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Shall We Close the Year in Victory?

By GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAMS

THE year 1924 has been one of many victories in the Church of the Nazarene. Our evangelists have had success in getting seekers to the altar and in leading sinners through to salvation, backsliders to reclamation and Christians to sanctification. The revival spirit has permeated our District Assemblies as I have not seen it since I have been in the superintendency. There seems to be a heart cry throughout the church for a deepening in spirituality, a passion for lost souls, and a desire to plan for extensive and far-reaching Holy Ghost revivals,

Revivals have been held in practically all of our churches throughout the world, God has especially blessed the people and the membership of the church has been enlarged and the body of Christ greatly edified.

Many new churches have been organized, a large number of substantial church buildings have been erected, and many parsonages have been built for our faithful pastors.

Our schools have made remarkable progress in their efforts to pay off their indebtedness, efforts have been made to run them in strictest economy, the enrollment is very satisfactory, the spiritual tide is good, and the school centers are sending out optimistic reports concerning their work in general.

The Publishing House has had one of the best years in its history. We understand that this institution is operating without a deficit, and is actually making some profit.

Our Foreign Missionary work seems to be in a prosperous condition. Good reports have come from all parts of the field. Much fruit is being gathered from the many long, weary years of sowing on the part of our faithful Missionaries. The action of the General Board in returning to the field seventeen Missionaries who were home on furlough seems to have the hearty approval of our people generally, even though this has created heavier financial responsibilities.

The Home Missionary work done under the direction of the General Board is both interesting and encouraging; for through this channel thirteen District Superintendents on weak districts have been assisted, and some of these would not have been able to have stayed with their responsibilities, but for this help. In addition to this, the General Board has purchased from its funds tents for weak districts and have supported meetings in strong centers, and some of these efforts have resulted in the organization of churches.

Church Extension has not been neglected, a substantial amount having been available for churches which were forced to secure loans in order to be able to build.

The work of Ministerial Relief has been one of the glorious results of the year's work. Our relief funds have gone to the blind, the crippled, the sick and the aged who have worn out their lives in the ministry, or who have be-

come sick while on duty. And if our people could hear the words of appreciation that come from these worthy heroes and heroines of the cross, they would be glad for all they have done and would feel like doing more in the days to come.

A General Budget has not been presented to our church until this year. This budget includes Foreign Missions, its largest single item, General Home Missions, Church Extension, Ministerial Relief and a number of smaller items which are necessary in the successful operation of our church. And if we succeed in raising this budget this first year that it has been in operation, we feel that a tremendous victory has been won and the people will be encouraged to give systematically in the years to come. If we fail this first year it will rob the church of much of its enthusiasm in behalf of a systematic plan for the financing of the church.

It will thus be clear to all why we are so interested in this matter and why we are so anxious to have you interested. The interests which our General Funds are designed to support are such as stir the heart of every man and every woman who loves God, and of every friend of the Church and of humanity. Shall we rally to the need and raise the last dollar of the General Budget and close the year with a well rounded victory for God and the Church? Surely there can be but one answer to this question.

December 28 has been designated for our final offerings for the General Budget for the year 1924 for all our churches throughout the world. This is the day when we may win one of the greatest victories of our lives by paying up in full the budget adopted by our church. This is the day when our people should prove to the General Officers of the church that they are ready to support the plan adopted by the General Assembly and by the General Board for the promotion of our church and for the salvation of men.

Many will say that they have already given their tithe through the storehouse plan by putting their contributions in the plates every Sunday. This is fine and is as it should be in every church in the world, but we should feel that upon this occasion we might give to the Lord a special offering of thanksgiving, of gratitude and of appreciation for the greatest Christmas gift the world ever had, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We might well make a sacrifice and give to the Lord the money saved, even as God gave His Son to us and for us. A special offering of \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10, \$5 or even \$1 would be an expression of gratitude to God for His Gift to us and for His blessings through another year. Shall we not all do something? Shall we not do our very best? Shall we not lay the full amount needed into the treasury of the Lord on December 28 so that the good news may be published the first week in January that our 1924 requirements were met, and that we entered the new year with no deficit to weight us down?

Just Twenty-One Days More

IN twenty-one days from the date under which this issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS appears the calendar year 1924 will close, and with the closing of the year, another Fiscal year for our Foreign Mission, and other General work will also come to a close.

And yet General Treasurer Anderson tells me that \$40,000 more is required to enable him to close the books without a deficit. That is, our people must pay in an average of \$2,000 a day for every day in the week, beginning tomorrow, to enable us to place 1924 on the list with our fourteen "victorious" years which have just preceded it. We *can* do it, but *will* we do it?

How much would you give rather than have our beloved church close the year with a deficit in her accounts? Well, you better give that much, for the time is short and the need is really large.

There is no longer any time for discussing "budgets" and listening to reports of "Ways and Means" committees. We must get up and give the money. Tithes or offerings, budgets or drives, regular offerings or special offerings, any of these and all of these will be needed. Let there be no holding back on the ground that "this is not my way." Do it your way or the other fellow's way, but do it, and do it now.

Surely "there must be no turning back," yet that is what it will be if December 31 overtakes us with a deficit. No, we can't make it up after January first, for whatever we do after that date will belong to 1925, and if it is applied on 1924 business, it leaves a deficit just the same. We can no more make up a deficit in our General Funds after January first than we can "make up" the time which we lost last year, by doing what we should or can this year. If December 31 finds us with any deficit at all, it will be a real and not a theoretical deficit. But let's every one do his best NOW to make sure that there is no deficit of any kind at all.

Definiteness in Experience

JESUS Christ is authority for the statement that "No man can serve two masters." And also it was He that said, "He that is not against us is on our part." Every man is either right or wrong, either a saint or a sinner, either a servant of God or a servant of the Devil, and is on his road to heaven or he is on his road to hell.

The "new birth," by which means one becomes a Christian, is a very definite change which one has either experienced or he has not. It is useless to quibble over nice distinctions about the mode and purpose of water baptism, questions about Sabbath days, new moons, meats and millenniums, if one has not repented of his sins and passed consciously from death unto life and received the witness of the Holy Ghost. For doctrines and practices are invalid unless there is spiritual life, and there can be no life without a

beginning of life. Regardless of approaches in matters of belief and practice, there is yet a wide gulf between the regenerated and the unregenerated that will some day become so fixed that none can pass over it.

Holiness is an experience and state of heart which has a boundary line on "the near side" which is as definite as the one which is drawn between the saved and the unsaved. A Christian is either sanctified wholly or else some residue of sin is still in him. The Bible does not enjoin approximations, but commands, "Be ye holy." Holiness as a state of heart is not natural to man and, therefore, must be entered upon at some definite time; for no matter how gradually one may approach it, there must be a last moment when sin exists and a first moment when it is all gone. There is no validity in the testimony, "I am sanctified as I understand it," for the Bible teaches that we are to be sanctified wholly (1 Thes. 5:23), and that forbids the limitation of the understanding. As a Christian, you either have the blessing or you do not have it.

Porcelain Eggs Will Not Hatch

PROPER stick-to-itiveness is so very closely related to stubbornness and even to non-progressiveness that it frequently degenerates into the one or the other; or is boasted as a virtue when really one or the other of these latter should be mourned as a vice. The man who never changes is sometimes just as hopeless as the man who changes too often. The one who won't give up at all is sometimes as great a problem as the one who gives up too soon.

Just the other day I fell to wondering why a man, a preacher for instance will try to do things a certain way when he should have been convinced a long time ago that his plan will not work. He is so set in his way that he lets some silly hobby destroy his usefulness. His friends warn him, but he claims to have a "conviction." He kills the spirit of his meetings with drawn out announcements, bores the people to death with frequent collections, or drives them away with his long sermons. He is warned by the words and actions of those who wait upon his ministry, but he imagines that he will finally win out if he will just not give up.

And sometimes a preacher gets into a place in which he is a mis-fit. He realizes that things are not going right, that the people are not following his leadership and that the work threatens to go to pieces. But he thinks that if he can just "sit tight" he will

finally bring everything around to his views and plans. Then when he fails, he complains that the "steam roller" has crushed him.

The saying, "The only difference between the possible and the impossible is that the impossible takes longer," must not be taken as literally true. It reminds me of the man who says, "Any thing can be done, if you simply do not give up." But another answered, "But there are some things that cannot be done, no matter how long you try." "Tell me one such thing," demanded the doubter. "Well, for instance, a hen cannot hatch porcelain eggs, no matter how long she sits on them."

It Is Still Christ or Barabbas

The mob that waited at Pilate's judgment hall was given the alternative of Christ or Barabbas; and the record hastens to inform us, "Now Barabbas was a robber." Everything indicates that that mob knew the character of the man whom they asked to have released unto them in the place of Christ, but one must read the subsequent history of that people to understand how their choice that day was prophetic of the lawlessness into which their country was immediately thrown and with what haste their feet took hold on judgment and destruction.

But there was not then and still is not any middle ground between Christ and Barabbas, between the choice of the best and the worst. Men vainly try to have a law-abiding people who are also a Christless people. They try to retain morality in the homes and schools of the country while driving the Bible out, but this has never yet been done. Christian morality is dependent upon Christ. The crime wave in this country and in the world which is so generally bewailed, is a direct result of the failure of men and of nations to choose Jesus Christ.

"The Children of This World Are Wiser"

In every method and form of warfare, it has been considered legitimate, even commendable, to take lessons from the enemy. It is not always either right or proper to adopt the methods of an enemy as our own, but his methods may be useful for suggesting to us right methods for promoting the cause which we have espoused. The Church has been and is quite slow in profiting by the wisdom of the world, and for this the Master by no means commends it.

Mr. L. D. Peavey of New England sent the editor a clipping called "The Church's Competitor" from which we quote the following:

Amusement houses are located with rare strategy. A church may be located on a back street, in the middle of the block, or wherever there is a bargain in real estate, but the theater stands where the people pass. Theaters make prodigal use of light, for brilliancy on the outside indicates cheer and happiness on the inside. The church, on the other hand, is not always sufficiently lighted to make entrances and exits safe. The show house keeps its walks clean and its doors wide open, while the church allows its people wade through snow and mud to get to its doors.

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The Harvest Past

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Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone (Hosea 4:17).

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved (Jer. 8:20).

He beheld the city and wept over it, saying: If thou hadst known, even thou at least in this thy day, the things that belong unto thy peace; but now they are hid from thine eyes (Luke 19:41,42).

THREE times in a nation's history this truth had awful illustration.

1. The ten tribes revolted and set up idol worship—a gross insult to the God of heaven. Great prophets were sent to warn them concerning their sins. About 780 B. C., Hosea exclaimed, "Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone." About sixty years more were spent in heaven-defying wickedness, when they were carried away into captivity from which there has been no return.

2. About one hundred and twenty years later doom came to Judah. God had sent many prophets to rebuke national sins and reach the people righteousness, but they persisted in turning from God until Jeremiah sobbed out: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved."

3. Six hundred years later came their third and last probation. The Son of God had been sent to wean His people from sin and to win them back to God. But they mocked at Jesus' messages of love, made light of His miracles of mercy, and rejected His grace. In Passion week, on the Mount of Olives, He beheld the city and wept over it saying: "If thou hadst known—but now they are hid from thine eyes."

We can appreciate these tears. The prophets and Jesus were patriots. They saw their nation sweeping on to ruin from sin and rejection of God. It broke their hearts.

We can accommodate these mighty truths to the concerns of individual souls.

I. THERE IS A SUMMER SEASON, A HARVEST OF GRACE TO MEN AS WELL AS TO NATIONS.

1. In youth. Wordsworth well said, "Heaven lies all about us in our infancy." Then conscience is tender. The sensibilities are responsive to divine truths. The natural heart-hunger for God has not been perverted, or sated with the husks of vice. There is an exemption from worldly cares which afterward will harden the soul. There is comparatively little to contend with from the evil influences of companions. Faith is natural: it is easy to believe in God, and heaven and spiritual things are great realities of the eternal world. Compared with the fierce assaults of Satan and the chilling blasts of temptation in later life, these days of childhood are indeed the harvest time of the soul.

2. When the mind is unusually exercised about the concerns of religion. All have such seasons. God leaves none without the movings of grace. The Holy Spirit is faithful to His commission to convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He reveals the emptiness of the world, the evil and peril of sin, the need of a Savior, and the

importance of a preparation to meet God. God shapes His providences to break in on the dull monotony of life, and arouse attention, awaken, alarm, and compel thought about death and judgment and eternity. At such times, more than others, God's saving grace gets access to the soul and wins the heart.

3. A revival season. Then it is the privilege of Christians to enjoy a wonderful nearness to God. They have special power in prayer. The gales of grace are blowing heavenward. This poor, vain world loses its false charms. Eternity asserts its real importance. Conscience speaks with divine authority. Religion assumes its rightful supremacy of attention. Hope excites and fears alarm. At such a time God makes His most gracious displays of saving power. Sinners are melted and stubborn hearts are subdued. Then issues of life are fast decided, and more souls are won in days than at other times in months and years. These are genial summer seasons of the soul, compared with which the ordinary life is like the icy blasts of winter.

