. Development of organs. For instance, evolution teaches that a slight protuberance appearing on the body of a bird developed into a wing. It is a principle of natural selection, which is essential to the theory of evolution, that only those things which are useful survive. How then did the protuberance remain through the ages necessary to form the wing, when it was not only useless, but also a hindrance? Furthermore such a development of organs is forbidden by the law of heredity which transmits only natural, and not acquired, characteristics to the offspring.

From these and many other observations, we conclude that evolution is at variance with both science and the word of God. While on the other hand the authority of the Bible is established by its indestructibility, the fulfillment of prophecy, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the fact of Christian experience, and is confirmed by all true systems of science.

MARION, IND.

CAN THERE BE REVIVAL WITHOUT OBEDIENCE?

"When the Holy Spirit gets hold of a Christian soul, what will He do with it? We may approach the answer to this question by asking: When He came first in His fulness to the earth, and laid hold on the church at Pentecost, what did He do first? —He called the attention of the church to the mission field.

The last word of Christ was, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me . . . unto the uttermost parts of the earth." The first words of the Holy Ghost were spoken in the foreign tongues of these "uttermost parts."

What is so near to the heart of Christ is near also to the heart of the Holy Ghost. It would thus appear that the Holy Spirit began His dispensation by making known His purpose to be the evangelization of all nations."

The Church has never obeyed the last command of her ascended Lord, and there are more heathen in the world today than at any other period of its history. The church is praying for revival. *Can there be a revival without obedience?—The Latin American Evangelist.*

Jesus does not drive His followers on before, as a herd of unwilling disciples, but goes before Himself, leading them into paths that He has trod, and dangers He has met, and sacrifices He has borne Himself, calling them after Him and to be only followers.—HORACE BUSHNELL.

Trick and treachery are the practice of those that have not wit enough to be honest.—FRANKLIN.

HOLINESS—WHAT IS IT?

By A. W. ORWIG

HOLINESS is not a mere sentiment, an ecstasy or a rapture. It is not a vision or a trance. Neither is it a sweet, heavenly influence stealing upon us, in our more devout moods, coming and going, as our feelings rise and fall. Nor is it a mere rich blessing that we hide away in the deepest recesses of our hearts, to exult in, to feast upon, to trust in, or to worship.

God-imparted holiness is not the evanescent, puny thing which needs to isolate itself in convents, monasteries, or hide itself in lonely caves in order to retain its existence and maintain its robustness.

Holiness is a far more real and practical and blessed thing. In the first place, it is a sublime doctrine taught in the holy Word of God. Everywhere that sacred Book insists on men being holy. And that means that it is an experience or a life in the soul. "Be ye holy, for I am holy," says the Almighty, and the Apostle Peter solemnly admonishes, "What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" Indeed, we are to be actual "partakers of His (God's) holiness" (Heb. 12:19).

Therefore holiness is the divine life imparted within us. It is not something acquired by our own efforts, be they ever so great, rigid, and prolonged. Consequently holiness is not the result of penance, culture, or human wisdom. Holiness consists in being made pure in heart and life by divine power alone. It is having God's moral image. If we speak of the special agents or instrumentalities as effecting our holiness, we may mention, as the chief, the Word of God, the blood of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. And constant faith in Jesus makes holiness abide.

Real Bible holiness, then, being the life of God within the soul, must of necessity find expression in holy activity for the good of man and the glory of God. Let us beware, therefore, of a so-called "passive" holiness, lest real holiness go out at the point of sluggishness and indolence! Let us remember the holy, ceaseless activity of Jesus. He "went about doing good" amid the busy scenes, the jostling throngs and the moral impurities around Him. It becomes us to follow in His footsteps.

It is also true that genuine holiness is courageous and bold, but not impudently audacious. It rebukes sin without fear or favor, but, withal, seeks to do it wisely. It is a terror to evildoers. It cannot be intimidated, suppressed or bribed. If needs be, it presses to the very mouth of hell, if thereby it may snatch a soul from the eternal burnings.

In short, real holiness lives, shines, and burns for God. It is "the light of the world" and the "salt of the earth." Have we this kind of holiness? All other is spurious and will not stand the test to which true Bible holiness is always more or less subjected.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

A BENEFACTOR OF OLIVET COLLEGE

By PROF. E. WAYNE STAHL

DR. Richard G. Pearce was a retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, spending the evening of his life at Rock Island, Ill. For many years he had been a prominent member of the Central Illinois Conference. He was a man of mental strength and unusual oratorical power.

He had one of the finest theological libraries in the West. Hundreds of the best orthodox volumes adorned his book shelves. Dr. Pearce very faithfully obeyed St. Paul's exhortation, "Give attendance to reading." His library was the result of the selections of a master-spirit, cultured and spiritual.

Not long before this aged warrior of the Cross went to look on the unclouded loveliness of the One who died on Calvary, a friend of Olivet College, knowing of his immense and precious library, wrote him and suggested that he donate it to this school. The reply gave us reason to hope that eventually the books would be ours.

The earlier part of this year Dr. Pearce went to be with Christ. He had lived for more than eighty years. After his death word came from a member of his family that Olivet College would receive his books.

This is one of the most magnificent presents the school has ever received. If the books from Dr. Pearce were to be purchased today, two or three thousand dollars probably would be required.

Who can estimate their blessing to present and future students? For many years young people, preparing for service in the kingdom of God, will come in contact with these inspiring and instructive volumes. Multitudes will know of the benediction of their pages.

Who can tell but that some future Spurgeon or Moody will from them get influences that will mightily mould his entire career? It is possible that Dr. Pearce, in giving his books to Olivet, has done the Kingdom as great a service as he rendered during his ministerial activity of more than half a century. That service now has ceased. His books will sermonize to multitudes for many years to come.

One of the purposes of this article is to call attention to the opportunity there is in securing book gifts, great and small, for the schools of the Church of the Nazarene. It is safe to state that with a little systematic and persistent effort the books of the libraries of these schools could be doubled in number. Let all readers of the HERALD resolve to be on the look-out for books that could be given to our colleges. There are many aged ministers like Dr. Pearce, who would rejoice to bestow their libraries as he did. Great will be the reward in heaven of those who thus are the means of increasing the number of books of Nazarene institutions of learning.

As a tribute to Dr. Pearce, as a token of appreciation of his superb donation, we would offer the following lines of our composing:

TO THE MEMEORY OF DR. PIERCE

*In the Holy Writings there are words that like
sweet music sound,
They declare the hoary head, when in the way of
truth 'tis found,
Is a diadem of glory; thus true royalty is crowned.*

*Here is real divinity of kings. Their power from
God alone
Is derived, and saintliness the habitation of their
throne,
Power that by the vaunting Stuart's sceptered sway
was never known.*

*There was one who walked among us in sweet
majesty and grace;
Living for the King of Glory, there was glory in his
face;
King and priest to God our Father, he was of
the royal race.*

*Reverend his silver locks, a coronation wrought by
time;
Lovely was his life of love; he was in kingliness
sublime:
Arctic snows had touched his temples; in his heart,
the tropic clime.*

L'Envoi

*Regal one, our hearts salute you, and our hearts
sincerely say,
"Lengthened was your holy, happy age to bless our
younger day;
You have reached the Land of Thrones, and there
eternal scepters sway."*

OLIVET COLLEGE, Olivet, Ill.

A LESSON FROM THE ADVENTISTS

By REV. HENRY BELL

THE Seventh Day Adventist Church had 79,000 members in 1921, and the Church of the Nazarene had 32,000. These figures I found in the "World Almanac."

In the same year the Adventists sent 212 missionaries into foreign fields. According to membership, we should have sent 75. Did we? All we now have in the foreign field is 85.

The year before that the Adventists sent 310 to the foreign field. According to membership, we should have sent 120. Did we? All we now have in the foreign field is 85.

In the decade ending in 1922 the Adventists sent out 1,387 missionaries into the foreign field. According to membership, we should have sent out 520. Did we? All we have now in the foreign field is 85.

What is the trouble? Have they got a better brand of religion than we have? No, emphatically. Not Well, then, what is the matter with our giving?

It is just this: the Adventists tithe to a man. We do not. Oh, yes, a good many of our people tithe, and a good many make some kind of an effort, but if we tithe like the Adventists do and like God would be pleased to have us do, we could send over one hundred missionaries every year and continue to support the ones that are there.

Who is to blame that we do not tithe? I believe we preachers are largely to blame, and yet we usually blame the people. If we preachers are to blame, where have we fallen down? I am going to give you my reason.

I have found that if you get a new convert to tithe, that he will usually keep it up. But if you wait a year and try to get him to tithe then, you have a big proposition on your hands.

In other words, one sermon to the new convert on tithing is worth a dozen a year later. Now this ought not to be so, but it is a fact we can not get around. Adventists know this and make good use of their knowledge. Every evangelist and pastor should make it a point to have the new converts begin tithing at once. That will save a lot of useless hammering and coaxing in the months and years to come,

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PRAYER'S AMAZING POSSIBILITIES

Are you in trouble. (Nine people out of ten are). And have you tried everything—except prayer—earnest, believing, persistent prayer.

Dr. Arthur T. Pierson, the great Presbyterian preacher of a generation ago, once said, "Prayer is the most potential, and the most neglected, of all the forces at the disposal of the disciple. . . . It is encouraged by promises more numerous and more absolute than attach to any one act and privilege of the believer's life." WHY NOT TRY PRAYER?

If "nine people out of ten" are in trouble, then the world itself is in trouble, and one of its most serious troubles is *prayerlessness*—it is out of touch with God, the source of all beneficent power. "Give me ten fully consecrated praying men, and I will turn the world upside down," declared Dwight L. Moody.

A WORD WITH PARENTS

By EVANGELIST W. E. ELLIS

The Vice Investigating Committee of the United States tells us that immorality is increasing in this country, and there are evidences that there is new activity in the "White Slave" business. It is reported that 227 girls drop out of sight every twenty-four hours and that three-fourths of them are heard of no more. One hundred are said to have disappeared recently in Pittsburgh, Penn.

I have been reading on the various angles of this subject for eight years and am convinced that we are facing alarming conditions. Fathers and mothers, let us be more careful in the training of our girls than ever before.

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If you would not have affliction visit you twice, listen at once, and attentively, to what it teaches.—BURGH.

Dear Young Christians:

Do you ever look at other people who seem to lead very victorious Christian lives and wonder why you do not have an experience like theirs? Let me tell you about one young Christian who was tempted to feel this way. For a long time she had watched her pastor who always seemed to be happy and never troubled by doubt or discouragement. One day she talked to him about it. "Tell me if you know what it is to become discouraged or downhearted as so many of us do?" she asked. The good man smiled, "I suppose I would, if I hadn't learned of a splendid prescription for keeping such things out of my heart and life," he said. "What is it?" asked the girl. "Well, the moment I feel any sort of shadow descending upon my spirit, I do not stop to talk with the Devil about it. I put on my hat and go out at once to find someone who is in need of help. That is easy to do you know, for there are lonely, forlorn people all about us. And after I have spent an hour or two in the hospital with the suffering ones there, or prayed in several homes where there is poverty, or distress of any kind, or tried to encourage some soul weighed down by a heavy burden, I find that my own little cloud has disappeared. I am not blue any longer; my heart is warm with sympathy for these afflicted ones, and filled with praise to my kind heavenly Father, who has showered so many undeserved blessings upon me. My prescription then for spiritual depression is to try and make myself helpful to some one who is less fortunate than I am."

