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

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EDITORIAL

Sad Heritage of the Church From the War



WHATEVER advantages may be said to have been gained by the nations of the world in the way of greater safety for human liberty, and for democracy as the great fundamental principle for human governments, it can be said that the Church has gained absolutely nothing from the war. At least, what the Church has obtained in the way of problems to solve and errors to uproot, largely overbalance what she may have gained in any and all ways as fruits of the great conflict. We do not deny that our victory was immensely great and righteous, and the world will be richer for it. The Church's legacy is, however, the point to which we here confine our attention. We affirm that the erroneous teachings given the boys at the front in the Y. M. C. A. huts and in the camps for training in our own country, to a large extent have planted seeds of difficulty and delicacy, which make a most formidable problem for the Church to solve. This state of things also has particular interest for those orthodox churches and people who believe in a real salvation from sin by the blood of Christ.

We point again to the absurd teaching of so many of the leaders and teachers in many Y. M. C. A. huts and elsewhere, that our soldier boys who die on the field of battle are absolutely safe and will reach heaven, regardless of their sins or earthly conduct, morally. They were taught a salvation by heroism and personal sacrifice. The great sacrifice of Christ has thus been minimized and retired and substituted by a system of salvation by sacrifice and death on the battle field. Salvation was changed from a supernatural act of God by the application of the blood of His Son, who died for us that we might be saved, into a salvation by personal heroism by the soldier in the battles of the war.

Religion Changed by the War

A very prominent divine, who writes much for the secular papers, wrote recently that "Religion has been changed by the war. Now that the war is over, the churches have seen so many opportunities to enlarge their usefulness and to extend their influence among all people, that it is a question whether they will ever return to the methods of the evangelist to win people. The churches will have learned that the best way to 'convert' the people is to help them in their daily lives in a normal way. The returning soldiers will also help to revolutionize the methods of the Church.

At the front, in the face of death, they did not tolerate the old-fashioned appeal to save their souls from hell. Hell will not mean much to them after this war. What they want is a sane, healthy religion, that takes into account the facts of life as they are now meeting them."

A so-called great preacher said during the war, "The man who died in this war for his country, believing that his country's cause was the cause of God, and who might have gone over the parapet with an oath on his lips, might still be received by Christ with the words, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'" Another said and taught, "Can we not believe that He who brought peace out of the crucifixion of His only begotten Son, and not only peace but eternal glory, will also bring peace with honor, immortal honor, out of the martyrdom of our sons on the stricken field?" Mr. John R. Mott, appropriating the words of Henry Drummond, said, "It is more necessary to be active than orthodox." This is vicious and nauseating rot — simply this and nothing more.

Not One Word of Gospel

We hold in our possession a criticism of a book gotten out to officially represent the Y. M. C. A. work at the front, of 236 pages. Our author, who is competent to judge, says in the whole 236 pages: "There is not one word of gospel, not one word that would prepare a dying soldier to meet his God in peace; but, rather, by its teachings he would be led in the way of Cain and be cast out from the presence of a holy God forever. We have not space to quote more at length from the many preachers and teachers who have lost their heads and lent their influence to this worse than false teaching. It is lamentable, and simply appeals to all of us who believe the Holy Bible and are not willing to surrender the only hope for salvation and to accept an utterly false hope to bestir ourselves and use our utmost endeavors to promulgate the truth as it is in Jesus.

There is a clarion call and a cardinal opportunity for the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, and all other bodies of believers who really believe the Bible, to recognize the larger and more profound responsibility that is thus thrust upon us. There was never a more important or a more delicate duty than now confronts us. Let us stand firm as Gibraltar and true as heaven itself by the great truth as it is in Jesus — that "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." The war will not

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hurt the faith of our boys in immortality and a hereafter. These blind guides will hurt their faith in the way of getting ready for this hereafter by their false teaching. The Devil knew he could not, by a war, damage the faith of the soldiers in a future state, when they faced the danger of meeting it every day. Hence, he got in his work with these teachers, and dared pollute their faith in the way of salvation by diverting them from the cross of Calvary to their own service and sacrifice on the field of battle.

Let us stand prepared to cry aloud and spare not the truth, as it is in Jesus. These returning soldiers will be more amenable to the gospel than before their entrance into the war, perhaps; but they must be saved from this dismal and deadly heresy of these Y. M. C. A. teachers and others who may have debauched their faith and wrested them from the truth into fatal error.

This is our largest appeal now, and let us keep ready to meet it by an uncompromising stand for the religion of Christ. God help us to be true to His Word and to His sacrifice of His only and well-beloved Son, who died to make atonement for the sins of the world! Let the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene be true to this heritage from the great war.

Lost Heads

ALL OUR readers have seen chickens that had lost their heads. They act very strangely when they lose their heads. Their actions are extremely uncertain. They flop about in all directions, scattering blood here and there. They flounder all around in this and that direction, with no orderliness in their movements. The most inconsistent movements for chickens are seen and the most surprising antics occur. You can never tell just where they will strike in the next flop and hence you are never surprised at any action by headless chickens.

It is a fact, however, that chickens are not alone in the matter of losing their heads. Strange as it may appear, preachers sometimes happen to this fate. We have often seen the spectacle and there is a resemblance between their actions and those of the chickens which have lost their heads. You can never tell just what action to look for from a headless preacher. Inconsistency is the most marked feature of the capers of headless preachers. Variations, contradictions, inconsistencies make up the lives of such clericals as have lost their heads. We are never surprised, as much as we may be disgusted, at things such preachers will say and do who lose their heads.

To illustrate our point, we refer to some vagaries which have been indulged in since this war by such clergymen as we here describe. Nothing whatever, except the fact of their having lost their heads, could account for these disgusting and contradictory and inconsistent things said by these gentry. Take the saying of one of these preachers that "no matter what the shortcomings of a soldier may be, when he dies on the battle field in defense of his country he is entitled to all the benefits

and blessings of heaven." Take another case where the preacher said that "for a soldier who thus died on the battle field defending the world's liberty, heaven was not pure enough for his residence." Such nonsense is credited to men called preachers of the gospel as contained in the infallibly inspired Bible, which teaches that there is none other name given among men whereby men can be saved, except the name of Christ.

Hear what Paul says in the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. He says, "Though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity [love], it profiteth me nothing." Here it is declared that even if in defense of my faith in Christ I should be required to lay my body down and have it burned to ashes, if I have not love shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, it profits me nothing. Here is a supreme sacrifice of one's life for the sacredness of all causes, the maintenance of the faith of Christ; which, however, is bootless unless there is with it and accompanying it that love of God the apostle describes so eloquently in the chapter referred to.

Men professing to be called and commissioned ministers of our Lord Jesus Christ make themselves simpletons when they indulge in such glaring nonsense as to claim that soldiers on the field of battle, who make what they are pleased to term "the supreme sacrifice," are too pure to enter the heaven of the Bible. Laymen of ordinary common sense, whether Christians or not, generally disapprove such blasphemy as this.

No man living can have a tenderer appreciation of the noble army of heroes, who bare their breasts to the bullets of the German assassins, and are shot down by them to their death, than the writer. Let us ever honor these heroes and delight to revere their memory. But let us, while we are faithful in this praise and gratitude to these noble young men, keep our heads on our shoulders and remain decent and respectable and self-respecting. Let us not contradict the Bible and renounce the gospel, by the substitution of some other sacrifice than the one and only Sacrifice made for the sins of all men, by such twaddle as some preachers have been indulging in.

No man can save himself by anything he can do, however noble. Oliver Cromwell was never heard to make any such absurd claims as this set forth by these headless preachers. No other man of sanity and soundness will make the claim. The young men themselves know better and do not rest their hope on any such absurd and unscriptural basis. It is certainly fatiguing in the extreme to have to hear such nonsense, in the blazing light of this twentieth century of the Christian dispensation. Can not these headless preachers be interned in some way and save society from their unsavory and unsanitary association? There ought to be some way to protect an innocent public from contact with such a class of malodorous undesirables, as such so-called ministers of the gospel. They mislead men as far as as they have any influence left. They are traitors to the Bible and to the real gospel of the Son of God given to us in the all-sufficient and only Sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Time fails us, as well as space, to include in this list the array of so-called "higher critics" who have been for fifty years engaged in discrediting the Bible by their learned nonsense. We have paid our respects to this class often enough for the reader to know exactly our estimate of it. It belongs to the same class as the headless crowd we have dealt with in this editorial. They are both headless alike, and need to be interned in some way for the protection of the public against their worse than nonsense, no matter under what names they may masquerade themselves.

IT IS BETTER to say too little than to say too much. This is true in crises as well as in the general run of life. It is easier to add to what was said that was right than it is to take back any part of the things said that were wrong. When it gets you on the wrong track the tongue likes to keep you going as long as it can influence you to keep up the wrong talk. Study to know when and where to put on the brake.

Jesus, the King of the Jews

By REV. M. W. GUNN

"This is Jesus the King of the Jews" (Matt. 27: 37).

WE ARE told, by St. John, that when the chief priests saw what was written over the head of Jesus, they said to Pilate, "Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews" (St. John 19:21). But Pilate said, "What I have written I have written" (v. 22). Pilate was convinced he was condemning a faultless man, and he had this testimony from the lips of the Christ himself. When asked regarding His Kingship and kingdom, Jesus said, "Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?" and "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence," and "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth."

So we see that Jesus by no means disowned the title, possibly placed in partial derision above Him as He hung on the cross; but, on the opposite, tenaciously clung to the title, saying, in our modern way of saying it, "Yes, sir, I am. I am King of the Jews. Do unto me as they please, still I am the rightful King of the Jews."

When we speak of a king we immediately connect it with at least three other things, viz: kingdom, subject, and government or law. Jesus told Pilate His kingdom was not of this world. St. Paul seems to get the same idea, when he tells the Roman Christians, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." So we see from this that the kingdom Jesus speaks of is not a material kingdom, but a moral or spiritual kingdom. For material things are not subject to the states of joy, peace, or righteousness. When we say that man is "full of joy" we do not mean a part of his body; we mean his soul. For joy is a moral quality. Likewise are all the other fruits of the Spirit.

And of such a kingdom is Jesus King. "Not of this world." Jesus says this kingdom "cometh not by observation: . . . for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:20, 21). Speaking to Nicodemus, Jesus said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth," and goes on to say, "So is every one that is born of the Spirit." Which backs up the truth of St. Luke, "Not with observation."

Again Jesus says, "Verily I say unto you, That there be some of you which stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power" (Mark 9:1; also Matt. 16:28). It is a present obtainment. Glory be to God!

A kingdom does not need a king, and is of little consequence unless it has subjects, and subjects, too, who have power to obey or disobey the law. Now the Jews were God's subjects—descendants of Abraham, "children of promise," called out of Egypt, and finally landed in Canaan—those born under the covenant of circumcision. These were Jews—God's chosen spiritual people. St. Paul had an idea that there were some branded Jews who were not Jews. He says, "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God" (Romans 2:28, 29). Again

he says, "Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. . . . Nevertheless what saith the scripture? . . . the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free" (Gal. 4:22, 30, 31).

Again he says, "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Gal. 3:29). That makes us Jews! Although we were once "Gentiles in the flesh, . . . aliens from the commonwealth of Israel; yet by repentance and faith in the blood of the Son of God have we been reconciled to God." "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." Blessed be God forever and ever!

To be subjects we must obey law. One fundamental, essential principle, on which the kingdom of God stands, is the law of God. The law must be kept if we remain in His kingdom. Not in part, but in whole. James says, "He that offendeth in one point is guilty of all." If we remain a Jew, we must let the King of the Jews reign over us! When God arrested us by the Holy Ghost, and we repented, we there promised God to obey His

law. We gave up our "arms" and He gave us faith, love, joy, peace, and righteousness in the Holy Ghost. I remember that, don't you? How we did stand up for God! In battle after battle we came off more than conquerors, through Him who loved us. Glory be to God. How precious He was to us! How we loved Him! How loyal we were to Him! We've said like Peter, "Although all men forsake thee, yet will not I, and I will lay down my life for thy sake." We meant it, too!

The Book says, "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." Who were His own? The Jews. But they refused to receive Him as King. As long as Jesus showed His almighty power, escaping out of the hands of those who tried to take him, by raising the dead, healing the sick, and restoring sight to the blind, the crowds followed Him, and even tried to crown Him King; but whenever He began to manifest His kingship, "Many went back, and walked no more with him." The chief priests bought one of the twelve to betray Him unto them; and he "sought a convenient season," and betrayed Him unto them. When on trial before Pilate, when he asked what to do with the King of the Jews, they disowned Him as their King, and said they had no king but Cæsar, and they would not have Christ to rule over them. They then said, "Away with him," "Crucify him," "Release unto us Barabbas."

There is a time in every "Jew's" life when Jesus commences to exert His Kingship. That same Jesus is on trial today, just as much as He was when He stood before Pilate and said, "Ye say that I am."

Regenerated brother and sister, when you look at your thoughts, words, and deeds, in secret, public, and private, through God's soul mirror—the Word of God—don't you find somewhere and some time something that wasn't done to the glory of God? Are you still willing to go through for God? Are you still willing to die for Him, although all men forsake Him? Will you let Him cast out of His kingdom all things that offend? Jesus is waiting for an answer! What will you do with Jesus? Will you say with the Jews, "Away with him," "Crucify him," "We will not have him to rule over us," "Release Barabbas"—the murderer and robber, the "old man"? The question is up to you, What will I do with Jesus? You have proved that He is the Son of God! Take and judge Him according to your law! "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death." "I find no fault in him." What then will you do with your King?