II. NOTICE THAT THE DAY OF GRACE IS LIMITED.

Harvest does not last the whole year in most climates. Life is not all summer. When the wheat is yellow, and the heads are bent down, and the grain is hard, that harvest must be reaped speedily or it is lost forever.

Moreover, we do not any of us know the bounds of life's opportunities, nor when its limits of grace will be passed. That is a secret forever hidden with God.

"There is a time, we know not when,
A place we know not where,
That marks the destiny of men
To glory or despair."

They may be much narrower than the present life. It may be one more presumptuous committal of a common sin, till conscience speaks no more. It may be one last call to repentance rejected, as ever before, and call comes no more, and thereafter the things which make for peace are forever hidden from the eyes. Life may continue, but on the dead soul is the living body, the gates of the eternal tomb have closed.

A former member of the Ohio Legislature rejected God once too many times, and the Spirit left him. He went insane over it, and ever after paced his room, wringing his hands, saying, "Oh, why did they not urge me a little harder."

III. THERE IS A TOO LATE IN HUMAN DESTINY.

The weeping prophet exclaimed: "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." The weeping Savior said, "If thou hadst known—but now they are hid from thine eyes." "If it was so with the fair city, may it not be so with thee, and thee and me?"

The door may be shut—the door of opportunity and mercy and grace and probation, never to open again. "Esau found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears." King Saul exclaimed: "I am sore distressed—God is departed from me and answereth me no more, neither by

prophets, nor by dreams." This is the ultimate fate of all stubborn, wilful rejecters, of God. "Because I have called, and ye have refused; I have stretched out my hand and no man regarded; but ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof; I also will laugh at your calamity and mock when your fear cometh" (Prov. 1:24-26).

IV. OFTEN THERE IS AN UNCONSCIOUSNESS OF IT WHEN THE LIMIT IS PASSED.

"When Jesus wept over Jerusalem the city was still beautiful, splendid, mighty, prosperous. It was in peace. No thunder was rolling through the sky. No army was beleaguering its walls. No solemn footsteps of departing deities were heard in her streets. The white-robed Levites still thronged the streets, and made the heavens ring with their passionate litanies and worshipful psalms. The priests still offered the unavailing sacrifices, and sprinkled upon the altar the unavailing blood. No change was visible in her to mortal eyes—yet above her in the unseen realm, the doom had been spoken, and the knell of destiny had begun to toll. The sun was still shining brightly over her; but her accepted time was over and her day of opportunity had set in hopeless night. She had quenched the light of life and knew it not, and dreamed not of the hastening, rayless darkness. She had silenced the voice of warning, and knew not that the hush that followed was the hush before the hurricane. Sick, she knew it not; dying, she knew it not."

So it often is with souls. They hear their last hopeful invitation. They listen to their last available warning. They receive their last possible offer of grace. They leave a solemn assembly in health and ease. They hear naught, they fear naught. They transact business as usual, and sleep in calm quiet.

But the heavenly beam shining from the cross has been quenched in a wilful midnight, and the still small voice of mercy, whispering in the silence, has been drowned in the tempest of wilful sin.

An acquaintance of mine was preaching in a street meeting in Oklahoma City. He was moved to say, "Someone here is getting his last call." A man standing within a few feet of him cursed him for making such a remark, and went away to a gambling saloon just across the street. That very night, in a gambling quarrel, he was shot dead. He had his last call and knew it not.

V. THERE IS A BEING LET ALONE BY GOD.

There comes a time in every incorrigible sinner's career when God will say in sadness; "He is joined to his sin by an irrevocable choice; let him alone!"

The writer was conducting a series of holiness meetings in Texas in 1899. The Holy Spirit was present in power, and men fell from their seats under His solemn influence. Men were saved and sanctified in great numbers. The leading member of the Baptist church was sanctified, and his wife and daughters. But the Baptist pastor opposed and fought and rejected holiness. The Spirit it was grieved and left him, and in two months he died in awful agony, cursing God.

Thus God says of men who have passed the limit; "Let him alone. O truth of God! He has set his face against thee; Let him alone! O Conscience! He is bent on murdering thee; Let him alone! O Angels of mercy! He has loved falsehood rather than truth, darkness rather than light, and preferred death to life; Let him alone! O Son of God! He shall not again mock at thy sorrows, and trample upon thy blood! Let

him alone! O Holy Spirit! He shall no more quench thy influence, and despise thy offers of grace."

O reader, some little space may be left you of probation's hour. God's Spirit is calling thee to become saved and sanctified. Now, now yield thy stubborn heart to the offers of grace.

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The Conquest of Gibeah

The Relation of the Natural to the Supernatural.

By REV. W. G. BENNETT

I THINK it would be in place to state that no man is a safe custodian of the supernatural who disregards or underestimates the importance of the natural. The Conquest of Gibeah beautifully illustrates the relation of the natural to the supernatural, also the possibility of sweeping victory after repeated, humiliating failure.

A man of Israel with his wife had stayed for the night in the city of Gibeah, in the territory that belonged to Benjamin. The Benjamites were great warriors, but that does not generally assure a high type of morality. During the night this man's wife was taken and brutalized until she died as a result. The man cut her body into pieces, and sent it throughout all Israel, showing the atrocities of the crime, and calling for vengeance. You will find the complete narrative given in the nineteenth and twentieth chapters of Judges. "And all the people arose as one man, saying, we will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn into his house." "So all the men of Israel were gathered together against the city, knit together as one man."

A united, determined purpose on the part of the church is one of the first elements of success. There may be a great deal of determined stubbornness to have our own way, that is a great barrier to success. Israel sought for reconciliation and demanded the culprits that they might put them to death. But Benjamin stoutly refused. It is a dangerous condition when the people do not want criminals punished. Apparently everything was favorable for a sweeping victory on the part of Israel. Israel had four hundred thousand warriors, Benjamin had only twenty-six thousand seven hundred. But there were some mighty warriors in the ranks of Benjamin. There were seven hundred left-handed men, who could sling a stone to a hair's breadth and not miss. It is comparatively easy to overestimate our force and underestimate the forces of the Devil. That is especially true if we have a large membership, a great preacher, fine singers, and plenty of money.

Israel asked counsel of God, and received the clearest, unmistakable direction. Are all of our failures in life due to the fact that we have not had Divine guidance, and is failure an evidencé of disobedience? Apparently not, at least not in all cases. I question, very much whether the Apostle Paul would report a sufficient number of converts in many of the places where he preached to give him a credible standing among modern

evangelists. Please don't take issue with me until you have read again the record of his missionary journeys.

Israel met with humiliating defeat, twenty-two thousand of her best warriors were slaughtered the first day. Faith is a precious jewel in the sight of God, and its cost is severe trial. "That the trial of your faith being much more precious than gold that perisheth." And this is why God allows calamities, delays, defeats, and apparent failures to come. Israel refused to be discouraged. "And the children of Israel went up and wept before the Lord until even. And asked counsel of the Lord saying, shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the Lord said, go up against him."

Again they met with awful failure and defeat. If twenty-six thousand, seven hundred Benjamites could wipe out forty thousand Israelites in two days battle, with apparently the loss of only a thousand men, it would now look as though everything was favorable for Benjamin's victory. We have had great preachers, evangelists, singers, the best in the land, but there is no use, the people are hardened. Hold on a minute brother, have you people gone down to bedrock yourselves, have you labored in prayer until you are all broken up over the lost until you can hardly pass one of your neighbors on the street without wiping the tears from your eyes, and wondering what you can possibly do, or say to keep that man from slipping into hell? Have you gone to them personally, and put the matter before them in a way that would have appealed to you before you were saved? In fact, we have depended entirely too much on paid workers, and frequently we talk about people being gospel hardened, when in reality we have not made an honest effort to win them, and don't want to try. But even if we have tried and done our best, what then, simply try again. "Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept and sat there before the Lord, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings, and peace offerings before the Lord." "And the Lord said, go up tomorrow I will deliver them into thine hand." "And Israel set liers in wait round about Gibeah." Our failures are due generally, I believe, to a lack of faith in the supernatural, but frequently they are due to a lack of systematic, well planned effort. "And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day,

and put themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times." That took faith. They surely must have prayed through in earnest this time. They used strategy, or perhaps good sense, we might call it. God can and does use the foolish things to confound the things that are wise; but why do fool things, and keep it up, when God has given us better sense, why not use it. They fled before Benjamin, and the Benjamites, confident of victory, fell into the trap. They looked behind and saw Gibeah in flames and retreated in confusion. "Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Israel unto the way of the wilderness, but the battle overtook them; and them which came out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them." "And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men, all those were men of valor. And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon; and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them."

Defeats may come, but defeats are never final until we quit fighting. These are dark times, but there is help for us in God. There are so many hard discouraging situations. So many personal problems, so many individuals who have met with defeat after defeat. But there is help for us all, thank God. And if we utterly refuse to be discouraged, God will come to our help. Someone has said that God can pull us out of any difficulty we may have gotten into if there is enough of us to stand the pull.

I will not doubt though all my ships at sea
Come drifting home with broken masts and sails,
I will believe the hand which never fails,
From seeming evil, worketh good for me.
And tho' I weep because those sails are tattered,
Still will I cry, while my best hopes lie shattered,
"I trust in Thee."

I will not doubt tho' all my prayers return
Unanswered from the still white realm above,
I will believe it is an all-wise love
Which has refused those things for which I yearn;
And tho' at times I cannot keep from grieving,
Yet the pure ardor of my fixed believing
Undimmed shall burn.

I will not doubt tho' sorrows fall like rain,
And troubles swarm like bees about a hive;
I will believe the heights for which I strive
Are only reached by anguish and by pain;
And tho' I groan and writhe beneath my crosses
I yet shall see through my severest losses
The greater gain.

I will not doubt. Well anchored is this faith,
Like some staunch ship, my soul braves every gale;
So strong its courage that it will not quail
To breast the mighty unknown sea of death.
O, may I cry, tho' body parts with spirit,
"I do not doubt," so listening worlds may hear it,
With my last breath.

—Author Not Known.

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No one can estimate the full possibilities of prayer, for they are founded upon the promises of an Omnipotent God; and yet since the climax of prayer is faith, we know that by it kingdoms have been subdued, the mouths of lions have been stopped, the violence of fire has been quenched, the armies of the aliens have been turned to flight, the dead have been raised to life and the world has been overcome (Hebrews 11:33-38).

Kept in Perfect Peace

By ROY L. HOLLENBACK, Evangelist

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee" (Isa. 26:3).

PEACE is the heritage of every child of God, and is an essential element of a true and full Christian life. It is not the peculiar privilege of a favored few, whose temperaments are of a certain type, but it is a state in which every believer may live amid all the changes of life. It is not like the sunbeam which the child tries to gather up from the floor, but which only passes over its fingers and slips away. Among the farewell words of Jesus are these: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you." Surely these words indicate that there is a state of peace in which the soul may remain—a harbor from whose moorings no storm of sorrow or distress can unloose us. Far back in the Old Testament we find this grace bequeathed to the people in the benediction of the High Priest: "The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace." Here peace is offered as the gift of God; as a blessing dropped from heaven into trusting hearts. The Psalms of David contain many words about peace, among which he declares, "The mountains shall bring peace to the people." The mountains face and take the storms which sweep in fury about their tall peaks, leaving the valleys at the base protected in quietness, and sheltered in perfect peace. So Christ has faced the storms of life, which exhausted their greatest fury upon Him, while we who lie at His feet nestle safely in the shelter of His great love. What a heritage for those who are beaten with the storms of life!

The Christian's peace is not found always in the place where there is no trouble, but is equally pronounced amid the rock-reefs and tempests. Whether it be light or dark, tempestuous or calm, the repose of the Christian's heart need not be molested; for the peace that is within him lies deep in the heart, and is independent of all outside conditions. In the ruins of some of the old English castles, wells were found deep down among the foundations. In times of siege water was thus provided, so that if the enemy cut off the supply from the streams which commonly supplied them they might not suffer a famine. With this supply within their own walls, the defenders suffered no lack of pure, fresh water. So with the Christian in whom the peace of God dwells: he is not dependent upon outside conditions or circumstances, for he carries within his own heart the hidden wells of joy and peace.

It is surely evident that there is no life into which we may come that does not have its toils and cares. Salvation does not shelter us from grief. To love is surely to weep; for one of every two friends must stand by and witness a sad separation. But there is promised us a peace which neither sorrow nor adversity can long disturb. A tourist along the Pacific reported finding a fresh water spring beside the sea, with waters as sweet as any that ever gushed from the mountain side. He dipped and drank of the waters that bubbled from the sand. Soon the ocean tide rolled in, pouring its briny waters over the spring, and burying it out of sight for several moments;

but when the bitter surf flowed out the spring was found to be as sweet and fresh as ever. So the fountain of peace dwells deep in the believer's heart. The tides of sorrow rush in and pour their salt-floods over it covering it entirely; but when the sorrow has passed the peace flows as joyous and placid as ever. Hear the poet's fitting words:

*"When winds are raging o'er the upper ocean,
And billows wild contend with angry roar,
'Tis said far down beneath the wild commotion,
That peaceful stillness reigneth evermore."*

*"Far, far away the roar of passion dieth,
And loving thoughts rise calm and peacefully,
And no rude storm how fierce soe'er it flyeth,
Disturbs the soul that dwells, O Lord, in Thee."*

Our peace can never be more secure than that on which it rests. Only in God can we have a peace which cannot be disturbed. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace." His Spirit broods over the turbulent floods of life to bring order out of the chaos. The Christ Himself stands on the vessel amid the wild raging storms, and softly but compellingly says, "Peace be still!" It is impossible in these times for us to command our own soul thus to rest, but the Prince of Peace can do it. It is ours to keep our mind stayed on Him. "Stayed on Thee." These words tell the whole story. They picture a child nestling on a mother's bosom. It has no fear and nothing disturbs it. "Stayed" implies a reposing—a continuous trust in the care and love of the Savior. If we would have an unbroken peace we must have an unbroken trust, never dismayed, keeping our minds stayed upon Him all the while.