The minister's words remind me of a certain Christian woman who was undergoing a great trial of her faith. Such darkness had settled upon her spirit that she was tempted to wonder if she had ever been truly saved. While she was thinking about these things very sorrowfully, her colored wash woman came in with the laundered clothes. "How is your daughter today, Aunt Lucy?" asked the lady. "She is not any better. The doctor says she may last several months yet, but I don't believe she will. She told me to ask you to come and read the Bible to her again. She gets hungry for the good book, but I never learned to read and all I can do is talk to her about it. She thought maybe you could come this afternoon, Miss Annie," said the colored woman, looking at her appealingly.

What should she do? The Devil was there you may be sure, ready with his opinion. "Do you think God will be pleased for you to take His sacred word upon your lips for another when you are in such darkness yourself? Wouldn't you be acting a most terrible hypocrite?" he said.

That is true, thought the woman sadly. Yet there was another side to the question. At least she was able to read the printed word, which the old colored mother could not do. Was it not her duty then to give the sick girl the benefit of her knowledge, no matter how she might feel herself?

Her mind was made up quickly. "I will be there this afternoon, Aunt Lucy," she said. And she went though her heart was heavy, for it seemed a mockery for her to try and help some one else when she herself needed help so sorely.

But she sat down by the bed and read passage after passage from her Bible. The sick girl listened eagerly. Her heart was taking hold of the wonderful promises of God's word, so that her thin, dark face grew bright with hope and joy.

But that wasn't all that happened. The reader's faith began to take hold also, and presently the darkness lifted. She had a vision of God's strong, tender love for her as His child, and Oh, what joy it brought to her heart! She left the sick room with greater faith in her Father than she had ever seen before, and this victory had come while she was ministering to a poor colored girl who was too ignorant to read the Word of God for herself.

She had used the minister's prescription for a heavy spirit, such a simple one that all of us can use it if we have a mind to.

THE HOME

Conducted by MRS. J. T. BENSON

THE BOOK

A YOUNG man preparing for the ministry in England saw one day on the street the posters announcing a lecture on the Bible, to be given in the public hall that evening. He went, and, to his surprise, found that the speaker was an enemy to all revealed religion, and his lecture was a bitter attack upon the Holy Scriptures. He declared that there was nothing original in the Bible except what was worthless; that all its moral teachings were contained in other and earlier books, from which the writers of the Bible had stolen not only their ideas, but the very language found in the so-called Holy Scriptures.

The lecturer said boldly, "If there is any gentleman here who dares to deny that the best things in the Bible are better stated in other ancient books, let him stand up and say so."

Instantly the young student arose, and, in order to be seen by everybody, stood upon a bench. He was very tall, over six feet, and at that time quite thin in his figure. "He looked sixteen feet high," said one, who saw him standing there, with a long arm stretched out toward the lecturer, and holding a small book in his hand:

"Well," said the orator. "What has the young gentleman to say?"

"This is what I have to say," answered the young man, in a loud, clear voice, that sounded throughout the building and riveted the attention of everybody. "This book which I hold in my hand is the New Testament, about one-fourth of the Bible. I declare, in the presence of this man and of this audience, that in this volume is found more light on the path of human life and a higher standard of moral teaching than in any ancient book in all the world."

Then, with a sudden motion, he tore the book in two pieces, and flung half of it on the floor, and said:

"I have thrown aside half of this book, and in this half that remains, which contains the four Gospels, there is more of value concerning the character of man and how to live a right life than any other ancient writers have left on record, no matter where you may look for them."

Again he seized the fragment, and tore out three leaves, which he waved aloft in one hand, while the rest of the book dropped to the floor, and then he spoke again:

"These six pages contain the Sermon on the Mount, one single discourse by Jesus Christ. In that sermon you will find a higher standard of character, a nobler ideal for man, than any other single writing, ancient or modern, the whole world contains. I dare you, sir, to read the opening words of that discourse before this audience. Let those who hear judge for themselves."

The infidel orator was silent, for he had no answer to this appeal. After waiting a moment the young man sat down. The lecturer made a feeble attempt to proceed, but it was in vain, his power over the audience was broken.—Selected.

PROVED

ALL over the world today there are many souls who have never heard of a missionary, but who have been led to Christ simply by the written Word of God; and you can not exaggerate the blessing that it has been to many poor, troubled, tempted, sorrowing hearts. I do not know that I ever was more touched in my life than I was a few years ago in a mission station in connection with my own church. My assistant was visiting among the

people who attended the church, and he met with an incident which he told me afterward, and I tell it to you, simply as an illustration of the blessed work which this book has done among the lowly and the poor.

There was a poor old laborer of seventy-four years of age who could just read this book. To use Cowper's words, he "knew his Bible true, but he knew no more." When my assistant entered his cottage he found the poor old man bound fast with rheumatism, with his great big family Bible before him, with his horn spectacles on, and with his horny finger tracing out one by one the words of the sacred book. My assistant went up to him and spoke to him, and looking over his shoulder at the book, he noticed writing in the margin of the great Bible. Looking down still more narrowly, he found that the old man had written one word continually in the margin. It was the word "Proved."

This is what it meant. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."—"Proved." "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."—"Proved." "Trust in the Lord, and do good, and verily thou shalt be fed."—"Proved." "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."—"Proved." So he went on. The dear old saint had taken God's book and written out his own experience on the margin. Against each blessed promise of the book, as he had found it come true in his own life, he had written that word "Proved." Many of us today with devout thankfulness to God, can say the same thing.—DR. G. S. BARRETT.

A GENTLE REBUKE

On one occasion when Wesley was traveling he had for a fellow passenger in the coach an officer who was intelligent and very agreeable in conversation, but there was one serious drawback—his profanity. When they changed coaches Wesley took the officer aside, and after expressing the pleasure he had enjoyed in his company, said he had a great favor to ask him. The young officer said, "I will take great pleasure in obliging you, for I am sure you will not make an unreasonable request." "Then," said Wesley, "as we have to travel some distance together, I beg if I should so far forget myself as to swear, you will kindly reprove me." The officer immediately saw the motive and felt the force of the request, and smilingly said, "None but Mr. Wesley could have conceived a reproof in such a manner." The reproof worked like a charm.

NOT TURNED ASIDE

Chips and bubbles swirl in all directions when some unseen projection diverts the movement of the river's current. But the boat moves steadily onward if it has much depth of keel. If my faith and purpose are fully immersed in God's plan, I shall be neither retarded nor set back from the good to which His providence is bearing me, however the minor experiences of life may seem to drift me aside.—LUDLOW.

What He tells thee in the darkness,
Weary watcher for the day,
Grateful lip and heart should utter
When the shadows flee away.

—F. R. HAVERGAL.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer,
Heaven's eternal days before thee;
God's own hand shall guide thee there

—H. F. LYTE.

SAFE-GUARDING THE YOUNG PEOPLE

By ANNIE BELL MATTHEWS

DURING the late war I attended a school located near New York City. From the hill on which the school was located I could look down on the Hudson River in its majestic splendor, while on the right could be seen quaint little Eastern towns, and in the distance beyond the opposite shore, the snow capped summits of the towering mountains. At night in looking into the vale below you could see the gleaming lights that lifted the darkness of the still solemn nights. I often thought as I gazed down upon those silent roof-tops of the troubles of human life; particularly of the young people. What light could lift the darkness of disappointment, grief, difficulties, turmoil, discontent, and the multitude of sins?

Much is being said today about the dangers surrounding our young people. Those who have kept in touch with the development of modern living as it affects our young people, have been impressed with two facts. One is that there are dangers. The other that there must be found an adequate remedy. We are hearing these subjects discussed under such themes as the following, "What is the Condition of Young America, Spiritually?" "Why Their Reluctance Toward Regular Church Attendance?" "Why do Some Succeed While Others Who Gave Great Promise of a Christian Career, Lose Interest?"

Some have thought that the church must get some method by which to draw the young such as the picture shows, dances and other features of popular amusements. But the churches which are employing this method are not developing a spiritual young people. Those which are not employing this method are not drawing the young people, though they are meeting more success along spiritual lines. This condition ought to startle any man or woman who loves God. Oh! the need of wisdom from above!

Personally, after much prayerful thought I have come clearly and definitely to this conviction. Jesus is the only solution to these big problems, if this conviction is correct then some one is responsible to show to them the One alone who can answer their problems. Have the older people been faithful in the discharge of their responsibility?

It has always been true that the efficiency of youth depends on the training they receive from three institutions; the home, the church, and the school. Some one has well said, "The strength and beauty of the home, church and school blend in the character of every nation, city, and individual." In these three institutions the character of the nation is determined.

God raised up the home, church, and school as institutions to train and safeguard the youth for Himself. In order to be effective they must be in a position to assert themselves against the powers of darkness, that are responsible for the dangers confronting our youth. I believe many of our young people are adrift in the world today because these institutions have not been thus efficient.

The Christian home is fast disappearing. In its place is the home(?) that is undermining the social life of our young people. They are being undermined with vicious frivolity instead of those things that make fine minds, clean bodies, and high ideals. Of course children are free moral agents and those of the very best parents may go astray. But on the other hand parents are responsible to God to do their very best to shape their choices. There are some parents who will sacrifice all Christian principles in order that their son or daughter may win a high place in the social or business world. Other parents become so engrossed with their own business or social positions that they neglect the training of their children. God help the parents to again give the young people Christian homes where parents are filled with love, deeply religious, with pure social influences there. This would help us young people safeguard our lives against the perils of youth. We would be greatly influenced by it. Help us fight life's battle by piety and love and consecration of the home. Help us to keep a high social plane. Let your home bear marks that distinguish it from the home without God. Live so that it will be hard for us to sin against your influence.

The greatest danger of the church today is the loss of spiritual power. This imperils the spiritual

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life of the young. Youth soon sees through a sham of religion. Be sure your church has real vital Christianity. Make it live to bless others, let it testify of the life and love there is in Jesus; and of the transforming power of the Holy Ghost. Show your appreciation of the young people God has given your church, by pointing out to them the true principles of life. Put forth an effort to build up their character by the personal touch. Lift their darkness by your light. Give them the tenderest care. Remember they are the church of tomorrow. Jesus deemed them worthy to save. You deem even the weakest worthy of training. Pray for them. Never let your religion be such as to cause them to abhor instead of being attracted by it. Never discourage any young person. The land is full of discouraged youth. God forgive you if you are making life's battles harder for any soul. Safeguard our spiritual life and help us fight the powers of darkness.

There is a dangerous enemy that is undermining the minds of the youth in the schools. Did it ever occur to you that only 27 per cent of the professors

NOTICE TO N. Y. P. SOCIETIES

Did you know that the N. Y. P. General Committee promised the Herald of Holiness that they would try and secure 1,000 subscriptions to the Herald through the young people for giving us the N. Y. P. page once a week? Can't we do this by April 1st? Five month subscriptions at 50 cents each will be acceptable. I am sure we can. Let us show the Publishers that we appreciate this page, and let every society see how many subscriptions can be secured. Get your young people to take the Herald for five months, or take up offerings and send it to some one to whom it would be a blessing. Start pulling for this right away and send your subscriptions to the Publishing House with instructions to credit them on the N. Y. P. S. list, and on April 1st we will report how many came in. Let us go over the top with a thousand. Tell the older people what you are doing and they will help you put it over.

