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Holiness, A Five-Fold Preparation

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PART FOUR

IN previous articles we considered holiness as a preparation for service, for the coming of the Lord, and for death. In this article we shall consider it as a preparation for the judgment.

One of the great fundamental truths set forth in the Word, is the fact of a day of judgment. With no uncertain sound does the Old Testament warn the people concerning that great day. There we read that “God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing.” “For he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.” Daniel presents a most marvelous panorama of that scene that shall come to pass, a part of which is—“Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.”

More startling and often does the New Testament portray that coming day. There we are told that “We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.” And again, “Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.” It would seem that God was keeping pretty close tab on the world when He says, “Some men’s sins are opened beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after;” and again, when He declares in Revelation that “The books were opened . . . and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”

Those who do not believe in any future judgment, do not give God credit for having as much wisdom in the management of His affairs as we claim to have in ours. We have our court houses—judgment houses—where the judges sit and pronounce judgment upon individuals, for we know the necessity of it. So also God “hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness.”

There may be differences of opinion among Bible students concerning the times or number of God’s judgments, the times in which they occur, whether the judgment of the Great White Throne of the twentieth chapter of Revelation has reference to a general judgment or not, and whether God’s prepared people shall come into judgment with the unsaved; but one thing sure, the judgment is coming, and the sinner must meet his life, and the saint will get what is intended for him. Whatever it involves, how long it may last, the *modus operandi* of that great day, when it is all over every saint and every sinner will be positively sure and eternally satisfied that the judgment was righteous, and that all got what was properly coming to

them, with no partiality shown, everything searched out, and no need of any appeal. There are no appellate courts in the skies.

Another sure thing is that (whatever the judgment may mean, either to the saint or the sinner, whether a judgment of rewards to the one, or a judgment of condemnation to the other) that judgment will not take place immediately after death. It is not time yet to award the apostle Paul. Wait until the beneficent influence of that holy life has all been gathered in; until the last sinner who will shall find a refuge in the Christ because he preached and wrote. Wait until all the good that he accomplished and all that is still being done through the long line of helpfulness that he extended has been garnered—then give him his crown and his reward.

It is not time to judge that blatant infidel and Christ rejector. Some more poor souls will yet be damned through his books and the stream of death that he started. Wait until the last man has been poisoned by his deadly teachings, and then bring forth the whole array and present it to him and let him see how he cursed the earth and humanity by his ungodly influence. God has His day and time when all these things shall be brought out.

Inasmuch as there must be a settling time when God shall weigh the individual in the balances of divine justice, does it not behoove us to prepare for that great event? Then what is the preparation for that day? Let me not give my opinion on such an important subject, but rather let me give God’s truth on it. Here it is: “Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment” (1 John 4: 17).

Perfect love is only another expression of the life of holiness. Perfect love, or the experience of holiness is that divine grace or preparation which will make the heart bold in that great day. Others will fear and tremble but the possessors of perfect love will have no more fear than children in their father’s house—they will feel at home. On the side of the sinner will be his wicked life, every sin in word, thought, deed, and neglected duty; how he rejected Christ and spurned His mercy, trampled the Bible under his unhallowed feet, did despite to the Spirit of God, hardened his heart and stiffened his neck, and followed his own sinful inclinations—all of these (with no Savior, no atoning blood, no pardon) will stand up in solid phalanx to frown him into hell. But what about those who are prepared? All their sins will be found to have been washed

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WHAT SIZE CHURCH IS MOST EFFICIENT?

COUNTRY places and small towns always have the fight of their lives to keep the church membership large enough to be really efficient; but in centers of population it is easily possible for a church to become too large to be efficient.

I have lived for a good many years in one or another of our college communities where our people collect for the purpose of educating their children, and I have seen some pathetic things in the religious lives of the people that I have seen in these places. I remember one dear man who had really been a pillar in the holiness work of his own little community. He had been a frequent leader of the prayer-meetings, and in his community the leader had to give a lengthy comment on the Scripture lesson or a good exhortation, for there were not many to pray and testify and use up the time. He had been steward, Sunday school superintendent, camp-meeting manager and any thing else that the work required. But when he came to the college community there were so many that "could do better" the dear old "war horse" from the small community was not especially needed. If he stayed at home, very few missed him, and if he did any thing it was but a minor part compared with what he used to do "at home." The result was that the new situation was not conducive of growth in grace and this faithful man often thought of "the old days" as much better than the days he found in "the big place."

Unless a man has children to educate or else is old and simply wants a place to "retire" for his last days, I would not advise him to move to one of our colleges. Inactivity is poor indeed for soul development and frequently the man with but little to do develops into a trouble maker for those who are trying to carry on the work of God. Find a good, hard place, brother, and strike in there—you will have but little competition and the demands will bring you to your best.

But a city church can become so large that it is unwieldy and only moderately efficient. There will be so many *fine* pianists and *good* singers until the temptations to jealousy will be many. The finances will come so easy that very few will be stirred to do their best. The opportunities for rendering real, necessary Christian service will not be numerous enough to go all the way around. And, worst of all, the requirements for activity in the worship in the House of God will not fall heavily enough upon each single individual. These are some of the *natural* reasons why it is hard to keep a big church spiritual.

We do not want any *splits* in our Nazarene churches, but it is a splendid thing for Nazarenes to *swarm* pretty regularly. When the mother church is large, and a considerable number of the members live in a certain section of the city, let them "hew out a kingdom" for themselves in their own locality. This is just what has happened in Los An-



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geles, Indianapolis, Chicago, and in other Nazarene centers and it is a plan that works. There are many more places where "swarming" would be good for the old "hive" as well as the means of raising up a new *going* church.

It is a little hard for the mother church to be just as helpful to the new organization as she might be, especially if the new church is so located as to become a strong rival. But a splendid thing happened in Pasadena, Calif., a few months ago. The First Methodist church is building a new church of splendid proportions. Another Methodist church, much weaker in numbers and financial ability, is also planning to build. The larger church met and voted unanimously to give the weaker church all the fine building stone in the old building of the stronger church and to give them a donation of twenty-five thousand dollars besides. I will speak of a like occurrence just as proudly whenever it takes place among Nazarene churches.

Then it is all very nice for a Nazarene who lives in the neighborhood where the new church is started to keep his membership in the big strong church and go right away from the little struggling class of his neighbors to attend the services at the mother church. But a Nazarene should be happiest where he is most useful and most contented where he can find the most to do. Our object is not simply to have a church *home*, but to serve God by carrying the Gospel to men. Genuinely sanctified Christians will go any reasonable distance to attend the worship of God, but the worldly minded whom we wish to reach will not go far, so we must, as far as possible, bring the church to them.

The most efficient church is one that has a membership that is able only with considerable effort to meet the running expenses of the church and which has to give to the benevolences out of real sacrifice. A church can be so small that it will be inefficient, but if it is only large enough that it takes the united prayers and efforts of all the members to keep "the glory down" and keep things going, then it is more likely that all will put their best into it and that the best spiritual progress will be made.

"ABSENTEE EDITORS"

THE above is the title of an editorial in a recent issue of *The Baptist* in which the editor discusses the difficulties of the editor's position with reference to "Resolutions, Addresses," etc., which are passed upon by conventions and "ordered" printed in the church paper. The editor declares that he received enough such material within a six-weeks' period to fill his paper for a whole year.

Nazarenes, you know, are getting to be pretty strong on conventions and it might

surprise you to know the number of "papers," etc., that are sent to us with the information that a certain "preacher's convention" "ordered" them published in the HERALD OF HOLINESS. And usually these papers are of a didactic nature, dealing with some phase of the "machinery" of the church, and if we were to publish them all, we would have a paper that almost no one would want.

Then, too, most of these papers show evidence of having been hastily written, and they usually follow a freedom in argument that is very much in place in a preachers' meeting, but which is entirely too wordy for the paper. Whenever some one does read a paper at one of our conventions that appeals to the brethren as being exceptional enough to merit a place in the paper, it seems to me that it would be a good plan for the convention to ask the writer to work his address over with the view of offering its substance to the HERALD OF HOLINESS. And in working it over, it would be fine if the writer would reduce it to not more than three double spaced typewritten pages, so it will occupy only one page in the HERALD OF HOLINESS.

PREACHERS WHO DON'T PREACH

THE statement appeared in the "Official Organ" of one of the strongest Protestant churches recently that *one third of the ministers* of that church are not in the pastorate. After making allowance for those engaged in other church work and for superintendents the editor estimated that twenty-five per cent of the ordained ministers who are not in the pastorate have no proper excuse for being out of the ranks.

I had a letter from the General Secretary of the Church of the Nazarene a few days ago announcing that it is the purpose to publish a year book for our church very soon. Until this is done, information concerning the exact status of our own preachers is not fully available. But I have been pretty well over the country and have felt increasing surprise at the number of Nazarene preachers, many of them ordained elders, that are to be found everywhere, but especially in Southern California, Oregon, Washington, and other places noted for their friendly climates, and around Nazarene centers, who are out of the active ministry *without legitimate excuse*.

Now, if a preacher has just failed to make good, I don't know what to say. Perhaps he was never called to preach at all (for I do not believe God ever called a man to *fail*); if such is the case, it would be best for him and for the cause of Christ if he would surrender his credentials and not pose any longer as a preacher. Also, there should be greater care in the election of men to elders orders. I always very much regret to see an assembly ordain a man who *has not already* proved that he has dedicated himself to the Gospel ministry. I just can not get over the feeling that it is a disgrace for us to have ordained ministers all about the country in the marts of business and in the secular callings.

If a man has made good or can make good, we need him. If we haven't a church for him right now, we will pray for him and boost for him and help him dig one out. We will give him his choice of a country, village or city location and will help him plant a church anywhere he has the courage to desire and to make one. There are a thousand good locations for Churches of the Nazarene in America just waiting for a man of courage to enter and take possession.

A little while ago a preacher told me that he had been forced to join another denomination to "get work." He said that before he made the change he wrote to seven district superintendents and not one of them had anything to offer him that he could afford to take. But I know of another preacher who decided to come to the Nazarene church; so he called on the district superintendent to come to his town and put on a campaign. At the close of the campaign, a good church was organized, the preacher came in as one of the charter members and the new church unanimously called him for pastor. If a man really wants to preach and has the courage and faith to undertake a place where "There is a great work to be done," there is plenty of room for him in the Church of the Nazarene.

THE CHILDLESS HOME

A FEW days ago I could not avoid listening to a man on the train who was telling of his love for children and was saying that his wife shared this characteristic with him. He said that God had given them no children and that he felt that it was such a loss that they were not permitted to contribute to the moulding of some useful life. The woman to whom he talked was the proud mother of several children. At first she expressed sympathy for the lonely childless pair, but finally a bright thought struck her, and she said, "Well, there are just lots of fine, promising children that have been left dependent, why don't you find one and adopt it." It turned out that the man had just this thought in mind and before the conversation closed he had agreed to adopt a certain two-year-old boy who had been left orphan.

I could not help but think upon the wisdom of the course to which this man agreed and immediately it occurred to me that I should pass on the advice which this woman gave. There ought not be any childless homes among Christian people. If God has really denied the gift of children, then this would seem to be a providential call to some homeless child to find a substitute for its lost blessing in your heart and home.

There is plenty of work for our Orphan's Home, and what I say must not be interpreted as overlooking its splendid service; but no public institution can be as good as a real Christian home. And what greater privilege could one ask than to be permitted to mould a life for time and for eternity?

Questions Answered

Herald of Holiness readers are invited to send in such questions as they may desire to have answered in this department.

Q. Is the Ku Klux Klan of God or of the Devil? D. E. C., La.

Ans. We would not even suggest that the principles of the "invisible empire" are bad or claim that the members of the order are wicked men. For this reason I do not venture the mere assertion that the Klan is of the Devil. But I believe that all secret societies are un-Scriptural and un-American and this one proposition would outlaw the Klan from my list of organizations. The arguments for and against the Klan are too well known to deserve rehearsal here; but, of course, Nazarenes will keep their church vows, anyway, and so none of them will join this "oath bound secret society or fraternity."

Q. (a) Did Christ suffer the absolute penalty which was our desert? If so, is not the debt paid? If not, in what way did He suffer in our stead? (b) When Christ was suffering death, was He looked upon by the Father as a sinner? (c) When Christ suffered death did the divine suffer with the human?

Ans. Christ did not suffer the exact and absolute penalty which was our desert; but He did suffer in such a manner and to such an extent that God could be just and yet justify the ungodly. The mercy of God enters into the pardon of every sinner as well as into the giving of His Son to die for all sinners. The Father never could look upon His Son as any other than He really was; hence did not look upon Him as a sinner. But because the Son was the substitute for sinners, the Father did withdraw His face from Him while He suffered upon the cross. At the incarnation the divine and human natures were united in one person in Christ and ever remained so united. Christ was not God and man, but was the God-man. Hence, both the divine and human natures entered into all the sufferings of Christ, and there can be no doubt but that it was the divine nature which gave the principal efficacy to His sufferings.

Q. Why do we say that the disciples tarried ten days for the baptism with the Holy Ghost when Pentecost means fifty and Jesus was in the tomb three days, then was with His disciples on earth forty days, thus leaving only seven days until Pentecost? F. R. M., Okla.

Ans. Pentecost was fifty days after Passover, but the count commenced with the "morrow after the Sabbath" and continued "unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath" (Lev. 23: 15, 16). That is, the count began on the very day that Jesus arose from the dead and taking off the forty days that He remained on earth would leave ten days yet until Pentecost.

Q. What does 1 Tim. 3: 2 mean by say-

ing that a bishop must be the husband of one wife? F. R. M., Okla.

Ans. He must be a married man and not a polygamist. He must have only one living wife at a time.

Q. What should be done with preachers who take members into the church who use tobacco and belong to lodges and the preacher knows of these conditions? F. R. M., Okla.

Ans. Charges should be preferred against them in the regular way.

Q. In view of our form of church government (Manual, page 37, paragraph 8) is it permissible to elect a lay member of the Church Board as its presiding officer in place of the ex-officio president, and would business transacted under said lay chairman be legal? H. D. S., Pa.

Ans. The pastor is chairman of the Church Board by virtue of his office and not because of his order. There is nothing to prohibit a layman from serving as chairman and in case there is no pastor, a layman might be elected to the office; or if the pastor is absent, any member of the Board, either ministerial or lay, could be elected chairman pro tem. If there is a pastor and he is present, he is the chairman and in that case the election is unnecessary and illegal and the business conducted would be illegal. When there is no pastor and the District Superintendent is not present, the Secretary is authorized to call the Church Board together (see paragraph 12, page 45).

Q. What applications would you make of the Apostle's prohibition against being "yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6: 14-18)? K. P., Ohio.

Ans. I would apply it to business partnerships, oath bound lodges and matrimony. Of course, the marriage bond is indissoluble, except for the cause of fornication, after it is entered into; but I would apply the scripture in question as a solemn warning to those contemplating matrimony and charge that Christians should marry only Christians.

Q. Does Satan know our thoughts? Is there a difference between the thoughts of our minds and the thoughts of our hearts? W. S., Pa.

Ans. Satan is not omniscient as God is, still there can be no doubt but that he possesses a very high degree of intelligence; and it is, therefore, likely that he knows more of our thoughts than any one else except God. A thought that is purely speculative possesses no moral quality—*this is a thought of evil*. A thought that involves the motives or the affections is a heart thought and is sinful—*this is an evil thought*. Take an example: I think of dishonesty as it exists in others and as it might exist in me, but when I think the same thought with the additional factor of desire to commit a dishonest act, or if I consent that I would commit the dishonest act under certain circumstances I have committed a heart sin. You can not well avoid thoughts of evil, but you should be saved from evil thoughts.

God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.—
John 4: 24.

THE passage of Scripture that forms the caption of this message is a hard saying for some people. This gross age of materialism is finding it more and more difficult to recognize and worship the God of the Bible in His essential spiritual character. People have so much to do with material things and physical forces and live so much in the realm of the things they see, that they do not readily turn their minds and hearts away to the unseen God. Though they are not asking for gods to go before them of the kind the children of Israel asked of Aaron when Moses was on the mountain communing with the invisible God, they are, it seems, putting great dependence in the *god of forces*.

Just as the statement "God is love" gives us a fundamental truth of the benevolent character of God, and "God is holy" is a basic doctrine of His moral nature, and "God is omnipotent and omniscient" conveys the idea of His might, power, and knowledge, so "God is a Spirit" is a fundamental truth of the composition of His being. The statement is beyond our understanding, we know. We are of the earth earthy and we think in terms of corporeal material composition so much that it is beyond our comprehension to speak of the composition of spirit. But whatever spirit is, God is of that composition in His being.