An Old Testament promise reads, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." If we rely perfectly upon the arms of Omnipotence nothing can disturb us, for nothing can disturb Him. He is strength, and we may dwell safely upon Him. He tells us his arms are "underneath." No matter how deeply buried in sorrow and distress, still His arms are "underneath." We can never sink so low in sorrow but that He reaches below our deepest troubles, and holds us fast. A father tried to save his child from the waves, wildly clasping his arms about the loved form; but his arms, though nerved by passionate love, were too weak, and the child slipped from them and sank into the dark waters. But evermore, in the deepest floods that overwhelm the soul, the everlasting arms of God will be "underneath" the most feeble and imperiled child of His love. And what tenderness in those arms! Those hands that hold us, though almighty, are wounded hands—wounded in saving us from the perils of eternity. The heart over which we are invited to nestle is the heart that was broken for us. We need not fear to stay ourselves upon Him.

The reason so many of us are not at peace is because our minds are not firmly fixed upon God. We are easily distressed by every little disappointment, by every failure of our

expectations, by every hardness of our circumstances, by every trivial loss of money, as if money was life's sole need and man lived by bread alone. A trifling illness frightens us. The small-grinding details of life cause us to fret, and throw us into pitiable fits of anxiety, spoiling our days, blotting out the blue sky, and putting out the stars of hope. The trouble is we are not trusting God; our mind is not stayed upon Him.

To be at peace becomes a duty. To not have peace is to refuse the bequest of the Master, who said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you." To not have peace is to fail of bearing the fruit of the Spirit, a part of which is "peace." To trust and sing today, and doubt and worry tomorrow is not God's way for us to live. The abiding of His peace within us is pledged in the wonderful promise, which runs: "The mountains may depart, and the hills be removed; but my lovingkindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall my covenant of peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee."

MANSFIELD, ILL.

Questions Answered

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

Q. Please explain Isa. 66:7, 8.

A. I think this refers to a future "Golden Age" when it will be comparatively easy to bring people to Jesus Christ. Doubtless we have seen certain fore gleamings of such conditions as are here described in seasons of revivals, but the great and real fulfillment of this prophecy must wait for the second coming of Christ.

Q. Does conversion come before or after repentance?

A. The answer depends upon the definition of conversion which you have in mind. There is a sense in which conversion simply means "to turn," and in this narrow sense it is equivalent to repentance. But commonly we use conversion to mean the work of God in the regeneration of the soul, and in that sense, of course, it must follow repentance. Some who argue that we cannot repent until we are converted, probably mean what the majority of us would mean if we should say, "One cannot repent until he has been convicted by the Holy Spirit."

Q. Please explain 1 Peter 4:6, "For this cause was the gospel preached unto them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh" etc.

A. In this case the Greek word for preach is *euaggelistha* which means always the preaching of good news. Hence the case is not the same as that mentioned in verses 19 and 20 of this chapter. In fact, there seems to be no good reason for saying that the preaching in this case was one after the hearers in question were dead. The preceding verse warns that God is ready to judge the "quick [the living] and the dead," and now it is proper to say that the dead were not wholly without opportunity (during their lives) and thus to show that God will be just in judging both classes.

Q. Does the Budget System acknowledge that the Tithing System has failed?

A. By no means. The Budget System has to do with the disbursement of money, the Tithing system has to do with the raising of money; hence, there is no conflict between them whatever. A church may have a budget and then raise its money by means of the tithing of its members, and that is what the Church of the Nazarene largely expects to do.

Q. Is there any record in the Bible to show us when and by whom John the Baptist was baptized with water?

A. There is no mention of John's having been baptized with water.

December Thirty-First Is Almost Here

By General Treasurer Anderson

WE will close our books on December 31st. If we are to come to the close of the year with our obligations met in full it will mean that a large sum of money must be raised for the various general interests, including foreign missions, home missions, church extension, ministerial relief and a few other interests of minor importance. This is the first year that we have attempted to consolidate all of our general interests and it is natural to suppose that there has been some confusion and misunderstanding, and yet we believe that our people have endeavored to the best of their ability to support all of the interests represented by The General Board.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS will be needed to provide for our foreign missionary work for the year 1924. Included in this amount is the equipment and transportation expenses of the SEVENTEEN MISSIONARIES who have been sent during the year; also three Missionary Superintendents who have been sent to their respective fields. It also includes the support of our missionaries, native preachers and native workers and the regular mission station expenses in all of the different fields. If we do not secure this amount it will mean we will be compelled to close the year with a deficit, which will have to be carried into the new year; and if this is done it will be the first time in our history that we have been compelled to do this. We cannot feel that this is pleasing to the Lord. We believe that it is His plan that these funds should be collected each year as they are needed and we are confident that the great majority of our members and friends agree with us that it is far better to make a special effort and, if necessary, an unusual sacrifice in order to get the full amount before the close of the year. Our missionaries and our native preachers and, we believe, several thousand native Christians in the various foreign fields are praying that we may succeed in getting the full amount, so there will be no temptation on the part of the Board of the Church to feel that retrenchment will be necessary during 1925.

HOME MISSIONS

The General Board in its plan for the year made provision for the support of a number of District Superintendents and to make possible the establishment of the church in some of the large centers. During the year we have given partial support to THIRTEEN DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS. Some of them have received \$50 a month. Others have received \$25 a month. Some of these precious brethren have written us that without this assistance it would probably have been impossible for them to have remained on the field and do the work which, under the blessing of God, they have succeeded in doing. The reports from some of these District Superintendents are not only encouraging, but there are plenty of indications that these brethren are not only possessed with a martyr spirit, but willing to sacrifice to the very limit in order to establish the work in their respective districts and do their best to reach as many as possible with the blessed gospel.

A number of large tents have been purchased during the year and used in various parts of the country. Some of these meetings have resulted in splendid organizations and we believe that the money thus expended has not only proven a good investment, but has made it possible to reach hundreds if not thousands who otherwise would have been unreached. Surely this great department of our work should not be neglected. If we are to close the year with the obligations of this department paid in full it will require sacrificial giving on the part of everyone.

CHURCH EXTENSION

During the year the Department of Church Extension has been able to grant loans to a number of our churches in various parts of the country. Without this aid some of these churches would probably have been compelled to lose their property or in some cases they would have been unable to build had we not been in a position to render them assistance. Very careful attention has been given to the granting of loans and we believe that every precaution possible has been used to make loans where the funds were absolutely needed and where the congregation receiving the help seemed able to go through with their project and eventually repay the funds. There are a number of very urgent appeals that ought to be granted before we close the year. The General Board intended that a much larger amount should be raised for this purpose than it now seems possible to receive. However, we believe that if all will do their best it will be possible to secure at least as much as was collected last year, and this will surely be needed if we are to meet some of the urgent calls that are now before us for help. Will you pray and help make possible victory in this department of the work?

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

It is impossible to express in words the benefit and blessing that has come during the year to a number of our retired ministers and the widows of some of our faithful brethren who passed on to their greater reward. We have been able to render valuable assistance to a number of those who have given the best years of their life to the work of the Lord. It seems to me no one is so worthy of our prayers and our support as the man or the woman who has spent his life in an effort to give the gospel to a lost and dying world, and who has come down to the last years of his life without having made financial provision for his own needs. We have a number of these in our ranks who look to the Ministerial Relief Department for the funds they need in order to provide sufficient money to keep soul and body together. It would indeed be a calamity if we were compelled to say to some of these that we could no longer provide for them. We have no way of knowing what the result would be. We cannot feel, however, that our people will permit this, but they will, when they learn that funds are needed for this purpose, do their best to make a contribution so we will be able to pay in full the amount we have agreed to pay these precious ones for the year. There are others who are calling for help from this department. We ought to make some provision for them; but if we close the year without the necessary funds to provide for these who are already on the list, what can we do with the others who are now waiting, hoping and praying that some help may be given them? Think this matter over and do unto these as you would have them do unto you if you were in their position.

DECEMBER TWENTY-EIGHTH

After prayerful consideration and conference with the brethren it has been thought best to ask all of our churches to make SUNDAY, DECEMBER TWENTY-EIGHTH as the great day on which we make the final offering to secure the entire amount needed to close the year with every obligation paid in the various departments. To do this it will be necessary that everyone begin now to pray and to plan and deny himself to the very limit in order to give to the general fund so that our work may go on unhampered and unhindered. We believe that God still hears and answers prayer. We are confident that with heroic sacrifice on the part of everyone the full amount will be received. May we urge our pastors and our people to plan for a great day SUNDAY, DECEMBER TWENTY-EIGHTH?

Nazarene Young People's Society

"Let No Man Despise Thy Youth"

LANSDALE, PENN., N. Y. P. S. REPORT

As a Young People's Society God has blessed us in a special way. Although our society consists of only thirty-four members, we feel that we have God's smile and blessing upon us, for which we praise Him.

Our Young People's meetings are held every Sunday evening from 7:00 to 7:45. These meetings are preceded by a half hour of prayer. Quite a number of our young people gather at the church at 6:30 to ask God's blessings upon our meetings and leaders, and as a result our meetings are far more spiritual and our leaders have more freedom in leading the services.

One of the healthy features of our society is that God is calling some of our young men and women out into larger fields of service. Two of our young people are already out in the work. Three others are attending Eastern Nazarene College, two of whom have been saved only about a year. Also one of our girls is taking a course in nursing in preparation for her work on the Foreign Field. While we miss them at home, we are glad that God is calling them to work in His great harvest field.

Rev. W. D. Shelor is our pastor, and surely any society may well be proud for having this man of God as its pastor. He is also President of the Washington-Philadelphia District Young People's Societies.

Our pastor had a phone installed in his home about a year ago and our Y. P. S., pay the rent on it monthly.

Our missionary meetings are held quarterly. Sometimes our own young people lead the meetings and other times we have special speakers. At our last missionary meeting we engaged Mr. R. E. Bower of Philadelphia to speak to us. He gave us a splendid talk on Missions, and also told us some of his own experiences which he incurred on his extensive travels through Central and South America. During the summer months our church held street meetings in some of the towns surrounding our own, and our young people did a large part in helping to bring the gospel to those who are out in the byways and hedges.

Some of our young people who had become careless and indifferent have been reclaimed and have had the joy of salvation restored to their hearts during the recent revival our church held with Evangelists Jarrette and Dell Aycock.

While we praise God for all His blessings and tender mercies which He has bestowed upon us in the past, yet we know that past blessings will not suffice, but we are encouraged by God's help to keep plodding onward and upward, and to accomplish greater things in the future than we have in the past, for we know and are confident that, "with Jesus we will win."

MILDRED G. GROSSE, President.

SPECIAL NOTICE

It was the desire of the Executive Committee of the general N. Y. P. S., to begin the year 1925 with a new publication entitled, "The N. Y. P. S. Quarterly." This was to contain the N. Y. P. S., topics and complete outlines, together with other helpful suggestions.

Announcement of the proposed Quarterly has been made and owing to the inability of the Committee to have the material ready in time for the Publishing House to issue the Quarterly and have it ready for distribution by the first of December, it has been impossible to carry out this plan.

This will no doubt be a disappointment to many, but effort is being made to issue a Quarterly beginning with the second Quarter of this year.

H. M. MESSENGER,
Department of Literature.

DISCUSSION OF THE N. Y. P. S. TOPIC FOR DECEMBER 21

By GLADYS S. BEERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matt. 2:1-15

Theme or key verse, verse 11.

INTRODUCTION—"Every good and perfect gift cometh down from the Father of lights." Our feeble attempts at giving are but a tiny appropriation of that divine Spirit of love which prompted the great gift to the world from the heart of God. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son." Could we but fathom the worth of that gift—love personified! Instinctively is born in us a feeble desire to give in return in remembrance of that holy gift. The first instinct of the Wise Men upon finding the Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem was to lay gifts at His feet. This spirit has been existent in the hearts of Christ's followers since the advent of divine love personified into this world.

I. ORIGIN OF THE WISE MEN.

(a) Who are they?

1. Papists believe them to have been three kings.
2. Others thought they were a deputation of magi from countries of the Orient. (Note: were this so, undoubtedly there would be a record of such a great event).
3. Doubtless they were from a tribe of antiquity in the far East similar in character to the Levites in relation to the Israelites. Probably descendants of Abraham, through Keturah, and doubtless believed in God and the traditions descended from Abraham.