LISTEN, if all the Presidents and Young People's Societies of the church will send in 750 subscriptions by April 1st, I will scrape up the rest somewhere. As Brother Cornell says, "All hands lift, and we'll make it."

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of our colleges and universities believe in the existence of God? About 35 per cent believe in the immortality of the soul. A lack of sympathy with the needs of the young accounts for this kind of precept and example. Since the teachers play such an important part in moulding the lives of the young what can you expect? They can not be raised to a high plane educationally. For no man is truly educated until he knows God.

Again I appeal to you. Help us young people in developing strong Christian characters. If the world gets into our homes, our churches, our schools, what is going to span the gulf that separates our souls from ruin? Church of the Nazarene you must be the strong force for good in our behalf. The world has a strong force for wrong. There are pitfalls for our feet. Strengthen every activity that promotes the Christian life of the young people. Don't let God find you lagging along this line. In just so much as the homes make a pure social life; in just so much as the school gives a Christian education; in just so much as the church helps us to develop our spiritual life, are we safe.

SPRINGFIELD, TENN.

DISCUSSION N. Y. P. S. TOPIC FOR

FEBRUARY 3, 1924

By DONNELL J. SMITH

The Cleansed Channel

1. ISAIAH'S VIEW OF GOD.

No revelation of God is for mere display, or exhibition of the glory and majesty and excellency of the Infinite One. God's manifestation of Himself to man is always for certain definite and specific ends. In our lesson we have told us Isaiah's vision of God, or God's revelation of Himself to Isaiah. We may be deceived into believing that a more ornate setting forth of this vision of Isaiah's will accomplish all that it is given to us for. But not falling into that mistake let us seek to ascertain the purpose, the object of the vision. Many things that are given to us in this chapter as well as preceding chapters in the Prophecy of Isaiah enable us to know that while in word and ceremony the God of Israel, Jehovah, was still the great and mighty One that "inhabited eternity," yet in the hearts and lives of the people, and even the prophet of God, He no longer held this place. Thus the first object of the vision was to restore God to his rightful place in the heart and life of the prophet and through him in the hearts and lives of the people. He sees Him upon His throne, high and lifted up. He beholds His train filling his earthly sanctuary His glory filling all the earth, the lifeless object seemingly aghast at His presence. But it is not with mere splendor that God would impress His prophet, He would have him to know His holiness and the spotless purity of those heavenly beings who worship and obey Him. So it is that before the eyes of the prophet passes the procession of seraphims, those beings expressive of the divine holiness, crying one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts."

2. THE EFFECT OF THE VISION was exactly what God had ordained it to be. The prophet beholds his uncleanness and comes to realize that as a prophet he is helpless and undone. His unfitness to be the channel through which God will speak to His people is now clear. Before this time there is no word that would indicate that the prophet felt himself lacking in fitness for his office and work. The man who carries coal in nowise regards himself as unfit for his work, because his garments are soiled or dingy, or crusted with soot of coal and dirt. It is when he suddenly appears in the presence of one of high degree that he offers apology for his condition. How often is it that the man looks to such talents as he may possess and feels that because of them he is qualified to do the work of the Lord, proclaim His great salvation, declare his unsearchable riches, not realizing that his spiritual condition, the filthiness of the flesh and spirit, makes him like Isaiah of old, unfit to deliver to the people God's message.

Paul speaks of the gospel as "my gospel." In a sacred but awe inspiring sense such is true with all. The condition of the channel determines largely what the character of the gospel is that we give out. My experience, my life, my knowledge of Christ makes my gospel. What kind of a gospel are we making and how are we giving it to the world. Well did D. L. Moody say concerning the Bible as it was revealed in the lives of professing men and women, that it often needed a new revision.

3. THE CLEANSING OF THE PROPHET. The prophet having confessed his defilement, acknowledged his unfitness to minister to the people, is not left long to himself. As heat is a property of light so healing is a property of spiritual light. John says, "If we walk in the light . . . the blood will cleanse." We cannot stand in the sunlight without enjoying its heat and warmth, neither can we walk in divine light without its healing power will begin to work in our inner beings. A seraphim flies to the prophet with a burning coal and purges away his sin. The channels are cleansed; the livid stream can pour forth; its sweetness will be untainted. The marginal rendering of "Here am I" is "Behold me." The One before whom he was unable to stand he now calls to behold him.

4. A LIFE COMMISSION. It is true that the Lord will deign to use every channel through which He can pour the water of life. But, oh, how clearly, how sweetly does His voice ring out His commission "Go" sound forth in the ears of those who have

prepared themselves for His service. The Word says, "If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work." As young people we must know that the Lord would not only have willing workers, but cleansed workers. Isaiah cleansed from his uncleanness receives of the Lord a new life commission. He now becomes in a very distinctive sense the prophet of the coming Messiah. If he is to foretell the coming of Christ the prophet must be made clean lest the glorious truth should be changed, how much more should we who are called upon to bear witness to the Christ.

Suggestive Thoughts

1. Consider the means used to bring Isaiah to a realization of his uncleanness, to cleanse away his iniquity and to give him assurance that the work was done. Compare them with the means that God has provided to accomplish such a work in us.
2. Observe the time required to purge away Isaiah's defilement.
3. Was Isaiah's ready response to the call of the Lord, "Here am I, send me," peculiar to the prophet or characteristic of all who have been made meet for the Master's use?
4. Consider 1 Corinthians 1:27, 28 in connection with the thought that all God needs is a "Cleansed Channel."

CHURCH EXTENSION

By B. H. Pocock

WITH the rapid growth of the Church of the Nazarene, the question constantly arises, "Where shall we house the folks?" If I were to choose a text to use in the discussion of Church Extension, I would use Nehemiah 2:20, "The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore will his servants will arise and build." Statistics show that as a church we are having unusual gains in finances, membership, and in spirituality, so that it is but proper that we "should arise and build." In an editorial in the *HERALD of HOLINESS* under date of October 31, 1917, the now sainted Dr. Haynes said:

"Brother Joseph Speakes made a good point in his speech before the Tennessee District Assembly when he reminded his audience that Church Extension was vitally related to the Missionary and all other sacred causes and interests for which we as a church raised money. This was due to the fact that by Church Extension we strengthen and broaden our home base of supplies. By building new churches and congregations in regions where we are too weak to do without loans and gifts from the Church Extension Board, we are increasing our membership from which we are to draw gifts and help for all the other church causes as well as church extension.

"We have often thought how vitally this relation is seen to be. It has made us wonder why church people are so slow to see this point and to recognize that by church extension we are really advancing all the other causes—missions, both home and foreign, and all the benevolences of the church. This because we are increasing the number of churches which will become systematic contributors to all these interests. So the fact is that we are doing the wisest thing conceivable in working for the establishment of a strong Church Extension Board. Our people would be wise to encourage this movement and help hasten the creation of a stalwart sentiment favorable to it, and the opening of an era of great extension of our church in quarters where now we are too weak to do anything without much help."

In order to make our churches permanent it is necessary for us to build in central locations or to buy the vacated churches of other denominations, and we cannot do these things without a large Church Extension fund. With this fund we can save large sums of money for commission and interest charges, and such charges as our churches which do borrow must pay will go in to swell the fund that will make it possible to still further enlarge the service of this department. We must build or secure church buildings and parsonages, and Church Extension is helping us to solve this problem. Therefore, let us not neglect this special phase of our work.

CHESTER, WEST VIRGINIA

INDIANA DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND N. Y. P. S. CONVENTION

The Fourth Annual Sunday School and N. Y. P. S. Convention of the Indiana District was held at Bluffton, Indiana, December 5-8.

This Convention was a marked success along all lines. The spirit of unity and harmony prevailed and the spiritual fervor ran high. Many times the shouts of victory were heard in our midst, and each one in attendance seemed to have received a new vision along Sunday school lines, and work among our young people.

The Convention opened on Tuesday evening with a platform meeting in charge of District Superintendent Short, with several speakers participating. Rev. Morris Himler, pastor of the local church, gave the address of welcome; response by Brother Short.

The morning sessions were given to topics on: Sunday school work, while the afternoon sessions were devoted to subjects pertaining to N. Y. P. S. work.

On Wednesday morning a very interesting paper was given by Rev. C. J. Quinn, on the subject, "Organizing and Building the Sunday School," which was followed by some very interesting discussions. Other papers full of inspiration and help were given by Rev. Alvin Kerst, Rev. Frank Robinson, Rev. Earl Albea.

N. Y. P. S. session in the afternoon was given principally to discussing, "The Place and Importance of the N. Y. P. S.," closing with a timely sermon by Rev. Harlan Davis. Wednesday night an evangelistic service was held, during which Rev. S. D. Cox brought out some great truths.

On Thursday morning after several papers were given, considerable discussion was made regarding District Sunday School organization, at which time a committee was appointed to stir up interest and act in an educational capacity on the District and to bring in such recommendations to the next Assembly as they deem proper toward advancement along Sunday school lines.

At the beginning of the N. Y. P. S. session on Thursday afternoon a great healing service was held, several receiving the divine touch on body and soul. The evening service was opened with song and testimony after which Rev. Bertha Lillenas brought the message. At this service a number of seekers knelt at the altar seeking pardon or purity.

During the sessions of Friday morning and afternoon a number of very helpful papers were given, and the Convention closed at night with a sermon by Rev. Grover B. Wright.

As the Convention drew to a close we all felt it was indeed worth while to meet together and we take courage to press on and apply what we learned during the same. And after listening to our District Superintendent's exhortations and advice, and listening again to his teachings along the "old lines," we thank God for such a leader, and trust God will spare him to the Indiana District for a number of years.

C. E. PENDRY, Reporter.

CHICAGO CENTRAL DISTRICT

We are still busy over here on this great District, and there is plenty to do. We are making plans to enter some of the great cities this coming winter and next summer. We have sixty cities in Ill. alone that range from eight thousand up to Chicago with her three million, and our Nazarene churches are only in sixteen of these larger cities. By the help of God we are going to push out and enter these.

Down in Southern Illinois, we are making progress. Quite recently Sister Hoke at Carterville has had a great meeting with Brother Messenger, Sister Crooks, and Miss Grace McLemore. Sister Hoke is doing a most excellent work in this little city. Over at Mt. Vernon, Sister Della Smith and Jonnie Dance are the most efficient pastors of our new and growing work. They have a fine Sunday school and a new tabernacle full of people to preach to on Sunday nights. Benton is now in a good revival with Evangelist E. E. Turner and wife, and they report fine services. Brother M. R. Fitch, our pastor at Benton, has certainly brought things up the march at Benton. I have reports that Rev. I. G. Young, our new pastor at Murphysboro is being well received, and reports advances. Over at Effingham, we have quite recently closed a good meeting. We organized a church with a good Sunday school, put a

new covering on a new tabernacle, and Brother Earl Stevens is serving Effingham and Lerna. Over at Duquoin, we are having considerable struggle, but as sure as there is a God in heaven in a town of ten thousand if our Nazarenes live right and act right, we are bound to go on to success. We are hoping for a better day at Duquoin.