Much more depends on our proper recognition of the truth contained in this brief statement than at first one might think. In the first place by a knowledge of God as a spirit, i. e., without visible form, so common that we do not think of it at all, in our conscious mind, we are saved from the extravagances of the idolatry of the heathen. The heathen want a god they can see. We do not want a God we can see because we know the true God is invisible. I say we know this without having to stop to think about it. Nevertheless, this fundamental truth connects us up with other truths that did we but properly recognize them, we might be blessed, comforted, and instructed to edification more than we are: to say nothing of being saved from some extravagances of doctrine. For instance, did the modern unitarian skeptic but fully recognize it, it might not seem so contrary to reason that God in the person of His Son should dwell in a tenement of clay for the purpose of revealing His infinite love and mercy and making atonement for sin.

Again: miracles, as conjoined to creation, become but ordinary things when we once recognize the presence of the invisible, almighty, omniscient Spirit God. Then, again, it does not seem so strange that God would make man of a three-fold nature, one of which is called spirit, when we recognize that God Himself is Spirit. Too, the Adventist

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and Russellite doctrine of annihilation is more easily recognized as false when we understand that we are made in part of the same composition as His own eternal being. Connected with the recognition of this error is the truth of the eternal punishment of the wicked which is not so hard of comprehension when we once admit the fact of the Spirit-existing God.

Also it is easy to see how there can be a greater, better, and more glorious world than this we live in. Jesus talked about the glory He had with the Father before the world was. And when we see that God, whose throne is in heaven with the earth His footstool, is so much more glorious than man, for whom this world was made, then it seems reasonable that the Bible descriptions of the glories of heaven are not overstated.

Then, too, how comforting is the thought that though the spirit world is so largely invisible to us yet we are not invisible to it. When Hagar, the servant wife of Abraham, was cast out, wandering in the desert, and about to die of thirst, she cried unto the Lord and when He answered by showing her a well; she said in her gladness, "Thou, Lord, seest me."

Never forget, weary pilgrim on life's toilsome road, hard pressed by the enemy of souls, often distressed to make ends meet in the material world, that you are constantly under the eye of the invisible God who pities

them that fear Him more than earthly fathers pity their children.

Then we can see the philosophy of spiritual experiences. The salvation works of justification and sanctification become reasonable to spiritualize us and morally harmonize us in spirit with God who is a spirit.

Then we can readily see how important it is that we should give first attention to spiritual things. The statement of Jesus to seek *first* the Kingdom of God and His righteousness does not seem an impractical direction in the light of the fact that God Himself is a Spirit gloriously ruling in a spirit world.

Brother, sister, do you mean to endure as seeing Him who is invisible? Do you worship God in spirit and in truth? Do you realize that the invisible eye of God is on you at this moment? Be thou faithful unto death, for just over the hilltops of life there is another world big with possibilities of happiness in the house of many mansions. Just around the corner of today there is an eternal tomorrow of spiritual realities more stable and abiding than the fashion and order of the things you see today. Just across the rim of this world there is another whose builder and maker is God. Just beyond the setting sun of time there is a rising sun of eternity, full-orbed and glorious with holy fellowship in the company of Jesus Christ, angels, and redeemed saints of all ages. It is for you, faithful pilgrim, if you will endure in the worship of God in spirit and in truth.

Therefore, set your affections on things above and not on things on earth. Hold the things of time with a light grasp ready to loose them and seize the everlasting prize at any moment.

LANSING, MICH.

Three Kinds of Church Goers

By REV. W. D. SHELOR

POSSIBLY every church has some of the following three kinds of church-goers: some more and some less:

FIRST: Those who attend church "in spirit," but whose bodies stay at home, or go visiting. Where is the pastor who, when looking up the delinquents, has not been told by them that it was not convenient, or possible, for them to attend church on the preceding Sabbath, but that they were there "in spirit"? The trouble with this class of church-goers is that no one saw them there. No preacher in this world can ever succeed preaching to spirits. They are neither responsive, nor inspiring. It is very hard to get one under conviction, and harder yet to get one blessed. They just will not move one way or the other. A hard set, indeed, to work on. It is hard to get a spirit forward for prayer, or get one to say "amen" when some one else comes forward. They neither pray nor pay. Oh! ye church-going-spirits, your pastor would like to have you take your body with you to church next Sabbath. He

would like to look you in the face! By so doing he can preach better and you can hear more intelligently. Your spirit in the service and your body outside can not enjoy the sermon and be profited thereby.

Some folk over-work themselves six days of the week, and stay up half the night on Saturday, until on Sunday their body is tired and worn, so on that day they go to church "in spirit" but leave the body at home to sleep and rest, preparatory to another week of over-work. "Be not deceived!"

SECOND: Those who attend church bodily but whose "spirit" is at home, down on the farm, or some where else—it may be that God only knows where! For instance look at Brother A. He sits on the front seat. He is almost always there and usually on time. Apparently all there is of him is right there in the service, but lo, and behold! his mind, "spirit," and all there is of him, except his body, is at home, at bank, at the shop, etc. The preacher reads his text from Holy Writ, but Brother A uses that for a pillow. The

introduction is given but Brother A has now set sail for the land of Nod, for no man can keep awake in meeting who has left his spirit at home! The sermon—a good one—is preached and now comes the doxology and benediction, then comes the hand-shakes and the people part in peace. Brother A returns home very dry realizing that he got nothing out of the service but—a nap!

Then there is Sister B back in the audience. She comes to meeting quite frequently but this is about all that can be said. Well, she does help sing a bit and adds a mite to the collection and possibly would pray should the pastor call on her. But, oh, she is burdened with so many home cares. All the time that she is in church she is at home! No time to think of the service for her mind is occupied with home. There is that big Monday morning wash, then the ironing, house cleaning, sewing, cows, chickens, children, and a hundred and one other things to meditate upon. Happenings of the past week are reviewed and the future must be planned for. So Sister B goes through the service but gets very little out of it for her soul, and

then goes home wondering why the preacher was so uninteresting and the meeting so dry! The truth is, it is hard for the preacher to feed the spirit that was not at church. When you go to church next time keep spirit and body together.

THIRD: Those who attend church soul and body; all there is of them. The pastor has little trouble with this class for they are faithful, regular, and come for the good that they can get and give. They come with a ravenous appetite and are ready to receive all the good things that a pastor can "pass around," or set before them. Then they go home from the service happy and blessed, without a cranky, crabbed, spirit of criticism of all that was said and done. They have a big time singing, praying, giving, and rejoicing, and the preacher has the time of his life ministering to them the Word of life—all because they went to church soul and body. By a little examination you may discover to which of the above three classes of church-goers you belong.

LANSDALE, PA.

More Unction Needed

By C. W. DAVIS

THESE is a sad lack of the divine unction and power, both among the ministers and laymen, today. Yet this is the great need. Especially in our holiness churches, we can not afford to be without this anointing and unction from the Holy One.

As I read the lives of great men of God, who have trod and blazed the way before us, leaving us an example; my heart is stirred, and I cry to God, lest we come short and fail to have this unction, without which our sermons and testimonies will become fruitless. The following words from the pen of our own dear Dr. Bresee, under the head, "Unction," were written more than twenty-two years ago and are worthy of our thought, prayer, and meditation today.

"This is a strange word, but no other will quite express it. It is a word full of mystery, also full of meaning. It is that peculiarity of human speech, which manifests forth the presence of the Holy Ghost. It is the power of God in human utterance. It is the promised power in testimony and ministry that was to come when the Holy Ghost fell upon us. It may be impossible to describe it, but every one recognizes it when it is present. It is that, without which attempts at preaching and testimony are vain. Nothing reaches the soul of men through human agency, in connection, either for pardon or purity, without it. Without it all our efforts are sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. The presentation of truth is nothing without this divine presence, which lifts Godward, which awakens, impels and saves. We must have it. We do well to stop all machinery and cry to God, well to do nothing else until into our souls comes this personal fountain of life to pour Himself through us to His glory. We must have unction; it is the sword that pierces between soul and

spirit; the hammer that breaks the hearts of men, and leads them unto the cross; the word that stirs up believers and impels and leads them on until the blood, and the power of the Holy Ghost brings them to the fullness of the stature of Christ. Oh, brethren of the ministry, we must have it. Let us never preach another sermon without knowing that God is speaking through us to men. Oh, brothers, sisters everywhere, it is your endowment of power; you must receive it fresh, by the breath of God, or you are nothing. That you once had power, that you sometimes feel a moving within your soul, will not do; nothing but hallowed streams of divine power through your souls will do. Rivers of water will flow out of your hearts by the Holy Spirit. Gaze upon Jesus, call upon Jesus, until the consuming fire which He gives burns through you, as the fire burned in the bush at Horeb. Ask—ask largely; believe—believe obstinately; receive—receive unto overflowing fulness, that thy soul, thy joy, thy ministry may be full."

Again, let us read from a letter written by Rev. John Inskip to Dr. Levy. This was written more than forty-three years ago. At this time, Rev. Inskip had been the great leader of the holiness ranks for years; and yet he felt his need of this mighty unction in a far greater measure than he had received it.

"I have been compelled by an impulse I can not resist to write every member of our association and implore them to pray that the baptism of fire may come upon my soul. I have been reading Tyerman's Life of Wesley, Wesley's own account of matters, and Platt's Gift of Power, and the result is a clear conviction that there is a deeper, more unctuous endowment that I need. Indeed, we all need it. My soul is in an agony for this. I will

accept it with all it involves. They may call me a fanatic, a radical, an enthusiast, an extremist, a fool, anything so I may get this. I must have it. Life is short. Our opportunity is a grand one. But we have no strength to improve it. Oh, I wish I could spend an hour with you and a few others who would be in sympathy. I beseech you to pray for me. Pray for all our brethren. Oh, for the endowment of power."

Oh, may we take time to wait before God until our hearts are moved and stirred and fired; and we receive a mighty anointing; until we know, indeed, that we have an unction from the Holy One. Then will we go out as terrible as an army with banners.

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Holiness, A Five-fold Preparation

(Continued from page one.)

away—put under the blood—the carnal nature will have been destroyed through the cleansing blood of the Lamb, their lives will be devoted to His service and Christ Himself will be on their side, meeting the full demand of justice. The prepared ones will know all this, and will look up into the face of Him that redeemed them and washed them white in His own precious blood with confidence and boldness that all is well. They will be bold because they will know that every sin they ever committed was forgiven while on earth. They will be bold because they will know that they obeyed the Word of God in full consecration and abandonment to Him and received the blessing of holiness while on earth. They will be bold because they will know, that by the grace of God they were enabled so to live from day to day while on earth they were ready at any moment to die, to meet their Lord in the skies or to meet Him at the judgment. They will be prepared in that day if they have perfect love in this day.

In the same condition in which we leave this world, in that same condition will the judgment find us. There will be no change between the time we draw our last breath and that in which we appear before God in judgment. We have our Watchnight Meeting and watch the old year out and the new year in: one moment we are still in the old year, the next moment we are in the new year; but there was no change in our souls during that transition. The new year caught us in exactly the same condition that we left the old year. So will it be at the judgment. All the preparation for that day must be had before we leave this world. The judgment will find us in the same state in which we were when we crossed the line of worlds.

"Ask and ye shall receive,
that your joy may be full."

CHAMPION BIBLE CLASS

By CORONA REMINGTON

[We publish the following report, written especially for the HERALD of HOLINESS, in the hope that other Sunday school workers may be inspired to go out and "do likewise." The Sunday school offers one of the very best opportunities for wide awake Christians to do something worth while.—EDITOR.]

IN 1915 Mr. Herbert C. Sanford of Knoxville, Tenn., became the teacher of the Associate Bible Class at the First Methodist Episcopal Church. The class then had a membership of seventeen young men and Mr. Sanford started in to make it grow. Within the past five months it has increased 270 per cent and stands at the top with a membership of 1150. This record is even more remarkable when it is taken into consideration that Knoxville's population is less than 50,000.

This increase is due to a city wide campaign just ended. The class was divided into ten troops, each troop having a captain and twenty-five men. These were to organize for aggressive personal work in securing new members and were given instructions to go after non-church goers and non-church members. And they were warned not to attempt to persuade any man to leave his own church or Sunday school. During this recent campaign over half of the new members were taken from the street corners. Many had not been inside a church for years and the Sunday before the close of the campaign the men occupied most of the street for three blocks along West Clinch avenue leading from the business section to the church.

"Explain to us some of your methods and to what you attribute your wonderful success," Mr. Sanford was recently asked.

"It would take a day to answer that one question," he smiled, "but there are a few things that must be remembered in developing a class of this kind:

"One of the most important is the personal touch. Make the men feel that they are part of the organization, that a great deal of the responsibility rests upon them. Let them share in everything.

"And along with this idea we developed the plan of the follow-up committee which consists of a group of men who call on the members who have missed one Sunday in attendance and who find out what the trouble may be. This same committee also visits the sick on Sunday afternoon.

"Hospitality is another important feature that can not be too greatly stressed. The good American handshake is great, we never allow a fellow to get away with less than half a dozen royal welcomes. Many of the men in the class are fellows who are strangers in the city. At the A. B. C. we try to make them feel that they are at home with us. In order to do this we always introduce each new member and everybody does what he can to make the other fellow realize how welcome he is and he soon begins to feel that he has over a thousand friends—not merely fellow members, but good friends.

"In order to further promote that get-together, hospitable feeling we have a stag banquet every once in a while and one Sunday of each year is Ladies' Day when all the fellows can bring their wives and girl friends.

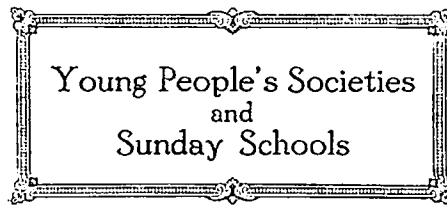
"As a teacher I have found that it is better never to ask questions. A man can not stand being embarrassed by having a question asked him that he can not answer. The result is that if you get him in a position like this once he will not expose himself to the same embarrassment a second time, so he stays at home. For this reason I make all my lessons purely lectures taken in part from the International Sunday School Lessons and in part they are subjects of my own selection and these subjects must all be ones that appeal to young men—no cut and dried topics, but ideas about interesting things—especially to men.

"Anything to be a success must have publicity so we have a man for each of the local papers. It is his business to report everything the class does of interest and in this way the public is constantly reminded of our existence.

"The class is immensely enthusiastic and ambitious. It has its own paid secretary, piano, classroom, etc., and is now contemplating the erection of an auditorium with a seating capacity of three thousand. It is now forming a glee club and has agreed to bring at least two celebrities to Knoxville each year. In this way it takes an active part in the promotion of civic interests and becomes an actual power in its community.

"There are no dues or fees, but everything is run on the budget system, the money being used where most needed. This year the men have planned to contribute \$1800 to various charitable institutions of the city.

"The last Sunday of each year the class has a special meeting wherein the members relate the



benefits received from the class during the past year. And on the first Sunday of each year they have a similar meeting on 'What I propose to do and what I would like to do during the coming year.'

"We're always striving to be original and one little idea of ours has added wonderfully to the interest of the members. Outside the classroom on large framed pieces of bristol board we have tacked the names of the men in alphabetical order. Beneath each name is a piece of heavy pasteboard which is red on one side and bears the word 'Absent' while the reverse side is blue with 'Present' printed on it. As each man comes in he turns out the 'Present' side of his card and passes into the classroom. And it is really quite interesting how quickly the men will say something if by any chance they fail to find their name on the board.

"Our purpose is character building in Knoxville. We want to turn out men that are four square and developed along educational, moral, and physical, as well as religious lines. Our motto is, 'The class with a heart—for young men.' Our guarantee is interesting talks, good music, a glad hand and no long faces, for in my belief this is what young men need and like.

"And last of all they must have something with a handle to it—something they can carry away with them and nothing beats a practical thought taken from every day life."

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CHRISTIAN LIFE SERIES

By B. W. MILLER, M. A., S. T. M.

"Ye Must Be Born Again"

FEBRUARY 11

I. THE NEW BIRTH IS CALLED:

1. A new creation. 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. Rom. 6:4, 5.
2. A spiritual resurrection. Col. 3:1. 6:4, 5.
3. Regeneration. Titus 3:5.
4. Being born again. John 3:3, 7.
5. Born of God. 1 John 3:9.
6. Born of the Spirit. John 3:5, 6, 8.

II. THE NEW BIRTH IS NECESSARY:

1. Because of man's corrupt nature Luke 6:43-45.
2. In order to see heaven. John 3:3.

III. THE NEW BIRTH IS ALWAYS PRECEDED BY:

1. Faith. John 3:16.
2. Repentance. Matt. 3:2.

IV. GOD'S GREATEST PROMISE TO THE WORST SINNER. Isa. 1:18.

V. THE SPIRIT BEARS WITNESS TO THE NEW BIRTH. Rom. 8:16.

VI. RESULTS OF THE NEW BIRTH:

1. A new heart and a new spirit. Ezek. 36:26.
2. Likeness to God. Col. 3:10.
3. Likeness to Christ. Rom. 8:29.
4. A heart that does not commit sin. 1 John 3:9.
5. A righteous life. 1 John 2:29.
6. Victory over the world. 1 John 5:4, 5.
7. Peace with God. Rom. 5:1.

VII. EXAMPLES OF THE NEW BIRTH—CONVERSIONS.

1. Andrew. John 1:40, 41.
2. Philip. John 1:43-45.
3. The man possessed with demons. Luke 8:39.
4. The jailer. Acts 16:27-34.