(b) Character of their wisdom.

1. Magi—not magicians, learned ones, astronomers.
2. Philosophers of the day.
3. Searchers of prophecy of Jehovah.
4. Seekers of Christ. It is a mark of wisdom for anyone to seek Christ. "The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom."

II. THE CHARACTER OF THE GIFTS OF THE WISE MEN.

(a) Gold, significant of the kingship or sovereignty of Jesus.

1. Typical of our consecration of faculties of life to Christ—our bodies, our time, our money. A Japanese preacher once said it was not a question of how much money would he give to God, but how much of God's money should he keep for his own use.

(b) Frankincense—free burning incense significant of Christ's divinity.

1. Typical of our worship.
2. Our spirit natures consecrated to Him.

(c) Myrrh, the bitter of life, representative of Christ's humanity.

1. Our sorrows may be laid at His feet.
2. Our disappointments are understood.
3. "If ye suffer for my sake."

III. RESULTS OF THE JOURNEY AND GIFTS

(a) They saw the Christ.

1. "If ye seek me with all your hearts, I will be found."
2. Revelation of the Christ brought transformation to the magi.

(b) They received God's directions for the homeward journey.

1. Obedience brings reward.
2. Surrender to Christ brings instant recognition from Christ and acceptance by Him.
3. How inferior and base our gifts when compared with the priceless gifts we receive in return. Oh that we could receive or imbibe a small portion of that

God-love that prompted the greatest Gift of all time to the world—Jesus Christ.
Conclusion: "Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord to thee."

LATE NEWS, NOTES AND PERSONALS FROM THE WIDE FIELD

By REV. C. E. CORNELL

A bronze statue of Bishop Francis Asbury on horseback was recently unveiled at Washington, D. C. Bishop Asbury was one of God's noblemen. He preached 17,000 sermons, and traveled on his horse 300,000 miles. He held one campmeeting where there were 1,300 converted and 900 sanctified in three weeks. He came to the Colonies in 1771, a few years before the revolution, when there were only 371 Methodists in this country. When he died in 1816, there were more than 200,000. He traveled as much as 8,000 miles in one year. God was with him and marvelously blessed his arduous labors.

Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture died at the Naval Hospital at Washington, D. C. recently. Poisoning resulting from an operation was the immediate cause of his death. He was fifty-eight when he died. He was born at Rock Island, Ill., and started life as a farmer. President Coolidge credits him with a "splendid series of successes in behalf of the restoration and rehabilitation work of the agriculture department."

According to the Bureau of Public Roads there are 15,600,000 automobiles in the United States. There is one auto for every six persons. In the Pacific coast states there is one for every three persons. New York has the most cars, 1,235,000. California is a close second with 1,185,000. Ohio and Pennsylvania each have more than 1,000,000. Nearly half the passenger cars are Fords (6,500,000). Chevrolet comes next with 875,000; then Buicks 780,000; Dodge 770,000; Overland 620,000; and Studebaker 430,000.

Ida M. Tarbell the noted author and lecturer was asked recently by the *Success Magazine*, whether she thinks the country is better morally and economically under prohibition. She answered by saying: "If anyone doubts the change for the better, he would only have to visit the industrial centers and compare conditions now with what they were before prohibition. The men who patronized the saloons now have Ford cars and money in the savings banks. They are slightly bewildered. They hardly know how it happened. And these very men would not vote the saloon back again." "Will the dry law be repealed?" She answered, "I do not think so."

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life." "Did you ever notice—what the unconverted man lives on?" asks the *Sunday School Times*. In Hosea he feeds on the East wind; not very satisfying. In Proverbs he feeds on foolishness; not very substantial. In Isaiah 44 he feeds on ashes. In Luke 15 he feeds on husks. Come, have a slice of the Bread of Life.

Usually when we make an investment we want to know how it comes out. A boy said to his mother: "I am going down to the church tonight to hear the missionary from Africa, for when he was here some time back I gave him five cents and I want to know what he did with it." More persons ought to be interested in the effectiveness of their gifts. Give intelligently, then expect results from your giving.

The Bible is a very popular book. The Bible in whole or in part is now translated into 558 languages. The British and Foreign Bible Society in one year issued 8,700,000 copies of the Scriptures.

A century ago about \$75,000 was contributed for Foreign Missions annually by the Protestant churches. Now \$400,000,000 is given per annum. Then the native churches gave nothing. Now nearly \$5,000,000 yearly.

H. E. Woolever, Washington, D. C., editor of the *National Methodist Press* states in the *New York Christian Advocate* that Catholicism is making a world-wide drive against Protestant Government employees, especially so in this country. He substantiates his claim by furnishing indisputable facts.

The Sunday School Lesson, December 21

By M. EMILY ELLYSON

LESSON SUBJECT: God's Gift to the World.
LESSON TEXT: John 1:4-18; 3:16-21.

GOLDEN TEXT: *For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life* (John 3:16).

WE ARE living at this season of the year in an atmosphere of giving and receiving, the air seems to tingle with expectancy, mysterious packages containing precious remembrances from those who love us, some of them from far away, making the gift all the more valuable because of the distance and the extra care bestowed upon us in the making and sending. But why all of this cheer and generosity, this good-will among us at this particular time? The answer is found in the lesson of today, "God's Gift to the World."

His Gift was a love gift. Jesus is the expression of the Father's love for us, and the magnitude of that love could not possibly have been shown by any other method, or gift, other than by giving His only begotten Son. This act on the part of the Father magnifies His love, for He gave Him for us and to us. Now know we that He loves us.

Connected with this Gift from the Father, we would call attention to the statements of John, First, "In the beginning was the Word" Christ is the Word, the expression of the Father's love. "And the word became flesh." This statement overwhelms us. Out of the infinite distance into the finite nearness, from that method of self-expression which only God could understand, to a method of self-expression that we could understand, and this change for the sake of man. "The Word which was in the beginning . . . became flesh." God could not be as perfectly expressed through any system or symbol as through a man. So in the fulness of time He came, the Revealer of God, the expression of his love. The Person of Christ correctly reveals the fact of God. He enshrines Himself in human life, He thinks, He speaks, He acts through human channels. He was and is the Word, the Speech, the Method of communication of the Eternal God.

But why did God love so fervently and give so magnanimously? The question is answered best in the great fact of the fall of the race. Created in the profile or image of God, or the shadow we see him today by the act of sin distanced from God and far from his original splendor. Man was not only created in the image of God but he was made to live in union with God, enjoying personal fellowship and knowing only righteousness of conduct. Unfallen man then was a being like God in the essentials of his nature and exercised his freedom under the direction of his Creator.

There came the hour, the awful hour when he acted independently of God that is without taking counsel with God and separation from God was the result, that is, death passed upon all men. But God did not love man less, the poor

dwarfed being that lost all when he lost God, with intelligence darkened, holy emotion dead and will degraded still is the object of the love of God,

*"He saw me ruined by the fall,
Yet loved me notwithstanding all,"*

and out of this dire and desolate mire there comes a cry, a heart broken cry for a deliverer and "God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Here is a general offer of life and salvation. Love to a revolted and rebellious people issues the proclamation, that pardon and re-instatement to all who will come, and plead for it upon their knees, and return to their allegiance, shall be granted them.

Here also is seen the duty of the people, that is to believe in Jesus Christ whom God has given for us and given to us, to accept the Gift and thus answer the intention of the Giver. God having given Him to us to be our Deliverer and our King, we must yield up ourselves to be ruled, and taught and saved by Him.

But let us note here the benefit we derive from this matchless Gift of God if accepted. First, "they shall not perish." Then not to accept the Gift must be to perish. Perish in the miseries of hell, in the pit of the damned of all ages, perish with all the Christ-rejecters, with all the God-forgetters of earth. This if the Gift be spurned. But if accepted, pardon is purchased, sins forgiven, "they shall not perish." Second, they have eternal life, have it here and now, and through all eternity. They are entitled to all the joys of heaven, association with the blessed saints of all ages, in that country of everlasting love, of perpetual and glorious light, where never a shadow falls and there are no gloomy, cloudy days, a tearless, painless, sinless land.

To accept the Gift of God, means, that the convicted traitor is not only pardoned, but preferred, made a favorite, honored by the King. Out of prison with every chain broken, he steps forth a free man, and an heir of God as long as his time of probation here shall last, and then face the westerling sunset glow, calmly and peacefully, with the past well lived; life's burdens well borne; he listens for the Voice that is sure to call in the evening hour, if not before, a Voice that has grown dearer and sweeter as the years have passed, then with that summons to "go home a crown to wear."

All of this for the one who accepts the Gift of God. May it be that at this Christmas season which is filled with "good-will toward men," making it such an appropriate time, that many who have not, will accept of Christ, God's greatest and best Gift to men and then be able to join with all the redeemed of earth in praise to Him for His unspeakable Gift.

*"Joy to the world the Lord has come,
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing."*

by Tiffany Blake of Chicago, when he said, 'Christ spent no time in the ante-chamber of Caesar'."

Fitchburg, Mass., had a revival and personal mission not long ago. Sixty-five students together with professors took part. They visited all sections of Fitchburg and talked personally to thousands about Jesus Christ and their acceptance of Him as their Savior. These students and professors had a most unusual and hearty reception. Catholics, Jews and all nationalities listened attentively as these earnest students poured out their hearts. The mission was most effective and resulted in great personal good. Personal work for souls seems to be the demand of the day. Church of the Nazarene wake up!

CROSSING THE EQUATOR

By J. D. SCOTT, *Missionary Superintendent*

As I sit in my cabin on the Steamship Huallaga, plowing through the deep blue waters of the Pacific Ocean off the west coast of Ecuador, South America, the ship's First Mate, a cultured and refined native of Peru, comes to inform me that we are at this moment crossing the Equator, and that we shall soon land in one of the small ports of Ecuador where we can perhaps go ashore and take a little exercise.

I have looked forward to this part of my trip with great dread, on account of the extreme heat; as I

had supposed we would all but suffocate when we approached the Equator. What a pleasant surprise when last night we were compelled to close our cabin doors to keep out the piercing cold wind, and all morning we have had to wear light wraps. In fact we have not felt the heat at all since we left Panama City on our southward journey.

On September 23 our little company composed of Rev. Ira L. True, Mrs. Valora True and their little four year son, Buster, and the writer, embarked in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, on the Teutonia, one of the best boats of the Hamburg-American Line, for Colon, Panama. Upon arriving early Sunday morning, we were met by Brother Gregory of the American Bible Society and taken to his home for breakfast. We immediately learned that this boat was to leave at ten a.m. the same day. So without delay we purchased tickets, arranged passports, and transferred our twelve pieces of baggage just in time to go aboard as they were blowing the whistle and pulling up the gang plank.

Our boat has three hundred and fifty head of cattle and about fifty passengers, besides other cargo which they carry. We were permitted to stop off one day in Colombia with the Christian Alliance Mission, and were with them in a rousing street meeting at night, where hundreds stood with bared heads and reverently listened to the gospel. Here the people are begging for a missionary to come and live among them and teach them, but there is no one to send them.

Tomorrow we will stop at a port in Ecuador where the Alliance has been laboring for twenty years and has a nice work started. There are several Alliance missionaries on board this ship who are going as new recruits to strengthen some of the weak points. Oh that we had a few new ones coming with us to strengthen and encourage our little band of faithful workers! While our Brother and Sister True will be a great addition to our work in Peru, they are not new missionaries, but are being taken away from Guatemala where they are so badly needed.

The fields are white to harvest everywhere, but the laborers are so few. This is the cry of every field. I am sure that if some of our good and faithful saints at home could accompany me on one of these visits to these needy fields, and hear the pitiful cry of poor souls in darkness, the cry for some one to show them the light of God's Word, and teach their children to be honorable men and women, they would make an effort to increase their missionary giving. It is now conceded that South America has more unevangelized territory than any other country in the world. On this same boat there are four priests from Spain who are coming to this country under contract from the Government to teach school. They parade the decks in full robe, and the greater part of South America is under their dominion.

May God awaken us to greater sacrifices and greater activities along the line of missionary giving, praying and going!!

PASADENA COLLEGE COMMENDED

Wholly unsolicited, and of my own free will, I have felt to write a word of appreciation of your school here at Pasadena, Calif., Pasadena College. I am rooming at the men's dormitory, and taking my meals at the dining hall. What has especially struck me is the fact that every song I hear in the halls of the dormitory or on the campus is a Christian song. From students passing along the hallway expressions of praise are common. At six thirty each morning in the reception room an early morning prayermeeting is held. After breakfast, someone is called on to pray. After the supper hour either some young man or young woman gives a short address or message from the Word. At the morning chapel hour someone gives a gospel message. Monday morning it is usually turned into a testimony meeting. All this goes to make a mighty fine spiritual atmosphere. And the student body is as fine an appearing body of young men and young women, gathered from all parts of this and some other countries, as you will find anywhere in the halls of any college. All schools are religious, but all are not spiritual. This school is. It stands for salvation, salvation from all sin, it stands for "The second blessing, properly so called." The faculty all stand for that. The student body all stand for that. I am delighted to be in such an atmosphere. Morning by morning the sun boldly shines through my double window flooding my room with its blessedness. The clean, well cooked, abundant nourishing food of the dining room just suits me. All of the surroundings seem just to my taste and I have felt like saying so.