Over at Bloomington, Ill. Rev. Martha Howe has rendered us most efficient service in pulling our church through a crisis. I was there quite recently and they are advancing on all lines. We have a most beautiful building here, a fine people, and with a good campaign Bloomington will be well on its feet again. Over at Mansfield, Rev. E. E. Robinson, the new pastor has been well received, and they have bought him a new automobile, and here we have one of the finest people in all our connection. At Lake City, Rev. E. E. Tittmore, and his good people are making preparations to buy a lot and build a new tabernacle.

A few weeks ago Brother Ed Robinson and I spent one night at Stockton. Here we have one of the most promising young pastors in our movement in the person of E. W. Larabee. We have a fine people here and loyal. They are making plans to put on a campaign in Freeport, a nearby city of twenty thousand. At Galena we have one of the finest little bands that any one wants to meet, and these dear people are looking forward to an enlargement of their borders.

Down around Olivet, we are getting on fine with many student pastors and some fine established churches. Brother R. L. Wisler is supplying at Danville while the pastor, Rev. T. W. Willingham is putting on a drive on the Chicago Central District for money. Brother Wisler is one of our most able and efficient pastors. Our Danville church is made up of some of the finest people on earth, and they will do anything to put the matter across. Down at Georgetown, Brother J. Y. Jones and Evangelist Jimmie Miller are in a meeting at this time, and I think Prof. C. C. Rinebarger is doing the singing. The boys are putting on the truth red-hot and I think they are contemplating quite a break before closing the meeting. Brother Jones is being well received. At Westville they have called Mary Cooper to be the pastor. At Chrisman, Ogden, Fithian, Butler's Ford, our student appointments, the boys report victory. At Sidney Rev. Chas. Bauerle is doing a fine work and is beloved by his people. Sister Cora Ryan, our new pastor at Fairmount is likewise being well received and doing most efficient work. We have many other places too numerous to mention where we are starting prayer-meetings and have missions. We are in for pushing and pushing out. Remember me when you pray.

E. O. CHALFANT, District Superintendent.

WESTERN OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

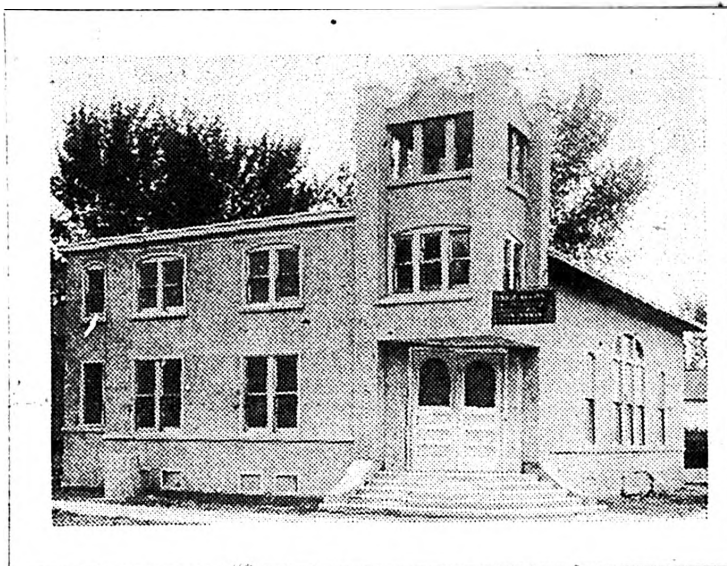
About two months have passed since our District Assembly was held at Bethany Oklahoma. We have visited the greater per cent of our churches, and have found our preachers and people full of enthusiasm and courage to fight the battle against sin and Satan and to establish the kingdom of God in every town and village in the District. Several revivals have been held, some are now in progress, and many others will begin in the near future, which have resulted and will result in the salvation of many precious souls.

Many of our towns have already good, strong, healthy and growing Churches of the Nazarene in them which are coloring the spiritual atmosphere and figuring largely in the affairs of the people. We expect to reach many new towns where we have no churches. I do not believe that the days of revivals are over. With wide-awake pastors, filled with wisdom, and fire-baptized, we can build strong churches in all centers throughout the country. There is a great cry everywhere for men who can preach the gospel, pray down the fire, conserve his work, build the Church of God, and with God-inspired vision and wisdom lead the people on to marvelous and mighty things.

We expect to put on a campaign in every town in this District during this Assembly year that has a population of two thousand or more. We do not expect to neglect the smaller towns, but we are merely trying to reach the larger ones first. We are sure that, after reaching the larger ones and establishing churches there, we can more easily work out through and from those churches to the smaller ones. I would be glad to get in touch with people who live in these towns that are interested in the establishing of a Church of the Nazarene in them. If you are interested write me at 326 E. Broadway, Enid, Oklahoma.

NEW CHURCH BUILDING AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

This time we come to you to report the dedication of our beautiful new church at Bakersfield, Calif. This church while not as large as some of our buildings is plenty large for the place and time and is one of the prettiest churches in our connection. The whole thing is a result of faith and co-operation on part of pastor and people and too much can not be said for the untiring labors of Rev. A. J. Schocke and wife. God has blessed them in a very marked way and they are known and loved not only by their people but by the town as well. Coming to Bakersfield two years ago they found a very fine group of folks but a very dilapidated building and hence a great handicap to progress. They met it as only Nazarenes do and should, with the one thought of correcting the conditions. The accompanying picture reveals the results of faith. Dr. Matthews preceded the dedication with a week of meetings



preaching as only he can, and God answered prayer and the slain of the Lord were many. Finances came easy and our people have a great future in this place. One of the greatest assets to a church is a proper equipment to do business for the Lord with. We are trying to provide such in this section. On with the battle.—CHAS. A. GIBSON, District Superintendent.

We are expecting this to be the very best year of our lives and ministry. We ought to have twenty-five new churches on this District this year. We have the gospel and the people need it and they are dying without it. We must get it to them.

Let us not fail. It will do for them what it has done for us. We need a mighty "baptism of fire" upon our church and ministry.

Two churches have already been organized since the Assembly, more are ready and many more in preparation. A revival spirit pervades almost all of our churches and people, souls are being blessed in the regular services and in the prayermeetings and we are looking for a mighty "sweep of victory" this year.

R. M. PARKS, District Superintendent.

TOURING THE KANSAS DISTRICT IN THE INTERESTS OF HOME MISSIONS

According to the plan of the District Home Missionary Board, I am to tour the Kansas District in the interest of missions, both home and foreign, and I am finishing my first week's work. The weather has been the most severe of any that we have had in the last four or five years, but God has blessed us in spite of the weather. We began at Emporia on Sunday morning with two seekers at the altar in the morning service and five at night. Rev. R. S. Ball and Brother and Sister Willard Davis were in a home mission campaign there. God was giving them a great revival and by the time this report appears they will have organized a Nazarene Church with thirty-five or forty members. Brother Ball was doing some great preaching and the Davises were certainly singing the glory down. We were able to raise a good offering for the workers in the night service. From Emporia we went to Eldorado. We were unable to hold a service because of the very inclement weather, but we found Brother H. H. Davis at his post of duty with no evil report to bring and from all we were able to learn he will soon have a great work in Eldorado. From here we went west to Augusta where Brother and Sister J. W. Farr are holding forth. They have been doing a great work in this place and are much loved by their people. We had a very good service with them and their people, and they gave us a good offering for missions. We were scheduled for Brownstown for the next night but the weather froze us out. Our next stop was at Wichita with Brother and Sister J. E. Keimel who are faithful pastors and God is using them. Brother A. C. Tunnell our beloved District Superintendent was with us and added great inspira-

tion, helping to make it a very profitable service. We spent the next night in Maize where there are a few faithful members and a most faithful pastor in the person of Brother S. C. Lansdowne. They have a good church building and I believe will soon have a real Nazarene work. We rested Saturday night with Brother and Sister F. H. Bugh of Hutchinson. Sister Bugh certainly knows how to make things comfortable and agreeable for a tired, weary, hard-working evangelist. They are doing a great work as pastors of our school church. Here we had Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Ellyson and the faculty and a very fine student body, also Brother Tunnell to help us. God gave us a great time together and helped us to raise about \$1000.00 for missions, in the Sunday morning service. From there Brother Tunnell and I went to Newton for the Sunday night service. Brother A. L. Hipple is the pastor and has his work well in hand. He is doing a great work among the young people and has built up a fine young people's society. Brother Tunnell brought them a very effective message at the 6:30 hour and at 7:30 I spoke to the church in the interest of missions. This was a great service and in a few minutes the people pledged \$750.00 for missions and we closed the service with a seeker at the altar.

A. F. BALSMEIER.

NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE

Sunday night, Dec. 31, 1923 was a great time in the Nampa church. A night of prayer was held in the church, Saturday night preceding the Educational Rally on Sunday and God gave gracious victory. Rev. J. T. Little preached on Sunday morning, in the afternoon a platform meeting with a number of speakers, and at night Brother Little again brought the message. The day was an old fashioned VICTORY CAMPAIGN with lots of victory.

In the morning service Mayor Emerson stated that he would give \$1,000.00 for every \$1,000.00 the church would give up to \$10,000.00. The blackboard was put out in Victory Campaign style and the offering began. This continued through the afternoon service and on through the evening service, until about 11:00 o'clock p. m. the top of the ridge was reached amidst great rejoicing. How the people shouted as they went over the top and reached the \$10,000.00 mark, making a total of \$20,000.00 for the day. In addition to this we were privileged to announce that an endowment of \$20,000.00 awaited the college as soon as the institution was entirely free from indebtedness. We trust that our friends everywhere will rally and soon put us over the

top and enable us to secure this \$20,000.00 fund for endowment.

The college has just closed a gracious series of meetings with Evangelist C. P. Ellis. Brother Ellis began only to give some chapel talks at the college but God came upon the scene and confirmed the messages of his servant and answered the prayers of his people and gave us a gracious revival. There was the old time dying out at the altar. Altar services lasted all day. Classes were turned into revival services and many prayed through in the classrooms. The meeting was carried to the church and at the request of Brother Plumb and the church board was continued another week with many saved and sanctified wholly. The Lord is certainly doing great things for us at Nampa. The attendance is the largest we have ever had in college. We are pressing on to larger and better things.

H. ORTON WILEY, President.

THE HAMLIN DISTRICT

These are glorious days to our souls and for our church over the Hamlin District. Revivals are breaking out and many souls turning to God. Our pastors are courageous and full of faith, and the Holy Ghost. The churches and Sabbath schools and Young People's Societies are united and fully determined to win the day for God and holiness.

The Moore-Campbell-Cornelius evangelistic party gave one month to our District in the interest of Central Nazarene College at Hamlin and their labors were abundant in the Lord and very effective for our college. Our young people are rallying to this noble institution with sacrifice, confidence and loyal support that would make inspiring reading.

We are receiving most delightful and optimistic reports from all parts of our District over the conditions and pleasing prospects for still brighter days and doings for our Holy Zion.