Topics for discussion:

1. There can be no Christian living without entering through the gate of conversion.
2. Conversion is the only road that leads to holiness.
3. To live a constantly converted life, one must live without sin.
4. No life is too sinful, no soul too hard, no conscience too seared but that the blood of Jesus can touch it.

A SNARE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE

By REV. WILL H. MAYO

AMONG all the snares Satan sets to blight and curse Christian people is to get them to associate with the unsaved; especially the marriage of Christians to the unsaved. God expressly forbids such marriages, commanding, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (II Cor. 6:14). If young people will take heed to this command they will be saved from a fearful harvest which they will be compelled to reap if this counsel is disregarded. Many young people under the spell of infatuation, or perhaps, through the advice and influence of mistaken or unsaved friends, fall into this snare of the Devil to live in misery and bring up children for the world and the Devil.

The Christian who marries the unconverted will either draw back and lose out in his soul, or have a very heavy cross to bear during life. How can one pray, "Lead us not into temptation," while at the same time he plunges into it of his own accord? "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3.) Again, "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (II Cor. 6:14.) Again we read, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (II Cor. 6:17, 18). The "coming out" is a condition we must meet in order to get saved, and we will have to stay out and keep separate from the world to keep saved. We keep saved upon the same conditions that we get saved. As pastor and evangelist there have come under the observation of the writer many cases of Christian young people who have married contrary to the commands above referred to, and almost without exception they have drifted away from the house of God.

Our "Manual" contains some advice very worthy of consideration on this question as follows, "The institution of Marriage, being ordained of God, is the basis of the family, the cornerstone of our Christian civilization, and an essential component of the Church of Christ. Our blessed religion, morality, and free institutions are all closely related to it. We should cherish it in our thought as a sacred estate, and deliberation and prayer should precede any step in the matter. Christians should marry only in the Lord, and 'be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers' in this most intimate and sacred relation."

It is a sad thing indeed to see the young people marry out of God's order. No doubt but that one of the main reasons why there are so many sad homes and the alarming number of divorces is because God's claims are ignored. People depend upon their own feeling in settling this important event which will affect their whole life.

A young girl of my acquaintance married an unsaved man. As soon as the marriage ceremony was performed he moved her into a community where she had no opportunity of attending public worship. As a result she lost out in her soul and is today in the insane asylum. Several precious little innocent girls were left behind to share in the sad mistake of the mother in not taking heed to the Scriptures quoted above. And just to think, it could have been avoided.

It is true the above is an extreme case, but the Judgment Day itself will only reveal the great host that are caught in this "SNARE of the Devil." One person came to the writer with about the following words, "Don't fail to warn the people wherever you go about marrying out of the order of the Lord. If I could have heard this subject preached on I might not have been in this trap, but I didn't hear it preached until it was too late."

Brethren, are we "declaring the whole counsel of God?" There is no doubt if the preachers would preach more plainly on this subject there would not be so many of our young people caught in this trap to their deep and lasting sorrow. None should ever take this step until they have received the advice of the more serious of their brethren. May the Lord bless and keep our precious young people out of this "SNARE OF THE DEVIL."

ELDON, MO.

We mustn't be in a hurry to fix and choose our own lot; we must wait to be guided. We are led on, like the little children, by a way that we know not. It is a vain thought to flee from the work that God appoints us, for the sake of finding a greater blessing to our own souls; as if we could choose for ourselves where we shall find the fulness of the Divine Presence, instead of seeking it where alone it is to be found, in loving obedience.—GEORGE ELIOT.

THE STORY OF THE WHITE PANSY

Dear Children:

Have you ever heard the story of "The White Pansy"? I suppose not for it was told to me when I was quite a little girl myself; and that has been a long time ago. But I believe that you will like it as much as I did, so I am going to tell it you as nearly as I can remember it.

Lucy Rogers was a very happy girl, for she was going to spend three whole weeks in the country with Cousin Sophie! There was just one draw-back: her mother could not go with her, and she had never been away before, not even to Cousin Sophie's without her mother. But then she must not act like a baby now that she was eleven years old, Lucy reflected; so she shed just a few tears when the train pulled out and left her parents waving her goodbye from the station platform.

By the time she had reached her stopping place two hours later, she was too interested to think about crying, or even being homesick. For there was Cousin Sophie waiting for her, and just across the road she could see the basket phaeton, and Gypsy, Cousin Sophie's fat black pony, ready to take her to the farm, three miles away.

Lucy thought she had never seen the old place look lovelier than it did that bright spring morning, with its lawn all speckled in golden light under the elm trees, and the running rose across the porch a mass of crimson flowers. She hurried into the kitchen to greet Nora, and on out to the barn to find Cousin Henry, who was busy with a little sick lamb. Then she stopped to hug Don, the Scotch collic, and to take a peep at the baby chicks and ducks, which was about as long as she could wait before going into the flower garden which lay on the south side of the house. There was never such a beautiful place as Cousin Sophie's flower garden—in Lucy's opinion. There were quaintly shaped beds in the center and long ones on the sides, with narrow gravel walks in between. And it seemed to her that there must be almost every kind of flower that ever grew any where in that wonderful garden: lilacs and snowballs, syringias, and bridal wreath, roses, lilies, violets, peonies, pinks, and hyacinths. And pretty soon she knew, Cousin Sophie would be moving the tenderer flowers from her pit—the geraniums, and heliotropes, bleeding hearts, and jasmynes. Lucy wondered if the pansies were in bloom. Cousin Sophie always had a bed of pansies: she was a master hand with these early spring blossoms, people said. Yes, there they were, in their usual sunny corner, with a wooden frame around them, and a glass sash to cover them during the cool nights.

But the sash was lifted now, and Lucy gazed with delight at the bright blossoms which turned their pretty faces toward her.

The dinner bell rang just then, and it was while they were at the table that she heard a very exciting piece of news. She was not to be without a playmate of her own age during her visit at the farm, Cousin Sophie said, for the very next day, another little girl, who was the daughter of a dear friend of hers, was coming to be with them for several weeks.

Lucy could hardly wait for morning, and the hour they were to drive Gypsy to the train to meet the young visitor. And she wasn't a bit disappointed when she saw her. For Sallie Belle was the dearest sort of a girl with big brown eyes which were as friendly as they were merry, and the pleasantest manners, Lucy thought she had ever seen.

The two children became great friends and got along together beautifully. They were of one mind about the flower garden, and loved to help Cousin Sophie when she was digging about her plants, or watering them, or cutting flowers for the vases. The pansies were their especial delight. The plants were putting out new blooms each day, so that the bed looked as if a big flock of gorgeous butterflies had settled on it, Sallie Belle said. The colors of the flowers were so lovely that the two girls invented a little game



about them in which they took turns at choosing the prettiest blossoms.

"I choose that royal purple with the gold eyes," Lucy would say.

"I take the light blue with lemon-yellow edges," Sallie Belle would exclaim.

"I choose that reddish one. It is like mother's wine-colored silk," this from Lucy, pointing her forefinger as she spoke.

"Then the one next to it shall be mine. It is so dark it looks like black velvet," said Sallie Belle, pointing her finger in turn.

"All right. I will choose that beauty with the two orange colored leaves in front, and the three lavender ones behind."

"Let me see. Oh, I will take that one over there all spotted in gold and brown."

Each morning after breakfast they raced to the pansy bed to see what new colors and combinations were unfolding themselves to the sun.

One morning both gave a gasp of admiration; for there was a new bloom, very different from any they had yet seen.

"A white pansy!" cried Sallie Belle.

"How lovely!" cried Lucy.

"It is my first choice today, so I choose it for mine," cried Sallie Belle gayly.

A little cloud came over Lucy's face. She did so want to choose that lovely pansy herself. Just at that moment Cousin Sophie came up and explained to the little girls that the white pansy was rather a rare one. She had hoped to get more than this one plant from the seed she had sown. "And the bloom is not really white; it is a delicate cream color; so delicate that it is like a queen's ivory velvet robe. And the one touch of color, which is its lavender heart, may be likened to an amethyst jewel which the queen wears on her bosom," said Cousin Sophie with a smile.

Then she showed them two pretty rustic boxes covered with birch bark in which she had set out some young pansy plants.

"I did this soon after you came, because I saw how much you enjoyed my pansies," she said. "These seeds were sown just a little later than my other ones, but the plants are thrifty and already budding, and I think some of them will begin to bloom by the time your visit is ended. So that you will have pansies for quite a little while after you get home."

"Do you mean that we are to take them home with us?" cried Sallie Belle.

"Yes, the boxes are not too large for that. Cousin Henry will put them on the train, and I will write for someone to meet you who can take them off," answered Cousin Sophie, marking a box for each little girl as she spoke.

They both thanked her heartily and from that day carefully tended their pansy boxes according to her instructions.

(To be concluded next week.)

BEAUTY

WHAT a precious legacy, to be born with a beautiful face," I heard one young girl remark. "Oh, how I covet a face like that," remarked another, as a beautiful girl turned her lovely face that way while passing. "It is better than wealth," said another, and "Yes, it is pretty sure to bring wealth, if she only knows her power," they finally concluded.

Were they right in their comments and conclusions? Let us see!

To long to be beautiful is *not* sin. God made

all things beautiful. He wants His children to be beautiful. But possibly *our ideals of beauty may be wrong*. It is wonderful how our vision changes as we come to know more and more of life. How we come to look beneath the surface! What seemed so beautiful to us once sometimes becomes very unattractive.

Did you ever come to think a person you once thought very ugly was actually lovely—beautiful? What changed your ideal? Oh, you saw beneath the mere face, you saw the soul, the face just shone with loveliness. The love, the kindness, the unselfishness, the loyalty, the strength, the solidity, the enduring stability of character won your respect, your confidence, your admiration, your love. It made its possessor beautiful in your eyes, despite the irregular and plain features.

But you say, Why may not a beautiful face have these other attributes also? They may, but more often they do not. Let us take, for illustration, girls with finely chiseled features, graceful curves, large and lustrous eyes, soft and luxurious hair, rosy cheeks and lips. As they look into their mirrors, they see reflected a face which they themselves admire. They are quite satisfied to be called pretty. They usually do not feel the need of *inward charm*. They learn to depend on the *outward*, the external. They early learn their power over weak mankind, and use it. They grow selfish, narrow, dictatorial, pettish, self-willed, ill-tempered—seeking praise, admiration, and self-gratification.

But oh, this inner beauty! This is what satisfies, this is what wears. It outrides the storms of life, it triumphs over sickness and adversity, want and hardship, pain and disappointment. trial and loss, sorrow and suffering.

And how shall it be obtained? In Him.

We are all selfish by nature. We can not make ourselves better, any more than a leopard can change his spots. It is true that many who do not know Christ, *appear* unselfish, strong, and beautiful. They may not understand that all the inner or outer beauty they possess comes from Him, but it is true. He is the *only* one that can make poor humanity worth anything. In Him, no matter how externally unattractive we may be, there is beauty, for all of us.

Oh, the wonderful possibilities of this class of beautiful girls! If we only had more of them, we would have more of heaven on earth, happier homes, better mothers, fewer divorces. Instead of beauty being a lure to man's infidelity and downfall, our girls and women would be his moral protection and moral uplift.—M. C. WILCOX.

MOUNTAIN TOPS AND PLAINS

"God does not make the mountain tops to be inhabited; they are not for the homes of men. We ascend the height to catch a broader vision of our earthly surroundings, but we do not tarry there. The streams take their rise in these uplands, but quickly descend to gladden the fields and valleys below. We are to take these crystal waters to quench the thirst of others. Most are to descend to a commonplace life—to our farms, our shops, our study. This is not a downfall, not a descent. Let life hold its true meaning and all duty become sacred."—DRUMMOND.

WITH CHRIST

O Master, it is good to be Entranced, enwrapped, alone with thee! Till we, too, change from grace to grace, Gazing on that transfigured face. —A. P. STANLEY.

"Take a diamond into the darkest mine, hold it before you, and it will shine no more than the paving stone does; but let one gleam of light come, and it will catch the ray. It is then only a reflection, nothing else. So with us. When we get away from Christ, we give forth no light, not even a sparkle; but let a beam of his light enter our soul, and it will instantly shine forth; we will reflect it."—HENRY MOORHOUSE.

THE PASTOR

IN the discussion of this important topic let us get our feet down on some of thus saith the Lord. For without this ballast we are astray in all that we undertake. Especially is this true in things pertaining to Christian work and living.

Let us call our attention to the injunction from God given by the mouth of the apostle Paul in Acts 20, where the apostle after calling the elders from the church at Ephesus, and reminding them of his own career among them, calls them to witness that from the first day he came to Asia he had served the Lord with humility of mind and with many tears and temptations among the Jews, but amid it all he had kept back nothing but had taught publicly going from house to house testifying to both the Jew and Greek repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus. And that he was now going bound in the Spirit to Jerusalem well aware of what was to befall him there, having been told by the Holy Ghost that bonds and afflictions were awaiting him. But he declared that none of these things moved him, nor did he count his life dear, but only desired to finished his course as a true ambassador and to testify of the Lord and the gospel of God. Then calling them to record or witness that he was pure of all men's blood for that he had not shunned to declare the whole counsel of God, gives us the verse that is especially applicable at this hour and for this theme before us—the great 28th verse where he says to them and us, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

When I read these words and realize that they relate to the work of the ministry and particularly to the pastorate, I feel like falling prostrate in the dust and crying to God continually for wisdom. These words from one who was obedient to the heavenly vision, from one who had been schooled in the furnace of affliction, from one who was on the eve of declaring that memorable closing message of a marvelous career as a minister, and not a minister merely but a true pastor, a true undershepherd, and one who said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, etc."

I say these words from such a man to my mind lifts the work of the pastorate up into the realm of the high callings, and should make us feel honored to have the exalted privilege of being placed over the flock by the Holy Ghost, and stimulate us to do our whole duty as such in the fear of the Lord, and as undershepherds like Paul carefully follow the Great Shepherd.

As I see it the greatest need of our church is PASTORS. We need evangelists, teachers, etc., but more than all else we need men who can buckle down to a field and amid the hardships, coldness, indifference, and the common plodding be shepherds. Men who are not afraid to lay a foundation and stay by and see the edifice loom toward the sky, see the walls rise from the beginning though there are Sanballats, Tobias, Geshems and even faint-hearted Jews around saying it can not be done. Men who do not take a pastorate for the winter merely, and as soon as the first glimpse of spring appears, the first sprig of grass show its head, the first robin's note is heard, take the field as an evangelist and leave the sheep without a shepherd and the poor District Superintendent with his hands tied as to filling the place.

We need men who are willing to dig out two or three sermons a week if need be instead of milling around the old beaten path and rehashing the old material. It is said of Dr. Jas. Chapman that he began his ministry at the age of 16, and the first year preached over 200 sermons and did not preach twice from the same text.

By this I do not mean that a pastor should not ever preach the same sermon twice or oftener if necessary, or if the Lord should lead, but I am pleading for men who are not afraid to strive to be shepherds—men who can study the needs of a people and feed them week in week out, year in year out. The temptation seems to be to take the line of least resistance and go into the field where there is not so much responsibility. WE NEED PASTORS.

It takes courageous, energetic, wide awake men to be pastors, shepherds of the flocks. Men who are not afraid to work both in the study, in the pulpit, in the parish. Digging into their books, prevailing in prayer, throwing their lives into their messages, going from house to house as did Paul studying the needs of their people, sharing their joys and sorrows, living among them, letting their light shine, praying for and with them. In this I do not mean they are to go just to be going, to kill time, to merely visit, but that they are to go as true ambassadors, as true leaders, devout, careful, patrons of good works.

A good preacher is not necessarily a good pastor.

THE
PEOPLE'S FORUM

A man may be eloquent in the pulpit, masterful in getting out and delivering sermons and yet be a failure when it comes to being a pastor. Again a man may be no adept in sermonizing and yet know how to hold his flock up to the throne of grace on his knees in the secret place, and with a heart laden with love and bathed with the dews of heaven go out to mingle with them, making them feel that he has their welfare at heart. Such a man will succeed whether he preaches so well or not. In other words, if his people realize this they will overlook his lack of ability to preach great sermons. Again in this I am not advocating neglect in sermonizing, but merely stating that to be a pastor means more than to preach.

You will let me say this from my experience in the past that it is one thing to organize new churches, but it is quite another thing to get me to lead them on to a healthy, safe, sane, normal growth and development. It is a problem for a man to organize new churches (and they should be organized) and then not have the men who are willing, not to say capable of bringing them on. AGAIN I SAY WE NEED PASTORS.