Parents who want their young people to have the advantages of an education obtained in an atmosphere where their spiritual life will not be chilled need have no fear in sending them out here to this college situated among the orange groves and vineyards of California at the foot of those two magnificent mountain peaks, Mt. Lowe and

He says: "Space does not permit the adding of further proof that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is engaged in a world-wide campaign quite outside of its religious sphere, but sufficient has been given to indicate that at the present as well as in the past, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy should be regarded as a sinister organization in a democracy."

The Ontario, Canada, "drys" beat the "wets" in a recent vote by 40,000. We predict that some day not far away Canada will be entirely dry, prohibition will prevail.

President Coolidge strongly believes in personal faith in God. Or in other words, he believes in old-time religion as being very necessary for the individual and the nation. At the dedication of the statue of Bishop Francis Asbury he uttered this pertinent paragraph, "We cannot depend upon the government to do the work of religion. We cannot escape a personal responsibility for our own conduct. We cannot regard those as wise and safe counselors in public affairs who deny these principles and seek to support the theory that society can succeed when the individual fails . . . I have never seen the necessity of reliance upon religion rather than upon law better expressed than in a great truth uttered

Mt. Wilson, on whose tops are eight of the world's great telescopes through which day and night all the year specialists are peering into the regions of other worlds than ours. The students have the privilege of these and are frequent hikers up to them.

WM. R. CHASE, A winter visitor from Ohio.

JUST BY THE WAY

By DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT J. G. MORRISON

WE ARRIVED in Ellendale, N. D., on a freight train, to perform the marriage ceremony of one of our preachers there, Brother Herman Lintz, who was "taking unto himself a wife," in the person of Sister Mabel Savey, one of the fine Nazarene women of our Minneapolis District. We found Brother Lintz bubbling over with unsuppressed delight. His fiancée was also enthusiastic over the matter, so we were able to unite the two, before a company of rejoicing relatives, without a sigh or a tear.

A car arrived for us from Ashley, N. D., one of our struggling little churches still farther west, so that after a fine collation (I believe that is the correct word for a wedding "breakfast" that is served in the afternoon,) the chauffeur turned the nose of the "Overland" toward Ashley. Either the excitement of witnessing the wedding, or the sundry cups of coffee that our chauffeur had imbibed, induced him to step on the gas, and we flew along at forty miles the hour, when suddenly the turnpike road came to a sudden turn. In fact it was able to stop and turn easier than we were, for with a whoop we went right straight on down the side of the grade and into the ditch! The skilful hand of the young man at the helm alone saved us from an upset! As it was, we tested every rib in that Overland's body, and it tested ours. On to Ashley, over oceans of prairie, we trundled, and spent a blessed evening preaching on "The Fulness," to a fine company of saints, pastored by Brother Victor Cooke, who supports himself in part by teaching school.

We slept in a fine bed at Grandma Beveredge's, (a beautiful saint of God, who loves the Lord with all her heart, and the Church of the Nazarene as herself) and the next day essayed to go twenty-five miles to the Milwaukee railroad with a sanctified Brother Moore. His fractious jitney had already thrown him into the ditch once, and thereby robbed itself of its own top and side curtains. The north-west wind had risen to a gale. I tied my hat firmly on my head with a scarf borrowed from Brother Moore, buckled myself into a great sheep-lined coat that he providentially brought along, and away we whirled! Soon the lowering clouds broke into rain. We raced into Venturia, where Brother Moore lived, just in time to escape a wetting. His daughter had dinner all ready, and there we also found one of our young preachers, pastor at Ft. Clark, N. D., with whom we fellowshiped and prayed.

But the Milwaukee train would not wait for wind or tide, and rain or no rain, on we had to go. Bundling ourselves again, we pushed out on the now muddy trail and into the descending torrents. Wee-waw, zig-zag, sometimes straight, and sometimes cross-wise of the slippery road! The rain poured down our necks, wet our limbs, filled our shoes, and beat in our faces! Soon the jitney began to smoke and smell! It sputtered, gagged, choked and—stopt! The radiator was empty! In frantic haste, (for the Milwaukee train waiteth not) Brother Moore slushed and slopped to a farm house half a mile away, and carried two big pails of water, with which to refresh our smoking Ford. It ran out as fast as he poured it in! A great hole had rusted through one of the bottom pipes! Standing there in the down-pour, with the wind howling, bodies wet and shivery, hope of reaching the train zone, car defunct, mud splashed on everything Brother Moore looked at me quizzically, through the drizzle on his face, and said: "How about 'the Fulness' now, have you got it?" I fairly shouted with laughter! "Thank God, it holds, Brother Moore." I answered.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

MISSIONARY MRS. A. D. FRITZLAN'S LETTER

To Our Friends in the 'Homeland':

Greetings to one and all from faraway India. We sailed from New York, Sept. 3, according to schedule. Quite a crowd of our Nazarene people in and about New York gathered at the pier to see us off. As they lifted the gang plank and pulled

Uncle Buddie's Good Samaritan Chats

Beloved Samaritans:

I left you last week at the closing up of our meetings with our beloved Brother Paul Hill and his splendid people, and on Monday the 27th, Brother L. C. Messer and his wife and this old preacher pulled out from New Rockford and Lynnbrook and started to New Haven, Conn. It is quite a job to get out of Long Island into the city and out again, for this country is a net work of towns. To make it plain, here are the facts: the town of Hempstead is in Nassau county and in this one town of Hempstead there are thirty-eight other towns. That is a strange story, but it is the facts in the case—one town with thirty-eight other towns in it. But we finally got through these beautiful little cities and hamlets and out through the great city of New York, and turned toward beautiful old New England. We have no finer roads in America than we have here in the East, and the country is absolutely beautiful. A part of the day we were at times in sight of Long Island Sound and sometimes traveling by beautiful bays and rivers. We were out of one town and into another and sometimes we would pull up to an old home and stop at the gas station and find out that the old home had been built there nearly two hundred years.

I told Brother Messer that they had ruined the country by building towns. Almost every kind of business that you can think of had their bill boards on the roadside telling the travelers what they had for sale and where to come to get it. There was one interesting sign—the lettering was perfectly beautiful with two or three different colors. It said that "Fools used to blow out the gas, and now they step on it." The trip was one long stretch of joy and satisfaction and beauty added to beauty. We passed through many beautiful cities and the country was at its best. We passed through just in time to catch the glory of the fall. Such coloring in the woods is absolutely indescribable. Some few trees were still green, but the most of them were as yellow as gold and many of them scarlet—and O, those old sumach patches on the roadside were so beautiful, that away down in my heart I said, "O that I might finish up my days among the trees and rocks and mountains." There is nothing on earth more beautiful than a great rugged old country where the birds sing and the natural scenery hasn't been destroyed and ruined by man. God's colors are always the easiest on the eye. The blue sky, the green trees and the yellow and the red and the brown—all of these colors are at some time spread out before the man in the country. There is nothing harder on man than brick walls and cement and stone side walks, and then dust and smoke. When you take a drink, you start the meter and that is charged up and in thirty days you have the bill. Turn on the electric lights and the meter starts up again and in thirty days they present you with the bill. Turn on the gas and fry the meat or eggs and the meter is turned on again and in thirty days they present you with a bill. Pick up the phone and call a neighbor and in thirty days they present you with the bill for talking over their wires. Just now the milk man drives up and presents a bill for \$10 for milk for thirty days and as he leaves the ice man drives up and presents a bill for seven dollars for ice for the past thirty days. Do you

wonder that men are half dead at fifty and die before they are sixty, when millions of acres of fine land are still uncultivated and everybody trying to get to town and hunt for a job and pay house rent and all kinds of bills on earth that you can think of. Millions of them never heard a hen cackle or a rooster crow or a calf bawl, and they have walked on stones until their feet are blistered. Such a thing as walking on the dirt where it is easy on their feet, millions of them haven't had a day like that in twenty-five years. But someone may say, "But a man can go to the city and enter big business and make a few million." Of course he can and he is so busy as he makes it that he has neither time for God nor his family and never enjoys one dollar that he has made and by the time he gets it made he dies and leaves it all and his kin folks go to law and spend it and all they get is wasted. Then just about all the family are at war with each other and nine times out of ten the whole family is lost and will spend eternity in outer darkness—all because one man made a few million and never enjoyed it himself and nobody else after he made it.

But I am out of the town again and we are now pulling across the beautiful old hills of New England where we see the old homes that are at least two hundred years old. We see the great flocks of white chickens and in some places ducks, by the thousands and some herds of cattle and sheep, and the old apple trees loaded with the red apples, and the great fine big cabbage heads as big as buckets. While in Long Island a fine old gentleman showed me his fine cabbage patch and gave me a cabbage head as large as a bucket and Sister Paul Hill gave me all of the old fashioned fried cabbage that I could eat, and that was a fine dish full. But here I am back on Long Island, when really I am away up in New England—but on we drive and about 3:30 we drive into New Haven, Conn., and meet our fine young pastor, Brother Lloyd B. Byron, who has been here only three or four weeks. He has made a fine start in so short a time and we had planned to stop with him on Monday night of October 27th on our way to our college at Wollaston, Mass. Brother Byron secured a fine hall and advertised well and we had a fine crowd and a service that was interesting. I secured a fine list of subscriptions for the HERALD of HOLINESS. I stayed in the home of Captain Potter, the son of an old sea captain who used to live in Brooklyn, N. Y. The old gentleman and his five sons were all sea captains. The one that I stayed with was on the seas as a captain for thirty-five years, but he is well saved and sanctified, and a whole hearted Nazarene. My stay with him and his good wife was delightful in every way. They were kindness and goodness on exhibition. The Lord bless them is my prayer. Another good family took good care of Brother and Sister Messer and at eight o'clock the big Messer car drove up to the home of the Potters and we load up and are now off to take in the great University that everybody has heard about and many have studied in—the great University of Yale, where our beloved Dr. A. M. Hills of the Pasadena College used to study. My next letter will be of Yale and the trip to Wollaston.

In love,

UNCLE BUDDIE.

in the anchor we felt that every tie was cut between us and our native country, and as the old boat began to sail out into the deep, our people on the pier began to wave their handkerchiefs and sing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." While we rejoiced at the thought of going on business for our King, still our hearts were saddened at the thought of leaving our loved ones, friends and native country for another seven years.

We sailed on the Berengaria, the third largest boat in the world, whose crew numbered more than a thousand, and was almost equal to a floating city. But in the midst of our pleasure we were upset by the sea becoming stormy; so for a few days we were a sick looking crowd; not only our family, but also the Franklins.

We arrived at Cherbourg, France, Sept. 6. After passing through the customs, we took our train, a dummy-looking little thing, for Paris, France. The country was so green and beautiful and the train really surprised us in its mileage. Upon arriving at the union station in Paris we could hardly make ourselves believe we were not in the Orient. In

fact, after our few days traveling in France, we have come to the conclusion that it is semi-oriental. After a day and half in Paris we went to Marseilles, from which port we sailed Sept. 13 for Bombay. The Mediterranean, as usual, was a beautiful calm sea. We soon passed the Jumbro volcano which was in action; passed through the Straits of Sicily and Italy, and on to Port Said and through Suez Canal, making only eight miles per hour through the canal, thus requiring twelve hours to pass through, as there is a speed limit. Passing through the Red Sea we suffered much from the heat, and the children broke out with prickly heat. As we neared Port Said how we longed to be able to visit Palestine, Jerusalem being only eighty miles distance from us, but we consoled ourselves by sending greetings by wireless to our missionaries in Jerusalem.

Our boat from Marseilles, the S. S. China was not so good as the Berengaria, but all considered it was not too bad. One day a "Fancy Dress Ball" was announced for that evening, so Brother and Sister Franklin, my husband and I dressed up in Indian costume and conversed together, and with other

Indian gentlemen, in the Indian language at dinner. During the evening we received many compliments from English officials who had spent many years in India. One gentleman said he could hardly make himself believe my husband was not a Hindoo barrister as he was dressed just as they dress.

While in the Red Sea we passed the "Islands of the Twelve Apostles," the place where the Children of Israel were supposed to have crossed, also Mt. Sinai at a distance. From the Red Sea we passed into the Gulf of Aden between the coasts of Arabia and Africa, from that into the Arabian Sea, reaching Bombay at five a. m., on the morning of the 26th, of Sept. After tipping those who served us on the boat, getting our passports duly signed, etc., we said goodbye to the old boat and landed about eight o'clock, and were cordially welcomed back to India by Misses Seay and Gardner and one of our faithful Indian preachers, who were waiting on the pier for us. Upon landing we had feelings of assurance that we were in the will of God even though the road before us was hard.