Some pastors and churches have raised all their apportionments in cash and in full for the whole year. This is the spirit and practice that we must instill throughout our organization. Amarillo is making rapid strides for gracious advancement under the able ministry and leadership of Pastor Cox. Sweetwater is moving with speed and power unknown in her former history. Pastor Williamson is leading them forth to blessing and material success. Kelley church recently witnessed a gracious holiday revival with the District Superintendent and Mrs. Irick, the District evangelist. Pastor Jones is loved and highly appreciated by our church and entire community.

Wellington church and pastor are united and stand for holy aggressiveness and sound business methods.

Pilot Point church is well pleased with the new pastor, Rev. A. G. Ridout and family of Beebe, Arkansas. A great "pounding" was a joyful surprise in the parsonage last night.

The College at Hamlin, Texas is moving onward with grace, unity, love, and success such as not realized in years gone by. Pastor White is projecting himself into the work, ministry, community, and spiritual atmosphere that is being felt by all.

Our efficient District Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. W. B. Pinson is lifting things at Abilene. They are in the midst of a drive to liquidate the last dollar of indebtedness on the church lot. Brother Pinson is loved and appreciated by his people and town as a hustling pastor.

Rest Cottage is making history for God and souls in her redemptive work. A wonderful Christmas did this beautiful plant enjoy. Kelley church gave a liberal offering for Rest Cottage during the holiday meeting. We look forward to the District Missionary campaign with Rev. W. A. Eckel and wife during the month of February. We want to raise in full our missionary quota for Hamlin District for this Assembly Year, which is \$3000, during this campaign. Let all pastors and churches co-operate with us in arranging and carrying out the slate of our dear Brother Eckel. Time and space will not permit our mentioning the many triumphs of pastors and churches over the District at this writing. On with the fight. Go in for souls and all apportionments.

REV. ALLIE IRICK, District Superintendent.

MINNEAPOLIS DISTRICT GROUP MEETINGS

Three very profitable group meetings were held during the holidays at Loomis, South Dakota, Minneapolis, Minn., and New Rockford, North Dakota, on this District. The attendance was very good, at the South Dakota gathering, but was greatly restricted by the first bad storm of the winter at the two other places. A splendid program was

discussed at each place, and many interesting lines of pastoral activity were taken up and considered. Rousing evangelistic services were held each night, and seekers for salvation were had at each gathering. Very strong addresses were delivered at each place on the subject of "Developing the Home Field," and at New Rockford a very fine concrete example of spreading the Nazarene cause over the adjacent territory was given by the New Rockford church. The recently organized church at Washington Lake was the out-come of these efforts. This makes the fifth new church organized since the Assembly and there are several more promising places. A plan was submitted for placing all five of our evangelists who labor constantly on the District, each in an evangelistic territory, so that he may develop places in one locality to enable that region to support a pastor. When we get this arrangement to working, we hope to report new churches more frequently.—J. G. Morrison, District Superintendent.

THE SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS GROUP MEETING

The South Central Group was held with the church at Maize, Kansas December 27-30, 1923. The fellowship of the saints and unity of the Spirit was most marvelous among us. The timely messages brought by the pastors of the group and the spiritual singing was enjoyed and appreciated. The subjects of Evolution and Modernism were discussed to the profit of all present. May the good work go on. Our next group meets at Clearwater, Kansas March 27-30. Wm. O. Nease comes to us for a meeting January 11th, pray for us.—S. C. Lansdowne, pastor.

JOINT GROUP MEETING

The Southern Kansas and Southwestern Missouri groups met in joint session at Pittsburg, Kansas, December 26-30, 1923. The group meeting was a great blessing to the local church and those in attendance. The preaching was definite and heart-searching and definite results followed. The various topics were ably handled. Sister Flower's paper on "Can the Church of the Nazarene Retain her Spirituality and Become Large?" was excellent and carefully prepared. This was followed by a lively discussion. Brother Ira F. Stevens, the pastor is doing a good work here.—H. W. Smith, secretary.

Among the Churches

NASHUA, MONT.

—Greetings from the frozen North. Just wanted to drop a few words to the brethren and let them know that Nashua, Mont. is not snowed under nor frozen up. We have been in almost a continual revival since Nov. 4th. Our District Superintendent Rev. W. G. Bennett began Nov. 4th and continued over the 11th. Then Evangelist W. P. Jay of Nampa, Idaho came and started on the 15th and held over our Sundays, closing Dec. 9th. This was a good meeting. God's blessing was on evangelist and the people from the first. The church especially was encouraged and blessed, and several others among whom were an old couple ages 83 and 87 made their way to the fountain of cleansing. A good, liberal offering for the evangelist came easy, also a good hard "pounding" for the pastor. On Dec. 13th we began at Glasgow, Mont. some fifteen miles from here, (our other appointment, not organized) holding over three Sundays. The holiday season I fear kept many from the services, still God gave us a profitable meeting, several found God in the old fashioned way. We expect to organize a church there in the near future. The offering came a little hard, but Brother Jay left us for St. Paul via Laurel, Mont., feeling good, and glad he ventured this far north. Remember us in your prayers.—H. A. Parks, pastor.

BLOOMFIELD, ILL.

—During the month of November, Rev. G. F. Jacobs of University Park, Iowa, conducted a very successful campaign for us. Mrs. Esther Williamson from the same place, was in charge of the music. Rev. Jacobs was not unknown to us having held meetings here and near here before. He is a sensible, searching, scriptural preacher with a true Nazarene vision. Mrs. Williamson most ably took care of the musical part of the meeting. There were fifty different seekers many of whom were at the altar for entire sanctification, after having received pardon for their sins, during the earlier part of the revival. We received a class of twelve into the church follow-

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON REFERENCE

Jan. 27. ISRAEL SAVED AT THE RED SEA.

LESSON: Exodus 12:37-18:27.

GOLDEN TEXT: The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation. Exodus 15:2.

Devotional Reading: Psalm 106:1-9.

FEBRUARY 3. WHAT ISRAEL LEARNED AT SINAI. LESSON: Deut. 4:32-40.

GOLDEN TEXT: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.—Deut. 6:5.

Devotional Reading: Psalm 95:1-7.

FEBRUARY 10. THE FAILURE AT KADESH.

LESSON: Numbers 14:1-10.

GOLDEN TEXT: The Lord is with us: fear them not. Num. 14:9.

Devotional Reading: Romans 8:31-39.

ing the meeting. We thank God for the results of this meeting. Such definite presentation of God's truth is sure to bring definite results sooner or later, while indefinite or strained methods will produce hazy or murky results. On Sunday, Dec. 16th the rented church in which we have worshiped since our organization here, was badly damaged by fire. For the present we are worshiping in the court house. The people of Bloomfield, regardless of their church affiliations agree with us that we, as a Church of the Nazarene should have a church of our own. No definite plans have been made as yet but we shall endeavor to follow divine direction.—D. W. and Amy Dobson, pastors.

SCIENCE HILL, KY.

—Our revival began here Nov. 25th and ran until Dec. 23rd. Rev. B. T. Flanery was the evangelist. We had a fine meeting. God was with us. Brother Flanery did the best preaching I ever heard him do, and it resulted in deep conviction. The seekers came through good. Many were converted, reclaimed, or sanctified, and some joined the church. We went from our revival here to Mt. Hope out in the country about seven miles to help Rev. C. C. Burton in a revival which he had already started and in which he was doing fine. Here we closed Jan. 3rd. In this meeting there were about thirty converted, reclaimed, or sanctified. This was a fine meeting. God was there to own and bless His people. Our dear Brother Burton did fine preaching, the people loved him and greatly enjoyed his messages. Pray for Science Hill and Mt. Hope people.—Elwood Taylor, pastor.

SYLACAUGA, ALA.

—I wish to report victory for our church here. God has been wonderfully blessing our work. Miss M. G. Tousey was our pastor for about two months, God wonderfully blessed her stay with us. She took in two members and had about fourteen who claimed to get sanctified, or pardoned, or reclaimed. We have a large Sunday school, fifty-eight in attendance in the main school. We have thirty members in our Young People's Society including both old and young. We raised about \$6.00 and gave \$3.15 to the cause of missions. To God be all the praise. Brother Calvin will take the work here for the rest of the year. We ask the HERALD readers to pray that God will bless His work here and make Him a blessing to this town and may many souls be saved.—Mrs. Lucy Robinson, Jr.

VANCOUVER, WASH.

—We closed December 16th a revival siege of six weeks and seven Sundays with Evangelist St. Clair. His preaching and Bible studies were truly in "Demonstration of the Spirit and power." At times there were outbursts of glory in praise, at others in prayer. Sinners were saved, backsliders reclaimed, believers sanctified and the church greatly edified. We proved that praying, fasting and preaching the old rugged gospel still brings revival results. Amen. We are working for and expecting greater results through faith in Him.—John S. Parkins, pastor.

HUCO, OKLA.

—After two months of the Assembly year has passed the church is truly delighted at having Rev. J. A. Russell and his splendid wife and daughters, who are a great blessing to any church, to labor with us. Our work is on the upgrade with a steady growth in Sunday school. We are erecting a fine five-room bungalow on the church lot and expect to have it completed and our pastor at home by the last of January. Just closed a few days' meet-

ing, Brother Russell did some good preaching and the Lord wonderfully blessed. Two souls prayed through in the old fashioned way. Seven united with the church. The Lord is blessing in a special way. The church has a vision of its possibilities and of a lost world. We are encouraged to believe God for great things this year and are expecting a continual revival. To Him we give all the glory.—Mrs. R. V. Johnson reporter.

BEEBE, ARK.

—We are now in our new fields of labor. God is blessing, we are delighted. We had a night watch service and God mightily blessed our hearts. The good people came by the parsonage and filled our table with good things amounting to about \$21.50 in all. Our hearts were made glad because we feel like we have found a people that loves a pastor. We made up our minds that this would be the best year of our life by the help of God.—E. O. Tapley, pastor.

MANSFIELD, ILL.

—A three weeks' revival closed December 16th with our pastor, Rev. E. E. Robinson doing his own evangelistic work. Miss Grace McLemore did excellent work as song leader. Rev. Robinson is a strong preacher, and preaches a high standard of old time gospel salvation. God honored the truth by giving us sixteen seekers, and from that number seven were added to the church, for which we thank the Lord. Since the Assembly we have been able to meet all expenses, also to purchase a new Ford car for the pastor. We feel the church is taking on new life, the presence of God is felt in all our services, and we are moving on to victory, trusting God for greater things in the future.—Mrs. R. E. Howe, reporter.

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS, FIRST CHURCH

—We do not feel that we are going up the way by leaps and bounds yet these are great days for this church. God gave us a wonderful day to mark the beginning of the new year. Rev. A. F. Balsmeier was with us for the morning service and gave a wonderful message in behalf of missions. Two joined the church which brings the total up to thirty-four since September 1st. The tithing system is working nicely and the financing of our church is becoming easier. The power of God was on the pastor at the evening service and he brought one of the greatest messages ever listened to here. The seekers at the altar were happy finders. To the person who has faith in God and is willing to do his part never in the history of the school, were the prospects brighter. Brother Lang, the Business Manager, has the work at heart and will do something for us if we stay by him. Plans are being made to have the strong academic and theological work to continue. Every one on the Kansas and Nebraska Districts should take courage, work, plan and pray to make this school count for the Master.—Emerson Pickens, reporter.