Now let us turn to another thought that suggests itself in the topic before us; that of the duties of the pastor and study it for a while in its different phases. Let us first note his duty to himself. The apostle's injunction was to take heed to yourselves. So a pastor should be sure of his heart experience, his connection with the great shepherd. He should be clean both within and without. Clean in heart and clean in habits and life. Saved fully from sin and saved from the people and himself. He should be studious, not lazy, not indolent, not careless. No man can succeed who is not studious, who does not study thoughtfully, prayerfully and persistently the word of God. He must also as thoughtfully, prayerfully, and carefully study human nature: study men so as to be conversant with the needs of his people, and with Paul "Be all things to all men that by all means he may save some." Again let us note the command of the Apostle, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

A pastor must be a prayerful man. He may be ever so brilliant, ever so studious, ever so well acquainted with the needs of his people, but to neglect his prayer life is to be weak, if not to fail utterly. Secret prayer brings public power.

Secondly, let us deal with his duty to his flock: "Take heed to yourselves and to the flock." He must be and is a leader, and is to reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. He must be a pattern of GOOD WORKS both in precept and example. Free from all entanglements with questionable practices. (This may lay him open to criticism from those who are inclined to worldliness, but it will pay in the end.) He must be careful in his relation with the opposite sex. (This is also applicable to ALL ministers.) He must be true to the souls of men. Deal firmly, yet tenderly with all. If he must reprove he should be just as kind and friendly afterward as before. Let there be no alienation from your side of the matter.

A pastor should be true to the Manual or law of

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Mrs. Allison W. Smith, Tampico, Mexico, requests prayer for the salvation of her son.

Prayer is requested for a daughter who is troubled with doubts, and is afflicted in body and mind, and very much distressed about her soul. Request from G. W. Clark, Leoma, Tenn.

Joseph N. Cassalman, Cheney, Wash., writes: "Please ask the praying people to pray for the salvation of Cheney and that God will revive His work here."

"Pray for me. I have a nervous trouble of eighteen years standing and want to get well if it be the Lord's will."—Theo. W. Fly, Coffeyville, Miss.

Prayer is requested for a woman in Pasadena who is unsaved that she might be converted and her life dedicated to God.

Mrs. L. C. Irwin, Atwood, Okla., who has suffered a nervous breakdown requests prayer that she may be healed.

A sister from Lopton, Mich., requests prayer for her husband that he might be converted.

the church. I am in perfect accord with Dr. Chapman in his editorial, "Compromising on the Standards," as written in July 26th issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS, in which he says in substance and in part, "If we compromise to fit the whims, the sins and the short comings of all who demand it, there will not be much left of the old time standard of holy living." Again he says, "If we mean by our statements, that if our people have the blessing these things will right themselves, then by all means let us get them into the experience and keep them there, but if we mean that worldliness is no matter just so the people profess holiness, then the whole thing is false," and again, "Our worst enemies are those who would have us let down the bars," and personally I would like to say here that we are going to face this issue at our next General Assembly and we might as well arm ourselves for the battle.

We need pastors that are first of all true to the teachings of the old book in its doctrines of regeneration, entire sanctification which eradicates the old man (and here let me say is one of our perils in that the Devil is putting out a counterfeit in the subtle teaching of suppression, and I do not hesitate to declare that we do not want men coming to our ranks who are not straight on the teaching of the eradication of the carnal mind or the old man) and separation from the world. Pastors who are also true to the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene. Or in other words we need pastors, shepherds, standard bearers, who will not lower the standard to suit the ideas of the Devil and carnal minded people, but who will kindly yet firmly contend for the "old paths." Who will not bring the flag back to the regiment but will bring the regiment up to the flag. Men who are true to the souls of the people whom they shepherd, being placed over them by the Holy Ghost. Lifting up and exalting the standard, and earnestly, lovingly, and tenderly calling the people to it, being themselves faithful, ardent adherents to it in word and practice.

Lastly let us speak of his duty toward his fellow pastors. A pastor should be a man who will help to carry the burdens of his fellow pastors, both as to those next to him in field of labor and to the pastors in general. Much that I have said in the part dealing with his duty to the people will also apply here, for to lower the standard, to be untrue to the laws of the Church of the Nazarene, and the teachings of the Bible makes it hard on the pastor who follows him, who is conscientious and honest in his dealings with the BOOK and the laws of the church.

It is true that we are not all alike in our ways of looking after and caring for our flocks, but we can all be true to the teachings of the Bible and the rules laid down in the Manual. And I personally owe it to my fellow pastor as well as to God and my people and the church general to be thoroughly straight.

Not only should a pastor consider his successor, but his predecessor should be taken into account. How unkind for a man to take the pains to air out the supposed lack of his predecessor in telling at how low an ebb he found the work and how wonderfully it has picked up under his management. To say, "When I came to this field the Sabbath school had only twenty-five in attendance, but within the two months since I came the enrollment has jumped to one hundred and fifty, and where we only had a handful out to preaching on my coming, since my coming our seating capacity is strained." All this may be true, but humility and divine love would refrain from making over it to the hurt of the dear man who perhaps had done his best.

One thing more I desire to make mention of and that is that a pastor owes it to his fellow pastor to take his hands off of the work absolutely when he leaves a field. Do not keep writing back to your former parishioners advising them as to how you think things should be run, or expressing your surprise as to the methods being used by the present pastor. I contend that when a pastor leaves a field he should leave for good, and work out his own garden spot, feed his own flock and let the former flock be shepherded by the man on the field. Correspond little if any at all with the old flock and if you do be careful not to deal with pastoral matters.

No former pastor should stay on the field after his pastorate is ended, if he should not take other work he should at least change locations or residences, for too often he is a dead weight to the man who follows him. God give us an army of REAL PASTORS, an army of men who are ready to dare and do, sacrifice and suffer if need be to build up the work of the Lord. WE NEED PASTORS.

CHAS. A. BROWN.

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INFLUENCE OF A HOLY LIFE

By JOHN W. GOODWIN

As we laid Father Howe to rest in Mansfield, Ill., I was much impressed with the power and grace which flows from a holy life. The service was conducted by the pastor, the record of which appears in another column of this paper. The service was impressive throughout with a deep holy influence of divine presence which was convincing to all of heaven's rich benediction. A large circle of relatives and friends filled the entire house. The floral tributes of love and respect were beautiful and abundant. The form lying cold in death represented to all, one who was held in the highest esteem, respect, and deep devotion as to a father.

The life of this holy man was like an open book to be read and known of all men. The influence of his holy life before his own children was greatly in evidence. So many of his grown sons and daughters are following in the footsteps of Jesus and are members of the Church of the Nazarene; so many of the twenty-six grand children are also devoted Christians and are giving evidence of strong young manhood and womanhood. It was clearly seen that the life of this holy man had encircled them all with a most tender influence of deep affection. His life had been to them an open book of sincerity, purity, and uprightness; a veritable example of holiness, which blessing he obtained and professed for years. It reminded one of the gracious influence from the life of Peter as he passed through the streets, when the people desired "that at least the shadow of Peter might fall upon some of them." The holy man may pass out from us but the influence of his life will continue to bless other generations.

The service was all the more impressive to the writer, for when called to speak, he stood within three feet from where our sainted Dr. Breese was standing as he preached the sermon and organized the Church of the Nazarene in Mansfield, Ill., which was organized in this very home of Father Howe, and was one of the first churches organized east of the Rockies. A good congregation of people has been gathered into the church, and a beautiful church building now graces the little town of Mansfield which stands as a monument to the courage of this saintly man who stepped out that day to spread Scriptural holiness. The church will greatly miss the good counsel of this man, but will be strengthened by the forces springing up from this corn of wheat which has fallen only to give a greater harvest in the coming days.

The influence of this life was not confined to his home, although he was a great home soul, with a most devoted wife with whom he had lived for fifty-six long, but, as she remarked, "beautiful years," of true loyalty. As the cords which bound them together snapped the cut was deep in the heart of our dear Sister Howe, but she seemed to smile as she said it will not be long." The bright hope of the Christian seemed to sparkle in every tear drop, and the far-off look of peace was upon her brow. Truly it pays to be a Christian. But such a life as this could not be confined to the home and family circle. It was evident his influence had manifested itself in business as president of the bank and a prosperous farmer for all gave him honor.

One impressive incident of the service was the telegram from Mrs. I. G. Martin of Pasadena, Calif., one of the daughters who was unable to be present. The scene of her waiting and prayer with us through the entire service, although miles away was indeed most touching. The statement to his son-in-law, Rev. I. G. Martin, "Preach as you have never preached before," bespoke the character of the man and the devotion of a father in Israel. At a ripe old age of 81 he passed out from us to be with his Lord but the circle of his influence will extend through the coming years.

SURPRISES

One of the great surprises that came to me in recent times was when the way opened for me to visit my many friends in west Tennessee where wife and I had served as pastors some years ago. The services were held at Zion church in the center of the circuit and people from all around had the privilege to attend. At the close of the Thanksgiving service an offering was made for the orphan children at Peniel and a considerable sum was raised.

Saturday night was the all-night of prayer, called for by Brother Anderson and our General Superintendents. Truly it was a great night for all. The night began with a salvation service and two knelt at the altar for prayer, one of whom claimed victory. I announced our purpose to spend the night in prayer, then to my surprise only seven besides the Preacher were left to wrestle with the Lord. We prayed for all the fields in general, then we began to take up each field separately and single out each

missionary in that field and I gave a little sketch of the field giving the difficulties peculiar to each field, then we would go down before God and pray and pour out our souls in prayer till we could feel the very presence of God. Then we would take up the next field in the same manner, and so on to the end. When we had finished in this manner we then brought the great need of help for all these before the Lord and I believe He heard for the dear saints shouted and praised Him till the breaking of the day. We all felt like we had taken a trip around the world and visited each field, afresh.

It is needless to say God gave us a great victory the next day. How God did melt us into tenderest love. Our offering was a hundred dollars in cash. "And the end is not yet, praise the Lord."

We reorganized the Sunday school which had gone dead since summer. They met all of our traveling expenses and gave us a nice offering besides. I bespeak for this people a great future if they have a good pastor to lead them on. Pray for the people of Zion circuit.

In His love made perfect,
J. A. CHENAULT.

GROUP MEETING OF THE PREACHERS OF THE DAKOTA-MINNEAPOLIS DISTRICT

The meeting was held in connection with the annual meeting of the Layman's Holiness Association. It was not only the blessing that we got at the time but all left with a great vision of the Lord's work for the future.

The papers read and discussed were timely and practical. Sister Nellie Hoffman's paper on foreign missions stirred our hearts and special prayer was offered for the field. Brother Ben Mathisen whose heart is burdened for the home field gave us a report and exhorted us to greater diligence in supporting our home work.

District Superintendent Morrison who is dearly loved by his preachers gave us some fine talks on faith, in the devotional services.

Saturday afternoon will be long remembered by those who were there. A paper was read on the subject, "Can Any Community Have a Revival?" A little doubt was manifest at first, but when some stirring addresses were given as to what God had done in places, and that souls who had not drifted over the dead line could be saved if there was some one to believe and pray for them. We all caught the vision, and how God did come down and bless us. The saints shouted, wept, and sang. The chorus, "A mighty revival is sweeping this way," was sung over and over again, which by the way was a favorite during the meeting.

Rev. E. E. Wordsworth, pastor of the Minneapolis Church of the Nazarene, preached every evening. Between twenty and twenty-five souls bowed at the altar during the meeting.

Sunday was a great day. Brother Morrison brought a stirring message in the morning, Brother Butchart in the afternoon and Brother Wordsworth in the evening. In the afternoon the church doors were opened and fifteen new members were taken in. The evening service closed with great victory, a good number were at the altar and prayed through in the old-fashioned way. The hall where the meetings were held was packed on Sunday night and our work was well advertised in Valley City, N. D., the place where the Group Meeting was held. This is a newly organized church and under the leadership of Rev. Laura Myers who has a vision and also a burden for lost souls, is bound to prosper.

L. C. BROWN, Reporter.

EVANGELIZING IN SASKATCHEWAN

We began our fall and winter meetings about November 1st in a country school-house some fifteen miles south of Abbey, Sask. Here we found a very fine settlement of people, quite a number being from Wisconsin. We held meetings there for three weeks, being helped by Brother A. R. Herring, pastor of the church at Bestville, about ten miles to the south. We have no organization at the Baxterville schoolhouse, but God gave us a good meeting. Eight souls bowed at the altar of prayer, all of whom we believe prayed through to God and received pardon for their sins and acceptance with God. Others were no doubt awakened. In this meeting we received four new subscriptions to the HERALD of HOLINESS which will add a little to the HERALD subscription list and also furnish spiritual food for these young converts. Brother Herring will pastor this flock and the work will go on to greater victory.

From Baxterville District we came down by car to Bestville where we found the saints awaiting us. We were glad to be back at this place where God a year ago gave us the best meeting of our lives. Brother M. W. Gunn was also associated with us in this campaign and was a great blessing to the work. We were saddened somewhat to find

that several of the old members with their families had moved away from Bestville and their loss was felt in the work of the church at this point. But to see how the children of God, only one year in the way, recognize their duty and take up the work where the older have had to leave off as they moved out, did our hearts good. God will surely honor them and be their strength.

The weather was very much against us most of the time, the temperature ranging from zero to as low as 30 below, but in spite of these unfavorable conditions several souls prayed through to the experiences of grace. Some renewals to the HERALD of HOLINESS were received here.

We next came over to Morse and began a revival meeting last Sunday, December 31st. This meeting looks promising and we seek for an old-time Pentecostal meeting of the Bible type, when God shall save the lost and sanctify His own. These are good days to my soul. The old-fashioned way suits me.

H. H. TROMBURG.

THE CANADIAN BIBLE SCHOOL

This school, located in Calgary, Alberta, is now in its third year, and is enjoying in an especial manner, the favor and blessing of God. The Canadian people are a Bible loving people, and Calgary is an ideal location for a school of this kind. The work was started in January of 1921, under the leadership of Dr. James B. Chapman, now the beloved editor of our own HERALD of HOLINESS, who was able to give six weeks of his valuable time to the establishment of the work. Immediately following the labors of Dr. Chapman, Dr. H. Orton Wiley, the capable President of our school at Nampa, was able to render six weeks of valuable service in the carrying forward of the work of the school. The ministry of these brethren was much appreciated by the people of Calgary, and by those from other places who had the privilege of sitting under their instruction. The work of these leaders of our movement was supplemented by that of competent helpers who were privileged to have a part in the establishment of this great enterprise.

During the session of the winter of 1922, it was the privilege of the writer to conduct the Bible studies, being ably seconded by competent helpers in other departments of the work. For the first time in our history, some Bible work has been undertaken during the fall and early winter months. God has signally blessed this effort, and has set His seal of approval upon it. It is likely that the school term will be still further lengthened as conditions warrant so doing.

The work is so arranged that students coming in the first of the year can have the benefit of a three month's course of intensive Bible study, with all of the advantages of other lines of work afforded by this foremost city of the province of Alberta. The work is designed to meet, not alone the needs of the young, but also the needs of those of more mature years who feel the need of a better knowledge of the Word of God. Even a short time spent in Calgary attending the Bible classes will prove invaluable to the one who can not attend for a longer period. There are many in our movement who see the need of such a school as this in this great Western country which is coming to the front in so many other ways.

Through the noble and self sacrificing efforts of our District Superintendents, pastors, and people, a Nazarene work has been established in this province during the past twelve years, which, in many respects, is second to no other in our entire church. We are on the ground, and are conveniently located to serve the interests, not only of the province of Alberta, but also of the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia, in all of which successful efforts are being put forth to establish and carry on the work of our beloved Church of the Nazarene. All honor to the noble pioneers, who, by their heroic efforts, have unfurled the blood stained banner of King Emmanuel in these western provinces, and, by so doing, have made possible the Canadian Bible School through the abounding grace of our God.

This school is a child of prayer. It was born in answer to the heart cries of the people of this great country who saw the need of such a work. Our help cometh from the Lord. It is a plant of His own planting, and it must flourish under His care. God brings things to pass through the prayers of His people. Pray that this work may have His continuous smile of approval, and that it may be brought to a place of usefulness commensurate with His glory, and with the needs of the hour. Pray that God will establish in Calgary a center of influence and power through which He can touch and save men to the uttermost bounds of earth. He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

H. O. FANNING.

EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE

We are glad to report that we are enjoying one of the most prosperous years in the history of the institution. Every department of the College is encouraging. Our fine faculty and enthusiastic student body would be a credit to any institution. The spiritual tone of the school is very gratifying, however, we are planning a revival for the near future at which time it is hoped that every unsaved student will be swept into the fountain. Most of the students are back from their vacation and are studying hard preparing for examinations. The new semester begins January 28th. Indications are that we will have a number of new students to enter at that time.

Recently, the students were privileged to hear Dr. Mingleford, Rev. Anderson, and Rinebarger of the National Holiness Association, at two chapel services. Both services were greatly enjoyed. Also we were glad indeed to have Evangelist J. B. McBride with us for two chapel services. Brother McBride has been on the New England District for several weeks in revival campaigns. God bless him!

A large number of our young men and women are busy each Sunday. They have formed evangelistic bands, and are spreading the doctrine of holiness here in this New England country. Some of our other young people are assisting in revival meetings during the week nights as well as on Sunday. God bless these young men and women. Pray for Eastern Nazarene College. God is blessing, the Devil is being routed, and we are shouting the victory. Amen!