The Jews said, "His blood be on us, and on our children." And their request to Pilate was answered in 70 A. D., when Titus captured the city; and we are told so great was the slaughter of the people the blood ran down the temple steps with the flow and rapidity of a large stream. They said they would not have this Man to rule over them. What are you saying? Are you willing to let Jesus cleanse your heart? Are you willing to continue a loyal and obedient subject of the poor, forsaken, despised, and rejected King of the Jews? Or are you willing to release Barabbas—a type of the "old man"—who took away your spiritual life before, and will rob you again of all you hold dear—love, joy, peace, and heaven? For your own sake, the sake of others, and above all, for Jesus' sake, have Jesus set at liberty and Barabbas destroyed; and prove the liberty wherewith Christ makes free; or else you will have to meet Him in judgment.

Witness of the Spirit Needed

By IRA W. STEWART

Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,
What is my life without Thy love?
Where is my peace and hope and joy
Parted from Thee in earth's alloy?

What good to prove by Word divine
That I am right, that Thou art mine,
When all around can surely tell
That Thou dost not within me dwell?

The one who has not Thee, 't is said,
Is not yet Thine—he still is dead—
It matters not how else we prove
That we are Thine, if Thou remove.

But when Thyself and Word agree
And prove us Thine by it and Thee,
Then will we have abundant proof
That from our sin we stand aloof.

Then will the peace of God abide,
If Thou the blood dost keep applied.
Then may we rest in Thee secure—
Its application keeps us pure.

For Thou dost testify 't is done.
Oh, glorious thought that we are one!
Made one by Thee, and kept in peace
And made to know our sure release.

If in my heart Thy presence dwell,
And Thou dost teach me all is well;
I need not fear, what else betide
If kept by Thee, though surely tried.

God grant that we may never cease
To seek Thee, and that glorious peace
That comes not by the Word alone;
But by Thee, when the work is done.

It never will suffice to say,
"I'm saved and sanctified today";
If in our ways there's constant proof
The Spirit has not said, "Enough."

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Why the American Church Is Apostatizing

By REV. CLYDE E. GREEN

A CHRISTIAN is a Christed-one, or one who bears about in his life the vital, throbbing, warm, gentle life of the Christ. A church is a number of the Christed-ones who have banded themselves together to assist one another and bring others into the same relation to Jesus Christ. The only gateway into the Christed life is by way of the new birth. Man, by nature, is a religious being, and is so constituted that he will worship some object or objects. As soon as the child reaches the age of accountability, he steps out from under the merits of the atonement into sin; unless he has been saved previous to or at the time of accountability. And since the child is born with the sin principle in his heart, he early becomes a lover of sin and the world. Then he becomes an idolater, with the world as his idol. This religious idolater is visited by the Holy Ghost, who shows him his moral degradation, and, as a consequence, he seeks admittance into the visible church that he may receive its moral benefits. Under conviction he may shed a few tears over his moral condition, but refuse to relinquish his hold on his idol and abandon all sin. However, he does "intellectually" accept Jesus as the true model of life; although he refuses to release his grasp on his sinful idol, and allow his life to be conformed to the new Model he has accepted. On the strength of this intellectual profession he could gain entrance into the membership of almost any of the American churches, even though he is still an idolater with no change of heart, and his affections yet set on the world.

By nature man becomes more and more conformed to the object of his worship and influences all with whom he comes in contact to seek the level of his own thinking and worship, which results in this idolatrous worldling injecting into his church life the element of the world in which he lives. This not only reacts on the man, bringing him to lower ideals and lowering the level of his own expectation relative to the standard he has set for his morals, but also attracts to his companionship as worshipers other worldlings who, by nature, must worship. Those thus attracted do not become worshipers of the true and living God, but do worship the form, ceremony, stained glass, high steeple, and cushioned pews of the church. After a few years of this process those who have actually been born of God become so outnumbered and intimidated by those worldly worshipers that the true saints give up their testimony and warfare against sin and worldliness. This results in the true worshiper losing his grip on God, and finally giving consent, usually without a clear understanding of just what he is doing, to be absorbed by the crowd who are worshipping the church.

Thank God, there are some of the saints who refuse to be swallowed up in the apostasy. They break ranks with the worldly church and form a new body of believers, while the backslidden, worldly body tries to draw itself to higher levels by its own effort, only to sink to lower and lower levels, until the church becomes totally corrupted. For there are no means within reach of human power or wisdom by which man can extricate himself from the awful clutches of sin by his own efforts. This is proved by the history of idolatry, for the worshipers have always degraded to the level of the idols of their own making, which idols, being of human origin, could have no

higher moral attributes than the one who conceived the idol.

In view of these facts if we do not wish the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene to follow the long line of apostatized churches, we must be very careful to do three things. First, as ministers we must see that those seeking membership in our church have brought forth fruits showing true repentance (Matt. 3:8); have abandoned all their sins, giving proof thereof by a heart-felt testimony and godly walk before the world and the church. Second, the worldling must be kept from membership in the church at any cost, even if a probationary system is necessary. Third, as shepherds of the flock we must not only keep the wolves out of the flock, but if

we have sick sheep we must not be afraid to administer very bitter doses to bring about recovery. We do not mean to advocate a turning of the sheep out of the fold until they actually die. A good dose to give a backslider is to make the atmosphere so hot because of the manifest presence of the Holy Ghost in our services that he feels uncomfortable. Then visit the home and pray down the fire until he is miserable. Keep up this process until he makes complete recovery and returns to the fold.

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Ministerial Ranks

By REV. WILLIAM S. RICE

"Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits" (Rom. 12:16).

THAT THERE are higher and lower ranks in God's family is unmistakably taught in many places in the Scripture, and the verse quoted above plainly teaches it. It is our purpose to call attention to some of the different ranks in the church, or family, of God.

First, there are the rich and the poor. It has ever been so. If the reader will turn to James 2:1-9 he will see that God says it is sin to respect the rich and disregard the poor, or to give the poorest any less attention in the church than we do the richest. But what real spiritually minded person can fail to see that this very sin is being committed in many congregations? Saints of the Lord, beware of this subtle sin; for "he that committeth sin is of the devil." God warns the rich to rejoice in that he is made low, but the poor in that he is exalted.

I have never been able to see that the great Father, who loves all of His children alike, is pleased with the way His called ministers are salaried. To illustrate: I will suppose the case of two preachers who are called of God. Both have families of the same size, financial necessities the same, and both give all their time and strength into the work of the Lord; yet one receives for his labor from \$25 to \$45 a month (and often less), while the other receives from \$100 to \$200 a month. The one is forced, from necessity, to live in any small and inconvenient house, which is very uncomfortable and often unsanitary. The other is furnished a good parsonage, with beautiful carpets and a piano, and with splendid furniture.

I wonder if the great, loving Father of us all had the opportunity of these matters, if the distribution would not be somewhat different, and more according to the real necessities. I think that the Levites, who were the Lord's ministers of that age, received each one his equal part of the tithes, according to his real necessity. These things might be enlarged upon, but it is my purpose only to give a few hints.

Again, there are in God's family the educated and the unlearned. I am sure that education, when used in a humble way, has ever been God's throne of power and usefulness; yet the one of moderate education, and often even the illiterate, are used greatly to the pulling down of the strongholds of the Devil. The education which God only can give is absolutely essential to make one a soul winner.

I thank the Lord that He has ever had His Pauls and His Apolloses in His Church. I also thank Him that He still has and uses mightily those whose rank is with the humble fishermen of Galilee.

The Book of Galatians

By REV. C. B. WIDMEYER

Introduction.

- (1) By whom written. Paul (ch. 6:11).
- (2) To whom written. Galatian churches.
- (3) When written. A. D. 57 (winter).
- (4) Where written. Corinth.
 1. Paul defends his apostolic authority (chs. 1 and 2).

CHAPTER ONE.

He does this on the ground of

- (1) His divine call (v. 1).
- (2) His divine revelation of the gospel (vs. 6-12).
- (3) His independence of the other apostles (vs. 13-24).

CHAPTER TWO.

- (4) His indorsement by the church (vs. 1-10).
- (5) His rebuke to Peter (vs. 11-14).
- (6) His plea for justification by faith (vs. 15-21).
2. Paul defends the gospel (chs. 3 and 4).

CHAPTER THREE.

He does so on the following grounds:

- (1) Their own experience of its effects (vs. 1-5).
- (2) The history of Abraham (vs. 6-9).
- (3) The teachings of Scripture (vs. 10-20).
- (4) The work of Christ (vs. 13, 14).
- (5) The gospel of grace was the culmination of the law, and the fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham (vs. 15-29; ch. 4: 1-21).
3. Paul applies the doctrine (chs. 5 and 6).

Paul argues:

- (1) Steadfastness in liberty (ch. 5: 1-12).
- (2) Not to abuse this liberty (ch. 5: 13-15).
- (3) Not to fulfill the lusts of the flesh (ch. 5: 16-21).
- (4) Walk in the Spirit (ch. 5: 22-25).
- (5) Deal kindly with the brother (ch. 5: 25; ch. 6: 1).
- (6) Bear one another's burdens (ch. 6: 2-10).
- (7) No saving virtue in circumcision (ch. 6: 12-17).
- (8) Benediction (ch. 6: 18).

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Has the War Changed the Bible?

By REV. BUD ROBINSON

THE WORLD-WAR is over, thank the Lord. It is now time to stop and sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Once more the world is delivered from longbeards, steel spurs, the rattle of the machine gun, and the roar of the cannon. The armies of liberty have won out in good shape. Let God be glorified, Christ honored, and the blessed Holy Ghost magnified; and let the Bible find a place on every center table, and a Testament in every pocket.

Let every Pentecostal Nazarene preacher, if he hasn't already been doing it, set in at once to preach the Bible as never before; and while the big pulpits are planning to find something new to preach to the soldier boys when they come home, let the Pentecostal Nazarenes preach the Bible. There is nothing so new in the pulpits of America as the Bible. The multitudes have had all the new things on the face of the earth, until the American people are starving to death for just the plain Word of God. If the big pulpits think the Bible is worn out in the United States, let them undertake to preach it without fear or favor, hew to the lines, and see if they don't find that nothing, in the last twenty-five years, has held and drawn the multitudes as the Word of God has done and will do.

The Bible has not had a chance in the American pulpit for the last twenty-five years. I don't know much, but I do know that I have

now traveled in the United States some 500,000 miles, have been all over every state in the union, and quite a good deal of Canada, and my honest convictions are that nothing on earth is so badly needed as a great revival of preaching the Word of God. God says, "My word shall not return unto me void." "The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword." The psalmist says that "the entrance of thy words giveth light." Christ said, "My words are life." Christ is the Light of the world.

And now, since the present war has not changed the Word of God, nor the nature of man, and we know that God is the same unchangeable God that He was before the world-war broke out, why should we have a great change in preaching the gospel when the soldiers come home? For the leaders of the "new move," as they call it, to want to pull down the house of God on a level with the world, will, after all, be nothing new under the sun: for the great bulk of the wealthy church members have, to my knowledge, for the last twenty-five years been dancing and playing cards and running to shows of all kinds, and are yoked up with every kind of a worldly fraternity the world can contrive.

To do such a thing after the war, then, will by no means be something new, for we have had those things all the time for the last quarter of a century. Now, for the people to imagine we can not reach the young men after the war, unless we put into the churches card tables and smoking rooms, dancing parlors, and

pool and billiards, is not only a false statement, but is, to my mind, an insult to a soldier boy to throw such an insinuation into his face.

Our soldier boys are young men of splendid judgment, and the cream of our young manhood of this great nation; and when they have spent months and maybe years among the dead and dying, and heard their dying groans, it will be a great relief for them to get out to the house of God and hear a great gospel sermon, of the saving power of the gospel of the blessed Son of God.

So I say that the young men will receive it, and will be glad to get it; for it will be such a change that they will not only receive it, but will enjoy it. Let's plan to give the soldier boys who return home an old-fashioned revival of just the plain old Bible doctrines, as we find it in the old Book.

Humility

By MRS. ANNIE COLE

I DESIRE TO devote this article to the subject of humility, as I see the world's need of it. Not only the world, but we see it as a need among God's professed children. Now, reader, will you please search your heart as you read this?

First, humility is the flower of the plant set by God's own hand; and it takes God himself to bring us down in humility, and set this plant to blooming within us. In how many faces can we look and see this grace blooming? God takes delight in humility, and our Savior manifested it in His life. He would go as far for a soul in rags as He would for a soul in silk. Would you do that? Holiness makes our hearts like the Master's. We have seen a few holiness people who will stand and talk with the well-dressed ones, and merely say, "How d' y' do?" to the commonly dressed. Then they will say they are not "proud." Call it what they may, I think they need a little humility.

Our Master frequently taught and exemplified this virtue. He said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:3). He commended humility when He said, "Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 14:11). He took a towel and girded Himself, poured water into a basin, and washed the disciples feet. From this symbol Peter wrote, in his general epistle to all, to be "clothed upon with humility." James further says, "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. . . . Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

It is to be feared that humility is often sadly lacking, even among those who profess His name. Oh, friends, let us get all God has for us, and get more humility than we have. Then I am sure we can win more souls for God. Our time is short in this world, at the best, and we need this grace to be ready when He comes. He said, "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me to give to every man according as his work shall be." Oh, glory to God! Just think of that. Let our works and our hearts be just like He desires; for this is the dressing room, where we are clothed with His grace. Then shall we join in showing forth His image, for His Word says, "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

Waiting Millions

BY JESSIE M. HUNDLEY

Standing on the threshold
Of another sad, long year
Are the millions yet in heathen lands
Waiting still to hear
Of the One who bought their ransom
On Mount Calvary's cruel tree,
Suffering, bleeding, groaning, dying,
For their salvation full and free.