CARTERVILLE, ILL.

—God gave us a good revival with Rev. F. M. Messenger, Sister Stella B. Crooks of Chicago, and Miss Grace McLemore of Salem, Indiana. The Lord surely did send them to us and their messages in gospel and song were God given and won the hearts of the people to God first and then to the workers. We had quite a number of professions of both definite works of grace, and a class of ten adults were added to the church. Our Sunday school runs nearly one hundred and the prayermeeting on Thursday night runs about forty or fifty a week. While we have increased from fifteen to over sixty members in two years and four months yet about ten of them do not live near enough to attend the prayermeetings. We usually have as many at the prayermeetings as we have resident members. They are real prayermeetings for we pray through and get answers. Amen. Last Sunday night was a miniature Pentecost. The saints had about an hour of good old fashioned shouting before we could go on with the services. We are proving the truth of Mal. 3:10, and our tithe that we bring each Sunday is surely being blessed of the Lord and so are the givers. Our women sew each week on Wednesday for the orphanage and rescue work, and they buy new material and make the garments, we will the Lord willing make several hundred dollars worth of such this year. Since the District Assembly we have (in spite of the fact that we have never seen so many idle days for the men at this time of the year) paid two-thirds of our ministerial support, paid \$56.87 on piano in full, raised \$284.00 for evangelists. But we need your prayers very much for there are many people who one time knew the Lord but when they saw the reproach of coming into the Church of the Nazarene they failed God and went back to the old things. Some of them attend the services but

they know the price and refuse to pay it. But God is helping us to reach some along. After trying for quite a while to get the Lord to free me from the pastoral work entirely, I had to see the advice of those who were older, had no interest except the salvation of souls that I should stay as pastor. For this is my eleventh year and have held nine or ten revivals for them beside. We have perfect harmony on all lines and His presence in each service.—Edna Well Hoke, pastor; J. O. Hoke, assistant.

SPOKANE, WASH., FIRST CHURCH

—First Church has just closed a very successful twelve days' revival campaign with Rev. John E. Threadgill of Beaumont, Texas. The preaching was of the highest order it being the faithful and earnest presentation of the Word of God. Brother Threadgill is pre-eminently a Bible preacher and presents his message in a most forceful and convincing manner. There was deep conviction and old fashioned repenting. Some fifty made definite confession of either pardon, reclamation, or sanctification. A goodly number have presented themselves for membership and will be received next Sabbath. God is giving us victory all along the line. Some four hundred have sought and found the Lord in the last fifteen months. We have about three hundred in all departments of our Sabbath school. All bills paid or provided for as we closed the old calendar year and the "Storehouse Tithing" system introduced for the new year. Praise the Lord! Our District apportionments have been met each month regularly and a splendid offering for missions each month. \$123.00 given for missions in the month of December. We have a united church and are pressing forward in solid phalanx.—Henry B. Wallin, pastor.

BLOOMSBURG, PENN.

—These are gracious days. God is richly blessing us in many ways. Precious souls are seeking the altar week after week and the spiritual tide seems constantly rising. We are now in the midst of a beautiful revival with the Aycocks as our evangelists and fine crowds are coming night after night from miles about us. Altar is filled night after night and on last Sunday we closed the day with eighteen at the altar in the night service and five in the morning service. Many of these are young men for which we are truly thankful. We have yet five nights to go and the outlook is for a fine wind-up. Amen. The church voted unanimously on New Year's Eve to retain the present pastor. They have stood by the pastor loyally throughout the past year and as a consequence, many precious souls have been saved. They also showered good things in upon us at Christmas, among other good things they presented the pastor with \$140.00 for part payment on an automobile. So we are encouraged to press on trusting God for bigger and better things.—J. H. Parker, pastor.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

—We are getting a good start into the new year. Every department of the church work seems to be better established than at this time last year. 1923 was a victorious year, yet not without its many difficulties, and trials, and disappointments. We did not make the advancement in membership as we had expected but along financial lines wonderful progress was made. The church now owns an eight-room cottage, and a nice large church basement built of beautiful chocolate tapestry finished tile. The basement is hardly completed but it furnishes a splendid place of worship in one of the best locations in the city. Our indebtedness is covered by two loans, one of less than \$800, and a \$450 loan from the Church Extension Board. Some very fine people are associated with us and we believe that this year will see a large increase in membership and soul saving work in the community.—Elmer D. Russell, pastor.

PRINCETON, IDAHO

—We were called as pastor here at our Assembly in May, and when we arrived on the field we found the membership of seven worshipping in the Union Church which proved to be very unsatisfactory. We began to realize the need of our own church building and made the matter a subject of prayer, was directed to a property on Main Street, which a good Methodist brother offered to buy and give us our own time on payments. About this time we saw the need of a revival and called Evangelist Edward W. Miller and wife for a meeting the last of Nov., the meeting being held in the Union Church building. There was a most wonderful manifestation of the Spirit of God all through the meeting and a good number of souls sought and found the Lord, and at the close of the meeting six united with the church with more coming later. Among those who united with us was the good Methodist brother, his wife, and father-in-law, giving us a membership of twenty

at the present time. We found Brother and Sister Miller real Spirit-filled evangelists with a burden for the work of the Lord. The preaching of Brother Miller was extraordinary, being in demonstration of the Spirit and power. Sister Miller also stirred the people with her Spirit-filled singing and is an able song leader. At the close of the revival the property mentioned was bought and remodeled making us a nice church building with parsonage attached. The first Sunday in our new building God blessed by giving us two souls at the evening service. We are praising God for answered prayer and expecting great things in the future.—Arthur P. Gilliam, pastor.

NEODESHA, KANSAS

—We just closed a successful revival December 23rd with Brother L. B. Furlow of Coffeyville, Kansas in charge. He did some strong preaching. A few were reclaimed and there were five professions of sanctification. There were eight additions to the church during the meeting. One of these is now serving as pastor of the Church of the Nazarene at Keokuk, Iowa and is doing good work there. The spiritual condition of the church here is getting better all the time. There are better days ahead for the Church of the Nazarene at Neodesha. Brother L. F. Furlow is a strong preacher and is open for dates. Any one wanting a good evangelist write him at 109 Union St., Coffeyville, Kansas.—H. W. Smith and wife, pastors.

FAIRFAX-SYLACAUGA, ALA.

—We want to report that Fairfax and Sylacauga are still on the map, and are expecting to stay there by the help of God. We have been at Fairfax about two months, and there has hardly been a Sunday passed but what from one on up has been blessed at the altar, and have received one in the church. The interest is growing better, and the crowds larger, we feel like saying glory to God and pressing on. I have only made one trip to Sylacauga and the weather was dreadfully cold and our little house mighty open, but we had three services and enjoyed them all. Sunday night there were four at the altar, and three prayed through, for which we praise God and press on. We have a fine band of young people there who are much interested in the work of the Master. We believe that the Lord has some great things in store for the good people of Sylacauga. We are in need of a new church building, and are planning to build. We are also planning a revival at each place in the near future with Rev. C. E. Toney. Please pray for us.—W. P. Colvin, pastor.

FT SMITH, ARK.

—The new year finds us with the newly organized church in Ft. Smith, with our souls washed in the cleansing blood, our hearts full of God's love and a determination to bring things to pass for God and the Church of the Nazarene. We moved in Nov. 2nd, had service and organized the church Nov. 4th and organized Sunday school the 11th. Have been having Sunday school, mid-week prayermeeting and two preaching services a week since. We enjoyed having with us a number of ministers and laymen from surrounding Nazarene Churches the last of December in a Fifth Sunday Rally. The presence of the Lord was so manifest and there was such holy unction and power in all of the services that our souls were stirred and our hearts strangely warmed. Special songs by Brothers Dawson and Gilbert were enjoyed by all. We were so blest in this rally until, as was expressed by all the church, we are entering the new year with increased knowl-

edge, light, grace and determination to live holy and win souls for Jesus. Pray for the work here. This is mainly a Home Mission enterprise. We are here to build up a Church of the Nazarene in Ft. Smith and need the help of the whole HERALD family. Nazarene ministers are invited to visit us when you are passing through Fort Smith or Van Buren, Ark. If in Fort Smith take Van Buren car, get off at stop 12, go one block east. If in Van Buren take Fort Smith car, come to Midland Heights, stop 12, one block east. The large two-story green building with stone foundation is the church and parsonage. If passing through in auto you will find us at 3513 Blair. Write us any time you can drop in with us for a service. Address us Fort Smith, Ark., 3513 Blair.—A. B. and Ethel Barham, Malden, Mo.

—I was in a Methodist church at Asbury, Mo. and God gave us some wonderful times; forty-two were either saved or sanctified. I baptized fourteen by immersion and took eighteen into the church. Thank God this old time religion does unite and straighten out the kinks, praise God. The church at Asbury was revived in general and I left Brother Foster and his people on the praise committee. Our other meeting was in New Hope Methodist church. This was a real battle from the beginning to the end. A lot of crookedness has got into the church and it took some time to get all the kinks and knots sawed out. We had good crowds and fine interest, on, as we left a good revival spirit prevailing, and the members all encouraged. I have accepted a pastorate at Malden, Mo. I have a good church, and a big field to preach holiness. The people are liberal and loyal to their pastor. I found a nice parsonage furnished and plenty of groceries to begin with. Amen. We will begin a revival here the 25th of January so please pray that God will give a Holy Ghost meeting.—W. F. Miller, pastor.

VENICE, CALIF.

—Rev. Robert I. Dixon, the "Yankee Evangelist" from Connecticut, was with us in a mighty battle for holiness lasting four weeks. I have never heard more profound, logical, or clearer sermons on entire sanctification than fell from his lips during those four weeks he fasted, prayed and waited on God. Then came into the pulpit filled with holy unction which "convinced the world of sin, of righteousness and judgment," and showed plainly to the professing Christians their obligation to God to seek holiness till they "should be found of Him in peace." Some fifty humbled themselves at the altar during the meetings and those who "walked in the light" received victory, but some seemed "to draw back unto perdition" especially was this true of many who saw the light but failed to go forward and pray through. We had a greater number of strangers come and go through our doors than at any other special meetings. Rev. S. E. Galloway, the pastor, led the singing which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, being assisted by the young people's orchestra. Many religious books from our Publishing House were sold also, especially the kind that newly-saved or sanctified ones needed. Much literature was distributed nightly such as tracts, samples of HERALD of HOLINESS, etc. An offering of \$1000 was taken up during the meeting, clearing all church debts also we are over the top on all apportionments, the secret of it all is because we adopted the "Tithing System" over two years ago to the glory of God. Sunday school attendance is 150.—Chas. R. Ratcliffe, reporter.

SEARCY, ARK.