After a few days in Bombay for necessary shopping and business, we took our train for Malkapur, our nearest railway station, on the evening of Sept. 30, arriving in Malkapur about nine a. m., the following morning. On our way from Bombay we came up the Western Ghats, passing through twenty-one tunnels. We were met at Malkapur by Brothers Beals and Jackson and one of our Indian preachers. We still had twenty-eight miles to make by motor before reaching Buldana, our destination, the last six miles of which put us on an elevation of 2260 feet above sea level. The monsoons still being on, as we climbed the mountain side the scenes of the gorges below were indeed picturesque.

As we drove within sight of the mission house, we could see the compound decorated and our Christian people and school boys and girls lined up along the drive-way from the porch to the gate, and as we drove in they sang a song of welcome, and they together with our missionaries gave us a hearty welcome back to India. A special welcome service was arranged in our church that evening by Brother Beals who is in charge at Buldana. Special songs were sung by both our schools, and addresses by both the missionaries and our Indian preachers, to which we replied in Marathi. The next evening we were given a native feast by our Girls' School, and a couple of evenings after a reception by some converted ex-criminals and other of our Christians, whom the Lord had enabled us to help while in India before. While we appreciated all these welcome services, still the last meant more to us than all the others. These people have been faithful Christians proving that God did a real work in their hearts. I forgot to say that on each of these occasions they put flower garlands about our necks, this being an Eastern custom of showing appreciation for a person.

Well, we are here with our three little boys, from whom we will soon have to part, as it will be necessary to send them 1000 miles away to the hills to school for eleven months in the year, as this is the school term. But we are expecting, D. V. to spend some time with them occasionally when it becomes necessary for us to get away from the heat of the plains. The Lord is very precious to us these days and He is enabling us to say "Yes" to His will as we meet with hard problems. Our daily prayer to Him is that He will help us to dig out some more diamonds from the rough; to see them brought out of heathenism and established in the Christian faith.

Brother Sharpe, our General Missionary Superintendent, is with us at last. At present he is visiting our stations on the Bombay side, and will come to Buldana next Wednesday, the day our Annual Council begins. We are trusting the Lord to give him an insight into our work in India, and that he may help us get the work on a solid basis.

We can't tell you dear friends how we appreciate an occasional letter, as we look forward each week to receive letters from home, but get so few. So we assure you we read each letter with great delight. We trust in our case this term it might not be "Out of sight, out of mind," but that we may at least be remembered in your prayers.

May the Lord bless you all.

MR. AND MRS. A. D. FRITZLAN, Buldana, Berar, India.

CHICAGO CENTRAL DISTRICT

We are now well into the Assembly year, and everything is moving off in fine shape. We have organized six new churches this year, and have a number more ready to organize. We are having some of the greatest revivals in the history of the District. Our new plan of finances as adopted by the General Church is being well received by our people and pastors. There is every indication that the new plan is going to bring us in the money

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needed. Chicago Central District is a hundred per cent for the General Church, that is General Superintendents, General Treasurer, General Secretary, General Board, Editor of HERALD OF HOLINESS, and all the rest of our officers. We believe in the church.

In and around Chicago, we have five new places started in the last two years, doubling our number of places in this vicinity. At Chicago First Church, Brother Schurman is doing the greatest work in the eight years of his pastorate there. He has great crowds. He has the very best co-operation of his people. They have lately closed a meeting with the Fleming Brothers and Prof. Lowman and wife, with about three hundred different persons at the altar. Woodlawn with their new pastor, Rev. A. M. Wells enters the new year, and the reports that have been received are most encouraging. At Austin, Chicago, Rev. C. H. Strong in his fourth year is doing great work. In the three years they have raised something like thirty thousand dollars, and are making fine headway in paying for their property worth about thirty-five thousand dollars. Evangelist Geo. B. Kulp, and Prof. Sutton and wife have recently closed a good meeting with this church. At our new church, North Chicago, Rev. Wm. McPherson and his people are starting in well. They are now in a campaign with Uncle Bud Robinson, and they are making plans to have a comfortable place of worship. This is one of the greatest opportunities on the District, and we are starting well. At Elgin, Rev. Ralph Bauerle is our faithful pastor at a new church. They are doing their best to provide for a place of worship, buy a lot and build a tabernacle. Rev. Paul S. Alfors and wife have organized lately a new church at Rockford, a city of seventy-five thousand. At Joliet, Rev. Jesse Brown starts in the new year well, with a new church there. South of Chicago, Rev. Laurence Howe and his good wife are starting in the new year fine at Harvey, and the work is progressing most encouraging. A little farther south, at Chicago Heights, Rev. C. A. Condon has a good church and some of these days we are going to put a new top on our basement. This is one of the best of our smaller churches. A little farther south at Watseka, Rev. Samuel Muse is trying to get a foot-hold for the church. Then also at Pontiac, we have a good new church made up pretty much of Presbyterians and Episcopalians. Here Rev. Mary Cooper is our most efficient pastor and we are making progress in this town of some ten thousand. The truth about the matter is that God is helping us to push out into the some three and one half million people in and around Chicago, and there are more people in Cook county where Chicago

is located than in all the rest of Illinois. We are going to have a whole district some time of this great section, and whoever named it Chicago Central District named it right.

About forty miles north of Chicago we have two good churches at Racine. Mrs. R. E. Hanche is our good pastor at our First Church there, and there we have one of the most beautiful churches in all the District, and of fine people also. At our Central Church at Racine, Rev. C. A. Greeng is the good pastor, and he is starting in his third year. This church has not been with us long, but they are making good loyal Nazarenes and are standing by all the different departments of our work. Bro. J. W. Waltz is our most faithful pastor at Forest Center, Wis. He is one of our true and true, and we are making progress over there in the Western part of Wisconsin. Sister Marietta Shaker is entering her third year at Martintown. She is one of the truest and faithful pastors of one of our smaller churches.

The thing that is on my heart most of anything in the last few months is an old fashion revival. While we are having lots of good meetings on the Chicago Central District, and much activity, yet if I sense the situation and the need, what we need is a genuine revival that will break up our people and give them a deepening in their own experiences and a greater passion for the lost. My faith is looking up. I believe we are going to have it.

E. O. CHALFANT, District Superintendent.

NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE, NAMPA, IDAHO

We have just closed another great revival in the college, the second of this year, with the blessing of God upon each one. Rev. Vanderpool was the evangelist in the first revival, holding meetings in the church every night and preaching every morning at the chapel. Brother Vanderpool's address at the opening chapel service of the year was certainly a masterpiece and was delivered with the unction of the Spirit. It was a great inspiration to the student body and doubtless will do much in shaping the lives of many students.

The second meeting was held by Evangelist Lum Jones. He was engaged for a revival with Rev. Harold Hart at Marsing, but came over every morning and preached for us at the chapel. He remarked that this was the first time he had ever held two revivals at the same time. Bro. Jones preached with the characteristic unction and God wonderfully blessed his labors. The altar was filled with seekers every morning and often there was not sufficient room for the seekers, and altar services were held all over the chapel. Brother Jones has been with us a number of times and is always greatly appreciated by student body and faculty. Just now he is in a meeting with one of our students at Enterprise, Ore., Rev. Meggers being the pastor of this church.

Following the revival, the president of the college has been giving a series of Bible Studies in the Book of the Hebrews with a view to conserving the results of the revival and establishing the young people in the experience of entire sanctification.

H. ORTON WILEY, President.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

Since our last report, the first round of the district has been completed. Several of the churches have been visited the second time; and to a few the third visit has been made.

After these months of experience in Nebraska, it is plainer to me than ever that the Church of the Nazarene is designed to meet a special need in the work of the Lord. My constant prayer is that the holy anointing may be upon us for our task.

If the response in the communities where we are were in proportion to the efforts which are being made, our growth would be great. At any rate, we can report definite progress.

Atlanta, Rev. Mabel Dickinson pastor, has enjoyed the evangelistic ministry of Rev. Q. A. DeH in an uplifting revival.

After some special meetings at an out point, Pastor H. C. Miller of Curtis, was assisted in revival by Evangelist Roy Hollenback, who also held a good meeting for Rev. V. A. Scofield at Lone Star. We are earnestly praying for Sister Scofield, who at this writing is seriously ill.

At Broadwater, I was with Pastor S. A. Laeger, in August in a tent meeting which resulted in some good. Bro. Laeger has been pioneering faithfully, and has opened a new appointment of promise near Fayard.

A score or more of professions of one or both works of grace is the happy report from a revival at Grand Island, where Pastor F. K. Smith, was assisted by Rev. V. P. Drake of Fairbury. It is often a wise plan for pastors thus to exchange work in revival.

Evangelist F. W. Cox, has been giving good rev-

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val help to Pastors C. B. Johnson of Kenesaw, and Q. A. Deck of Kearney. We are expecting to hear good reports from these meetings.

Two revivals directed by the Aycocks, one at Fairbury, and the other at Beatrice, have brought good results, which will be well cared for by the pastors, V. P. Drake, and R. L. Major.

By faithful personal efforts and preaching, Rev. F. F. Eckels prepared the way for revival at Jansen, in which the District Superintendent and his daughter Faith assisted. However, though we enjoyed a season of blessing and fellowship, the visible tokens of revival were lacking. We were not discouraged.

Evangelist Mack Anderson and wife, have had an encouraging revival with Pastor Samuel Rich, at Guide Rock. We rejoice in the good report. I had the privilege of receiving four promising young people into our church at Chadron recently, where the blessing of God continues. Brother Myers, a local minister, is helping Sister Farnsworth there in the regular services, and prospects are good.

Pastor Prescott is sowing the good seed, and hoping to arrange for a good revival campaign at Hemingford soon.

At Alliance a thorough going campaign is much needed, and should be launched soon. We have a small nucleus of praying people here.

We have organized a new church at Hubbard with fifteen dependable members, and Rev. Gilbert Anderson as pastor. They have an excellent start, and expect to buy an abandoned church building in which they are worshipping.

Another vacant church building at Homer, near Hubbard, has been recently donated and regularly ceded to us. Here, about a half dozen good people became Nazarenes and furnished the nucleus for a church which also will be under the pastoral care of Brother Anderson.

Rev. H. O. Jacobson, Superintendent of our Scandinavian work, held a good meeting with Pastor Mabel Vaage at Newman Grove. His use of both languages made his ministry especially effective. Sister Vaage is continuing the meeting for another week.

Evangelist A. M. Sprague has rendered faithful service in a month's series of meetings at York with Pastor Anna Nutter. Real encouragement and blessing came. Brother Sprague is now in revival at Arnold with Pastor Frank Mayhew. These gentlemen can be depended on to 'shell the woods.' Brother Mayhew has already been evangelizing in outlying fields, and extending his boundaries.

Rev. H. N. Haas, our pastor at Lincoln, says salvation came in a good meeting conducted by the Littrells, a number of people finding God. Extensive repairs have been made on both church and parsonage. A growing Sunday school, and congregation, with seekers in the regular services at Hastings are the tokens of spiritual blessing. Also a newly remodeled basement, and redecorated auditorium, the parsonage renovated and decorated, with new furnaces for both church and parsonage, are the tokens of temporal advancement under the efficient direction of Pastor E. C. Cain.

A good church building in a desirable location has been purchased in Omaha. Pastor Elizabeth Mead plans dedicatory services for Dec. 21 with General Superintendent Reynolds in charge.

This much loved General Superintendent will be with us for a canvass of the entire district, beginning Nov. 30 and closing with our Mid-winter Convention at Kearney, Dec. 29-Jan. 2. Pres. A. S. London of our Hutchinson School will also assist us in this convention.

H. M. CHAMBERS, District Superintendent.

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LOUISIANA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The 13th Annual Assembly of the Louisiana District, Church of the Nazarene, convened Oct. 15-19 at Lake Charles, La. General Superintendent Goodwin presided, and in his loving and efficient way led the entire Assembly to the mountain top. Harmony and unity prevailed throughout the business sessions, and we all felt, as Peter once said, it was good for us to be there. The District was well represented and the reports showed quite an advancement during the past year. God is marvelously blessing in our Sunday school work on the District, not only by adding to our membership but by saving souls through our Sunday school services. Rev. G. M. Akin, who has served the District as Superintendent for the past year in such an efficient and

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loving manner, was unanimously re-elected, and has the work on the District well in hand. His wife, who is one of the most able preachers in the South, was elected District Evangelist. We, as a District, feel greatly encouraged, and feel that God has marvelously blessed us by sending our way such Spirit-filled and efficient workers as Brother and Sister Akin. Therefore, we have concluded that there isn't enough for us to just dabble around the shore, but with such leadership, we are going to launch out into the deep, expecting God to make this one of the strongest districts in the South. We cannot let up until the victory is won. At the close of the Assembly Dr. Goodwin held an ordination and dedication service which could not be excelled, and as we left for our homes we felt that we had been richly paid with God's blessings, and we are praying that He will keep a tide of revivals over the District during this entire year.

J. J. THOMPSON, Reporter.

THE UNION MINISTERIAL CONVENTION COLUMBUS, OHIO

The second annual convention of the Church of Christ in Christian Union and the Church of the Nazarene of the Ohio District, met in Columbus, Ohio, at the Church of the Nazarene November 17 to 21. Rev. L. N. Fogg, pastor of the local Church of the Nazarene and Revs. G. C. McKibban and G. W. Smith, local pastors of the Churches of Christ in Christian Union, with their congregations, royally took care of the convention.