G. W. STEFARTH.

TREVECCA COLLEGE REVIVAL

Trevecca College has recently enjoyed a rare treat in the way of a most wonderful revival. The field was white when the way opened for Rev. J. E. Gaar of Olivet to come to us. We feel we were especially favored in getting Brother Gaar to direct this revival. From his long experience as pastor in our holiness schools, he understands student life and problems as few men do, and was able to bring a series of the most appropriate and powerful messages to which we have ever listened. Great results followed the preaching of the Word; not an unsaved student was left in the dormitories, most of the believers were sanctified, and the sanctified ones strengthened and encouraged. A number received a call to special work, and the "called ones" received new visions of a needy world and a sufficient Saviour. We feel that Trevecca College must be different from this time on, and we believe she will be, and be true to the object for which she was founded and true to the great army of workers who now represent her in the different fields. We covet the prayers of our sister schools and of the entire church that we may constantly "go forward."

DELLA M. SMITH.

DALLAS DISTRICT

Good reports come from all quarters of the district; all our pastors seem to be busy, and blessed in their field of labor.

Dr. McGraw, pastor, reports fine and growing interest in the Houston church; they have been worshipping in their new building some weeks; congregations are good and souls finding the Lord at the altar.

Brother Nelson, pastor, writes that he found a fine class of people at Lufkin and he has been busy in pastoral visiting, street meetings, and regular church services; Sunday school and congregations growing to about double the first month.

Brother Hart has made his second round to Martin's Chapel, Mt. Hope, and Pleasant Grove and reports fine outlook for his work; the new church under construction at Martins Chapel will be completed in January.

Pastor Bond reports a great service at Cedar Mills, in which all his members who were present pledged to tithe this year, and he expected the Independence church to do the same when he filled his next appointment.

Brother Cluck reports great spiritual outpourings on the regular services in the Texarkana church, some fifteen professions the first month in the regular services with a number of additions to the church.

Grand Saline has completed their beautiful parsonage and Brother Dozier reports good interest at each of his three appointments.

I have visited a number of our churches since the Assembly, including the following:

MCKINNEY—Where we found Pastor Gregory pushing ahead with this new work; they have bought a desirable lot in fine location, and hope to build this year.

PENIEL—Pastor Hampton seemed to be growing in grace and usefulness, the people love him and beautiful harmony and co-operation were in evidence and the church much encouraged.

NEW HOME—Pastor Vines arranged an All-Day Thanksgiving service, with basket dinner, and what a dinner it was, continued service over Sunday with night of prayer for Missions and liberal missionary offering; nearly all his people pledged to tithe and now he reports that there is money in the treasury.

ALMA—Found the church much encouraged and standing loyally by their pastor.

UNION GROVE—We had a most blessed service, found a live Sunday school. Brother Beakley is supplying this work till we can get a regular pastor.

WHITESBORO—We had good service, but no pastor in charge makes it impossible to succeed; hope to have a pastor soon.

DENISON—Here the shopmen are still on strike which ties up the finances of the church, but the spiritual condition is good.

SHERMAN—This place is also affected by the shopmen's strike, and their financial obligations are pressing; but the faithful members are holding on and being blessed of the Lord.

JOHNSON'S CHAPEL—Pastor Williams has moved near the church and indications are for the best year in the history of this excellent rural church.

STAMPS—We find that the church greatly appreciate their pastor, Brother John Williams, and the work is growing.

PLEASANT GROVE—Here we had some holiday services up to Sunday night, December 24. Basket dinner on Sunday a most gracious service.

I drove home on Christmas day just in time for the carving of a fine turkey sent to us by Brother J. P. Roberts of Pilot Point; how we did enjoy the day and the dinner with our dear ones at home.

Christmas night our Dallas Sunday school gave a most excellent program. The church here is enjoying some most excellent services and souls are being blessed at the altar.

We closed the year with a great Fifth Sunday Convention at Port Arthur, where Brother Bost is serving his fourth year and greatly used of the Lord and loved by his people. The convention closed with the best watch-night service I have ever witnessed.

A visit to Rosedale and Orange with Pastor King was a great treat; surely he has a royal band of Nazarenes at both places; while these are new churches they have the real Nazarene trade mark of faithfulness and fruits of the Spirit. We are looking forward to a church building in Orange.

The J. A. Collier Evangelistic Band are in a siege meeting in Beaumont, and getting results. We have, tentatively, organized here with eighteen members, and will go back in a few days and complete the organization.

Captain Webb has been appointed pastor of the West Columbia church; he comes to us from the Volunteers of America and is making good.

We are planning a great tent campaign for the new fields of the District this year and we are urging each church to do all they can on the Home Mission apportionment right away. We must have money to buy tents as we are entirely without tents at present. Pastors, do not neglect this important matter, but have your church to do what they can right away and let us prepare for the greatest forward move we have ever known on this district; the field is open to us; people are hungry for the gospel and the responsibility is on us. Send your Home Mission Offering to our District Treasurer as soon as possible.

P. L. PIERCE, *Dist. Supt.*

ARKANSAS DISTRICT

These are very busy days. God is wonderfully blessing our work and the pastors almost all seem to be well satisfied and working at their job.

Dr. Pinson, our pastor at Conway, seems to be the man for the place and we are looking for a great year for the Conway church. Brother Tapley, at Vilonia, is moving along nicely with his work. We feel sure Vilonia church will have a great year.

Good reports from Brother Bugh at North Little Rock. They have just closed a good revival and prospects are fine for a prosperous year with them. Brother Ridout at Beebe and Cabot, is well loved by his people and everything bids fair for a good year with them.

Brother Bishop, at Searcy, has won the hearts of his people and everything is encouraging with his church. They have bought a new lot and plan to build a new church this spring. Brother Dunham, at Morrilton, is loved by all his people and the future for Morrilton looks good.

Brother Moore at Atkins, Brother and Sister Dawson at Ozark and Alix, Brother Broiles at Alma, Brother Irvin at Van Buren are all doing well and are loved by their people. Brother Robinson at Bentonville is doing a great work with this young church not yet two years old but stands as one of the strongest churches of the district. Brother O'Neal at O'Neal's Chapel; Brother Ly Barger at

Greenbrier, Brother Stump at Witts Springs, Brother Whiteheart at Pickets Chapel and Parson, Brother Langford at Union Valley, Miss Wheatley at Hopsonville, Sister Davis at Lepanto, and Brother Long at Hamlin are all doing well with their work. Brother Harris at Russell Chapel reports spiritual tide rising and prospects are good with his church.

We are, at this writing, with Brother Tucker at Jonesboro for a few days' meeting. Brother Tucker is doing a great work in Jonesboro. He is loved by all his people and the city papers have offered him space to have some of his sermons printed, thereby reaching the town in more than one way.

Beech Grove and Pleasant Ridge are yet to be supplied with pastors, but are getting along nicely. There are several preachers on the district that are planning to be out this spring and hold meetings in new territory.

G. H. HARMON, *District Superintendent.*

INDIANA DISTRICT

The beginning of the new year finds us pushing the battle for God and holiness here in Indiana. We praise God for His many blessings on the District during 1922. The work steadily moves forward on all lines.

Since our great Assembly we have been on the jump so much we have failed to send a report. The fall was filled with many rich blessings and splendid revivals up and down the district, with splendid gains for the churches. Splendid new churches at Hammond, New Castle, and Spencer have been completed since the Assembly. Brother Green, pastor of our new class in Northeast Indianapolis, has put up a good concrete basement. Our people at Auburn are buying a church and parsonage. Brother Agnew is there at present in a financial campaign. Brother Harrison and his good people at South Bend have recently purchased a good church to push holiness. At Moorsville a tabernacle has been erected, and Franklin is buying property. Other places have had material gains. Four new churches have been organized since our Assembly; more are in the making.

We had a glorious and profitable Sunday school and Young People's Convention at our Shelbyville church with Brother Himler, pastor. It was good to be there. Among those who came through, adding interest to the convention, were Evangelist Lewis, C. E. Roberts, Rev. W. R. Cox, also Brother Eckel, who gave us some splendid missionary addresses. We had a blessed convention.

As we have been visiting among our churches, so far this week, we have seen twenty-two at the altar and some beautiful sights as the seekers prayed through. Many of our churches are in their winter revivals, and good reports are coming to us. Pray for us.

J. W. SHORT, *District Superintendent.*

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

The Lord has been with us during the past month. The first Sunday we spent with the home church in Hastings. The writer preached in the morning and the pastor, Brother Walker, brought us a good message in the night service on the Second Coming of Jesus. The church here is getting ready for their January revival with Brothers Fleming and Lowman. The prospects are fine for a good meeting.

Our next meeting was in Omaha with our good pastor and people there. The Lord is blessing. Brother Chambers and his good wife are on the job. The battle is hard but the Lord is giving them victory. He has especially answered prayer for the finances. Brother Campbell, the pastor of our church in Council Bluffs, Iowa, also assisted Brother Chambers in the revival meeting. His messages were made a blessing to the people. Then the Omaha Holiness Association had an all day meeting with our people and had Rev. B. H. Edwards, pastor of our Lincoln church as the preacher. The Lord gave them a great time of salvation.

Next we came on to Oak. Here Brothers Vogt and Rich as evangelists and the Crawfords as song leaders were in the battle for God and souls. This is a new field for us. The holiday season was on at this time and this seemed to detract the attention and presence of the people from the revival. The pastor and people of the M. E. church were kind in closing their Sunday night services and coming over to help us. It was really a hard fought battle. But a number of souls were helped and expressed a desire for us to come back with a tent next summer and put on a campaign and organize a church. We are planning right now to do this as the Lord may lead.

The Sunday before Christmas we were with our church in Kencsaw and we had a blessed time with the saints there. They are planning for a meeting in the near future with Brother and Sister Ludwig as the evangelists.

The last Sunday in the year we were at Kearney. The saints prayed for an unusual time of salvation. The Lord answered prayer at the night service. The writer brought a message on the Seven Overcomers spoken of in Revelation. The Lord blessed and gave us ten souls at the altar. A number of them found the Saviour and they rejoiced in His name. Then followed a praise service in charge of Old Faithful Brother Holland. How the Lord blessed him as he exhorted for a little while, then the saints brought testimonies of victory. What a time of rejoicing. Hallelujah! Just before the New Year arrived we had The Lord's Supper. This was a very sacred and precious part of the night service. The New Year having arrived we shook hands and wished each other a victorious New Year and went on our way rejoicing, expecting, the Lord to make the year 1923 the best year of our life. The pastor and people here in Kearney are getting ready for the revival with Rev. Bona Fleming beginning on the 29th of this month.

Dr. Hurd, pastor of our church in Hemingford reports a good meeting with Brother Arthur Ingler as the evangelist. This is good news from this place.

The pastor of the Newman Grove church also reports a good meeting. Several at the altar for heart purity.

Brother and Sister Ludwig reported a good meeting in Litchfield. About fifty seekers at the altar. We now have a regular pastor with the holiness band at this place, and we hope to organize a church before the assembly.

We are beginning to plan for the Spring and Summer campaigns. Already a slate has been filled to keep one tent busy all summer. Pray for us. More to follow. We are looking up. Victory ahead.
H. N. HAAS, Dist. Supt.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Greetings from the Southern California District: As we enter into the year of 1923 we are going into it with considerable gain within the last two and one half years, for which we praise God.

We have not had Home Mission funds with which to open many new fields, but we have been working hard to strengthen the old ones; and God has prospered our efforts and each church is now showing very encouraging increase. It is not generally understood that Southern California District uses most or all of its Home Missionary money taking care of the foreign speaking people within the bounds of the district. Especially are we giving large attention to the Mexican people. We are pleased to report that we have a strong Mexican assembly under the direction of the Superintendent of the Southern California District with some five churches.

The Southern California District has been blessed with some great revivals during this Assembly year and some are now going on. Dr. C. H. Babcock at First Church, Los Angeles, is now in a campaign assisted by Rev. Joseph Smith, one of the best known holiness preachers on the continent and the man whose message is always worth while. Brother Harding at First Church, Pasadena, has recently had a campaign with Rev. A. G. Jeffries that was a great success. They are beginning tomorrow with Dr. R. T. Williams for a two-weeks' campaign. Rev. D. S. Corlett at Upland has recently had a five-weeks' campaign with Evangelist Dave Hill, which is reported to be the best held in that church for many years. We had the pleasure of having Dr. Chapman with our church at Holtville a few weeks ago where Rev. B. W. Miller is pastor, and the campaign was a success in every way. Rev. Ira Akers who is laboring so earnestly and effectively at San Diego First Church, which by the way is one of the greatest problems in our entire District, has recently had in his church the Smith Band, who gave them a good meeting. Rev. J. I. Hill at Long Beach always has something worth while. He has just closed a campaign, assisted by Rev. Chas. A. Gibson, Superintendent of the Northern California District. Rev. W. C. Frazier at Emmanuel church in Los Angeles had Brother Jeffries with them following his campaign at First Church and Pasadena; and those who know Brother Frazier know that he is always up and at it and is recognized as one of the most untiring ministers in our church. Brother Hampe at Pomona is now in a revival campaign assisted by Dave Hill and we are expecting God to come in that city. Rev. C. E. Cornell at Ontario, whom everybody recognizes as the best pastor in the Church of the Nazarene, will be heard from soon in a revival campaign. He never fails to keep the fires burning. Rev. P. G. Linaweaver, pastor of the East Washington church, Pasadena, is doing faithful work. They have had one campaign this year with Rev. and Mrs. Fred W. Suffman and he announces another to begin soon. We are sure that you will hear from East Washington street church, for it was organized with one



Uncle Buddie's Good Samaritan Chats

To the Beloved Samaritans:

I greet you this week from beautiful Arizona, but before I take up my trip to Arizona, let me say that when I left Kansas City on the evening of December 6th I hadn't gone very far until I encountered the great snow storms of the Northwest, but I reached Parma, Idaho, on time, and my old friend, Brother Clyde T. Dilley, met me at the train. That night we opened battle against the Devil and his works. For ten days we had a most glorious battle for our blessed Christ, and we won out in good shape. Glory to Jesus, we did have one good time. Our beloved District Superintendent, C. Howard Davis, was with us the most of the time. We also had Brother Jay from Caldwell and Brother Pounds from Boise, and Brother Martin from Ontario, and Brother Williams from some other point, and a great number of the students from Nampa were there almost every night to help out with the music and to sing for us. We had some beautiful singing, and Brother Eugene Emmerson was with us a part of the time with his wife and their fine son, Calvin. Brother Dilley and his little church were all prayed up and ready to go up, and we had a lovely time together. More than sixty were at the altar during the ten days, and, although times are hard in Idaho, they did well by the evangelist, and when he started to his home in Pasadena they loaded him up with fine creamery butter and a large fine dressed turkey for Christmas, which this old preacher carried in a big bundle for about fourteen hundred miles. At the close of our Parma meeting we gave one day in Caldwell to Brother Jay and his good people. We had a most delightful day; the house was packed, and standing room was worth \$.15 per dozen. The day following I gave to the school at Nampa. During the day I preached three times at the college, and at night

in the church down in the city. We had the chapel at school packed till no more could get in. I was sorry to not have the privilege of meeting our beloved Dr. Wiley, but he was in Oregon in the interest of the school. He has a fine school at Nampa, with more than three hundred as fine Nazarenes as can be found—a beautiful student body. A number of my old friends are there. Brother Myers is there as one of their fine teachers, and also Brother Marvin Paylor, of Texas, and family. Dr. Mangum and wife are in charge of the Nazarene hospital, with our elect Sister Whitesides from Portland, Ore. As far as I have heard this is the only holiness hospital in the world, and it is a good one. If I were to ever need treatment in another hospital I know of no one on earth that I would rather be treated in than the one at Nampa, Idaho. I took dinner with them the day that I spent in Nampa, and it was more like heaven than a hospital. That night we all gathered at the big church, and more than seven hundred were out for the night service, and I think a dozen were at the altar. Our beloved brother, John Little, is their faithful pastor, and there is no better one in the great Nazarene movement, which to us is the greatest movement on the face of the earth. Early the next morning Brother Eugene Emmerson and I were up and off to Ontario, Ore., to give Brother Martin and his good people one day. We arrived on time, and Brother Martin met us at the train, and we were soon on the way to the church. We had a fine service in the morning, with dinner on the ground and preaching again at 2:30. At six o'clock our train pulled in, coming back to Nampa, and I can never forget that day with Brother Emmerson. We had a great day together, and when we pulled into Nampa, Brother Emmerson got off, but I stayed aboard and was now headed for Salt Lake on my way home. My, but I did hate to see Brother Emmerson get off and leave me aboard that train all by myself, after we had enjoyed such a good day together. The next day we arrived in Salt Lake, and the day after in Pasadena, after eight months of absence from home, but my, my, what a time I had at home for one week.

In love,
UNCLE BUD ROBINSON.

hundred and fifty-five members and within a few months has increased its membership to upwards of two hundred and fifty, which is a good increase in that length of time.