—The work here is doing nicely and we are having some good services. There have been eight saved, sanctified or reclaimed since the District Assembly. Several have knelt at our altars, for which we give God the glory. Rev. E. O. Tapley our pastor at Beebe was with us Sunday, January 6th, and preached two sermons for us, three souls came for prayer and each of them got blessed. We plan to begin our building soon, and we feel that this is going to be a great year for this church. Rev. J. W. Oliver, our District Superintendent was with us a few days ago. He reports good meetings over the District. This state is a very needy field as there are more than thirty towns of more than three thousand people in them that are without a Church of the Nazarene, so you see we need some pioneer work.—Joe Bishop.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., FIRST CHURCH

—Nazarenes do not consider the Christmas season merely as a holiday for exchanges of greetings and bestowal of gifts, beautiful and inspiring as such a custom is, but for what they mean to fit spiritually, really holy days and days of holy joy. San Francisco church has had a spread of fat things from our blessed Lord during the last few weeks. Besides strong sermons and helpful Bible lessons from our

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beloved pastor, Rev. Donnell J. Smith, the Lord sent us Rev. Bona Fleming, "the race-horse man" evangelist for two nights. The blessed Lord was manifestly present in power and glory and a number of seekers found pardon and purity as a result of this special effort. The Christmas program under the direction of the pastor's wife, was one of the most appropriate and enjoyable spiritual treats we have ever known. Our hearts were thrilled and encouraged as we listened to these wonderful messages in song, and many strangers came to see and hear, and eternity alone will reveal the results. The little tots did their parts with unusual cleverness and how Sister Smith with her own four little tots found time and strength to drill them is a wonder to us all and one of the marvels of divine grace and we give God all the glory. The New Year's Eve watch night service was more than a perfunctory time of prayer and praise but was a time of salvation and great joy. Several of our young men who have been attending Pasadena University were with us and gave glowing accounts of the work at the college, and one of them, Brother Van Hecke a converted Catholic, saved at our altars here four years ago was rewarded for his faithful prayers by seeing his own sister saved ere the old year flickered its last rays into the fitful gloom of the past. The new year finds the church here on the tip-toe of expectancy for greater things.—Reporter.

MARLOW, OKLA.

—We just closed a revival here a few days ago with Rev. Miss Lena Montgomery Wallace. This was our Christmas meeting, Sister Lena was at her best and did some wonderful preaching, she earnestly contended for the "old paths." People seemed to be spell-bound, the move was small, only four professions. The conviction was on, God was dealing and is yet. One dear man went home after refusing to go to the altar and had to call in some of the dear ones and they prayed him through. He had the shine on his face when we saw him. Although we are few in number here yet we believe they are genuine for they are bringing forth fruit. This revival was a blessing to the church. The following Sunday, one soul was saved and a precious mother Sunday night. We had Brother Johnnie Gabs with us and he brought us a stirring message from the text, "Grieve not the Spirit of God." One father was saved. Real soul travail was on the church. The power of God was manifested in an unusual way. We raised about seventy dollars for the evangelist. The evangelist took a love offering and the people responded with about twenty dollars and a good "pounding" for the pastor. We can recommend Sister Lena to any church. The battle at this place is hard but the people here love us and we love them so with the Captain of our salvation at the lead we are marching on. We ask our dear HERALD family to pray for us that God may use us to bring things to pass for Him and the church. We had organized Friday night prayer meetings and ladies' prayer meetings for Tuesday evening besides our regular Wednesday night prayer meetings. We have also a Home Missionary Society.—E. L. Striegal and wife, pastors.

TEXARKANA, TEXAS

—The Lord is marvelously blessing us on this new Assembly year. Every department of the church is progressing nicely, our Sunday school is

good, the Missionary Society and Young People's Society are all doing good work. Our Sunday services are owned and blessed by God, our Sunday night services are strictly evangelistic, there were six saved two weeks ago at one of these services. Last Sunday, Jan. 6th, was our missionary day, we had with us Brother W. A. Eckel, our returned missionary from Japan. He was a great help to us. We raised \$100.00 in cash and pledges for Foreign Missions. My church board let me off for a thirty day vacation in the summer, this will give me dates for two meetings. Do you want me for this date? If so, write me at 710 Brown St., Texarkana, Texas.—C. C. Cluck and wife, pastors.

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.

—We are pressing the battle here and everything looks prosperous to us. Two years ago we started in a tent having no place to call our own, but through all the hard places God has stood by us. Today we have a nice location, four lots on Main Street and a nice six-room parsonage and a nice large church all worth about five or six thousand dollars and only about two thousand dollars against it, and it is on very easy payments. I say glory to God, it is no little job to build new churches, but somebody has got to do it. I am sure there can be new Churches of the Nazarene planted in every city or town if God can find the men to do the work. We are starting on this new year and expecting great things from the hand of the Lord, if there are those wanting to move to a good city where there is a live Church of the Nazarene come this way. Write me at Box 752. On with the battle.—F. C. Savage, pastor.

HIGHWAY, KY.

—After being away a year visiting our aged parents at Redlands, California, and supplying the pastorate at La Lande, New Mexico, for a few months we came back to the Kentucky District in time for the Assembly.—At the close of the Assembly we began our fifth year as pastor of the Highway Church of the Nazarene. God is again putting His seal and blessing upon our labors. During the first quarter of the year we were visited with an old time revival in October. The workers were Brother Burton and Sisters Martin, Dewitt, and Tarter. We think it was the best and most far-reaching revival we have had for a number of years here. There were about fifty professions and seventeen taken into the church. A good offering was taken for the workers; about half of our District budget was raised, and some good donations to the pastor. The church membership has been near fifty for a number of years but now we have about sixty-five. Over half of our membership consists of young people and children which gives us hopes for a good future for the Highway church. The church and community are standing by the pastor with their means. Our Sunday school is being led on to victory by our efficient superintendent, W. H. Gilson and his corps of teachers. We preach also at Creelsboro church. Creelsboro is an oil field on the Cumberland River, the few members there are a faithful band. They carry their Sunday school on against much opposition. This church is very prompt in bringing up their finances.—J. T. Stovall, pastor.

SULLIVAN, ILL.

—We have just closed the greatest revival in our history with R. L. Morgan, evangelist. Brother Morgan did some great preaching. More than twenty-five or thirty were at the altar and most of them got victory. This is a new church which was organized under Brother Morgan last summer. He built a tabernacle in which we are now worshipping. We have a nice Sunday school and a crowd of young people that have the victory and can pray the glory down. Last Sunday was great, the folks shouting the evangelist down, the waves of glory came so that folks came to the altar and prayed through in the old fashioned way. Saints laughed and cried for joy. We gave the evangelist three dressed hens for Christmas, box of fruit and the evangelist took a nice love offering for the pastor. Pray for us. We feel like marching to victory for the church has been strengthened by this evangelist.—L. C. Bennett, pastor.

I am still on the firing line, singing and preaching the precious gospel of full salvation and that God is graciously putting His seal upon our efforts in the salvation, restoration, sanctification and healing of many precious souls. Praise His name forever. Since coming over to these British Isles, God has graciously opened our way to preach this blessed gospel in many Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist churches and we found in many of them hungry hearts. Since we have decided to remain in this country indefinitely, our District Superintendent, Rev. G. Sharpe wrote us about visiting our churches on the District to hold special evangelistic missions. Feeling it was the order of the Lord we accepted the call and began in a newly organized Church of the Nazarene, in a Southern part of the city of Glasgow. Here we have a small company of Holy Ghost Nazarenes, located in a hall formerly used by the Salvation Army. It is a very poor location, but the best they can do for the present. We had a very gracious time with some twenty souls at the altar. From there we went to the mother church of all the work in these British Isles, Parkhead, Glasgow. We surely had a blessed time of victory with this church. There were some very deep dyed sinners, came through for God. One woman came into the meeting drunk, was smitten by the Holy Ghost, and the next night came to the altar. In this meeting, we were requested by one of the members to hold a healing service. On the last service, Sunday evening, the sister who desired healing, came to the altar. We called the elders of the church, to come around the altar after which we anointed her with oil, and prayed the prayer of faith, in which she joined, and claimed to be graciously healed. This I was told was the first healing service that had ever been held in any of our churches in this country. We trust it will not be the last. We must not limit the power of God in these apostate days. Amen. Our next point was Uddingston. We have here a very beautiful little church built of brick, having a very central location. We have a very aggressive and loyal band of saints here, and God is giving them victory along all lines. We had a very blessed time with this church. Souls began to come out for Jesus right from the beginning. Our next point was Dunfermline, here we had a hard fight with the powers of darkness, but thank God some precious souls got through to victory and the membership was graciously quickened and encouraged to go on to greater victory. From this point we went to Perth, our last place till after the holidays. This is a beautiful little city, nestling among the hills, just on the border of the highlands. Here we have a very courageous little band of Holy Ghost filled Nazarenes who are putting up a splendid fight for God and holiness, and praise His name, He is giving them glorious victory. The old arch enemy put up a stiff fight here but in answer to the importunate prayers of the saints, the power of God broke in upon us and we had a real old-fashioned breaking-up time. Sinners, backsliders, and believers for sanctification filled the altars, and we had a glorious shouting time in the camp after the other came through to victory. It was glorious; to Him be all the praise. There is an outstanding characteristic, about the Scotch people, and that is this; you can not hurry them to a decision, but when they do reach that point all the devils in hell, or on earth can not stop them. Well, I say glory, Lord give us more like them all over the world. We would ask the united prayers of the HERALD staff for our continued mission after the holidays.—Rev. and Mrs. G. H. MacLachlan.

YAKIMA, WASH.

We are having a wonderful revival at this place. Rev. J. B. McBride is being used mightily in preaching. Brother Hepburn and the live church are standing like one man for the meeting. They surely are a beautiful people. We are pushing the HERALD.—B. D. Sutton.

MOUNTAIN GROVE, MO.

We are still in the Ozarks, where we have been doing voluntary home missionary work for the past eight years and supporting ourselves. We have been to Ellis Prairie, in Texas county, which is almost thirty miles from the railroad. We preached from Dec. 11 to 16, and had a crowded house every night despite bad roads, a cold house, and the fact that many had to come several miles in a farm wagon. I gave a talk to the children each night, illustrating it on a small blackboard, and also told them Bible stories to which they listened with breathless interest proving that the Bible outlives anything else in the world. The song books used in this community were devoid of gospel teaching so husband and I would sing a song suitable to the

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THE WORK IN SCOTLAND

Thinking that some of our old friends in Michigan, and also Alberta, Canada would like to know of our whereabouts and how we are getting along in our Master's great harvest field, I decided to write this report to let the saints know that wife and

lesson each night, and as a result I sold a supply of our Nazarene song books to the Sunday school. While there was one saved yet conviction was upon the people and they begged us to come back again, which we expect to do shortly. In the eight years we have been in this field we have been able to have six meetings, but can only report one Nazarene, but she is true blue and stands firm amid all opposition. Owing to the lack of employment we are forced to leave this field and go elsewhere, but we are praying that God will put it upon hearts of some of our evangelists to follow up the work and plant a Nazarene church both in Mountain Grove and Houston. Pray for this needy place, and for us that we may be led of the Lord; it seems heart-breaking to be compelled to leave here after all we have put in, but if it is true that "God buries his workmen, but his work goes on," then He can "remove His workmen and still see that His work goes on."—Mrs. A. H. Bauer.

YALE, COLO.