Silent centuries witness for them,
Since Golgotha's tragedy's past,
You and I must face the question
When we meet our God at last.
Shall we heed the voiceless pleading
Of those souls beyond the sea,
Eager now to hear the story
Of dark, blood-stained Calvary?

Those were awful days of conflict
On the battle fields of France,
Many thousand brave sons waited
Just to hear the call, "Advance!"
Service flags repeat the story
Of the sacrifices made;
While the Red Cross sign is hanging
'Neath the old home's window shade.

Called are we to bloodless battle;
Church of God, awake and pray
For the souls in heathen darkness,
Where the Devil holds full sway.
Yearly sacrifice by witchcraft,
Throughout Afric's dark domain,
Equals those who've shed their life-blood
In this world war, earth's great fray.

Think ye God will hold us guiltless
When we face Him on His throne?
Will that voice which said, "'Tis finished,"
Echo to our souls, "Well done"?

Or shall we hear the sad, sad message
From Christ of dark Gethsemane,
"Inasmuch as ye did it not, to these,
Ye did it not to me"?

They are hungry, thirsty, naked,
"Bread of life" ne'er comes their way.
They are sick; down in the valley
And shadow of night; they have no day.
Prison bars across their pathway
Haunt them to life's latest dawn;
Church of God, haste to the rescue,
Ere this generation's gone.

Christ is coming, surely coming,
Coming soon to claim His own;
Saved from out earth's great dominion
Through the seeds of gospel sown.
The rewards He's bringing with Him,
Each morsel sent will be made known,
E'en a cup of water, in His name,
Will to your own account redound.

Satan's trenches are strong and mighty,
Fortified well against attack,
But our Captain ne'er lost a battle,
We need not retreat, or ever run back.
So let's put on the gospel armor,
And rush into the whitened field
Amidst the mangled, bleeding, dying,
The Spirit's mighty sword to wield.

Thousands should go there in person,
Like our boys who are in the fight,
While the Church, here in the back-ground,
Keep the home fires burning bright.

Thus to make them better soldiers,
Equipped to win much for our King,
Then we'll all share in His glory,
When Christ comes to take His reign.

Three Funerals and Their Lessons

By REV. EDGAR P. ELLYSON

ONE SUNDAY afternoon we were called upon to conduct the funeral of a soldier boy. About two weeks before he left our town at his country's call, and went to the cantonment to which he was assigned. He soon received his uniform, sending his civilian clothes back to his parents. But instead of going to the field for drill he went to the hospital, and soon died as a result of an attack of influenza. He had yielded himself fully to his country and made the supreme gift of his life. He was willing to render faithful service, but he had no opportunity to do so, for death came too soon.

Do you remember the story of the boy who was converted on his dying bed, and just before passing out to the heavenly city said, "Must I meet my Savior empty-handed"? Christianity is meant for more than just to get one into heaven. It is for a life of faithful service and eternal rewards. No person has any time to lose in this life. Every day one puts off accepting Christ, and beginning the Christian life, shortens his time of service and robs him of rewards. Be wise and be a Christian now, and serve awhile before you go hence. Better get in with no service than not to get in at all; but much better to serve.

On the next Saturday we were called upon to conduct the funeral of a man in middle life, who had, no doubt, been called to the ministry, but who had lost himself in business. Through preaching, the pleading of friends, and divine providences he had been faithfully warned. He would be deeply impressed for the moment, but soon again be lost in business. As death approached we talked to him faithfully, in company with his wife and mother-in-law. He told us he had been praying that day, that he believed God had forgiven and taken him back, and that living or dying he was going to be true to God. In less than twenty-four hours he slipped away, we trust to be with Jesus, but with his life mission all missed.

Friends, are you fulfilling your calling? Are you now working at your life mission? Or are you allowing some business of this world to so occupy your time and attention as to keep you from your real mission in the world? Business is blinding, deceiving, and damning many souls. Be very careful how it gets hold on you. But after this man came back to God and promised obedience, why was he not permitted to live and fulfill his mission? Is it not possible that God saw that restored to health the temptation back to business would be too great for him, and to save him He must take him on home? May this lesson take fast hold on us.

The next Tuesday we were called upon to assist in the funeral of a young married woman, who was the mother of one child. Several hours before her death she realized its approach, was conscious to the very last, and left a beautiful testimony. She called her mother to her side and said, "Mamma, did you know I was preparing to leave you? I have not been living as I should. I have confessed to God and I want to confess to you. You never allowed us to play cards, but I have been playing." She had continued in her church life but had fallen in with a society which held its social card parties, the well-thought-of folks of the town. Facing eternity she called this a pest which she had to get rid of; and she did, and died very happy.

In nearly every town is this respectable

card set. Quite usually they are church folks. And in our own town are those who have, in the past, professed holiness. They argue for the innocency of these parties and cover up their gambling by calling it just a prize offered to the winner, and accuse us of narrowness because we disapprove and preach against such things. But let all such take warning from this voice just approaching the eternal city. Beware of self-deception, of the influence of worldly society, and of arguing against your own conscience. Whatever others may do, whatever may be popular in society or even in church circles, even though your preacher may attend the "movies," or your Sunday school superintendent may belong to the lodge and use tobacco, or your teacher wear jewelry and a scarcity of clothing, or your church have its social circles which indulge in questionable things, you must walk in the light the Holy Spirit gives to you. It means much to so live that on your dying bed there will be nothing to confess. Only the very few live that way. But what would sudden death mean to one who does not?

The voice from these three funerals is the voice of Jesus Christ saying, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." And this "first" is not simply now, but all of the time. Get in the kingdom now, and keep the kingdom first in your life all the time. Let first things be kept first. In all our living and doing let us keep the "eastern gate" in view.

Let Us Now Proceed to Degrade and Kill Our Soldier Boys

By REV. C. E. CORNELL

A N EDITORIAL note in the *Los Angeles Times* is very suggestive, to say the least. Here it is:

SMOKE UP.

The Y. M. C. A. has sold over a billion packages of cigarettes to the boys in France. This is not the old-fashioned idea of the Y. M. C. A. service, and would annoy Lucy Gaston Page, but it goes now.

The *Literary Digest*, of October 26th, published a letter, "From the Front to the Folks at Home," written by Lieutenant Joseph Rodman, of the 18th Engineers, to his friends in Los Angeles. Here is a part of his letter, which is wholly about cigarettes:

Besides myself, your box was enjoyed by a bunch of tobaccoless, moneyless, poor fellows just down from the front. One eighteen-year-old American boy, with both hands shot off at the wrists (the most irrepressibly cheerful man in the world), used to stick his grinning face over my bed so that I could put a lighted "tailor-made" in his cigarette holder. When his ash reached a precarious length he would cause it to fall by champing his teeth on the holder and grinning meanwhile, as if he had discovered Ike Newton's pet idea.

One of your cigarettes was smoked by a dying man. His passing was vastly different from the soldier's death of fiction. There was no calling for wife, mother, or sweetheart. He praised your cigarette; cursed feebly because his fresh milk tasted sour to him; and quietly "went west."

There is a very small percentage of soldiers who do not smoke cigarettes. . . . If you must send tracts and Testaments, why, indulge your whim; but if you want to soothe pain, camouflage the works of Satan, promote brotherly love and the broader observance of the Golden Rule, send cigarettes first, and last, and all the time.

To some of us this is horrible, and we are sorry that it has ever been written, and we

say this with every ounce of fiber and every ounce of American blood back of the heroic boys who have bled and died on the battle front.

There are two questions that we raise: Is a young man a cleaner, stronger, better young man for being a cigarette fiend? Is a soldier a more courageous, daring, physically stronger soldier for having smoked several boxes of cigarettes?

Dr. J. H. Kellogg, of the famous Battle Creek Sanitarium, says, "Nicotine weakens the heart, lessens endurance, diminishes breathing capacity, benumbs the sensibilities, impairs the eyesight, stupefies the brain, and depreciates every mental, physical, and vital power of the man." In the writer's opinion it is, at the present moment, the American soldier's most deadly foe." A similar opinion of many distinguished American physicians could be added.

That this deadly cigarette habit is fastening itself upon millions of men and women is vouched for by indisputable statistics. The total consumption of cigarettes for 1918 will aggregate forty billion. This is, approximately, thirty-eight billion more than in 1902, an alarming increase within sixteen years.

Thousands of our soldier boys who never smoked a cigarette have learned to use these dangerous coffin nails, and will come home from the war cigarette fiends, subject to all the weaknesses caused by this deadly habit.

A subtle and vast advertising campaign has been carried on by the cigarette makers. The *Sunday School Times*, one of the best known and most reliable papers in the country, recently said:

An advertising campaign involving the outlay of millions of dollars was entered into; space was bought in every publication that was for sale; the alluring advertisements come into every home; sympathy with the boy in the training camp and trench, in his loneliness and monotony, was aroused by appeals for something to relieve that situation; the cigarette was hit upon as the only relief, and thousands of good men and good women were prevailed upon to give their support to a cigarette propaganda that, under any other circumstances, would have found them bitterly opposed. In some places, even the school children were appealed to, to contribute to the "tobacco fund," and in not a few places the church lifted no warning voice.

What shall we do about this new danger to character and manhood? King Alcohol is about to die, but Queen Nicotine is taking the throne. The Young Men's Christian Association, which has done so much for the comfort of the soldier, is the main distributor; the churches have not even lifted a voice against this awful curse, but few right thinking citizens see the peril, because most of them indulge. In the name of God, shall we look with complacency upon this grave danger to our laddies, which, in the end, will rob them of physical strength, manhood, and moral fiber? It is a habit that leads to destruction.

PASADENA, CAL.

Perfection

By S. B. GOSEY

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48).

THAT THERE is some kind of perfection the Bible abounds with evidence (see Genesis 6:9). Here God testifies that Noah was a perfect man (Gen. 17:1). God commands Abram to be perfect (Job 1:1). God testifies that Job was a perfect man (Phil. 3:15). Paul testifies to perfection for himself.—Of course in the twelfth verse of this same chapter he (Paul) denies

perfection for himself, but here he has reference to resurrection perfection. What we are contending for is Christian perfection (again see Heb. 6:1). Here Paul commands the Hebrew brethren to go on unto perfection; and in our text the Savior commands the disciples to live this perfection. We see in these texts some were commanded to possess this perfection; it was testified of others that they had it; and others were commanded to live it. Then there must be some kind of perfection, but as to the kind of perfection it is yet to be settled.

We will first notice the negative of this subject. It is not angelic perfection. That is a state where we do not make mistakes, or miss the mark, unintentionally. But, thanks be to God, mistakes are not sins; that is, condemning sins. While every deviation from the perfect standard must be atoned for, as there were offerings made under the law for sins of ignorance, the blood of Jesus stands for all sins of ignorance now, unless the ignorance be willful. Men will be held accountable for light they might have had, as much as for what they have had. We must walk in all the light we have and seek more, or we will be condemned.

This perfection is not Adamic perfection. That is a state wherein we are free from disease. We will have pain and disease as long as we live, and the presence of disease does not prove that we are sinful.

Neither is this perfection resurrection perfection, which Paul said he had not attained

to. We must yet die, or at least be changed from mortal to immortal.

Nor does this perfection mean godly perfection. That is, we are not omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, nor immutable.

What is this perfection? It is a state wherein we love God with all the heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves. We conform our lives to the law of God, as best we understand it. We may miss the mark a thousand times, but if it is not intentional the blood of Jesus covers it all. Our heavenly Father looks over the mistakes and blunders that are not intentional. Yes, and He sympathizes with the weakest of His children, more than with the stronger ones. Like the man who, it was said, had three little girls, and one of them was feeble-minded. Having been away from home, he returned one day, and the children, wanting to show their appreciation of their father's return, brought him presents. The two bright children presented their father with a nice bouquet of flowers, while the other little child presented him with only a little bunch of rude sticks.

The father pushed the flowers aside, and accepted the little bunch of sticks. Why? Because of his great sympathy and love for the little child. So it is our heavenly Father looks on His weaker ones. It is not so much the offering that is made, but it is the motive back of it. We need not go down, though we make blunders.

CASTLE, OKLA.

The Cause of Backsliding

By REV. A. W. SMITH

Beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness (2 Peter 3:17).

THE APOSTLE PETER, with a prophetic eye, sees danger ahead, and throws out the danger signal by way of calling our attention to the error of the wicked. Backslidings generally are the results of unguarded relations with unsaved persons; and Peter surely saw the oncoming tide of pleasure seeking and Sabbath breaking. So he says, "Beware lest ye also fall." He means not to be a partaker with the wicked in their sinful practices.

If some of your best friends prefer to join in with the Sunday excursion party, or spend an evening at a card party, see that you are not led into their errors for the sake of being friendly and social, and lose your steadfastness thereby.

The Apostle Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 2:3, in speaking of falling away in the latter days, "That day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." It doesn't take a trained observer to note the definite falling away of the churches from their former doctrines and teaching. The old-time gospel of faith, repentance, regeneration, and sanctification in many places is thrown in the scrap basket, and new doctrines are taking its place.

These doctrines are termed by the apostle "doctrines of devils." How very inconsistent for a holy minister to dish out doctrines of devils to his anxious, judgment-bound congregation. The most complete wreck and ruin of the essentials of the Bible are discovered in books being introduced in the churches, and some of them are adopted as standard

doctrinal books for young ministers to study.

The very worthy and honorable George Ridout, who is a successful holiness evangelist of the Methodist church, in a series of articles in the *Christian Witness*, stated that Rev. P. Sloan, of Redbank, N. Y., has made an exhaustive study of the new course of study, of the Methodist church. In an address at Ocean Grove he claims that there are some infidel books in the course, particularly Professor Soars' book, which is irreverent and destructive. He says there are ten books lined up with the new theology. One of them, "Clarke's Theology," by Professor W. N. Clarke, says there is not going to be any judgment day, no second coming of Christ, and no resurrection.