Pasadena University is in one of the best years of its history. Dr. Henricks as President and Brother J. F. Sanders as Financial Manager are certainly bringing Pasadena University out of its financial problems and God in every way is blessing their efforts.

All of our pastors are laboring earnestly and faithfully in their places of work. We ask you to pray that this year may be the greatest in all the history of the Southern California District. We expect to come to the General Assembly with good reports and a larger representation than we have ever had before.

J. E. BATES, Superintendent.

SINGING THE GOSPEL

First of all, I am glad to report victory in my soul. I love, Jesus with all my heart. I began singing in revival meetings right after our District Assembly last spring. First I went to Fitchburg, Mass., and helped Rev. E. E. Dearn, our pastor there, in a revival meeting with Evangelist W. O. Nease. God gave us a very gracious time and a number of seekers at the altar.

From there I went to Lawrence, Mass., one of our newly organized churches, with Brother Byron Marshall, pastor. Rev. F. W. Domina and Rev. Isaac Harmon did some splendid preaching, and God blessed His word, and a number of souls were saved as a result. We can give a good report of the church at this place. They are just running up the road. God is wonderfully blessing them and adding some good substantial members to their flock.

From there I went to Fort Wayne, Ind., where God gave us another good meeting with Dr. John Matthews and Dr. Goodwin, evangelists in charge. From there I went to Bath, Maine, and helped Rev. George Riley, the pastor, and Rev. H. C. Stebbins, evangelist. It surely was a splendid meeting. Brother Riley is a faithful pastor, and is leading his people along in God.

Then I went to New Haven, Conn., where we have another small band of faithful people. We held street meetings, and preached and sang, and had good results. It being a college city, made it quite hard to get the people into the hall. There were so many isms in town that the folks looked on us with a critical eye, but bless God, He came and owned us and blessed His word, and we had salvation in spite of opposition.

From there I went to Syracuse, N. Y., with Rev. H. C. Stebbins, evangelist. We found a good company of sanctified folks sacrificing for God and holiness, with our young brother, Howard P. Jett, as pastor. We surely had a splendid revival. Brother H. C. Stebbins did some splendid preaching. It was a real revival we had there. Sometimes there was no preaching, just the saints praying and praising God. The folks liked Evangelist Stebbins so well they called him for pastor, and he accepted the call, and stayed on, and God is blessing the work at Syracuse under his ministry.

From there I went to Washington, D. C., and helped Rev. Lewis B. Williams, the pastor of our church there, with Evangelist Howard Sweeten, in a series of revival meetings. God gave us a good meeting and some fine clear cases of salvation. Brother Sweeten is a mighty preacher, very clear and definite, and a sweet spiritual evangelist. We have a fine band of people at Washington, D. C., also a fine church building when it is finished. They are very anxious to get the auditorium finished so that they can worship upstairs and invite the public into a comfortably-seated church. We have a great opportunity for work in our capital city and ought to have a good strong church there. I believe it is coming. Brother Williams is doing a good work there, and surely has the Spirit of the Master.

From there I went to our church in Lynn, Mass., and helped our pastor, Rev. E. T. French, in revival meetings with Evangelist J. B. McBride. We surely had a good revival, the best in many years, and some real good cases of salvation. God is giving our Lynn church some splendid young people for which we praise Him. There is a sweet spirit among its members, and God is blessing the ministry of our pastor. Brother French is a very hardworking and

sacrificing pastor and loyal to the church and its members, and is feeding them on the Word of God. God bless our Lynn church.

Then I went to Lowell, Mass., with Rev. John Gould, pastor, and Evangelist J. B. McBride. God certainly gave us a gracious revival. I enjoyed working with Brother and Sister Gould, and the members. There was a very sweet spirit throughout the meeting. They have a fine company of young people, and they just can sing. God blessed the preaching of Brother McBride from time to time also blessed me as I sang the gospel messages. We had a good number of seekers and happy finders. The last Sunday was a great day, and we closed with an altar full of seekers.

From Lowell, I went to Malden, Mass., and held a week's campaign in the Swedish M. E. church. I preached and sang every night, and God came in mighty convicting power. It was a time when God really took a worm to thrash a mountain. He can do it. Praise His dear name! I am so glad for the privilege of being a worm in the hands of God. We had about fifty seekers, and some five young men and women consecrated their lives to God. Quite a number really got the blessing of holiness. It was inspiring to see these bright young folks wake up to the need of consecrated lives and talents for God. I am burdened for our young people these days. We must win them for God.

I began December 31st with Rev. M. E. Curry and Evangelist J. B. McBride at Everett, Mass. Please pray for me that the anointing of God shall continually rest upon my singing, that I may be able to lift up Jesus in song so that the folks will fall in love with Him and make Him theirs.

MABEL R. MANNING, *Song Evangelist.*

WHERE WE SPENT OUR CHRISTMAS VACATION—1922

For about fourteen years, we have been more or less interested in the work at Pilot Point, Texas. This is the home of the father and mother of the Roberts brothers, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Roberts, better known in the entire community as "Grandpa" and "Grandma" Roberts. As long as their earthly home is here, the six living brothers and four sisters will feel this is "home" for where father and mother dwell, is "Home, sweet home."

We have been out and in a good many times in these fourteen years, and for a short period we owned a little cottage, as did all the brothers, and tried to make this our headquarters for our general evangelism, but about the time we made our nests, the Lord began to stir us up, the thorns soon pierced through the nests, and we saw it was no longer God's plan for His children to "colonize" or huddle together. So we scattered, some went into the pastorate of the Church of the Nazarene, and some evangelized. But one of the boys, Rev. J. P. Roberts, stayed "by the stuff" as he has done for about nineteen years. He has a call. It pierced his heart many years ago, when God laid upon him, the need of a home, a shelter for the lost and tempest tossed amidst the storms of sin. So he opened what is known far and wide as "Rest Cottage," a place where mother's daughters, who have fallen by the way-side, can find protection, love, care, and sympathy, and best of all, a forgiving Savior. Many hundreds of girls, from many fine homes in this fair land of ours, have knocked at the door of Rest Cottage, and never has one been turned away because of her multiplicity of sins, or their depths.

The burdens and cares of this Home rest almost entirely upon the minds and hearts of Brother and Sister J. P. Roberts. Together they have borne the burden and heat of the day, sacrificing as few have done, to see it made a glorious success. It is a success from a financial standpoint, even through the drouths and the panics. And best of all it is a grand success from a spiritual standpoint. Almost any time, day or night, the voice of prayer is heard all through the Home. To me, this is the greatest charm of the Home. There is "Blind Helen," who has been in the Home for eighteen years, with a wonderful stable experience. She is loved by all, and this was especially noticed when the Christmas presents began to pour in for her on Christmas day. She has charge of the Missionary Society, which convenes every two weeks, and nobody could better have the burden and interest of the missionaries at heart in the Home like Helen. "Aunt Minnie" who has also been in the home for many, many years is another outstanding figure that goes a long way to bring brightness and success into the Home. We never heard an evil report of her, and she ALWAYS has the victory. The efforts of the Home all these years, in my estimation, have been rewarded in the salvation and success of these two beautiful characters, as well as the many hundreds of other.

Christmas was a bright day for all the girls. We

were invited to share their joys with them, as were also several other neighbors. We gathered in the parlors around a beautifully decorated tree, about ten o'clock Christmas morning. We never saw a Christmas tree so heavily laden in all my life. Nobody was forgotten or neglected.

Just before time for the meeting to open, there appeared on the scene a large box from Sister Whitworth of Chicago Austin church, a former matron of the Home, who did not forget the girls. The opening of this box, and the joy it brought to the girls as they carefully unwrapped each gift and read the names, was a scene we shall never forget. Many gifts were sent in from the town friends and those from a distance, and it was one of the best Christmas days we had been privileged to attend in a long time. It had been twelve long years since we had shared this glad day "at Home."

They afterward surrounded two large tables, where a most wonderful turkey dinner was prepared by the girls. There was everything to go with the preparations of the day to make it indeed a Merry Christmas. It would be impossible to relate all those who are now, and have been, connected with this great institution all these years. Miss Salee is the present matron, and Miss Smith teaches music to the girls. We see nothing lacking to make this one of our greatest institutions of the church, in its efforts to "Rescue the perishing and care for the dying." Its needs should be laid upon the hearts and pocket books of our entire denomination for it belongs to the Church of the Nazarene. Every district should at least send a box every year to this worthy institution. Every little bit helps, and makes the load lighter. Pray for Rest Coage.

MRS. C. EDWARD ROBERTS.

Among the Churches

HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

—The church at Hot Springs is on the up-grade. Our fine, large Sunday school spells future success for the church. Good attendance at the church services, and increasing interest in the great doctrine of holiness. We were privileged to have a revival meeting with our General Superintendent, Dr. J. W. Goodwin. The writer led the singing and preached a couple of times. The glory lingers still, and much good was done. Our property is paid for, and we are ready for greater things. We are looking forward to a greater revelation of the Son of God and of His glory. Amen.—H. Milligan, pastor.

ANDERSON, IND.

—God is blessing us here in Anderson in many ways. He is answering prayer, turning the tide, and many are turning our way. Folks are encouraged, taking a new hold, and things are being done. They say the church is in better condition than it has been for several years. Since the Assembly we have taken in twenty new members. Folks are praying through and shouting in the good old-fashioned way. We just closed a revival, with Rev. J. E. Hughes as evangelist, which was one of the best meetings the church has had. There were seventy-six victories, either regeneration or sanctification. Brother Hughes will be a blessing to any church who will stand by him. We have received thirteen members from this meeting so far, with more to follow. In this meeting a fine young man and his wife prayed through. He had just given her a new \$50.00 diamond ring. She has taken it off. She said, "The rest of the Nazarenes don't wear them; I will not." One night while the revival was on the church gave us a pounding, and last Sunday these dear people gave us a check of \$25 for Christmas. We have a good Sunday school and Young People's Society, with an average of near fifty in the Young People's Society and about one hundred forty each Sunday in the Sunday school. We are planning to have Rev. L. L. Pickett again near the middle of January for a pre-millennial convention. We had him last year and he was a blessing to the church. Pray for us that we may yet climb higher.—W. E. Albee, pastor.

VAN BUREN, ARK.

—Thank God for the year of 1922. It has been a blessed good year for us here at Van Buren. Our little church is growing. Amid the great strike God has led us through. We have promise of a good year. We began a meeting Christmas day. God has given us ten souls up to the present. Will continue until January 1, 1923. I have no complaints to make; the holiness way just suits me.—J. W. Irwin, pastor.

LOWELL, MASS.

—We closed recently a meeting in which Rev. J. B. McBride and Miss Mabel Manning were the evangelists. In some ways it was the best meeting we have had since coming to Lowell. The attendance

all through went beyond anything we had ever seen here. A beautiful spirit prevailed in all the services, and a large company of people sought God at the altar of prayer. Much definite work was done, both in the first and second works of grace. We have been blest under the ministry of Brother McBride many times but never heard him preach as he did in this series of meetings. His gracious and sweet spirit along with his close and powerful preaching won the hearts of the people both in and out of the church. The singing of Miss Manning was much appreciated. She is in the first class of song evangelists. Since the special meetings closed God has graciously blest us in the services, so much so that on one occasion there was no chance to even read a text—the tide of testimony and blessing rolled on until time to close the service. To God be all the glory.—John Gould, pastor.

McMINNVILLE ORE.

—We began a ten-days' meeting with Mrs. De Lance Wallace, December 7th. It was a hard-fought battle, but God was with us and permitted us to see something of our hearts' desire for McMinnville. The weather was unusually stormy during the entire meeting, and for that reason our congregations were not large, but the presence of the Lord was manifest in every service. God answered the cry of our hearts and gave us a few souls for our hire, for which we praise Him. Sister Wallace's life and ministry were a great blessing to us. Our hearts are encouraged and we pursue by God's grace to fight on until we see the cause of holiness established in this place. Amen!—Miss Ava S. Adams, pastor.

STOCKTON, ILL.

—This makes our third year in this place. We came here feeling definitely led by the Lord, and, although we have had calls to other good places with increased salary, we are still here and in divine order. This has been a field hotly contested by the enemy, but we have overcome him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of our testimony, and at present we are enjoying victory, and, being more than conquerors, we are ready for another battle. Although several good families have moved away this year we are still holding our own. The blessing of God is upon all our services, and a sweet spirit of harmony prevails in the church. For this we thank God and take courage. Our women's Missionary Society is very active, having caught the vision of needy souls. This society has sent several packages to Mrs. Cooley in Kentucky and to Mrs. Johnson in Chicago. It also supports a native worker in China. We believe in missions and missionaries. It is our prayer that God will help us to maintain our present noble force at any cost. In October we held a three-weeks' revival. Brother Oscar Hudson opened the meeting with some old-fashioned Holy Ghost, heart-searching messages, and then being called to Texas, we continued under the wise and efficient leadership of M. E. and Mrs. Stretch. The church was greatly strengthened by the powerful gospel messages of Sister, Stretch, who is an exceptional preacher of the Word of God. We need more preachers of her type, who can beautifully unfold the Scriptures. Brother E. O. Chalfant was with us for one service during the revival and brought us a splendid message. Yours for greater things.—E. W. Larrabee, pastor.

SYLVIA, KAS.

—For several weeks we have had a continuation of good things at Pleasant Hill church. We had three great services on Thanksgiving Day. It was the beginning of our revival meeting. The morning service was from ten until twelve. The time was spent in praying and praising God. There was no time or need of preaching on account of the presence of God in our midst. After enjoying the big community Thanksgiving dinner we had another good service in the afternoon. At the close of the evening service Evangelists, Chas. Robinson and Brown from Bentonville, Ark., arrived. They were with us for eighteen days. They are men of God—great soul winners. God blessed their messages. There were about forty professions during the meeting. Following the revival came the Central Group Meeting. The attendance was small but God gave us a great time. These are great days. God is with us. His glory holds.—S. H. Erwin, pastor.

WEST TULSA, OKLA.

—We are moving on in West Tulsa, doing our best to keep the Devil on the run. Wednesday night was a wonderful service. At the close of the testimony service several came to the altar for healing. God came in healing power; shouts of victory followed. The altar was cleared; an invitation was given; seven came forward for prayer; three were blessed of the Lord. We feel that we need your prayers. The church presented the pas-

for with a suit of clothes for a Christmas surprise, for which we were very thankful.—A. C. Gustin, pastor.

HAVERHILL, MASS.

—We are doing business for God in the Haverhill Nazarene church. While the indifference outside is appalling, we are having a good spiritual atmosphere in all of our services. One good seeker Sunday night. Our offerings for missions reached the high water mark last month when \$120 was given without any special efforts being made. We are in the midst of a big repair job inside of the church building. Lowering the ceiling three feet, and covering the whole interior with steel ceiling. We are planning for a revival campaign when this work is completed.—F. W. Domina.

MENA, ARK.

—Our little band of Nazarenes here at Mena is in the front ranks pressing the battle. Hallelujah to God! We have a nice Sunday school with sixty enrolled and about fifty regular attendants. Others are looking our way. We are still believing and receiving, and are looking to God for great things this year. Praise the Lord! We are trusting that we may see many precious souls plunge in the fountain. Pray for us.—Andrew Jones.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

—Since our assembly at Ballinger we have been very busy getting started into the new year. We have just closed a two-weeks' revival with General Superintendent Goodwin as evangelist. There were about fifteen professions and much good accomplished otherwise. Dr. Goodwin was a great blessing to us as a church and as a people. The last Sunday in the year we had a watch service. The pastor preached and seven were at the altar, six of whom were blessed definitely. We are planning a great down town campaign in the spring at which time we expect to plant a great church in the heart of the city. We are pushing ahead to victory. We have a very fine people who have the vision and the grace to win we believe. We earnestly request your prayers in our behalf.—T. W. Sharpe, pastor.

CENTRAL CHURCH, NASHVILLE, TENN.

—These are the best days of my life in some respects. I never felt more sure of the Lord's presence with me and of His divine approval upon the work I am engaged in. There is never a service held, even down to a Christmas tree, but what He is there. In the regular services Jesus not only gives the messages but sends them home to the hearts of the people in conviction and salvation. Last Sunday night there were eleven at the altar of prayer, and a number of them prayed through. My main object and aim in preaching the gospel is to get people saved and sanctified, then after that to train them for service in the church of the living God. I want to invite all our friends who ever pass through Nashville to hunt us up and enjoy what we are enjoying at Central Church, 131 Fourth avenue. My residence is on Trevecca College Campus, on the Gallatin Pike. My postoffice address is Nashville, Tenn., Route 10, Box 1. Call on us and pray for us.—J. A. Chenault.

LAMESA, TEXAS.

—We have just closed a very successful two-weeks revival in Lamesa, Texas. Brother Allie Irick, District Superintendent, and Sister Emma Irick, District Evangelist for the Hamlin District, were our evangelists. The Lord blessed in a marvelous way. Lamesa was stirred as never before. Large crowds were in attendance; twenty-two were saved, reclaimed, and sanctified; and sixteen united with the church on the last Sunday. Others are to follow. A new parsonage is to be built, and a new church must soon follow. Co-operation is very manifest on the part of pastor and people. The work is on the upgrade.—W. E. Hall, pastor.