We closed our meeting here December 19th after thirty days of a hard fought battle. We had plenty of people to preach to but hard to reach. The Skinner Band furnished music and special songs, and it was fine. We had everything in the world to hinder us that the Devil could raze up. Brother Bolerjack and Brother Matlock who were to help us were hindered, thus we had the Devil to fight alone but Jesus was with us and we did our very best and He did help us. We had three denominations fighting us despite all this Jesus gave us a few souls, saved or sanctified. We organized a Nazarene class with five members and are preaching for them in the week nights and there have been two saved since we closed the meeting in their prayer-meeting and they are getting along fine. We had to close for other appointments but we are going to give it another round in the spring in another meeting for I believe that God will give us a great church at Yale. Pray for us at this place.—E. L. Looman, pastor and evangelist.

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT: There will be a District Preacher's and Young People's Convention at Portales, N. Mexico, February 5th to 10th. General Superintendent J. W. Goodwin will be with us to preach and lecture. Free services daily. For further information and free entertainment, write the pastor, A. K. Scott, Portales, N. Mexico. Come praying.—C. W. Davis, District Superintendent.

NOTICE: I wish to introduce to the HERALD family Rev. E. C. Tarvin of California, Kentucky who came to us from the M. E. Church. He is a real red hot second blessing holiness preacher and desires to labor where such work will be preserved. Any one in need of the services of this young evangelist may reach him at California, Kentucky, Route 1.—J. W. Montgomery, District Superintendent.

ANNOUNCEMENT: My church board at Texarkana gives me a vacation for this summer. This will give me a chance to hold two or three revivals. I have one or two dates that are not filled yet. If you want me at this time you can write me at 710 Brown St., Texarkana, Texas.—C. C. Cluck.

RECOMMENDATION: We, the church at Quanah, take pleasure in recommending our former pastor, Rev. Will H. Lynn to the general church as an able evangelist, being in the work for over twenty years. His services will be an inspiration to the church and a great help to young pastors. Any church or pastor will make no mistake in calling him for a meeting. You may write him at Chilli-cothe, Texas.—Done by order of the church board, Rev. J. S. Emmett, pastor, Mrs. B. W. Caldwell, secretary.

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NOTICE—Disappeared: Chas. C. Coder conducted a meeting at Ridge, Texas last August and soon thereafter disappeared. He ordered his mail sent to Oakwood, but letters sent there were returned marked *deceased*. All efforts to locate him have proven vain. An anxious mother wants help to find her son. If any one has any information, please write N. D. Smitherman, Franklin, Texas.

RECOMMENDATION: I have known Rev. Frank Daniel, whose address appears in our list of evangelists, for twenty years and have been familiar with his work during all this time. Brother Daniel is a good evangelist and has founded some good churches in the course of his work. He has remained true and has done everything he possibly could during the many years that Sister Daniel has been an invalid—they have truly been through the fire—and now that Sister Daniel has recovered her health, they plan to enter once more upon their beloved evangelistic labors together. They are safe and successful and should be kept busy from the very start. I would especially be glad to see some Superintendent in one of the Southern Districts arrange for them for full time employment in Home Mission work. They are especially adapted to and successful in this field.—J. B. Chapman, editor.

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Notes and Personals

The wife of Brother Joe Bishop, pastor at Searcy, Ark. is in the hospital, having undergone a serious operation. Prayer is asked for her recovery.

Evangelist C. K. Spell of Bethany, Okla. has a few open dates.

Evangelist George Franklin and Arthur F. Ingler are at Weiser, Idaho, in a campaign with a view of planting a Church of the Nazarene. Pray for them. District Superintendent Sanner is with them helping push the work.

Evangelist C. J. Garrett and Lloyd D. Thomas and wife began a Home Mission campaign in Lacygne, Kansas January 10th. Pray for them.

Rev. E. C. Dees, District Superintendent of the Missouri District spent several days the past week at headquarters. As usual he has kept busy preaching at First and Grace churches, bringing messages of encouragement and helpfulness to the saints.

Rev. D. M. Coulson stopped over in Kansas City enroute to his new charge at Eldon, Mo.

Rev. W. H. Fluke formerly M. E. preacher in Missouri, now in the Nazarene church, kindly communicated with Rev. C. E. Ferguson, 2243 Buchanan St., Detroit, Mich.

A note from Brother O. C. Robison, Ogden, Utah states that Gen. Supt. Goodwin began a meeting in Salt Lake City on the 16th, and on Feb. 3rd Evangelist Arthur F. Ingler is to begin a campaign in Ogden, Utah. Special prayer is requested for these campaigns in these two needy fields. Brother Robison says: "Begin praying for us daily that God may use these precious men of God in a most powerful way and that we shall see many souls in the cleansing stream, also pray that we may be able to carry the financial load necessitated by the efforts."

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

"Please pray for our wayward son, who is seventeen years old, also pray for a daughter for her healing. She is in Christian work."—A burdened mother, Calif.

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"The church at Oakdale, Calif. requests that we pray for the recovery of sight and hearing to Sister Mitchell, a saintly woman of God and a member of their church."—Mrs. H. C. Stude.

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We used to hold up the printing of the HERALD of HOLINESS until we could get the telegraphic reports from the meetings of the previous Sundays, but this made it impossible for us to get the paper to our subscribers in the distant parts of the country before the following Sabbath, and this was objectionable indeed. Our plan now is to go to press in time to get the paper into the mails early in the week, but this makes it impossible for us to get the telegrams into the issue of the current week. Now if you will send the reports in by Special Delivery letter on Monday, they will come out in the same issue that a telegram sent on the same day would be published, this will save expense and will serve the purpose of many just as well. If you want a telegram in a certain issue of the HERALD of HOLINESS, be sure to send it by Thursday of the previous week. Perhaps it would be just as well if we would confine telegrams to matters that are truly "extra special," don't you think so?—EDITOR.

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One of the greatest revivals in the history of the church closed tonight with sweep of victory. George and Effie Moore, evangelists did great preaching and singing. Sixty seekers at the altar. We are pressing on.

L. O. GREEN, Pastor.

SANTA ROSA, CALIF.

The Northern California District Preachers' Convention gave the General Board a unanimous vote of thanks and commendation for the splendid work achieved in arranging the general budget and pledged their hearty co-operation in adopting at once the new system. Convention best in history of District. Love and harmony prevail.

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BLOOMSBURG, PENN.

Closed meeting with Jarrette and Dell Aycock. 118 seekers, ninety-seven professions, twenty-four joined church; good crowds, love offering for pastor. 106 subscriptions for HERALD. Good offering for evangelist.

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DEATHS

GARRISON—The death angel came to the home of Brother and Sister Garrison of McCune, Kansas, Jacksonville church on November 4, 1923 taking their little son Roy James ago three months, twenty-three days. Although this little life was short it left its influence and is greatly missed; but we are sure it went to be with Jesus, which is comfort. The pastor George Harper conducted the funeral.—George Harper, pastor.

Cox—Ethel May Buzard Cox was born in May, 1909 near McCune, Kansas and died November 1923. This daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Buzard was united in marriage to George W. Cox September 1923, with whom she lived a short happy married life. She was converted and sanctified also united with the Nazarenes at Jacksonville church near McCune, and lived a faithful Christian life, always ready to help and do her best for the Lord. She was the N. Y. P. S. president, little folks Sunday school teacher and organist part of the time. She was an obedient daughter, a faithful companion, and a loving sister and friend, never complaining or finding fault. She is greatly missed by every one, but the Lord's will be done in our heart's cry. To know her was to love her, and we are sure she has a nice mansion in the sky, and we are striving to meet her by and by inside the Eastern Gate over there. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor assisted by Brother Stevens of Pittsburg.—Geo. Harper, pastor.

SIMPSON—Brother I. M. Simpson was born April 26, 1888 and went to be with Jesus Sunday morning, December 16, 1923. He was converted a little more than a year ago in a meeting we had with Evangelist Theo. Elsner and wife and was sanctified in the same meeting. He became a member of the Church of the Nazarene at the close of the meeting and has been a faithful member ever since. He was a member of the Board of Trustees the last year attending to his duties as a trustee faithfully and to the best of his ability. He is survived by his widow, his mother, step-father, three brothers and three sisters. We are happy to say that two days before he died Brother Reed, our pastor, and

myself were out to see him. We prayed with him and he shouted victory and praised God. Hallelujah. Saturday night he was taken worse, passing away peacefully Sunday morning. To the best of our knowledge he has never had a break with God since the night of his conversion. He was a kind husband and a faithful friend to the church and church work. We miss our dear brother but are happy in the knowledge that he has gained heaven.—S. H. Jones.

McCOLLISTER—Mrs. Rebecca F. McCollister was born May 11, 1842 and died December 22, 1923 at the age of eighty-one years seven months and twelve days. Her early life was spent in Pennsylvania and Indiana. In 1861 she was married to J. J. McCollister. To this union four children were born, two of whom are still living, J. O. McCollister of Pittsburg, Kansas and L. A. McCollister of this city; she had nine grand children and nine great grand children. The last thirty-five years of her life was spent in Texas and Oklahoma. She was a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene at this place. She lived a beautiful sanctified life for forty years; the influence of her beautiful holy life was felt in every church of this city and she was a great blessing to her church and pastor. Although she had to travel a good share of life's journey alone. She lived on the victory side con-

tinually. Funeral services were conducted at the Nazarene church Sunday, December 23, at 4:30 p. m., the writer using as a text Numbers 23:10, also Rev. 14:14. We laid her to rest in the cemetery down by the river to be one who shall take part in the first resurrection.—E. A. Green, pastor.

JONES—Little Myrtle Jones, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones and grand-daughter of Brother and Sister John Jones of Bethany, Oklahoma passed away December 26, 1923. She was nine years, six months and nine days old. She was beautifully saved in our meeting at the Pecan school house last October and joined the Church of the Nazarene here at Spring Valley. She was not sick very long, she had two operations but was so patient through it all, she talked to the doctor about Jesus and prayed while on the operating table. She was such a sweet little girl, she told her mamma that she wouldn't mind to leave this old world if Tommy and Oswald were saved—her two brothers. It was a sad funeral, she was laid to rest in the Elmswood cemetery there to await the resurrection morning. She leaves a father, mother, three brothers and four sisters, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor J. W. Bruce. May the good Lord bless the whole family be our prayer.—Rev. J. W. Bruce.

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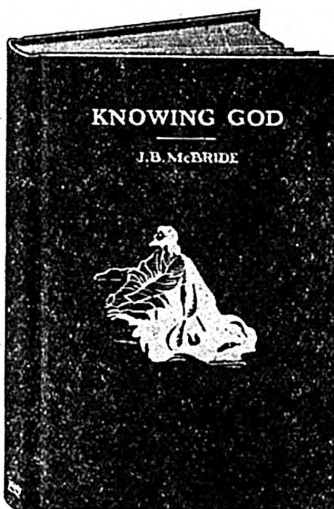
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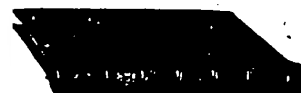
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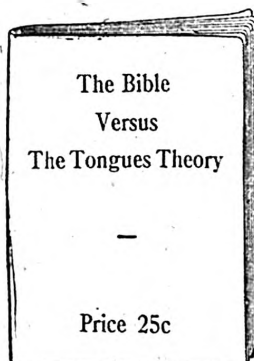
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