Professor Coc says, "The doctrine of natural depravity is an embarrassment." What are the Methodist preachers going to do about it? Mr. Ridout says it is bad enough to lose Joseph and his brethren, Daniel, David, and Jonah, but to have no miracles, no resurrection of Christ, no Bethlehem, no Nazareth, is worse yet. They also say there is no hell, Jesus is a fable, Abraham only an eponymous hero, Joseph is not, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are mere dreams. Then, too, the books of Kings and Chronicles are removed, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon ought never to have been in the Bible, according to the critics.

Mr. Ridout appears to have spent weeks in examining these spurious books. I have only mentioned a few items of what Mr. Ridout's research has revealed. What can be expected of the coming church, with a ministry trained in a church prescribing such a course of study as these books contain?

KEARNEY, NEB.

Ears Turned Away

By REV. J. R. HUNTER

"And they shall turn away their ears from the truth" (2 Tim. 4:4).

LET US first notice, in the second verse of this same chapter, what Paul calls attention to especially. The exhortation is to a brother preacher, "Preach the word"—God's Word, the Bible. Paul seems to think this brother should know that he should preach the truth, in season and out of season; for there are times it may seem out of season to some folks to preach the truth, but Paul says, "Preach the word."

Lately a man was heard to say, "I don't like to go to a meeting where I feel worse by going than by not going. And when I go to church I want to go home and not feel that I have been disturbed or upset, and lament for hearing something contrary to man." So here the ear is turned from the truth, and will not go to hear it again; perhaps because it caused unrest to the sinful soul and the guilty conscience.

The ear is the inlet to the inner man, that we may close it against that which we don't want to hear; or we may leave it open, whichever we may choose to do. The ear imparts to the soul that which will either disturb, or make more ease and comfort. This fact is well recognized; that if the preacher can get a hearing, he has the greatest chance afforded to get to the hearts of the people. We simply must get the ear first, before we can get at the heart. The ear and the heart seem to be very closely connected, for we can awaken the heart by getting the ear's attention.

It is not all the laymen or the worldly classes who are turning away from the "truth." The preachers are largely to blame for the condition of the churches of today; and also the condition of the world, which has no profession. I find that there are plenty of people who want to know the truth, and will stand back of the fellow who preaches it, as well. The preacher is heard to say, "My people will not stand for holiness preaching, and I will lose my job; and perhaps my bread and butter." There may be a great deal of truth in that statement; however, I believe there are enough in those same churches who will stand for it, and will support the fellow who will dare to preach the "truth."

Recently I went into a city where they told me that I would be run out of town for preaching that kind of religion, that I would not get a hearing, and the people would not stand for it at all; but after I was there five weeks they were calling for a Pentecostal Nazarene preacher to preach to them all the year round. Now we have a church there, and a preacher as well.

Well, hallelujah! There are some people left in the old world who want the truth which Paul was talking about here. Preachers, let's preach it. Laymen, stay at the job, and stand back of that preacher who will dare to stand these days, fearlessly, and preach it.

Real "truth" preachers are not so plentiful as we might think. We are having calls, from all over the country for real truth preachers to come and preach to the people. Even if there are some who will not hear us, what will that matter to us at the judgment day? Let us not be slackers in this great calling, but let the world and the Devil know that we are still preaching and telling the truth wherever we go. And while we are telling it we will have the smile of heaven on our souls, and will feel easy and free, and be as happy as one can be here in this old world.

DELTA, COLO.

THE WORK AND THE WORKERS

A REMINDER

I wish to write of our evangelists. These are trying times for them with the epidemic of influenza putting the ban on all the meetings. A good many of us seem to forget that our evangelists and their families must have financial support, whether they are able to hold meetings or not.

Let us, one and all, rally to their support by sending them some financial help at least once a month. Let us remember what a God-send some evangelist was to us when we were yet in our sins. May this especially appeal to the Pentecostal Nazarenes throughout Montana, North and South Dakota, and Minnesota in behalf of our precious Brother Brough.

Mrs. D. D. SORENSEN.

KLOSSNER, MINN.

ANOTHER CHURCH ON LOUISIANA DISTRICT

Rev. John Pruett and wife came to Pleasant Hill, a village of northern settlers near DeRidder, and began a revival meeting after the close of the revival at Jonesboro held by them. The Lord! blessed.

On Friday evening before the close of the meeting on Sunday the church was set in order by the District Superintendent. Truly there is a fine band of Nazarenes at this place. Among them is Rev. S. A. Ball, father of Rev. Roy Ball, of Hutchinson, Kas., whom I was associated with nine years ago in a revival meeting at Iola, Kas.

Several loyal Pentecostal Nazarenes are coming to Louisiana and are buying good homes cheap. Why not more? Truly, God is blessing us in Louisiana.

S. D. Slocum, Dist. Supt.

EVANGELIST R. S. GRISWOLD

The Lord has lately given us a gracious revival at Grahm, Ky., for which we praise His name. This was a brick manufacturing town and a ripe town for the old, rugged gospel. At the beginning of the meeting there was but one church in the town and that one took an open stand against the doctrine of holiness, and taught the people a sinning religion, but it seemed that some of them had become disgusted with such stuff, as was evidenced by the way they prayed through at the altar during the meeting.

The first Sunday night of the meeting there was organized a good holiness church and at the close of the meeting we took in seven substantial members as a result of the revival. In all there were ten clear professions of conversion or sanctification, but what was pleasing to me was the way they prayed through in the old-fashioned way. There were some as clear and genuine cases as it has ever been my privilege to witness. This meeting is the last of my feeble efforts in the evangelistic field, at least for a time, as I have accepted the pastorate of the church at Princeton, Fla., and will take up my duties there soon. Best of all, this moment finds me saved and sanctified and on the firing line for God and holiness.

EVANGELISTS HENRY AND IRENE BELL

"From Preacher to Reporter" would be an appropriate title to an autobiography of our lives right now. We have not quit preaching because we have backslidden, but because the influenza epidemic has kept us from getting out into the field. I am reporting for a daily

paper in Lincoln to make a living, while Mrs. Bell is busy praying God to let us work for Him again. He is the best employer we have ever had, so patient when we make blunders and so sympathetic when we think the work is difficult.

We would like to go somewhere in Nebraska or near Nebraska and open up new fields. We love that kind of work. Or we are open to calls for established churches. We both preach full salvation, justification, sanctification, divine healing, and the second coming of Christ; in fact, the old-time religion.

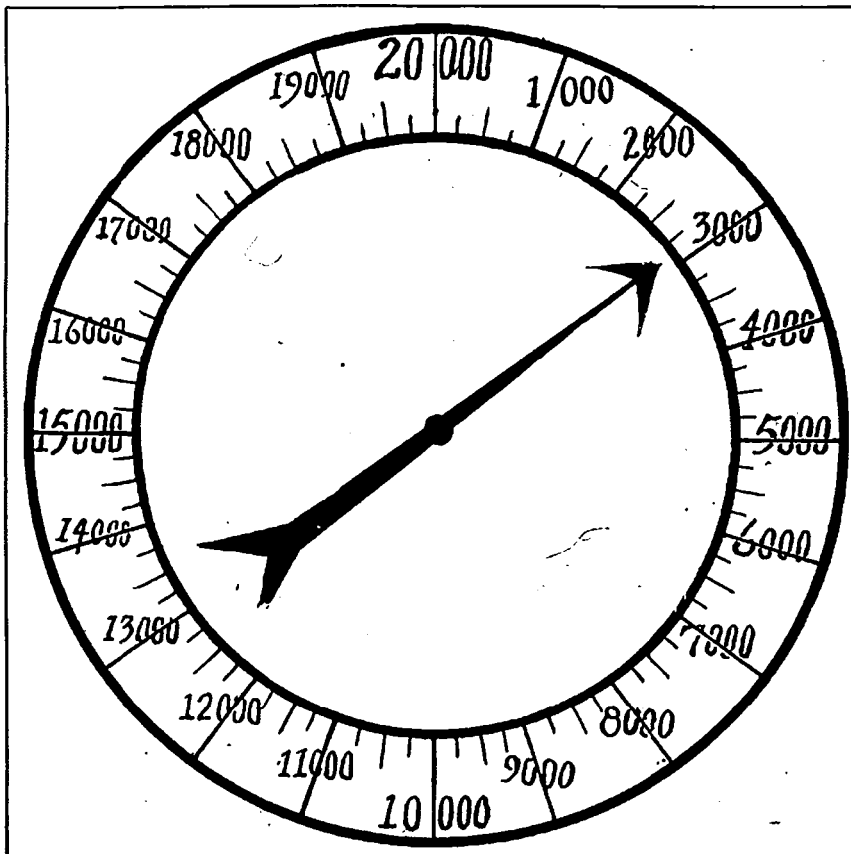
We have a lot of tracts on "Organized Holiness" left. They are free except postage. This amounts to three cents for forty tracts. One District Superintendent ordered one thousand. We shall be glad to furnish them to any preacher. Our address is 1020 E street, Lincoln, Neb.

BIBLE WORK IN OLIVET UNIVERSITY

By the recent action of our General Board of Education, the boundaries of Olivet's territory were definitely and officially fixed, as far as such limitations can be determined. Olivet has representatives in both hemispheres of our globe and in many parts of it; and all are interested in our welfare, and glad to know of any special blessing that the Lord is bestowing upon us. As friends of Olivet University, you will be glad to know that the interest in all departments of our work is excellent.

As lovers of the Word of God you will be specially pleased to know that God is marvelously blessing the Bible work here. As young men and women whom God has called to preach the gospel you will be glad to know that He has raised up and established a place where you can prepare for the preaching of the Word

\$22,823.11. On the Second Round



SHOUT THE VICTORY

The \$20,000 has been raised and every mail continues to increase the amount. Even after the HERALD OF HOLINESS had reached our readers, announcing the victory, some of them have sent in their offering, saying, "I must get in on this." One brother suggests that we go on to the

Twenty-Five Thousand Mark

Well, we have asked for \$20,000, you have given it, and the board is grateful. Every penny of this will be needed in liquidating the debt. Of course, it would be mighty fine if the board had a few thousand left with which to publish a hymn book and some of the splendid manuscripts now ready for the press.

If there is a church, a District, or an individual to whom the Lord is speaking, we will not bar you out. We are only waiting to see what the Lord will do.

of God under the most favorable circumstances. Many of our friends who have a few days or weeks to spare at this season of the year will find at Olivet a glorious place to study the Bible, develop their spiritual strength, and increase their efficiency for service. Parents having children to educate; churches with promising young people upon whom God has laid His hand, and whom they wish to see trained for service of the Lord, and pastors who are interested in the education of young persons will find in Olivet University an ideal place to send them for education and training. Some of our young men will be coming back from the training camps and the battle front, and we are expecting a substantial increase in our registration after the holidays and for the next semester.

We thank God that there is an increasing demand for Bible study among our people, and a general awakening to its importance. There is a "back to the Bible" spirit abroad in the earth, and a great revival of interest in the study of the Scriptures is widely manifested. This is evidenced by the great Bible schools that are springing up, and the hosts of young people who are flocking to them for the study of the Word of the Lord.

We are glad to have a part in this glorious work. Thank God there are still those who believe in the inspiration and infallibility of the Scriptures; the deity of Jesus Christ, and full salvation through faith in His blood; the personality, deity, and work of the Holy Spirit, in conviction, conversion, regeneration, and entire sanctification; and in the development of stalwart Christian manhood and womanhood, and we are glad to be numbered among them. There is an increasing demand for Bible preachers who are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, but who know it to be the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Olivet University is earnestly seeking to meet this demand, and to increase it everywhere. We thank God for the great wave of prayer that is going up to Him for His blessing upon His work in this place. May it increase in volume, faith, and power, and let all the people say Amen.

H. O. FANNING.

NOTE OF THANKS

It is our desire to extend a note of thanks to the many friends who so kindly remembered us in our affliction by sending a financial token of their love and esteem with many letters of sympathy.

We desire to continue to thank our heavenly Father for His manifest presence and watchful care over us for the preservation of our lives. My wife, three children, and I all had a severe case of influenza at the same time. Wife and I had to go to the Red Cross emergency hospital, and thanks again to the friends at this place who helped to nurse us through hours of raging fever. And also thanks to my dear mother, who through the early and later stages cared for six of us at the same time and attended her household duties.

We believe that by God's help we shall be ready to enter the field again by the time this goes to press. Any needing a pastor to help in evangelistic work and desiring our help, please let me hear from you.

B. G. HALLIDAY.

ALABAMA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The tenth annual Assembly of the Alabama District just closed at Jasper, Ala. It was one of the most blessed, inspiring, encouraging, and harmonious sessions ever held. The fragrance of perfect love filled the air and the spirit of perfect love was seen in every action. There was not a rattle heard during the entire Assembly. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

Dr. R. T. Williams, General Superintendent, presided with grace, dignity, and uniform kindness. His cultured and expeditious way of handling business was very pleasing to the personnel of the Assembly and readily proved to all that he is a master of ceremonies. We all thank God for this great and useful man.

Rev. J. D. Scott, Managing Editor of the HERALD of HOLINESS, ran in ahead of time and gladly surprised the Jasper church on Sunday morning before the Assembly opened. He filled

the pulpit morning and evening of the Sabbath, also Monday evening. We all enjoyed his genial spirit, warm fellowship, and the many rich things that he gave us from God's Word. We appreciate the fact that before he left the Assembly he gave us the privilege of listening to the need of our Publishing House and helping in this holy cause. We gave him a seven hundred and sixty dollar lift, but God gave us a

greater lift, as our money began to pour into this holy channel. Come again, Brother Scott. You are welcome.