RACINE, WISC.

—The work of the First Church of Racine moves on with increasing power and interest. A beautiful spirit of harmony prevails throughout the entire church. Most of our people are tithers, and the finances of our church are coming on beautifully. The pastor is paid in full weekly, and all departments of the church are being cared for. Our watch night service was especially blessed of the Lord; as the old year died and the New Year dawned upon us the church was on her knees, pledging afresh their lives to God. We feel a great year is before us; already we are planning our year's work in the city. We are to have a great convention soon, conducted by our District Superintendent, E. O. Chalfant, and Rev. C. E. Roberts and wife. This will be preceded by a ten-days' revival by the pastor. The church owns a tent, and as soon as the weather will permit we expect to conduct tent meetings in

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON REFERENCES

January 28. THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS LESSON: Luke 16.

GOLDEN TEXT: Charge them that are rich in this present world, that they be not highminded, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. I Tim. 6: 17.

Devotional Reading: Psalm 37: 1-9.

February 4. THE GRACE OF GRATITUDE, LESSON: Luke 17.

GOLDEN TEXT: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; give thanks unto him, and bless his name. Psalm 100: 4.

Devotional Reading: Psalm 103: 13-22.

different parts of the city. God's blessings are upon our hearts: "Forward" is our battle cry; the God whom we serve is able. Amen.—Mrs. Nettie Hudson, acting pastor.

MURPHYSBORO, ILL.

—Evangelist E. M. Cornelius just closed a three-weeks' meeting, December 24th. He preached with power and his singing was touching. A number of folks broke down and wept, but would not yield. Thirteen claimed the victory; six came into the church. Two of the converts were at the altar last Sunday night and claimed to get sanctified. We believe there has been seed sown that will reap a harvest some time. Our work is moving along real nicely and we are looking for greater victory. The writer has a real determination to go through with the Lord; saved and sanctified up to date.—George W. Cornelius, pastor.

SHAMROCK, OKLA.

—Our meeting came to a close Sunday night, December 17th, and, after the smoke of battle had lifted from the field, a survey showed seventy-five reclaimed, saved or sanctified, a nice class of new Nazarenes and a whole church on fire for God. The enemy put up a hard fight, but the captain of our salvation led on to victory. In the early part of the meeting Brother Juir Ferren, president of our Young People's Society, was literally broken in pieces by a premature explosion of dynamite. This was a severe shock to us as he was loved and respected by all who knew him. Then an epidemic of sickness swept over us and many of our people were either prostrated or were kept away from the services caring for the others. Finally our pastor, Brother Dodd, and his wife, were both smitten with ptomaine poisoning; and for several hours their lives were despaired of until God came on the scene and raised them up again. How we love Him for it. Well, thank God for the victory and for such an evangelist as Brother F. R. Morgan, for such a singer as Brother Messer, for such a pianist as Brother Carrol, for such pastors as Brother and Sister Dodd, and finally for such a church as the Church of the Nazarene.—W. A. Bonar.

DENISON, TEXAS.

—I was called here by the vote of the whole church for this year, and thank God I am delighted to be their pastor, though the strike in the railroad shops has made it hard in a financial way, but we are going on. Glory to God! Please pray for us that we may be able to do more for our church and paper. Yours in the fight for the right.—M. W. Burgess.

DAYTON, OHIO.

—The Lord has been blessing both pastor and people here. We have been able to pay off some of the debt of the church and expect to have it all paid off by the help of the Lord before another year. Sister Eva Carpenter of Nashville, Tenn., was with us in a missionary service Sunday, December 10th, and it was truly a great day. The Holy Ghost was on the meeting from the beginning, and Sister Carpenter was at her best. A good offering was raised, amounting to about \$500. There was an altar full of souls at the night service. Sister Carpenter is not only a real missionary, but a real evangelist with a passion for a lost world. We will never forget her labors among us. Christmas Day was a great day here. We had an early morning prayermeeting at which one soul found God, and the church showed their appreciation for the pastor and family by presenting him with an offering amounting to \$37.00, for which we praise God. This year we have seen at our own altars about one hundred souls. At present we are in a great meeting with Rev. Aycock and his wife. They are praying to be

the right ones in this place. Pray for us. We will go on till January 21st.—J. W. Henry, pastor.

CARUTHERSVILLE, MO.

—We are glad to report victory from Caruthersville. We are looking up. A real soul burden is coming upon the church. For weeks we have been crying to our God for a real burden for the lost of this town and a vision such as we have never had. The Lord is wonderfully blessing, and we feel more and more His presence with us. Brother A. J. Vallery is to begin a revival for us February 3. We beg the prayers of God's people everywhere for the oncoming meeting. By God's help and grace we mean to be prayed up, and have the revival fires at a white heat on the altars of our hearts when Brother Vallery comes our way. We are making this a heart-searching time trying to get everything out of the way of the Holy Spirit, that we might be channels of blessings. Pray much for us. We are learning to love the people here more and more as we further associate with them. Truly these people are the salt of the earth. Our membership is small, being composed of the poorer class (financially speaking). Most of the members are women; we have only three or four male members. Some of these precious people surely do know how to carry a burden and make a sacrifice in order to carry on the work. When we speak of a sacrifice we mean a sacrifice of necessities and not luxuries. We have an indebtedness on the church property of about seven hundred dollars, but we are trusting our God to come to our rescue. This is a very needy field. As we go from place to place praying in different homes we find many hungry hearts. The Lord is meeting with us in mighty power, especially in our Sunday morning services and cottage prayermeetings. The eyes of our town are upon the little Nazarene church. Our attendance is reasonably good. Surely we need and covet the prayers of the HERALD readers.—Rev. G. C. Brawley, pastor.

VILONIA, ARK.

—We take pleasure in reporting the progress of the work here. The church has a vision of a lost world and are loyally supporting the cause. The blessings of the Lord are richly resting on all departments. Our Sunday school is well attended. The Young People's Society is awake to the needs of the church and are, with success, using the programs as outlined in the HERALD. The mid-winter revival is to begin the 25th of January and continue over to the 4th of February. District Superintendent Rev. G. H. Harmon is to be the evangelist. We are looking forward for victory and are expecting many souls in the fountain. The school is making steady progress and we see a great future for the work here. The debts which have been held against the property so long have been lifted and a deed has been recently granted by the court. We are encouraged to renew our zeal and push the work to complete victory in the cause of educating the youth in holy living and getting his setting in life. We earnestly solicit the prayers of the HERALD readers that we shall at all times be true to our people and above all to Christ.—E. O. Tapley, pastor; Earl Harris, president of school.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

—We came to this church on November 1st and found a company of devoted people that will compare favorably with any in our movement. However, the church had been without a pastor for some weeks and Satan had not been idle during that time. From the beginning God put his seal on the call of the church and the attendance at every meeting has increased so that at prayer meeting we frequently have seventy-five and about the same at class meeting. Sunday services are usually held with congregations that about fill the church. But the best part is that each Sunday has had visible results in souls seeking at the altar. In two months without special meetings forty-two different people have prayed through and are giving evidence of salvation. There has been a marked advance in missionary interest lately. During December alone the amounts given for this part of God's cause total \$255.00 in cash and over \$50.00 in pledges. We are now engaged in a revival effort that will take in the months of January and feel that God is surely going to give us an old-fashioned, sweeping time of salvation. We feel that great days are in store for this church. We are encouraged to press on and feel sure that we go in the blessing of the Lord.—J. H. Parker, pastor.

ALVA, OKLA.

—We want to report victory in our own lives, and the blessings of the Lord on the church here. We have had almost a continuous revival in our regular services since the meeting held by Brother Neely in August. Our District Superintendent, Brother Jernigan, held us a ten-days' revival in December.

the result of which nineteen prayed through to victory. We have received nineteen into the church since the Assembly, and are expecting to receive another class into the church next Sunday. Some how God has helped the entire church to work in such a way that our Sunday school and church services have been increased in a great way, and the outlook is good for even a greater increase this year. Our Y. P. S. is making good progress, with plenty of enthusiasm, and a vision of God before them. They come each Sunday evening with a well planned program that is interesting to the older people as well as the young. And we find it is a great asset to our evening service. We are expecting this year to be the greatest year of our lives.—M. R. Bishop, pastor.

FLACKVILLE, IND.

—We thank and praise God for the good old-fashioned revival He has recently given the Nazarene church here. It continued four weeks with our pastor, Rev. G. B. Wright, as evangelist. Brother Wright is a man of God, filled with the Holy Ghost, and well able for the work at this place. His sweet, patient spirit and his stirring messages of truth have endeared him to both young and old. All services were well attended. God blessed the truth, and thirty definitely prayed through. Eight new members were received into the church, and others are looking our way. Shining faces, shouts of victory, and bright testimonies gave evidence that God—and, we believe, lasting work has been done. We praise God for those in the church who prayed through, and especially thank Him for the goodly number from the outside. One entire family of six adults was brightly saved, and one of them was sanctified. Several young people were saved, who love to tell what God has done for them. There is better interest in the Sunday school. We have an attendance of from thirty to forty in the prayer-meeting, which is good for this place. A good offering was taken for the pastor, and a raise in salary has been given him since the meeting closed. This revival is truly a wonderful victory for the church, as this has been considered by some a very hard field. It is true much prejudice prevails, and the growth of the church and our revival efforts for some time have not been what we had hoped for, though some faithful and efficient workers have labored here. But God has wonderfully answered prayer. The church is blessed and encouraged to go on. Our membership is small, but a loyal people who love God and the cause of holiness. We have a good church building, with a five-room parsonage adjoining, which we had never been able to complete. The zeal and self-sacrificing spirit of our pastor and some of the members have made possible some needed improvements about the parsonage; which add greatly to the comfort of the pastor and his family. The church has recently been equipped with a good piano and splendid pulpit chairs. We truly thank God and our District Superintendent, Rev. J. W. Short, for sending Brother and Sister Wright this way. The work is moving forward under their leadership, and they are much loved and appreciated by the church. The sweetest harmony prevails, and God is leading us on to the best year our church has known. On Friday before Christmas Sister Wright suffered a broken limb just above the ankle. Let all the readers of the HERALD OF HOLINESS remember her in prayer. She possesses a beautiful Christian spirit, and is an efficient worker in all departments of church work. Pray for our church and pastor.—Mrs. Bertha H. Lem, secretary.

BLOSSOM, TEXAS.

—We have just closed a blessed good meeting, embracing the holidays, with J. W. Land of Vivian, La., as evangelist, in which souls prayed through in the old-time way, and some good substantial folks came in the church. Sunday school is fine. We are lifting for Foreign Missions, and saying we must not retrench. We can't afford to recall a single one. The revival spirit is on, and we are making it hard on the Devil. Showers of blessings are ours. Anything that should be done can be done, and under God we can do the job. We are in the fight till the war is over.—Arthur L. James, pastor.

ALEXANDRIA, LA.

—The church here is greatly encouraged, and is still on the firing line. Since the Assembly which proved such a great blessing, our people have been on fire for God, more than ever before. We are just a young church, and are having the greatest battle of our lives, on financial lines especially, but are looking to the hills from whence cometh our strength. We have had a two-weeks' revival meeting since the Assembly, closing a few days before Christmas. Rev. J. W. Cook, of Mansfield, La., was the evangelist. We had a very precious meeting, although the weather was very bad most of the time, yet we greatly rejoiced to see twenty-two pray

through to victory. Brother Cook is one of our very promising young evangelists. He knows how to present the Word in such a way that it draws people to the Lord. He is a man of much prayer. As a result of this meeting we took four fine new members into the church, making nine since the Assembly; and several others are looking our way. We are expecting to commence building a new parsonage in a few days. We have our church property all paid for, and expect to have the new parsonage paid for by the time it is finished. Pray for us. Anyone wanting to secure Brother Cook for a meeting address him, Rev. J. W. Cook, R. F. D. No. 4, Box 107, Mansfield, La.—Chas. E. Woodson, pastor.

CANBY, ORE.

—God is with us and blessing us as a class under the leadership of our very dear pastor, Brother G. C. Wicker, a devout man of God. We have a membership of about fifty-five, with a Sunday school enrollment of about ninety-three, divided into seven good-sized classes. The addition of two Sunday school rooms to our main building in December has filled a very pressing need. The four-weeks' revival that just closed December 17th with Brother Fred St. Clair as evangelist was owned and blessed of God. Brother St. Clair has a real burden for souls and gets his messages from God through much prayer and fasting, and comes before the people with a message born of God. Did they flock to the altars in great numbers? No, but praise God for the precious souls who felt their need and answered the call, confessed their sins and were washed in the blood of the Lamb. Today they are witnessing with their hearts aflame and their faces aglow to the wonderful saving and sanctifying power there is in Jesus' blood. Do revivals pay? Yes. On with the revivals and may God instill in the heart of every true Nazarene a greater passion for lost souls.—Mabel Bowers reporter.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARDS

In harmony with the action of the last General Assembly we announce the annual meeting of the General Boards at Kansas City, Mo., February 14-18. It will be left with the various boards as to whether the entire Board shall meet or their executive committees.

General Board of Superintendents.

DELAWARE, OKLA., CHILDERS CHURCH.

—We have with us for pastors, Brother Frank Current and wife. We believe God in His wisdom sent them here. We enjoy Brother Current's Bible messages brought in his good, kind way, as well as Sister Current's forceful evangelistic messages. They are winning the hearts of the people. They are making their home with Mother and Father Childers.—W. F. Childers, reporter.

SEYMOUR, IND.

—God is wonderfully pouring out His Spirit upon Seymour, the oldest church on the Indiana District. For the past few weeks we have had some wonderful times of victory. The services have not all been of the shouting, hallelujah type, but occasionally we have had a service where the Holy Ghost came in a melting-up, refreshing spirit, and God seemed unusually near. Our watch-night service proved to be a great blessing to all. The glory of the Lord came in upon us in "showers of blessing." Our regular services, too, are being blessed with seekers. Sunday night twelve bowed at the altar and prayed through to genuine victory. We are fortunate in having Evangelist H. H. Lee, Song Evangelist Burl Sparks, and Rev. Wm. Abraham as members of our church, and when they are able to be in our services prove to be of great help and blessing. Sweet harmony and unity prevail in our midst, and we are believing that God is going to do great things for us.—L. W. Collar, pastor.

BOWIE, TEXAS.

—Our little church is moving along nicely with our new pastor, Brother Cooper, and his good wife. He is winning the hearts of the people. We have had services during New Year's week, our pastor doing the preaching. It has been a time of fasting for us. We are determined to make this one of the best years in the history of the church, and we are looking for great blessings from God because He is still on the throne and still answering prayers. Our prayer-meeting is a time of rejoicing, and souls have been finding God. We are thanking God for sending us a pastor like Brother Cooper, one who knows how to lead his people on to deeper truths in God.—Church reporter.

AUBURN, ILL.

—The blessing of the Lord is still upon the church and people here. We have just closed a wonderful revival with Rev. J. E. Hughes of Kingswood, Ky., and the Schlegel sisters of Muncie, Ind., as special workers. They are very worthy workers, and sing and preach under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Last Sunday morning we received seven new members into the church, every one of whom were adults who promised to tithe and stand by the church in every respect. Out of this number we have one young man who says God has called him to preach the gospel, and is making preparations to go to Olivet. All the finances came easy, and on the last night of the meeting Rev. Hughes took a love offering for the pastor. Our Nazarenes in Auburn are loyal to the cause in every way, and love their pastor and stand nobly by him at all times. The crowds were good throughout the entire meeting, and we closed with the main auditorium of the church packed to the limit. God is still blessing, and the revival is still on. Pray for us.—F. P. Kerst, pastor.

CADDO, OKLA.

—We just closed a good meeting here. Several prayed through to definite victory; five united with the church, which will greatly strengthen our forces, and I am very sure some more are coming later. We had Brother M. M. Lewis of Wellington, Texas, with us the first week, and we found him to be a blessed, good man with a good case of full salvation. His preaching was effective. He has two sons and a daughter-in-law who will be ready for some meetings in the summer. Rev. J. M. Messer preached for us the last week. You could see the glory on his face every time he entered the stand. This man knows God, and always proves a blessing to a pastor and his people. Our Sunday school is growing rapidly. The prayer-meetings are great times of refreshing. Our face is set toward the goal.—H. W. Hanselman, pastor.

CHICAGO FIRST CHURCH.