There must have been nearly one hundred pastors and evangelists present; representing Methodists, Pilgrim Holiness, Friends, United Brethren, Nazarenes, and Church of Christ in Christian Union, and perhaps others.

General Superintendent Williams of the Church of the Nazarene and Rev. M. G. Standley of the Bible School at Cincinnati, were the engaged workers and God greatly blessed their sermons and lectures.

The topics read before the convention by the preachers of the different denominations represented, showed deep thought and careful preparation and the discussions were very helpful to all. Dr. Vayhinger of Indiana, E. O. Chalfant of Chicago Central District, Evangelists J. L. Glascock of Cincinnati, S. L. Flowers of Wilmore, with many other strong and noble men and women of God were a great blessing to the convention.

The night services were evangelistic and were times of "refreshing from the presence of the Lord" and many around the altar found Jesus precious to their souls as Savior or Sanctifier.

The Convention was such a great success that it was unanimously voted to have another in 1925.

W. W. LOVLESS, Reporter.

INDIANA DISTRICT

The Lord is continuing to pour out His Spirit upon the work of the Indiana District. We praise Him for His many blessings, and the glorious victories God is giving all up and down the state.

Many glorious revivals among the churches and the work steadily advancing along all lines. The fall months have been busy good days with the Superintendent, as we have hurried from place to place strengthening the churches, raising money, dedicating new churches and seeing souls pray through in the good old-fashioned way at the altar. We have been campaigning in some new fields this fall. We have a nice new class organized at Monroeville, and Rev. Glaze, recently of the M. E. church, has accepted the pastorate. With a good tent meeting conducted in Valparaiso since the Assembly and Sister Mertie Hooker remaining as pastor, we have the beginning of a good work there. Much building and securing of property has been in progress this fall. Rev. Barker, pastor of our new church at Logansport, and his good people have purchased two nice lots, and have a new thirty-six by sixty church building enclosed, and the outlook is for a good strong work in this splendid town. Brother Bradley and his good people have recently completed a splendid brick basement which they are using to worship in at Churubusco. We recently had a good Sunday with Rev. Pendry, pastor at Dunkirk, where we dedicated our church and parsonage purchased some months ago. Sister Bouse and her good people at Alexandria are erecting a nice church building. We go next Sunday to Arcana with Brother Barton to dedicate their recently completed church home. Brother Frank Wasson and

this class are building a nice little church with a full basement at Mackey. Our new church at Bedford, where Rev. Henry Cornelius is pastor, is completing a splendid new concrete block church, forty by sixty auditorium with full basement. Brother Winger at Crawfordsville is starting well, having recently purchased a parsonage, and they are now going in for an old-fashioned revival with Rev. Flanery. A few Sundays ago we had a beautiful time dedicating our church at Elwood, with Brother Green. Brothers Akers is doing fine work at Elkhart, and a splendid church building, forty by seventy auditorium with full basement, is under construction, and will be ready for occupation by the first of the year. Brother White of South Gary is calling us to come and dedicate their new church. We certainly enjoyed the great dedicatory service with Dr. Williams at First Church, Indianapolis, Nov. sixteenth, where Brother and Sister Lillenas are building up a large congregation. We are to be with Rev. Quinn of South Side Indianapolis December 7th, for a great opening day in their church, which has been enlarged to accommodate double its former capacity. At Stinesville our new class is in their new concrete block building, and Rev. J. A. Williams is with them in a revival. We find our pastors working hard and pushing the battle on all lines; also our evangelists are doing splendid work. We are expecting a profitable and inspiring Sunday School and Young People's Convention next week at Modoc. We love the work of the Lord. Praise God for our church. We feel like doing all we can to stand by our institutions, and carry the gospel to the needy of earth. Personally, we are enjoying full salvation. The presence of the Holy Ghost abides in our heart, and we feel like pressing on.

J. W. SHORT, District Superintendent.

REVIVAL AND CHURCH NEWS

"NEW BRIGHTON, PA., Church of the Nazarene has just closed a three Sunday meeting with Rev. B. B. Bulla of Burlington, N. C., as evangelist. This was the best special meeting we have had during my pastorate here. Brother Bulla has his own way of presenting the truth. We can recommend him to any church or pastor."—Jas. M. Davidson, Pastor.

"GUIDE ROCK, NEBRASKA, has just closed a good meeting in which Mack Anderson and wife of Hutchinson, Kans., were the evangelists. Brother Anderson preaches with great plainness and power and Sister Anderson sings in the Spirit without affectation. Any church securing their services will be benefited in every way. A number of souls prayed through to victory and the church was greatly benefited. The evangelist was well paid, and a nice love offering and pounding was given to the pastor. Twenty-eight subscriptions for the HERALD OF HOLINESS were secured. We are encouraged to go on with the fight and are expecting better things than ever before."—Samuel Rich, Pastor.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE COMING. District Superintendent Hipple of Kansas sent seven. District Superintendent Threadgill of San Antonio sent three. District Superintendent Miller of New England sent twenty; Evangelist J. A. Rodgers sent one list of fourteen and another of eighteen; other evangelists have sent as follows: Bona Fleming four, Theo. Elsner fifty-seven, Theo. Ludwig eight, Barbara Harrington six, Jarrette Aycock thirty-six, Grace Edwards six, Howard Welsh eighteen, Mack Anderson twenty-eight, I. M. Ellis sixty, A. O. Henricks four, D. I. Vanderpool forty-nine, and a list or two from

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"Uncle Buddie." Pastors have reported as follows: W. P. Olin, Grand Junction, Colo., seven; George L. Chesmore of Illinois, four; C. E. Toney, West Side, Oklahoma City, four; and Roy Swim, Froid, Mont., five. Also Mrs. T. B. Dean of Montrose, Ga., sent six and many others came direct from the subscribers themselves. The Circulation Manager says he is going to set in soon to make a campaign to lift the subscription list to thirty thousand, and if he sets in to do it, he will just about succeed.

EVANGELIST DR. D. F. BROOKS, writing from Holland-America, says, "This beats the Dutch—no this is the Dutch—the real thing, indeed. In this pure Dutch township of western Pennsylvania, Andreas is the post office, we have been afloat in a spiritual aeroplane, wafted along by the holy atmospheric action of many heavenly gales, all the way from 1,000 to 10,000 feet above this old sinful, carnal world, for two weeks past, preaching the two works to a crowded church of pure Dutch, with many babies asleep and not a dog to be seen or heard. With seekers at the altar and at least forty men and as many women ready to pray and lift with a pure faith until the holy victory comes down. How earnest and how pure they are, and such a lot of young people coming on. How it cheered my heart to see this possible perpetuation of a holiness church here! We are compelled to remain a week longer at the neighboring town of McKeanport, Pa."

PASTORS FRANK AND HELEN LEHMAN, Ashtabula, Ohio, write, "Have just closed a good revival with Evangelist Theo. Elsner and wife of Brooklyn, N. Y. There were 143 seekers, counting them as they came. Seventeen new members were received into the church. Fifty-seven subscriptions, new and renewals, for the HERALD of HOLINESS were taken. Over \$1,000 in cash and pledges were received for

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all purposes. Our Sunday school is gaining in membership and interest, the enrollment being around 400. The young people are full of zeal for lost souls, and as a church we are 'pressing on'. To God be all the glory."

PASTOR P. P. BELEW, Marion Ind., writes, "We are forging ahead. Last year we increased fourteen per cent in membership, decreased our indebtedness sixty per cent, and raised more than \$74 per capita for all purposes. We now have a committee looking for a site for a new church in a central location and we expect to build next summer. Evangelist M. M. Himler of Bluffton, Ind., recently conducted a revival with us. He did splendid work and we had a steady stream of salvation."

EVANGELISTS V. W. AND MARGUERITE LITRELL, write, "We have just closed a good meeting with our Mangum, Okla., church. This meeting was put on during the busy cotton season, and our crowds could have been better, but God came on the scene in saving and sanctifying power, and a fine number prayed through. This meeting was said to be, in many respects, the best ever held at this place. The church has as its pastor, Rev. E. A. Green, and he is a fine pastor. We thoroughly enjoyed laboring with him. He is untiring in his efforts to make a meeting a success. The Lord is using him in building a good work at this place. We put on a Sunday school rally, which was a good "boost" to their growing Sunday school. The people very readily responded to our suggestion that the pastor be "pounded." Then the last night of the meeting a "love offering" was raised for a new overcoat for the pastor. The good old HERALD of HOLINESS was remembered, and a nice list has been sent in. We are getting a good start here in Lexington, Ky. Seekers from the first service. On, with the Revival."

PASTOR ORVILLE L. MAISH, Modoc, Ind., writes, "We came here at the close of the Assembly, and found a fine band of Nazarenes, who love God and are shouting the victory. They have proved a blessing to their pastor, and have stood by him loyally. Upon our arrival here we began immediately to make plans and arrangements for the remodeling of the old parsonage. Two new rooms were built on the back, and a large front porch was added. Also a new roof was put on, and the inside of the house was remodeled throughout, so we now have a fine eight room parsonage. We have a fine Sunday school which is increasing in both interest and attendance. Our record attendance for this Assembly year is 143, with an average attendance of 102."

PASTORS GEORGE AND FLORA BRINKMAN, Paulding, Ohio, write, "God is blessing and giving us victory. We had a three weeks' meeting in June in which there were a number of seekers and from which there were some lasting results. Had good crowds every Sunday all summer. Have repainted our church and put it in fine condition. We are in a fine location on the main street. Recently closed a good meeting with Rev. Dye, a former pastor, who is greatly loved by this people among whom he labored for three years, as the evangelist. There were forty seekers at the altar. Have lately taken in ten members, and expect some more soon."

EVANGELIST HOWARD SWEETEN, writes, "Just closed a meeting in which there were about a hundred seekers at Ironton, Ohio. Some twenty or more united with the church the last Sunday. Brother and Sister Brandyberry, the pastors, were a blessing in the singing, of which they had charge. They have the situation well in hand and will, no doubt, be able to conserve the fruits of the revival. All during the meeting we had fine crowds. We are now beginning at Science Hill, Ky., with Pastor Elwood Taylor. Outlook is good."

PASTOR L. E. SHAW, Ryan, Okla., writes, "Zone number 8 held its meeting at Waurika, Okla., Nov. 25, and had a good day. Brother J. C. Short of Marlow led the singing. Pastor Richey of Duncan, brought the morning message, Missionary Klein spoke just after dinner, Pastor Matlock of Marlow conducted a "Round Table," and C. W. Wistler brought the afternoon message. Pastor Shaw from Ryan preached in the evening. Our next meeting will be at Marlow the last Tuesday in December. The church at Ryan enjoyed the three services which Missionary Keihn gave us, and at the last service \$82 was taken up for missions."

PASTOR BEN MATHISEN, Fergus Falls, Minn., writes, "God's blessings are upon us and we are steadily moving on. Last Sunday was a good day. One young man, recently saved, joined the church. Rev. Eva Mathisen, associate pastor, filled the pulpit morning and evening. The evening subject was "The Final Test." Three were at the altar. December 14th we are to begin a revival in our new basement with E. E. Gale of Freeman, S. D., as evangelist. District Superintendent Morrison and others will assist."

PASTOR P. R. JARRELL, Peoria, Ariz., writes, "Have recently closed a revival in which Dr. J. E. L. Moore was the evangelist. There were about forty professions of regeneration or entire sanctification and the church was wonderfully built up. Dr. Moore is a wonderful preacher, a great soul winner

and one of the very best personal workers. We have a fine class of about forty-five young people in our Society, and the Lord is wonderfully blessing them in their work. We are determined by the grace of God to make this the best year of our lives."

EVANGELIST E. T. ADAMS, writes, "On October 26th we closed a three Sunday meeting in the Church of the Nazarene at Muncie, Ind., where H. T. Davis, formerly pastor of Epworth M. E. Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa, is pastor. He did a good work in Council Bluffs and is doing a good work in Muncie. He and his wife and daughter were a real benediction to the meeting. The fire fell in the first service of the revival and there were very few empty altars after that. Some of the altar scenes were equal to those seen in the best camp

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meetings. W. B. Yates, one of the greatest gospel singers in the nation, had charge of the music. After the Muncie meeting we had a fourteen days meeting in the M. E. Church-at Swan, near Avilla, Ind. Quite a number prayed through for pardon or entire sanctification. T. H. Runyon, an old Asbury College boy, and one of the most devout men that we have ever met, is pastor here. We are now in the beginning of the second week in the M. E. Church at Redkey, Ind., with B. H. Franklin, another Asbury man, as pastor. Brother Yates is with us here. The fire is falling and souls are praying through."