The attendance of the Assembly was not so large, being due to the epidemic of influenza raging in many parts of the state; however, those who attended had an enlarged vision and a mind to work and did things on a large scale. Advanced steps were taken along several lines.

Some Things God Is Doing for Our Students in Olivet

Olivet Is My School

I am a converted Catholic from the Holy Land, about fifteen miles from Damascus.

I am glad for the privilege of attending the school at Olivet, Ill. God is marvelously blessing the school. I am praising Him for godly president and teachers, and for godly boys and girls whom God is blessing. The Word of God is taught, honored, believed, and practiced. It is truly beyond the comprehension of men to know what God is doing for us. His unutterable way of leading us is unexpressed by humanity. We are only able to tell "about it" and not "tell it." I feel that God is still looking for more material for Olivet, from which to make manhood and womanhood for His great harvest field. Olivet is a very good place to make them. It is God's design for His laborers to be qualified to know how to handle the gospel sickle for His ripe harvest. I feel my personal responsibility to give God all my capacity for biblical knowledge and other necessities. And I am still shouting His praises and feeding on the good of the land, and by His grace I shall stay here longer, that I may be more beneficial to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Yours in Him.

WILLIAM A. DEHARBY,
Pastor.

WESTVILLE, ILL.
Residence, Olivet, Ill.

Bless the Lord, this finds me with victory over the world, the flesh, and the Devil. On receiving a call to special service for the Lord, He led me to Olivet for preparation. Here He has blessed me greatly, especially in increase of faith, grace, and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. New things are opening up to me daily, and the longer I am here the more grateful I am to God for Olivet, with its faculty and student body of godly men and women. I feel that I am growing by leaps and bounds, and the longer I am here the richer and stronger I grow in God's grace. My vision of the world's need of spiritual things is growing, and I feel my responsibility more and more. I can see the hand of the Lord leading in my life, and it is my whole heart's desire to do God's will, and let Him work out His plan and purpose in my life.

HOMER JOLLEY.

I am praising God for Olivet and its Bible department. Words can not express my gratitude to God for the many wonderful truths from His Word that come driving home to my heart day by day. I am so glad I came here. Not knowing any more of God's Word than I did, how easy it would have been for me to drink in poison unconsciously. I feel that we are getting God's Word here, pure and unadulterated, and in accordance with the way He would have it taught. I am thanking God for victory in my soul, and a desire in my heart to see our Bible department built up in numbers, power, and effectiveness. As students we are essential factors in building up this work, and through our co-operation with the school it is being made what it is. We need more of God's called people to join in making our Olivet Bible work even more effective than it now is. Dear reader, will you be one that will co-operate with us? If you are thinking of attending a Bible school, we invite you to come this way, as God is with us in power and blessing. Here every effort will be made to make you an efficient winner of souls for whom Christ died.

Mrs. M. M. JOLLEY.

We desire to express our appreciation of

Olivet University, and the many blessings it affords one who is seeking a preparation to enter the fields "white already to harvest." The Lord is blessing and using many young men and women who have gone out from Olivet, and He will continue to do so as others heed the call and arise to meet the needs of a lost world. To any one contemplating entering a holiness school we wish to say, "If you know that God is calling you, that is enough, you need not sit at home waiting for opportunities while the good folks sing, 'He'll Take You Through,' but come and give Him a chance to take you through." "All things are possible to him that believeth." This is our second year here, and we have proven thus far that "In some way or other, the Lord will provide" (Phil. 4:19). The Lord is doing great things for us, whereof we are glad. Especially is His presence manifest in our Bible department. Here we get the un-mixed teaching of God's Word, and here many signal victories are won. Also it is in this room that our missionary band meets every Sunday afternoon while we rejoice and weep together as we hear of the many Macedonian calls and needs. We see untold possibilities ahead for Olivet, and praise God for every one who is making these privileges possible to us by their prayers, their money, and their sacrifices. We believe that God has a right to expect great things from our Pentecostal Nazarene schools and churches. He is depending upon us, and we must not fail to make good. There is much land ahead to be possessed, and, by God's grace I'm going on.

CORA COOK.

I am praising God today for leading me to Olivet. The teaching we receive at Olivet University is helping me to better understand and appreciate our wonderful Savior and His blessed words of life. Through such good teaching and by God's grace I hope to be able some day to help lost souls to find Jesus Christ.

MRS. GEORGE GUTHRIE.

As I look back over this school year I can truly say "These have been months of getting ahead." One would be constrained to say with Jacob, "Surely the Lord is in this place." We can see that the conditions which now exist are challenging our church to send out its best men—men of ability and character—men with a capacity for friendship and a burning zeal for the salvation of lost souls. Despite the war and the influenza, a work is being done here in the hearts of young men and women that will redound to the honor of our Christ. To Him be all the glory and the praise.

ROBERT L. MAJOR.

Olivet is a fine place to live because almost every one here believes the Bible, and is trying to live according to its teachings. The cost of living is less here than in other places having equal advantages. But the greatest advantage Olivet offers is the opportunity to develop the spiritual nature. The Olivet University offers a high class of Christian culture, through its exalted standards of Christian living, and its godly instructors with their superior manner of teaching the Bible as the inspired Word of God. God is honored in Olivet, and in return He honors Olivet with His presence and power. The two years I have spent here have been by far the best years of my life. I feel that there is no place superior to Olivet for the development of Christian character.

A. W. IRWIN.

A motion prevailed to raise fifteen hundred dollars for foreign missions the ensuing year. Over twelve hundred dollars of this amount was raised from the floor and some of the leading delegates said two thousand dollars could easily be raised. A plan was perfected to raise three thousand dollars for District Superintendent and home mission fund. Two hundred dollars was raised to help pay the District Superintendents of the Florida District, and other calls. The Alabama Pentecostal Nazarenes hilariously gave as only Pentecostal Nazarenes can.

The reports of the preachers and workers were victorious, full of fire, sacrifice, and heroism. The work of the committees and boards was thorough. The singing was sweet and unctuous. The preaching by Dr. Williams, Rev. F. F. Shoffer, Rev. P. C. Ramsey, and Rev. H. H. Hooker was along the high water line, especially Dr. Williams' preaching was scholarly and convincing. His sermon Sunday morning on the two baptisms was a masterpiece of argument, unanswerable and full of power. The large congregation wept and shouted as he brought this message under great inspiration. The baptism of children and the consecration of deaconesses Sunday afternoon was very sacred and impressive. Altogether the Assembly was a royal feast of good things.

Rev. H. H. Hooker was elected District Superintendent on the first ballot. Rev. P. M. Covington, retiring District Superintendent, showed a beautiful spirit throughout the Assembly. We all thank him for his sacrifice on the District for the last three years, and pray God to bless him now in his new field as pastor.

The following are the pastoral arrangements: Jasper, Rev. H. J. Beaver; Florence, Rev. A. B. Anderson; Nauvoo, Cordova, C. C. Butler; Shiloh, Watts Chapel, Bankston, Lockhart, Haleyville: Rev. P. M. Covington; Grace Chapel, Snoddy Chapel, Manchester. Rev. J. W. Heathcock; Birmingham, Rev. Harry Moore; Mount Zion, Rev. W. H. Carl; Carbon Hill, Brilliant, Rev. Malt Thompson; Saragossa, Rev. A. D. Kimbrell; Natural Bridge, Rev. J. M. Martin; Pine Forest, Pensacola, Rev. L. G. Adams; New Providence, Rev. H. B. Thrower; Vernon, Rev. L. A. Chaffin; Montevallo, Morvin, Dora, Seven Oaks and Taylor Springs, and Beulah Heights to be supplied.

I. H. HOOKER, *Assembly Reporter.*

EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE CAMPAIGN

We are glad to announce to our people that we have gone "over the top" for fifty thousand dollars in the Eastern Nazarene College campaign, which is a beginning to make a college of the first rank in this great eastern country. We will only have to give you a few glimpses into the wonderful happenings in connection with the campaign to show you that it was directed by the Holy Ghost and is one of the most extraordinary happenings in the history of the holiness movement.

We had made all arrangements with the three General Superintendents to begin the campaign Thanksgiving to cover the main churches of the three eastern Districts. On my arrival home from the General Foreign Missionary Board meeting I had a telegram from the General Superintendents, stating that the influenza had caused a postponement of the southern Assemblies, so that it would be impossible to hold our campaign before Christmas. We concluded to start a small war emergency campaign to tide us over until we could hold the big campaign. Feeling that we could not be able to get the three General Superintendents, we wired General Superintendent Goodwin to know if he had arrived in Providence, R. I., and to know if he could help us in a small campaign for two weeks.

Ere he had arrived in Providence, R. I., we had decided to try a few of our best churches on a big campaign in order that we might know what the Lord would have us do regarding the campaign. We wired Lowell and Haverhill Thursday night, telling them we would be there on Sunday. So the General Superintendent and myself went to Lowell with very little announcement for the Sabbath morning service. Brother Goodwin poured out his heart to the people, and gave them a vision of our responsibilities; if they would do something worth while for the school. He showed them that we were at our Kadesh-barnea and laid it at their feet whether or not we should "go over and possess

A Tribute to Our Editor

Rev. B. F. Haynes, D.D., Editor of the
HERALD OF HOLINESS,

DEAR BROTHER:

Greetings in the name of Jesus and may His richest blessing rest upon you!

At our morning service today your excellent and timely article entitled "War on Denominationalism," published in the HERALD OF HOLINESS of November 13th, was very favorably commented upon, and a vote of thanks was enthusiastically tendered you. In behalf of our church body we extend to you our grateful appreciation of your able defense of the gospel of Jesus Christ for which our church has fought and given its heart's blood.

Wishing you continued success with your paper and voicing our approval of your uncompromising attitude toward the substitution of anything for salvation through the blood, we remain,

Yours in His service,

M. E. BORDERS,

W. G. SCHURMAN,

F. M. MESSENGER,

Pastors.

MRS. HARRIET E. CRAIN,
Church Secretary.

the land." They hilariously and enthusiastically subscribed \$7,500.

We went to Haverhill that evening and were given about \$25,000, making over \$10,000 subscribed on the first day of the campaign, which, added to the \$1,000 given by a friend to start the campaign and \$1,000 subscribed by the teachers and students of Eastern Nazarene College, made \$12,000. God continued to marvelously bless our people during the week, so that on Saturday night of the first week we had about \$8,000.

The second Sunday we visited Cambridge, Malden, and Lynn, who gave over \$10,000, making a grand total of \$28,000 for the first eight days. We continued the next week in New England District, having raised about \$35,000, when we went to the New York District. General Superintendent Reynolds kindly agreed to hold Brother Goodwin's first Assembly on the Little Rock District, thereby giving us one week for our campaign. Then the postponement of the Dallas District Assembly gave us still another week, which was all unexpected when we began the campaign.

General Superintendent Reynolds came to Washington, D. C., on general church business and we tried to arrange a slate in the campaign for him, but it seemed the people thought it was an inopportune time to enter into the campaign. We continued the campaign in the New York District about a week, the people giving us a most hearty response. On the last Sabbath day we held services at Utica Avenue, Richmond Hill, Atlantic Avenue, and John Wesley churches in Brooklyn. Finding that we could get part of another week of Brother Goodwin's time we arranged with Superintendent J. T. Maybury to visit several churches on the Washington and Philadelphia District. Though all the services were held on the week days in this District, yet they gave liberally of their means, so that by Thanksgiving day we had gone "over the top" for \$50,000.

The last week of the campaign Rev. W. A. Millett, of Eastern Nazarene College; Rev. Paul H. Hill, Superintendent E. E. Angell, of the New York District, and Rev. S. W. Beers, and the writer held meetings on the various Districts in the interest of the school, the people responding heartily. So the marvelous results were not due to our planning, for all our plans were completely smashed by conditions over which we had no control. We had planned to put on a big advertising campaign before the general campaign with the three General Superintendents, but being so busy in the campaign we could only wire in over the Sabbath the results. So with very little advertising and at an unexpected time the Holy Ghost led the people to give over \$50,000 for a college in this eastern country.

The success of our campaign, humanly speaking, was due to the untiring efforts of our Gen-

eral Superintendent, Rev. J. W. Goodwin, who poured out his very soul in behalf of a great college in this eastern country, which is the home of his nativity. Although worn in body, the Holy Ghost seemed to come upon him in such unusual power that the heavens opened upon us. Thank God for our General Superintendents who have helped us with their plans and prayers and given us such encouragement for our holiness schools. They have brought to pass things that we would have deemed impossible a few years ago. Truly they are loyal, whole-hearted, self-sacrificing, heroic, untiring, and full of faith and deserve our support and commendation.

Space forbids us to tell of the wonderful sacrifices of our people and the loyalty and cooperation of our worthy pastors who are ready to live or die for the cause of holiness. Such heroic sacrifices are sure to be productive of great results in the near tomorrows. A number have already sent in part of their subscriptions. Accept our thanks for the same. Let all the others who have subscribed send in their first instalments as quickly as convenient, for the quicker we get the money the quicker we shall realize our ideals. We are continuing the campaign with the thought of reaching \$60,000 in the near future. Please send us a subscription to be paid in three annual instalments. It pays to invest in the young men and women of the rising generation.