—Our meeting with Brother Huff and the Suttons was a great treat and profit to the church. I believe Brother Huff is one of the greatest if not the greatest preacher I have ever heard. We had three fine congregations Thanksgiving day. Our people all love Brother Huff, and were delighted with his ministry, and how the Suttons can sing. They will just do anything in the world to make the service so. Brother Sutton is a regular sunshine spreader, and it is contagious. We hope to have them with us again. Rev. Haynie of the Woodlawn church, preached for us on Thanksgiving morning and a number of seekers responded to the altar call. He is a blessed man of God and has not only captured the hearts of the people of his own church, but our people have the highest regard for him. The new year opens up well. We have received about twenty-five new members into the church, over a dozen seekers the last two Sundays, and the largest congregation last Sunday night we have seen for a long time. We haven't a word of complaint. We are being used better than we deserve, and are doing our best to measure up to the standard of confidence and respect in which the people hold us. We are planning a big missionary convention, January 24th to 26th, with Rev. Susie N. Fitkin of New York, Rev. E. G. Anderson of Kansas City, and a number of returned missionaries as the special workers. We are expecting a delegation from all the churches on the district, and sincerely trust it may be the means of creating new interest in the missionary work on our district. With sincerest love to all the HERALD readers.—W. G. Schurman, pastor.

KANSAS CITY, KAS.

—The New Year finds the church here moving on and upward. Souls are being saved and sanctified at the regular meetings for which we give God all the glory. Every department of the work seems to be focused to one purpose—the salvation of the lost. Our people are sacrificing and working hard to bring into existence a church building on the excellent location we have purchased. At present we are using a hall which is not the most convenient. December of 1922 was filled with good things for the church. Brother and Sister Coddling from Missionary Headquarters came the first Sunday and gave us good illustrated lectures on India and many of our new friends who knew nothing of the Nazarene work were interested and made contributions, also the Orphanage work was presented at another time and received the warm support of church and friends. District Superintendent Tunnell was with us Sunday before Christmas and blessed the people with his Spirit-filled messages, and left all encouraged to press on. Rev. Jos. Speakes, General Secretary of Church Extension filled the pulpit the last Sunday in December at the morning hour. All feel like going in to make this year the best of our lives.—Elmer D. Russell, pastor.

Gleanings From the Field

MADILL, OKLA.

We are fully convinced since the meeting here that the Devil isn't dead; but we are aware of the fact that God is more than abundantly able to give us the victory through His name. We were here from December 16 to 30 with our dear pastor, Wade L. Nelson. We find him easy to work with, and he made us feel that we were welcome. This was a hard fought battle, but in spite of all this God gave us a few clear-cut cases of salvation, and two united with the church. We secured fifteen subscriptions for the HERALD of HOLINESS. Let us push the HERALD and make true blue Nazarenes. Prof. Roscoe C. Carrell of Cedar Hill, Texas, was pianist. He certainly does his part well. He makes friends verywhere he goes, and his work is well appreciated.—Lum Jones.

POPLAR, MONT.

We just closed a very gracious revival, held in a schoolhouse thirty miles south of Poplar. The weather was very bad, being forty below part of the time, yet people came anyhow. We had good crowds and the best of attention. The Holy Spirit was present in every service. While there were not as many saved as we would like to have seen, yet there were some clear cut cases of conversion, and since then one has received the Holy Ghost. We left an organized Sunday school and hope to get back to preach to them again. So far as we could learn there had been no gospel preached in that country. The people are a fine class of people and should have regular preaching services. We had as our helpers Brother Frank Gaskell and his daughter Garland of Sieps, Mont. We drove across the country in a sled a distance of sixty miles. We covet the prayers of all the Nazarene people for this needy field. Truly the harvest is ripe. We have regular preaching services in our own schoolhouse when we are not away preaching. Remember us in prayer. We have just gone through a great sorrow in the loss of a dear little boy age three and one half years, who left us on the 31st day of October. Our blessed Savior has been most precious through it all.—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Nees.

ALTONA, OKLA.

We have just closed a good meeting here. There were one hundred fifty who knelt at the altar, most of whom found the victory. Among them was Kenneth Wells' brother, who one night prayed through at home. The Lord surely blessed us at this place. The crowds were good, as well as the altar services. In the last six revivals seven hundred have been to our altars.—M. P. Smith and wife.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

We have been in a meeting with the West Nashville church with our 'old friend,' Rev. T. C. Leckie, the faithful pastor. Surely God has given him the hearts of his people and he is doing a great work there. There is a great future for our church in West Nashville. We also had with us for several services the District Superintendent, Brother Collier, who sang, prayed, and pushed with all his might in the services. He is a fine man. We were also at Trevecca College, Nashville, Tenn. Well, it would have taken the recording angel to have kept record. Surely the Lord has His man there in the person of our dear Dr. Hardy. It is the opinion of this scribe that a finer man could not be found in the movement for this place and work. He is not only a great school man, but a great preacher. He is not necessarily emotional, but particularly spiritual. He loves the old rugged truth that gets results. Trevecca is doing a great work and has a great future ahead of her. They are much in need of new and larger buildings.

It was our very great pleasure to preach for our good pastor of first church, Rev. Wise, while in Nashville. He has a fine crowd to preach to and some as fine people as are to be found anywhere.

We are now in a battle with our church at Sidney, Ill., Rev. Chas. Bauerle, pastor. The meeting starts off well and we expect victory in Jesus name. The great need of the hour is prayers, faithful prayers, mighty prayers, fearless prayers, prayers that will not take no for an answer. 1 Tim. 2:1.—J. E. Gaar.

WAUSEON AND WOODSTOCK, OHIO.

In November I was with the Nazarene church at Wauseon, Ohio. There was a hard-fought battle, but God blessed and gave a good victory. Rev. Earl Stevens and his good people nobly upheld the evangelist, and great grace was upon the church. Other folks came in from Morenci, Mich., and Napoleon, Ohio, and got blessed in the meeting. The church was much discouraged when we began, but were greatly blessed and encouraged when the meeting closed. We were invited back for another revival

before summer. Our next meeting was at Woodstock, Ohio, with the Nazarene church there. We found a little band of holiness folks in a town where the majority were Universalists, Christian Scientists, or Spiritualists, so we did not get much of a hearing, but nevertheless God gave us some souls for our labors, and the church was greatly blessed. Rev. Charles Shafer is the efficient and consecrated pastor of this church. Our last meeting was at Thivener, Ohio, among the Baptists. The church is out in the country, and rain and mud and another revival about two miles away cut the attendance some but day and night the people came anyway. God blessed us. Those folks put one in mind of young robins when their mother would bring a nice fat worm to them—they just opened their mouths and swallowed the gospel truth down with a relish. The last night was dark and very rainy, but the folks came anyhow, and God gave three precious souls at the last altar service. In all of our meetings we are telling the folks what a good paper the HERALD of HOLINESS is, and getting a few subscriptions.—W. W. Loveless.

COVINGTON AND CURVE, TENN.

Thanksgiving at the Covington meeting was a great day; four blessedly saved. The meeting at Curve was a Christmas meeting, and truly the Christ was worshipped, loved, and praised, and He wonderfully poured out His blessing upon us. These meetings were with the Unity Holiness people. They are as clean straight people as I ever worked with and are not afraid of the truth. Brother J. M. Vaden of Curve is indeed a great man; he is a blessing to the church in every way. He is a merchant and the Lord is wonderfully blessing him in business as well as his soul. He is proving to the people in his locality that a man can succeed in business and not sell tobacco nor sell on Sunday. I must say to His glory that He is wonderfully blessing us in every way. He proves a true friend in time of need. The sun never shone brighter spiritually than it does now. Remember us when you pray that we may stay in His will and be ready each moment for His coming. I have some meetings for the summer. I am praying for and expecting a great year in His service.—J. L. Sanders.

"I think so much of the HERALD. Dr. Chapman's editorials are worth more than the price of the paper. I don't want to miss it for even a few weeks. It is a great paper."—Rev. H. W. Sanderson, Ohio.

DEATHS

Howe—Samuel Howe, son of Joseph and Ann Howe, was born in Cork county, Ireland, June 22, 1841, and died at his home in Mansfield, Ill., December 4, 1922, at the age of 81 years, 5 months and 12 days. When he was 16 years of age he came with his mother, step-father, one brother and three sisters to this country, locating in Lincoln, Ill. In the 16th Illinois Infantry he bravely helped fight many of the fiercest battles of the Civil War. He was married to Miss Catherine Haggerty, September 22, 1866, and five years later they settled on the tract of land which he had purchased near Mansfield, where they reared and educated their family of ten children, eight of whom are living. One son, William, died at the age of 15, and J. M. died, June 6, 1920. Those being are Mrs. T. H. Warren, George, S. F., Mrs. A. G. Primmer, R. E. Bert, Mrs. I. G. Martin of Pasadena, Calif., and Miss Martha, at home. Mr. Howe possessed a strong and pleasing personality, and he has been one of the prominent men of Platt county in political and financial circles. His ability as a financier has enabled him to become one of the large land owners of the county. After taking up his residence in Mansfield he was for a number of years president of the Peoples State Bank of Mansfield. Mr. Howe was converted in middle life in a revival meeting conducted by Rev. E. M. Jeffers at Lindsey Chapel, and united with the Methodist church. About fifteen years ago he sought and obtained the blessing of entire sanctification in a campmeeting, and since that time has lived a devoted Christian. October 10, 1919, a Church of the Nazarene was organized in his home by Dr. J. E. Breese, and he has since been a loyal member and strong supporter of that church, attending regularly as long as health permitted. He was a man of sterling qualities and of unusual ability, a clear thinker, a strong reasoner, and possessed a high standard of Christian manhood. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Goodwin, General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, assisted by Revs. E. O. Chalfant, District Superintendent, J. E. Evans, pastor of the M. E. church, and A. R. Brooke, pastor of the Nazarene church. The remains were laid to rest in the Mansfield cemetery.

Brooks—Mrs. Luclinda Brooks was born March 7, 1838, near Greenville, Texas, and departed this life and passed to her eternal reward, November 17, 1922, at her home near Sulphur Springs, Ark. In the year 1875 she was united in marriage to I. A. Brooks. To this union were born six children—one son and five daughters. She was converted when young, and was a member of the Baptist church until the year 1912, when she united with the Nazarene church at Shannon, Texas. She lived a consecrated life till death. She leaves one son, four daughters, and several grandchildren to mourn their loss, but their loss is her gain, and by God's grace we can meet her again "Just inside the Eastern Gate." Her body was laid to rest at the Bethel Cemetery, Gravette, Ark. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.—Rev. S. S. Frazier.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE—Unless unforeseen matters of importance arise, the General Orphanage Board will not meet for their annual meeting with the Correlated Boards in Kansas City, Mo., in February. Let all members of the Board take notice.—Theodore Ludwig, President General Orphanage Board.

MID WINTER CAMPAIGN, PORTLAND, ORE., FIRST CHURCH

A great mid-winter campaign will be opened February 11th, in the Nazarene tabernacle, corner of Twelfth and Main streets. West Side, Sunnyside (Hall Street) and Irvington cars pass within one block of the church. The services of Evangelist Fred St. Clair have been secured, also the Aeolian Quartette of Chicago, one of the greatest singing attractions in the ranks of God's spiritual army of today. All spiritual people in Portland are requested to pray mightily for a great visitation from the upper world.—D. Rand Pierce, Pastor.

MID WINTER HOLINESS CONVENTION

There will be a mid-winter Holiness Convention at the Nazarene tabernacle of Detroit, Mich., on Joy Road, one block east of Grand River, January 28 to February 4.

The Convention will be in charge of Rev. R. V. Starr, District Superintendent, Rev. N. B. Herrell and Rev. Joseph N. Speakes, of Kansas City, Mo.

A special invitation is extended to the preachers of the District, and to any others who may be able to attend, and if any person has friends and loved ones living in the city, please drop them a card telling them of this convention.

Take Grand River car, get off at Joy Road, walk one block east, or Clair Mt. car stops in front of the Tabernacle.

Make this convention a subject of prayer. A hearty welcome to all to come.

M. S. COOPER, Pastor.

MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN IN INDIANA

Conducted by Rev. W. A. Eckel.

Let us co-operate with him by the important ministry of intercession.

Hagerstown, January 29th, Monday night.
Modoc, January 30th, Tuesday night.
Harris Chapel, January 31st, Wednesday night.
Parker, February 1st, Thursday night.
Winchester, February 2nd, Friday night.
Fort Wayne, February 4th, Sunday morning.
Auburn, February 4th, Sunday night.
Bluffton, February 5th, Monday night.
Montpelier, February 6th, Tuesday night.
Redkey, February 7th, Wednesday night.
Dunkirk, February 8th, Thursday night.
Upland, February 9th, Friday night.

THIRTEEN BEAUTIFUL SONGS

Fine for solo, duet or mixed quartet—50c. Among them are such beautiful selections as "He will make it all right some day," "Words that we did not say," "Hallelujah we shall shine," and "Beyond the silent river." Folks are delighted with them.

REV. L. L. PICKETT
Wilmore, Ky.

NOTES AND PERSONALS

Brother E. M. Hutchens reports good progress in the church at Riverside, Calif. Both Sunday school and church attendance has doubled and souls are getting to God in the regular services. A good lot has been purchased in a fine location and a neat new church building is about ready for the use of the congregation.

Brother Fred St. Clair in sending in a list of seven subscriptions to the HERALD OF HOLINESS from Canby, Ore., states that they had a blessed revival at that place.

From Troy, Ohio, "Just to announce the arrival of very fine twins (boy and girl) at the Nazarene parsonage here on January 6th. Wife and I would feel most highly honored if the Lord should in His wisdom call them as foreign missionaries."—H. C. Little, pastor.

Evangelist Bona Fleming after spending the holidays with his family sends New Year greetings to "all the pastors, evangelists, singers, laymen, and workers in every part of God's vineyard." He reports 1922 as a good year in the work of the Lord, with seekers numbering into the thousands, and witnessing some mighty displays of God's power. He covets the prayers of God's people.

Evangelist F. R. Morgan in a meeting at Ada, Okla., reports that the prospects are good for the organization of a new church there. He has some winter and spring dates open. He can bring a singer with him, or come alone.

A revival is in progress at Caldwell, Idaho, with Earl C. Pounds as evangelist. Souls are praying through in the old time way.

Evangelist E. Arthur Lewis is engaged in a meeting at Greenfield, Ind., beginning Jan. 19th. Anyone desiring his services can write him there.

Brother Bona Fleming with Kenneth and Eunice Wells were welcome visitors at the Publishing House last week. These workers are in an evangelistic campaign at First Church, Kansas City. The opening service on Wednesday the 17th was one of much blessing, with a good attendance. The church is in a spirit of prayer and expectancy.

TELEGRAMS

NAZARENE PUBLISHING HOUSE: Lamar, Colo.
Entering third week of meeting. Seventy-five seekers to date. Large congregations, at least seven hundred present Sunday evening. Many turned away, could not be seated. Seekers each night. T. E. Beebe and his daughter Carol mightily used of God. Meeting continues over twenty-first.

C. J. HOWARD.

HERALD OF HOLINESS: Pasadena, Calif.
Revival campaign on, First Church, with Dr. R. T. Williams. Thirty-seven seekers Sunday, tide rising. Doctor Williams never preached better. Church stirred. Sunday school growing, one thousand by Easter our goal. Have received one hundred fifty-six members into church since Assembly. Have nice class to receive next Sunday.

U. E. HARDING.

HERALD OF HOLINESS: Hastings, Neb.
Greetings abroad. God has been moving on the Hastings church in a mighty revival. Rev. Bona Fleming doing great preaching under the power of the Spirit. 150 at altar; many prayed through. Prof. J. Warren Lowman and wife leaders in song. Prof. Lowman's solos capture the great audience. Church crowded to limit and numbers turned away. No better revival team in the movement than Brothers Fleming and Lowman. Revival continues with Rev. Edwards of Lincoln and Prof. Lowman.
J. C. WALKER, Pastor.

WANTS

WANTED—Orchard work anywhere. Am a Nazarene, single, and hate trimmed and sprayed over 1000 trees in a year. Reuben Blodget, 201 N. 4th St., Beatrice, Neb.

SIX-PAGE PAMPHLET of New Songs by Jack Linn and wife, 10 cents. Rev. Jack Linn, Oregon, Wis.

FOR SALE—Second-hand tent 30x60 in good condition. Price \$150.00. For particulars write Mr. L. Bodenhamer, 3511 Verdugo Road, Los Angeles, Calif.

THIRD GREAT JOINT CONVENTION YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUES

Washington-Philadelphia and New York Districts
Church of the Nazarene, East Rockaway, New York

February 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 1923

SPECIAL WORKERS—Rev. D. Grant Christman, of Endicott, New York, in charge of special Bible Readings; Dr. Julia R. Gibson in charge of Missionary Evangelistic Mass Meeting; Rev. J. T. Maybury, District Superintendent of the Washington-Philadelphia District; Rev. H. M. Moore, District Superintendent of the New York District; and others.

The mornings will be devoted to conferences on subjects vital to the promotion of young people's work.

NOTICE TO PASTORS AND PRESIDENTS:

We want two delegates from every church on both Districts. Those coming by train should take the Long Beach branch of the Long Island Railroad at Pennsylvania Station, New York, and get off at South Lynbrook Station.

For further information write to,

Washington-Philadelphia District—President Rev. J. H. Parker, Bloomsburgh, Penn.

New York District—President Rev. H. A. Bente, Flushing, N. Y.