EVANGELIST M. F. LIENARD, writes, "The last two meetings in which we labored were at Pittsburg, Kansas, with Pastor Ira Stevens, and at Goff, Kansas, with Pastor George Howard. The Pittsburg meeting ran twenty-five days, during which time we stayed in the pastor's home. We knew Brother Stevens before he entered into the active ministry, when he was a leader of the Holiness Band in Lawrence, Kansas. He is a congenial co-laborer and has splendid qualities as a pastor. He is favored just now with a pastorate in which he can exercise these qualities. Our meeting was profitable, no doubt, but not from the standpoint of more seekers than could get to the altar, for seekers were rather few. We saw other omens of prosperity in evidence which bespeak future success to the Pittsburg Church, if the program is not hindered. The fragrance of the fellowship we enjoyed with this people abides with us still. Our meeting with Brother George Howard at Goff, Kansas, ran over five Sundays. We found there a little band of the early church type, loyal, praying, tithing and shouting the battle on to victory. On the second Sunday morning we had a splendid altar service, instead of preaching. The spirit of revival was on the people. From that on, conviction was in evidence and a goodly number were both saved and sanctified. The oldest man converted was seventy-five years old, who had spent most of his life playing his "fiddle" for dances. When we closed he was playing his "violin" in the church. Some very promising young people were saved and sanctified and are taking hold in a commendable way. The last Sunday afternoon the pastor conducted an immersion baptismal service. The candidates were blessed in their obedience and a large crowd saw God's approval on the service. Brother Howard has been pastor on this field of labor for eight or ten years, the people are not wanting a change and peace and harmony prevail."

PASTOR T. C. GRIGSBY of Hull, Ill., writes, "We were called back to the pastorate here for the second year by unanimous vote, and are pushing ahead. Attendance is good and there is a fine spirit in all our services. We have organized a Woman's Missionary Society that is proving a great blessing. I have just closed an eighteen days meeting in Ilasco, Mo. Attendance and interest were good from the beginning and there were twenty-three seekers. Good prospect for a Church of the Nazarene there. If we will organize, the Holiness Mission of Hanibal, Mo., will deed us their property in Ilasco. The District Superintendent will see about this organization about the middle of December. There is not a Protestant church in that town. Will start a meeting near Center, Mo., December 3. Please pray for Sister Chas. Reed of Hull, Ill., that she may be healed. She has undergone several operations and is not able to stand another."

EVANGELISTS DUNHAM AND PUTNEY, write, "Nov. 23 we closed a meeting at Edna, Okla., with good victory. A good class was organized and others are expecting to come in soon. Some elderly people who have used 'the weed' since childhood were delivered from the appetite. We are now in a meeting at Okmulgee, Okla. Good prospects for

a work here. There are some holiness people here already and they want a holiness church."

PASTOR CLYDE DAILEY, McAllen, Texas, writes, "God is blessing us here. Are having some wonderful street meetings. Two Mexican preachers came and helped us out last Sunday. We could not understand much of what they said, but God was with them and we shouted them on. Crowds immense. We came here without promise of a salary, but God is supplying our needs. We are encouraged over the prospects and are looking to God for a great work here."

PASTOR DAVID H. KEELER, Gouverneur, N. Y., writes, "Our church here has just closed a glorious revival with Rev. D. M. Coulson as evangelist. Forty-eight gave their testimonies as being either saved or sanctified. Ten men, heads of families, testified to being saved and sanctified. Five united with the church and ten more have expressed the desire to do so. We now have thirty-nine members. Brother Henry Dailey having passed away the last night of the campaign. The crowds were good all the way through and the last night every available seat was occupied. It was impressive to see men and women who had not been to church in years pray through to God. Brother Coulson is a mighty revivalist and helps the pastor and people. We were greatly assisted in the meeting by the singing of Mrs. Ethel Leveck of Richland, N. Y. We expect to have Brother Coulson for another meeting in the spring."

EVANGELIST W. F. CLEGHORN, writes, "Had a hard fought battle at Comanche, Okla., with but few visible results, but we believe the church was helped and three claimed victory. Pastor Wistler is getting a good hold, and they are in the way to secure a good location and a church. The Morris Sisters of Shawnee sang for the meeting and will also sing for Tegarden, Okla, meeting where we go next."

COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS, CHURCH, through its reporter, Mrs. Mary Levan, says, "This is Pastor W. A. Menneke's third year with us, and he is preaching better than ever. Much conviction is

on, souls are being saved every Sunday night and sometimes during the week. Not a barren Sunday night service since the District Assembly. If our crowds continue to increase we will soon have to enlarge our tabernacle. The normal temperature here is that of a revival. Our average Sunday school attendance is 140 and we have a fine N. Y. P. S., of nearly fifty members; they have called Lum Jones and L. C. Messer to hold their second annual revival in January. Pray that God will give us a revival that will shake this city and then enable us to build a real brick edifice to house a real holiness church."

MRS. ANNIE WILSON of Davis, Okla., writes of the death of her mother, 84 years of age, at Denison, Texas, July 6th of this year. The mother, Mrs. Mary S. Parker, was a member of our church at Sulphur, Okla.

THIS WEEK'S SUBSCRIPTIONS include the following lists: 10 from Evangelist W. R. Cain; 6 from Evangelist D. M. Spell; 4 from Evangelist F. R. Morgan; 17 from Evangelist J. B. McBride; 6 from Pastor Swain, Escondido, Calif.; 14 from Pastor Lillenas, First Church, Indianapolis; 11 from Prof. London, Hutchinson, Kans.; 9 from Pastor Q. A. Deek, Kearney, Nebr.; 14 from Mrs. Bertha L. Schell, Detroit, Mich.; 16 from Rev. H. T. Nutter, Jonesboro, Ark.; 6 from Rev. Chas. Dick; and 12 from A. C. Welch, Treasurer of our First Church, Columbus, Ohio.

"EVANGELIST J. H. CALLAWAY came to Pilot Grove school house, five miles from Ozark, Ark., and preached at night and visited the homes of the people in the day time. He is a good preacher and wonderfully gifted in the work of visitation. His work was blessed and we had a glorious meeting!" —N. M. Marshall, Reporter.

PROF. C. C. AND MARGARET CRAMMOND closed a meeting in Courtland M. E. Church, Rockford, Mich., Nov. 23. They were with us twelve days, and we rejoice that God so mightily used them in awakening souls and bringing conviction upon them, and praying with them unto victory. More than forty people bowed at the altar seeking pardon and

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EVANGELIST J. B. McBRIDE, writes, "We closed a good meeting at Danville, Illinois Sunday night, November 23. The Lord was with us from the beginning; and the last day was a glorious climax with a goodly number of happy finders of pardon and purity. District Superintendent Chalfant was with us and added to the spiritual force of the meeting. Rev. T. W. Willingham of Olivet, the Girl's Glee Club from Olivet College and Rev. J. Y. Jones and his good people from Georgetown came in. The good Free Methodist pastor, Rev. Black, brought his people one night as a special delegation. He has a splendid people in Danville. Prof. B. D. Sutton and wife were with us over the closing days, rendering us great service in song. Miss Naomi Wisler, daughter of our good pastor in Danville, had charge of the music during the entire meeting, until the Suttons came. Miss Wisler is a wonderful singer, and she sings religious songs that take hold of the people. There are no better people than Brother Wisler and his family with whom we stayed, and have known for many years. He is a good pastor, and fine preacher, and above all he and his family live all they profess, and are loved by their people. Dr. Sanford and his faculty are having a most successful year at Olivet College; we were out and held chapel service for them once. The Suttons and I opened the battle in Lima, Ohio, last night with a good start. This is a new field for our work so pray for us to have a real revival."

REV. A. T. POUNDERS DIED NOV. 14TH at the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. He had been operated on for appendicitis twelve days before. During his brief illness, he suffered intensely, but bore it patiently. Brother Pounders was an able preacher. He was a member of the Tennessee District of the Church of the Nazarene. He had been married three times. He leaves a daughter by his first marriage, also a boy and a girl by his second wife, who, since their mother's death have made their home with their aunt, Miss Putnam, of Cincinnati, Ohio. By his last wife, who was Miss Winnie Rogers of Earl Ark., he leaves three children. May God bless and comfort and care for the bereaved."—A. J. Vallery, Pastor.

W. A. HOFFMAN, Jamestown, N. D., sends reports of the revival at the Jamestown Holiness Academy which closed November 2. Pastor Wordsworth of our church in Minneapolis was the preacher during the last week and his work is highly commended by Principal Wiley of the Academy. Many of the students in the school were blessed in the meeting. Pastor Finch of our church in Jamestown and his people helped along the meeting with their presence and prayers.

PASTORS J. P. AND ROSA INGLE, Wichita Falls, Texas, write, "After leaving the pastorate at Shelbyville, Ind., we had a good little meeting, with a number of seekers, at Greenfield, Okla. Then we visited with our people and preached in a number of places until the Hamlin Assembly came on. Then we accepted the pastorate here, and we feel that we have a great field before us. The people received us gladly, and God has given us several souls already. We do not have a commodious building or a very desirable location here, but we are planning to either remodel or build."

EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE is coming on well with their effort to raise the first \$40,000 of the \$60,000 which they have set out to gather for the clearing of the indebtedness on the school. On November 20 they had \$33,000 subscribed and were expecting to have the \$40,000 by December 1.

EVANGELIST W. E. ELLIS, writes from Dodsonville, Texas, "I am now located here. Am pastoring the church, giving them as much time as I can. The first month of the new Assembly year has passed with great victory. Just closed a great rally in a blaze of glory. Rev. E. L. Looman, Rev. L. Lee Gaines and Rev. J. B. Ellis (my oldest brother) did the preaching. It was wonderful. The people cried, shouted, laughed and leaped for joy. We are going over the top on every line. By the first of the year we will have our entire budget raised. This month we have raised for all purposes nearly one thousand dollars in cash, and have taken in nine new members. Sunday school increasing, and preaching services as well. Think of it—less than one year ago the church doors were closed. Our services are crowned with the glory of God. Everything in perfect harmony. Oh, glory! Our God is able."

PASTOR SAM BOZARTH of our North Austin, Texas, Church, writes, "Nov. 23 was a great day with us. We moved into our new building. We have a lot

75 x 150 in one of the best locations in this part of the city. The new building is 35 x 50. Had 115 in the Sunday school and raised a nice sum on the new building. Good service, with two professions, at night. The future was never brighter."

EVANGELIST D. J. WAGGONER, Hamlin, Texas, writes, "We have been on the go, preaching holiness in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. God has given us souls in every meeting, and we find no place to stop."

"OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL AT FIRST CHURCH, Hutchinson, Kansas has subscribed for the HERALD of HOLINESS to go to every pastor in the city. We are also purchasing one hundred extra copies each week to distribute in the city. Who can estimate the good that will be accomplished in this way? The object is two-fold! First, the HERALD of HOLINESS will give good reading material for those who scan its pages. Second, by stamping the address of our local church on the papers, it will help to advertise our local church. Go Thou and Do Likewise."—A. S. London.

"GOFF, KANS., CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE closed a four weeks' meeting led by Evangelist M. F. Lienard recently. Brother Lienard preached the old time gospel under the anointing of the Spirit. About twenty prayed through to pardon or entire sanc-

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL NOTICE—We have recently learned that on account of a change in his slate, Evangelist Roy L. Hollenback, Mansfield, Ill., has two dates for three Sunday meetings open. One date begins February 12, the other begins March 5th. Any pastor or church desiring his services will do well to communicate with him at the above address at once.—Editor.

NOTICE—If you have any friends or relatives in Wichita Falls, Texas, whom you would like for us to call on, please send us their names and addresses. We want to build a strong work here.—J. P. and Rosa Ingle, Pastors, Church of the Nazarene, 1209 5th St., Wichita Falls, Texas.

CORRECTION—Dr. T. E. Mangum is an elder in the Idaho-Oregon District, instead of a licensed preacher as stated in Brother Fleming's report of the Sanitarium in HERALD OF HOLINESS Nov. 12.—Gertrude Slack, R. N.

NOTICE—Due to a serious throat affection, I have been compelled to cancel all my dates, but would like to get in touch at once with an evangelistic party requiring the services of a qualified pianist. Best references can be furnished.—Rev. L. W. Stanger, 409 W. Main St., Madison, Ind.

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NOTICE—Evangelist J. E. Hughes of Kingswood, Ky., is in a meeting with Pastor Floyd Honchal at Louisville, Ky., and requests an interest in prayer. Brother Hughes has some open dates in January and February.—Editor.

NOTICE—I am a commissioned evangelist and have a tent. Am ready to make dates for meetings.—A. M. Youngblood, R. 2, Box 275, Ft. Smith, Ark.

TELEGRAMS

DENVER, COLO.
Great Young People's revival in Brother Haynie's church. Brother and Sister Owen great with young people. Ought to be kept busy, have open date in December. Had fine revivals up to date. Convention next week. Strong men at altar. Conviction deep, work fine. If you want revival, call Owen.—M. M. Short, District President.

Closed good meeting last night at Kansas City, Grace Church—greatest, I suppose, in the history of the church. Crowds increased throughout. Conviction was pungent and general, resulting in fruitful altar work. Twenty-one professions in two last services. Fine love offering for pastor. Vincennes, Ind., next.—Oscar Hudson.

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Great revival on at Ellis, Louisiana. Spiritual tide too high for preaching the last two days. Souls praying through every service. New pastor, Rev. J. W. Cook, well loved by his people. Church wonderfully encouraged. Mrs. Akin and writer evangelists.—G. M. Akin, District Superintendent.

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