J. E. L. MOORE,

*Chairman, Eastern Nazarene College
Campaign Committee.*

NAZARENE BIBLE SCHOOL AND ACADEMY

Our school closed Thursday evening, December 19th, for our holiday vacation and will open again on January 2d. This has been a precious term of school to us, both as a faculty and a student body. God has been wonderfully present with us and has given victory. While sickness and death have been entering our homes, taking away loved ones and friends from our midst, God has wonderfully kept His hand over us as a school and has preserved us from the influenza. While the public schools and others have been closed on account of this disease, we have been permitted to have school every day. We have been under a preventative, the faculty and students not being allowed to visit or associate with those on the outside. We have had the privilege of having our services every Sunday and God's blessing has been upon us. There have been times of weeping, praying, shouting, and rejoicing together, students praying through, being saved and sanctified. To God be all the glory. He has been supplying our needs, both spiritually and financially.

A few of our students may not be able to come back after the holidays, but we are looking for new ones to enter when school opens again.

Our financial agent, Rev. R. E. Gilmore, has been confined at home with sickness. Brother Edwards has been out in the field in his place and we have been hearing some encouraging reports. Let us get underneath the school with our prayers and money and push the work for the glory of God. We need your help and cooperation. We believe that you are one with us. Amen.

ELMER POOLE, *Secretary.*

NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE

Northwest Nazarene College was under quarantine for six weeks and finally found it necessary to close on account of the epidemic. We plan to open December 30th and dispensing with vacations hope to be able to make up the work by the close of the year without unduly extending the length of the term.

For four weeks we succeeded by close quarantine to keep clear of the "flu," but at last it dropped down upon us and in about three days we turned the college into three hospitals with full quota of nurses, day and night shifts, kitchen crews, waiters, and attendants. We had from forty-eight to fifty-five cases at one time and seventy cases in all. In many colleges there would have been a panic, but our students stood by nobly and our nurses watched over the sick day and night. We are grateful to God for His mercy to us, and through His help and the exceptionally good care given by our nurses there was not a single death occurred on the campus.

Our fine class of nurses registered in the medical nursing course of the missionary department secured much practical experience of an exceedingly practical kind, but they were equal to the situation. These are things that try the mettle of students and we are delighted with the strength and efficiency manifested by those planning soon to enter some form of direct Christian work.

The missionary course has been marked by rapid development far above anything we originally planned. God has been blessing the work remarkably, and is also laying upon our hearts in a peculiar way the necessity of giving large attention to the missionary phase of our college work. We now have a number of valuable college courses especially adapted to the needs of students preparing for home or foreign service.

Dr. and Mrs. Mangum have the medical nursing course well in hand and will develop the work as rapidly as buildings and equipment can be secured. Through the kindness of the North Pacific District we soon hope to have a medical missionary building, and the Northwest District will furnish the much needed girls' dormitory.

In addition to the medical nursing course there are a number of other courses being offered which form a part of any comprehensive missionary course. Professor Sutherland is a master of languages and is arranging a department embracing the study of phonetics and language study, including the vernacular of a number of our mission fields. Professor Winchester is offering several valuable courses in the history and practice of missions, and has charge of our missionary bands. Professor Swain is offering excellent courses in education and will soon be able to provide for practical training for those looking forward to educational missionary work. Professor Shields is arranging to offer special work in Christian doctrine which will enable students to grapple with present-day cults and heresies. The excellent work in science and English offered by Professor Marshall, Miss Forsyth, and Miss Ferris, and the well-equipped music department in charge of Mrs. McHose and Miss Goozee afford excellent opportunities for students desiring thorough preparation. We aim to provide the best for the students of this Northwest Educational District.

The students are writing to us that they plan to return as soon as class work begins, December 30th, and it seems that the greater majority of the students will again take up the work which has been so greatly interrupted this year. A number of new students are planning to enter the second semester. Our first semester's registration reached over 280 students.

Best of all, the fire has been falling in the old-fashioned way. We still love the old, rugged way of the cross and believe God wants us to keep before the students the "rough rider aspect" of the Nazarenes which Dr. Bresee so continually held before some of us. We let them plow through until by faith they come up with shining faces and ringing hallelujahs. Several students entered this year in order primarily to find the satisfying experience of entire sanctification. Needless to say, they soon "died out" and now know they have the blessing without doubt, and are among our best students. It pays to expose carnality and hold it under the glaring light of the law of God until the blood is applied which cleanses from all sin and the Comforter comes in to abide forever. These are the things which we regard as of utmost importance.

H. ORTON WILEY, President.

EVANGELISTS C. E. AND MAE ROBERTS

Like the rest of the evangelists we have been silent for some weeks. We were out of meetings on account of the "flu" for seven and one-half weeks. It was hard on us financially but fine physically. It was a real rest, for all of the churches were closed, and our time was not taken up "filling the pulpit for the brethren."

When the "flu" ban was put on we were in a very promising revival with Brother Gibson at Boise, Idaho. He had spent about thirty dollars advertising the meeting, and he was not disappointed, for the people came until the church was full. Several good cases had prayed through when, after one week, we were notified that we would have to close down. It was quite a disappointment to church, pastor, and the evangelists, for we had every indication of a real revival in Boise. We went to Pomona, Cal., where my brother Ernest is pastor, and had our vacation.

International Sunday School Lesson

January 12

MOSES THE LEADER OF ISRAEL

Exodus 3:1-12

Golden Text—Moses verily was faithful in all his house (Heb. 3:5).

THE LESSON OUTLINE

H. Orton Wiley, D.D.

The qualifications necessary for true leadership and the manner in which God prepared His servant Moses are admirably set forth in this lesson. Leadership depends not alone upon breadth of vision but also upon intensity of purpose and perseverance in faith. This faith is not to be confused with mere human determination but is inspired by the presence of the invisible God. "Moses endured as seeing him who is invisible" (Heb. 11:27).

I. The Solitude of the Desert.

1. Solitude is necessary to communion with God; communion with God is essential to leadership which is strong and true. Moses at the backside of the desert received his commission to lead three million people out of bondage; Elijah came from the desert to defeat the priests of Baal on Mt. Carmel; John was in the desert "until his shewing unto Israel;" and our Lord himself, in supreme conflict, met and defeated the Prince of this world in the wilderness amidst the wild beasts.

2. Our Lord teaches the necessity of solitude for true prayer. "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret" (Matt. 6:6). The door of our hearts must be shut to the voices of the world and to our own wandering thoughts. We must press beyond physical inertia, mental lethargy, and the powers of spiritual darkness before we learn to pray as we should.

II. The Vision and the Voice.

God manifested Himself to Moses in a vision and by a voice. This is still His method of manifesting Himself to men. By the vision of spiritual life seen in others He draws men aside to contemplation; in solitude He speaks to those whom He has drawn aside into the hush of His presence.

1. The Vision: A Flame of Fire in a Bush. Couched in this verse is a beautiful prophecy of Jesus the Nazarene, and of the true nature of a Christian. The word "Nazarene" is from "nezer," which literally translated means a "bush," a "shrub," or a "branch." In Isaiah 11:1 we read, "A Branch [literally, a Nazarene] shall spring forth from his roots." See also Zech. 3:9; 6:12. Jesus the Nazarene, as the world regards Him, is but a common bush; but to those who see Him truly He is a bush in whom dwells the fire of the divine Presence. True Nazarenes, like their Master, are but lowly in the eyes of the world, but

enveloped by the divine Spirit, from their inmost being they manifest the presence of God to those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

2. The Vision and Its Influence. "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." Without the manifestation of the Spirit there can be no real work of God. Without the Spirit a churchy organization is no more than a worldly club. Satan hates the manifestation of God's presence among His people. Satan and worldly minded people always oppose any manifestation of the Spirit. The following truths may be gained from this verse:

a. Spiritual manifestations command the attention of earnest people; imitations disgust them.

b. It is by means of spiritual manifestations that the Church is commissioned to carry on her work. "The manifestation is given to every man to profit withal."

c. Lack of a proper conception as to the necessity and importance of the gifts of the Spirit in carrying on the work of God accounts for the deadness and formality so rife in the churches.

d. A spiritual work can only be accomplished by spiritual means. Learning, oratory, and church organization apart from the Spirit can avail nothing in the salvation of souls.

3. The Voice of the Lord. The voice came from the midst of the bush. The deepest thing in any spiritual manifestation is the meaning which it conveys to the understanding. God always speaks ultimately to the understanding. Any supposed manifestation of the Spirit which is without meaning is spurious. Let all things be done unto edification.

Another precious truth is found in this, that God speaks to the individual soul. He called Moses by name. So also does He speak to all with whom He would hold communion.

III. The Human Need and the Divine Response.

The afflictions of God's people are never unnoticed by Him. While deliverance may sometimes be delayed to try our faith, He always comes to avenge those of His elect who cry unto Him day and night.

IV. The Commission.

"Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt." When God has a work to be performed He carefully chooses and prepares leaders to accomplish His purposes. God's work may be known by the fact that it is carried on by means of regularly constituted leaders. Satan's work is always a chaos.

VOLUNTEERED—PROMOTED

[On February 8, 1918, Rev. H. F. Reynolds received a letter from Peter M. Waldie, of Chicago, offering himself for missionary work in South America. By a letter from Peter's mother, dated Beverly, Mass., December 18, 1918, we have learned of his having gone into the presence of the King. We quote from these two letters.—Managing Editor.]

"About four months ago, while I was listening to Miss Buell talking on missions at Olivet University, the Lord told me that He wanted me to go to South America as a missionary. Indeed great was my surprise and not few my objections, but He showed me that it was a case of either obeying the call and being a blessing in this world followed by a home in the next, or of disobeying His voice and being a failure, not only in this life but also in the life beyond the grave. And ever since I said yes to His call He has wonderfully blessed me and supplied my every spiritual need."

"PETER M. WALDIE."

"My dear Brother Reynolds:—Your letter from the General Foreign Missionary Board to

On the first day of December we opened up in First Church, Spokane, with Rev. C. Warren Jones. The "flu" ban had been lifted on all public gatherings. During Thanksgiving time the people took off their straps and got together in celebration until the influenza broke out again. It almost caused us to have to close down again. The health officer would allow churches to have their services, but they had to have every other seat vacant and would not allow any singing only by the choir. You know how hard it was for Pentecostal Nazarenes to try to have a revival without congregational singing. They said nothing about praying and shouting. So we went in for two weeks and prayed the fire down. Several good cases got through. The last night twenty-two were at the altar, the pastor said the most of them were new cases.

The entertainment was of the very best with Brother and Sister Jones. They are indefatigable workers. Twice they labored until two a. m. with souls. They have the vision of our church. The saints stood nobly by the meetings and God gave the victory. We are now at Potlatch, Idaho.—Will be with our church at Walla Walla all the month of January.

unanimous action had been taken upon his name, was received four days before he passed away, November 26th, after a few days' illness with influenza and pneumonia. September 12th he enrolled in the students' army training corps, Northeastern College, Boston. Influenza broke out among the boys, and Peter was taken to the hospital on November 20th, and passed away on the 25th. He was a fine young man, and it is a great loss to us, but we know it is his eternal gain."

"MRS. MARGARET WALDIE."

DAKOTAS-MONTANA DISTRICT

Since our last report we have visited all of our churches with the exception of two. In most places our special meetings for October and November had to be postponed, but at last the ban has been lifted and we can go on with our plans.

On October 13th we dedicated our new church at Bock, Minn. The Lord gave us a good time together. Evangelist Charles H. Stalker was with us and we appreciated his assistance very much. He brought the message at the evening service from Gal. 6: 7, which was blessed to our good.

From Bock we had to return home, owing to the epidemic, and when we arrived home found that we had contracted the influenza and was kept at home three weeks, but the Lord brought us all through without any serious result, for which praise Him.

I was then called to Oregon by the serious illness of my mother, where I remained two weeks, and through prayer and faith she recovered. While in the West I had the privilege of visiting our school, the Northwest Nazarene College at Nampa, Idaho. President Wiley and others made us feel at home and extended to us a hearty welcome, showing us the several buildings, taking us for an auto ride in the surrounding country, and many other courtesies for which we were very grateful. We also met a number of students from this District and had a pleasant visit with them.

I then visited our churches in Montana and laid plans with them for the carrying on of the work we expect to grow and spread in spite of all opposition.

We are now with our church near Mohall, N. D., in a special meeting. The Lord is answering the prayers of His people here and giving them the desires of their hearts. The night the break came there were eleven at the altar and all prayed through, the altar service lasting nearly two hours. Brother Janzen, the pastor, has built a fine work here and the end is not yet, praise the Lord.

The work as a whole is moving forward on this District. Our pastor, Brother White, at Minot, N. D., and Brother Young, of Sawyer, N. D., and Brother Norris, of Vanhook, N. D., are laying plans with Evangelist Harry J. Elliot, of Nampa, Idaho, for revival campaigns in their respective places. All over the District meetings are being held or plans for the same are being made. We ask an interest in your prayers and if there are any young ministers who feel called to this north country, write to the undersigned.

EARL C. POUNDS, Dist. Supt.

CHURCH NEWS

Hugo, Okla.

For three years I have been on the evangelistic field and District Superintendency. This year, seeing the great need of pastors, and the need of my being at home with my children, I accepted the pastorate of the Hugo and Antlers churches. I am delighted with the work, and a more congenial set of folks would be hard to find. Rev. V. B. Atteberry was pastor here last year, and it is certainly delightful to follow a man who lives like he and his good wife lived. We are expecting great things for these two churches this year. Last year was a great year for me and mine. The good Lord was present with us in the evangelistic work. He gave us nearly five hundred souls to pray through to victory. Some have gone on to glory since then, others have gone who attended our meetings, some of whom have died without God. We preached 403 times last year, and had more than one every time we preached who were at the altar. We must have had something near two thousand people at the altar during the

Pasadena University

The Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene in general and her many friends will greatly rejoice to know that the following satisfactory arrangement has been agreed upon by the committee appointed by the last District Assembly of the Southern California District of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene to confer with the board of trustees of the Pasadena University, namely:

In view of the technicalities of the laws of the state of California, making it obligatory that an educational institution be controlled by a self-perpetuating board of trustees, and that we desire to establish a closer relationship between the Pasadena University and the Southern California District Assembly of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, we recommend that the charter of the Pasadena University be amended as follows:

1st. That all members of the board of trustees of the Pasadena University be members in good standing of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

2d. That at each annual District Assembly of the Southern California District of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene a committee consisting of seven members, elected by the District Assembly, and the four or five members of the board of trustees, whose term of office does not expire with the said District Assembly, nominate the members of the board of trustees to be elected, and that such nominations be approved by the District Assembly.

Signed by Committee:

REV. E. M. HUTCHENS,

REV. GLENN SIEFARTH,

MRS. W. A. RUSLING,

MRS. ADA BRESEE, Sec.

And is approved by the Board of General Superintendents.

REV. H. F. REYNOLDS,

REV. J. W. GOODWIN,

REV. R. T. WILLIAMS.

year. We invite everybody to attend the fifth Sunday rally, to be held with the Antlers church commencing Friday night before the fifth Sunday.—F. R. Morgan, Pastor.

Kearney, Neb.

Kearney is not under quarantine. All services are held regularly. The new pastor is glad she is here, the members of the church are providing abundantly for all her needs, there is a good spirit in the church, and our audiences are growing, although the newcomers are largely members of other churches who are hungry for the Word. There are men and women in this church full of faith and the Holy Ghost, fearless warriors, who never lay down their arms. We are expecting to see a long line of seekers at the altar. Pray that He may send in the hungry, sin-sick souls along with the hardest sinners in the town, to our service. Pray God to strengthen the pastor's arm, that she may bend the bow that sends the hard-headed arrows of the Word into stony hearts. All-day services will be held Christmas. Rev. L. Milton Williams and wife have been engaged for special meetings, to begin about February 1st to continue to the 19th. And what a time we expect to have! Word has gone out that they are to come, and people from miles away are planning to come to Kearney and attend the meetings. Dr. Williams will come here direct from Kentucky, and Sister Williams comes from Oskaloosa, Iowa. All are invited to come and help push the battle.—Minnie J. Dickinson, Pastor.

Chicago Heights, Ill.

We are praising the Lord for victory. Our revival meeting closed after a three weeks' battle. We saw several seekers at the altar, some praying through to victory. Our crowds are my dear boy, Peter M. Waldie, telling him that

increasing and prejudice is being broken down, and we are looking ahead for greater things. Sunday, December 15th, was a good day, with the Lord's blessing in every service. In the evening service two souls prayed through to victory. In the afternoon a crowd of our folks boarded the car and went to Harvey, Ill., to the Pentecostal Nazarene mission. Brother Wells, from the Hammond, Ind., church, administered the Lord's Supper, and how our hearts were melted together. Brother Wells preached, showing how folks could be and must be sanctified, and three souls went to the altar and claimed the victory. We are encouraged to press on until the prize is won. Our pastor, Brother Bacheller, will go to Virginia, Ill., December 29th to hold a two weeks' meeting with Rev. T. C. Grigsby. We are trusting the Lord to make this the greatest year in the history of this church.—Mrs. Otto Siegrist, Church Reporter.

Everett, Mass.

On Tuesday evening, November 12th, General Superintendent Goodwin and Dr. J. E. L. Moore were with us and presented the needs of the Eastern Nazarene College, located at North Scituate, R. I. Before the service was over \$1,916 was secured in pledges. The largest pledge was \$200, made by a washer woman, who has since paid this amount to the pastor in a package of \$1 bills, saying as she did so that she had \$1 left. Another washer woman pledged \$50. She has paid in \$3 that she has received for scrubbing floors. One young woman who was converted only a few weeks ago, made a pledge of \$100, and there were a large number of other self-sacrificing givers. God must love the Everett church, for it is composed of cheerful givers. Nearly \$500 has already been raised for missions this year. Sunday, December 1st, the offerings for missions in the Sunday school was \$44.83. We have just closed a series of extra services, which were in some respects the best we have ever had in Everett. John F. Gibson, the singing evangelist, Rev. R. J. Dixon, Rev. Gilbert Laite, and Rev. Fred C. Norcross assisted in these services. At the present we are assisting Rev. F. C. Norcross in extra services at our church at Malden, Mass. God is giving us tokens of His favor and seekers are getting through at the altar. Miss Luia Barnard, of Lowell, Mass., has charge of the singing and in other ways assisting in the services. January 7th and 8th the New England deaconesses and preachers' meeting will be held at the Everett church. We expect this to be a great meeting, and trust there will be a good attendance. The next on the program will be the annual Assembly, to be held here the first of May.—A. K. Bryant, Pastor.

West Somerville, Mass.

The Davis Square Church has been holding a series of evangelistic meetings for four weeks, from November 10th to December 8th, with Rev. W. E. Smith, of Monroeton, Pa., as preacher. God has given us souls who have been saved and sanctified, for which we say Hallelujah! The closing Sunday morning service was one of signal display of divine glory. The text was, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it." At the altar at the close of the sermon many gathered around and were melted by the Spirit's presence. God is answering prayer, and the saints who have so long held on by faith for West Somerville are greatly encouraged. The board gave Brother Smith a call to the pastorate, and he has accepted until Assembly, for which we thank God. Our church has, for a time, been carrying two mortgages, the interest on which we scarcely have been able to meet on time, but thus far the Lord has led us on, and we are expecting deliverance from all our trouble in due time. Some of the saints are coming into their own, and rejoicing greatly. Pray for this church, and for West Somerville to be awakened. It is a vantage point for the preaching of Bible holiness.—Minerva B. Marshall, Church Missionary.

Blackwell, Okla.

We have entered the third year of our ministry as pastor of the church here, and already two months of the new Assembly year have gone. We had our first service on the tenth of November, and God met with us and blessed our hearts as we pledged anew our allegiance

to Him in spreading scriptural holiness, and making this the best year in every way that the church has ever known. The spirit of harmony has prevailed along all lines for the last two years, and there's no cloud on the horizon, except that kind which threatens showers of blessings, with an occasional cloudburst. Our District Superintendent, Rev. J. I. Hill, was with us the 17th of November, and brought us God's message both morning and evening. He is always an inspiration to us, and is highly esteemed in love for his work's sake throughout the District. Sunday evening, December 8th, was devoted to a special farewell missionary service, with Sisters Minnie Martin and Eva Rixse, who expect to sail for Africa soon. They stirred our hearts as they told of their call and the white harvest fields that await them. At the close of the service we told the people that our missionary girls had saddles, blankets, and bridles, but no animals on which to use them; and as they had expressed their preference of the sure-footed donkey, the money (\$164) was soon raised in cash and subscriptions to purchase each a donkey when they arrive on the mission field. This was a glad surprise to them, and we were blessed in the giving. We are planning and praying for an old-time revival here, beginning January 3d, with Evangelist Lee L. Hamric in charge. The church is getting the burden for souls, and the revival spirit is already on. We ask prayers for a mighty harvest.—V. P. Drake, Pastor.

Mannington, W. Va.

We have just closed an old-fashioned revival here in the Pentecostal Nazarene church. We had with us for three weeks Brothers Freese and Watkin, of Cleveland, Ohio, who sang and preached the gospel in the demonstration of the Spirit. After the second night we had seekers and happy finders for pardon or purity. The crowds were fine, conviction great, and the glory of God filled the tabernacle. A sweet spirit was manifest at each service, and the Holy Ghost gripped the hearts of the folks in a wonderful way, resulting in shouts of victory from the hungry seekers and shouts of praise from the saints. The Holy Ghost was especially manifested one night, when the pastor was about to anoint two for healing. While the Spirit was so manifest a woman who had not been to church for two years made a great confession. Also another sister we had been praying for, that she might be sanctified, jumped to her feet and was at once sanctified. We then anointed our sisters amid shouting and crying, and of course they were wonderfully touched. Two of the young folks who were reached in this revival are to enter school after the first of the year, to prepare themselves for the Master's work. The meeting closed Sunday night, December 8th, amid shouts of victory and praise, with nine seekers coming to the altar. While the altar service was going on, a young high school student in back of the tabernacle jumped to his feet, proclaiming that God had saved him. Another high school student, who had just been saved at the altar, rushed back to him, and what a time of shouting we had. The mother of one of the young men rushed to the front, saying she wanted to say something, and then told how for three days she had fasted and prayed for her son's salvation. The glory of God was so manifested that the people shouted, sang, and cried. Perfect unity prevails among our entire membership, and when the saints pray the glory comes down and sinners tremble. Brothers Freese and Watkin are to be with us again in November, 1919, if the Lord tarries.—Rev. and Mrs. O. L. Benedum, Pastors.

Ponca City, Okla.

We recently held a fine meeting at Cross, Okla. Cross is a settlement that was at one time a rival town of Ponca City, but the business has all moved to Ponca or elsewhere, but many of the residents are there yet, making it a nice community. Our meeting continued almost three weeks, and we had about thirty at the altar and some fine finders, thank the Lord, and we will take care of them as we have opportunity; well, we can truly say that the Lord is good to us, and is helping us in this needy field. Our church work is taking on new hopefulness and there is a noise of revival in the air, and we are planning for it. Please pray for us. We have one of the very best open fields for mission work in the state, and will step into it, if possible.—God bless the force at the office, and give you a good Christmas and a happy New Year.—D. M. Coulson, Pastor.

BIBLE STUDY
Young People's Society

Lesson Twelve
DIVINE OMNISCIENCE AND OMNIPRESENCE

Psalm 139:1-18

By Rev. E. J. Fleming
Study each verse in the light of the following references:

1. Psalm 11: 4, 5. 1 Kings 8: 39. 1 Chron. 28: 9. Jer. 17: 9, 10. John 21: 17. Heb. 4: 13.
2. Gen. 16: 3. 2 Kings 6: 12; 19: 27. Prov. 15: 3. Matt. 9: 4. Luke 9: 47. 1 Cor. 4: 5. Ezek. 38: 10, 11, 17.
3. See margin, winnowest. Job 31: 4. Matt. 3: 12. Gen. 28: 10, 17. 2 Sam. 8: 14; 12: 9-12. Eccl. 12: 14. John 6: 70, 71. Acts 5: 3, 4.
4. Psalm 19: 14. Zeph. 1: 12. Malachi 3: 13-16. James 1: 26. Jer. 29: 23.
5. Deut. 33: 27. Job 23: 8-10. Ex. 24: 11. Rev. 1: 17.
6. Prov. 30: 2-4. Rom. 11: 33. 7. Jer. 23: 23, 24. John 1: 3, 10. Acts 5: 9.
8. Ezek. 28: 12-17. Obad. 4. Prov. 15: 11. John 2: 2.
9. 10. Psalm 18: 10. Malachi 4: 2. Isaiah 24: 14-16. Psalm 63: 8. Isaiah 41: 13.
11. Psalm 16: 11-13. Isaiah 29: 15. Job 12: 22.
12. Ex. 14: 20. Daniel 2: 22. Hebrews 4: 13.
13. Job 10: 9-12. Isaiah 46: 3, 4.
- 14-16. Gen. 1: 26, 27. Eccl. 11: 5. Rev. 15: 3. Psalm 56: 8. Malachi 3: 16. Rev. 20: 12.
- 17, 18. Jer. 29: 11. Eph. 3: 9, 10. Psalm 40: 5, 12. Daniel 12: 2. 1 Thess. 5: 10.

Montrose, Colo.

After several weeks' quarantine we have been permitted to have services two Sundays. They have been rich seasons of blessing. The spirit of liberty and tender melting was among us. One soul was saved Sunday night. From all appearances, despite the influenza, the church here is on the climb. We are all praying for a revival.—Roy L. Hollenback, Pastor.

Belmont, N. H.

The Lord is wonderfully blessing us with good things. We have a fine, loyal people here, who are standing by us in the real pentecostal way, and gladly receiving full salvation truth. Recently we had a man saved who is nearly eighty years of age. It was a real miracle of grace. Also there was a middle-aged woman saved. Sunday night the Holy Spirit was graciously manifest, with several seekers at the altar. The fiances have doubled since we came here, and we are being nicely taken care of, and all bills are kept paid up, even while the church was closed during the epidemic. New people are coming in, and the spiritual trend is ever upward, and I believe God has a good future for this church. Brethren, pray for us.—F. W. Domina.

Los Angeles First Church

Coming together on December 8th, after eight weeks of no services, we all felt to say with the psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Though some in our ranks had been taken, yet God has dealt very mercifully with our number. The morning service was gracious and souls were at the altar. The afternoon was given to a world-wide prohibition rally, with Hon. Chaffin and others, who contemplate a world-wide tour. We vote as we pray, and a good meeting it was. We all feel the burden of the times in which we live, and no one more than our pastor. Brother Henricks is cutting close to the line, bringing such truths home to our hearts that either professors or possessors can locate themselves, and should we fail to heed the earnest, honest warnings we will be left without an excuse. We are praying and planning for a month's revival meetings with Brother Bud Robinson as evangelist, to begin January 1st.—Reporter.

First Church, Pasadena

We have been hit hard here by the influenza. Our churches have been closed now for nine Sabbaths, the longest, I think of any city in the United States. We were getting a fine start. On Rally Day, the last day we were together,

we had three hundred fifty-seven in the Sunday school and over fifty dollars offering. The congregation filled the church and the Sunday school room. It was a glorious day with several at the altar in the evening. Yesterday, Sunday, December 15th, the university held three services. Brother Bud Robinson preached three times to fine crowds. The singing was superb, the preaching great, and we closed at night with nine or ten seekers at the mourner's bench. (The university is outside the city limits.) It was a good day and it brought blessing to many hearts. The "flu" ban is on tight. All persons with colds, "flu," and pneumonia are quarantined. We hardly know when we will be open.—C. E. Cornell, Pastor.

Jasper, Ala.

The tenth annual Assembly has come and gone, but its victories and fruits still linger. It is said by many that it was by far the best ever held in the state. General Superintendent R. T. Williams remained with us one week after the Assembly and preached every night to the satisfaction of all present. The "flu," rainy weather, and muddy roads kept many away, but some came every evening in spite of the inclement weather conditions. Several manifested a desire to be saved, but only a few paid the price. God gave us a very beautiful day in which to close these series of meetings. This day was crowded full of good things. In the morning service one hundred dollars was soon raised for the evangelist. In the evening service, Brother Williams raised in cash and pledges fifteen hundred dollars to pay for the nice property which they had recently purchased for a parsonage for fourteen hundred dollars; thus, going "over the top" with one hundred dollars. The church was certainly fortunate in securing this property. Brother Williams certainly endeared himself to the church and friends. His sermons were inspiring. Just before the benediction was pronounced, the pastor's wife, in behalf of the ladies of the church, presented to Brother Williams a love token for his wife as a Christmas present. Their son was also remembered by the little boys.—H. J. Beaver, Pastor.

Lincoln, Neb.

Lincoln church is being wonderfully blessed of God under the ministry of Rev. L. R. Hoff. Souls are at the altar almost every Sunday night. Last Sunday night there were about a half dozen, and three weeks before there were five. Other nights there have been less. In a little over a year, forty-one new members have been taken into the church. If the influenza does not hinder and God wills, the debt on the church will be paid off this summer and the church and two parsonages will be free of debt. We believe the same could not be built new today for less than twenty-five thousand dollars. Rev. W. E. Shepard, of Los Angeles, will be with us January 5th for four Sundays. Brother and Sister Ludwig are living in one of the parsonages alongside the church and are giving us splendid help, preaching and otherwise. They have been unable to go out much over the District as Superintendents on account of the influenza, but they are planning to organize new fields as soon as conditions favor. The Coast to Coast convention will be held in Lincoln some time in March. The church has invited the convention to hold its meeting with us. Brothers Babcock, Owens, Ruth, and Johnson will be the leaders.—Rev. Henry Bell.

Yoakum, Texas

Having resigned the pastorate of North Little Rock church, North Little Rock, Ark., and accepted the work here, we have been here only two Sundays, but God has given us good services. Yoakum is a city of about nine thousand people, located in south Texas, a very fertile country; out of the cold blizzards, almost all kinds of vegetables grow any time in the year. We are expecting God to give us the greatest year of our life. I also attended the Assembly of this District, which convened at Waco. It was a great gathering. I met some of my old friends and some of our dear preachers I have known from reputation for a number of years; the longer you know them the better you love them. We are looking forward to the future, asking God to give this District a fruitful year. We are going to do our best to put the HERALD of HOLINESS in every Pentecostal Nazarene home in Yoakum this year.—May God bless our paper and its many readers.—G. O. and Bertha Crow, Pastors.

Maples Mill, Ill.

The church at Maples Mill is still on the map and also on the firing line. Our people have stood true and loyal to God, the church, and their pastor. Thank God, but few of our people have been afflicted with the epidemic and none of them has suffered death. We have as fine a class of people as the sun ever shone upon and the Lord has blessed them in many ways. Brother M. E. Borders, pastor of First Church, Chicago, visited us Sunday, December 22d, in the interest of Olivet University. Although it had been raining for several days, and our people had to drive — some of them several miles through the mud — many of them were on hand in addition to what they had given to the school during the last year, pledged six hundred dollars, making one thousand dollars within the last month. Brother Borders preached for us in the evening and was a great blessing to our dear people. We are standing true to the old gospel in this country place and feel that the blessing of our God is upon us. The old message of full salvation bears fruit and produces real saints and we have some samples over here. Praise His name!—D. L. Mounts, Pastor.

St. David, Ill.

At the close of the Chicago Central District Assembly I accepted the call to our church at St. David and Dumfermline, Ill. We found a few saints at these places. We commenced a revival December 4th and continued till Sunday, December 22d. God gave the victory, and we were able, by God's help, to rescue a few souls. God helped us to preach His Word and true to His promises, He gave the victory, and confessions were made. Restitutions were made and old grudges were straightened up. We expect to commence the battle at St. David in

Notice to Ministers

All settled pastors and evangelists who are devoting all their time to religious work, will be given half fare rates on all federal railroad lines, beginning January 1, 1919. If your local agent can not furnish you with application blanks, apply to Eben E. MacLeod, Western Clergy Bureau, 2150 Transportation Building, Chicago, Ill.

Managing Editor.

a few days. We earnestly desire the prayers of the HERALD family.—Rev. J. S. Wallace, Pastor.

Camas, Wash.

Sunday, December 1st, our District Superintendent, Brother Little, was with us in the morning, and we had a blessed time. Rev. Cornelius Coatney and wife were with us for a few weeks and they greatly assisted us in the work here. Brother Coatney preached some splendid sermons, and they both sang and played their instruments. Pray for us.—Rev. J. W. Frazier, Pastor.

Knowles, Okla.

God has watched over this church during the pestilence. There has been no toll exacted of us. Truly, we praise God for the same. Our first service in this church was the last Sunday in November. The saints are looking up. The people are looking our way. God is honoring His Word. One soul has been saved and sanctified. As wife and I visit, we find many hungry hearts, then we take them to God in prayer. I covet the prayers of the entire church.—G. W. Dudley, Pastor.

Indianapolis, Ind.

The Pentecostal Nazarene preachers of this city and nearby points have organized a preachers' association, with Rev. Ira R. Akers as president; Rev. George Church, vice-president; Rev. James W. Crawford, treasurer; Rev. A. E. Kerst, secretary. We have at the present time three organized churches in the city and the fourth one is ready to be organized. We also have some missions in charge of the Pentecostal Nazarene preachers. Dr. J. Howard Sloan and his wife, Cary Crow Sloan, are now in charge of the Wheeler City Rescue Mission work and God is wonderfully blessing their faithful work. In a few nearby points of the city, there are a number of licensed preachers and some evangelists. This will give us a good strong organization and we are conscious that God's smile and approval are upon it. The object is to have the combined forces of our people, as well as preachers, in order that the greatest possible results may be obtained and the weakest places made as strong as the strongest. Praise the Lord! A great ten days' convention has been planned to begin at the South Side Church, corner of LeGrand avenue and Olive street on January 1st. Rev. George Church is pastor. A summer campaign is also being planned that will last from the middle of May to the last of August, the time to be divided among the four churches. For this campaign, we will need a tent and would like to get into communication with any person who has a tent for sale or knows of one that will answer our purpose. We could not consider one smaller than 40 x 60 feet. We would like to have one that would seat about five hundred people. Address Rev. A. E. Kerst, 1110 Oliver avenue, Indianapolis, Ind. Praise God for His blessings in this field of labor and for what we see ahead. We want the prayers of all of God's people.—Rev. A. E. Kerst.

Cairo, Okla.

Some time previous to our last Assembly I was called to the care of Mowdy church, but have just lately arrived and been installed in our new home. We have had a few very profitable services, though the attendance has not been large on account of the "flu," but God has honored us with His presence. We have had two members to the church, one in the meeting held just before the Assembly and one since I came on the work. We have organized a Sunday school and are pleased to note an increased attendance. I am pushing the good old Herald of Holiness. It is the best paper in the world. How folks can get along without it is a mystery to me. Beloved, let us do our best to get every home, not only in the church but outside as well, to take the paper. Pray for us that we may be successful to the glory of God.—Rev. Wade L. Nelson, Pastor.

Skedee, Okla.

I came to my new work October 28th and found a faithful band of God's true people to serve, with a good church building and a nice four-room parsonage. I find the footprints of such men as Rev. R. R. Richie, Rev. V. P. Drake, and Rev. G. W. Dudley whom God used in a great way to build a substantial work. We have been somewhat hindered by the "flu," but are now forging ahead with victory on our banners. We are in for the best part of our lives. Our beloved District Superintendent was with us on the Sabbath, and God gave us a great time. Brother Hill is a strong preacher and a faithful Superintendent, and the District is progressing rapidly under his efforts. He is beginning on the third year as Superintendent. During the last week God has been blessing us in a very precious manner. The writer had the privilege of being requested to pray for one of the leading merchants of the town, at which time we were in his store and on our knees we dropped. God is getting hold of the people in a great way, for which we praise Him. I am glad He saves and sanctifies, and the fire burns.—W. B. Walker, Pastor.

Dayton, Ohio

Since taking the work in Dayton during the month of October we have been greatly hindered because of the epidemic of influenza, but God has greatly brought us through. We succeeded Brother and Sister Wines. They left this church in as fine a condition as I ever saw. They won the love and esteem of all. We are having some wonderful services; seekers praying through in our regular services. Some few weeks ago a good number of the church members and friends came to the parsonage and

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.

HERALD OF HOLINESS:

Big day in Indianapolis Sunday. Fourth church organized to be known as Ray Street Church, formerly an independent church. Excellent property in good community. A. E. Kerst called as pastor. Pastors of our other churches in city present. Great future for the work.

A. E. HARDING, *Dist. Supt.*

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PROVIDENCE, R. I.

HERALD OF HOLINESS:

We went over the top for fifty thousand dollars for Eastern Nazarene College one month from campaign opening. Marvelous success was due to the untiring efforts of General Superintendent Goodwin, whom God mightily used, giving us possibility of a great college in the East. The days of miracles are not over.

J. E. L. MOORE, *President.*

DALLAS, Texas.

HERALD OF HOLINESS:

Dallas Assembly well attended with remarkably fine spirit. General Superintendent Goodwin presides with most brotherly care. He fills the Southwest with vision. E. G. Theus re-elected District Superintendent. W. E. Fisher with us; five hundred dollars for the Publishing House. One thousand for orphanage, twenty-five hundred for missions, twenty-seven hundred for Peniel College. The Assembly closed with great sermon by Brother Goodwin. Mighty salvation service.

V. H. FISHER.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.

HERALD OF HOLINESS:

Rev. E. J. Lord has been appointed Superintendent of the Kansas District to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Fred Mendell.

R. T. WILLIAMS, *Gen. Supt.*

KANSAS CITY, Mo.

HERALD OF HOLINESS:

TO THE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE AND HER MANY FRIENDS IN THIS AND ALL LANDS: We join you in praising God for the victorious past year, which has been one of the best in all departments of our work, and in prayer for the new year; that it may be one of increasing vision, aggressiveness, fruitfulness, and happiness.

J. W. GOODWIN,

R. T. WILLIAMS,

H. F. REYNOLDS,

General Superintendents.

To Whom It May Concern: It gives me pleasure to announce that Rev. B. F. Sheffer has been appointed District Superintendent of the Florida District and has entered upon the duties of the same. His address for the present will be Pensacola, Fla., general delivery.—H. F. Reynolds, General Superintendent of Florida District.

loaded the table with many gifts of good things to eat. One man had half a ton of coal sent over. The pounding, altogether, amounted to over thirty dollars. The church has recently purchased a six-room modern house for a parsonage. They look after the interest of their pastor. Thank God for the privilege of laboring with such a class of people. We are expecting great things of God.—C. Preston Roberts, Pastor.

Springfield, Tenn.

I am rejoicing and giving praise to the great God of our salvation for this another victory. I have just read in the dear old Herald of Holiness the good news of our success in raising the necessary money to put our Publishing House out of debt. I do praise God for every faithful individual that has made this victory possible, for out of our ranks God has brought the brains, determination; and grace to win. Last September I attended the Tennessee Assembly, at which time I accepted the pastorate of the Springfield church conditionally that I be allowed to stay on the Little Rock District one month till that Assembly, closing up my year as District Superintendent. We were forced to put off the Assembly on account of the "flu" then raging there, so we moved on the work and returned to the Little Rock Assembly a month later. We drove from Delight, our Arkansas home, to Springfield, Tenn., in our car, arriving at dark one night, but they were looking for us. We were shown our furnished house and served a nice, warm meal and then attended prayermeeting that night. We have a very promising work here. We are completing a nice brick church on Main street and will be ready to move in soon. We have engaged General Superintendent Williams as evangelist for a meeting in March from the 5th to the 16th. We extend an invitation to all who will to attend these services. I am working on a list of subscribers for the Herald of Holiness and hope to be able to send in twenty-five by the first of the year.—T. W. Sharp, Pastor.

Bluffton, Ind.

Sunday was a good day. The direct cause of the manifestation of the Holy Ghost during the day was the services of the previous Sunday, at which time the glory of God was so on the people that the pastor did not get to preach during the morning and twelve were at the altar. At night Brother W. E. Lantis, one of our local preachers, who had just returned from the army, brought a wonderful message. After the Sunday school closed yesterday we opened a testimony meeting. A woman began telling how the messages of the previous Sunday night had awakened her soul, and on Monday morning she confessed to her husband she had lost out in her experience; he in turn confessed to her, then they both went down on their knees before God and prayed through to victory. She made one confession after another until the Holy Ghost came upon the people; the fire broke out and blazed with increasing intensity until fifteen after twelve, at which time the pastor stopped them long enough to receive the morning offering and take a twenty-five dollar offering for the Publishing House. About twelve o'clock the son of the woman, who had started the confessions, came in and took a back seat. We had dismissed and were passing among the people shaking hands. When we came to this young man, he began to cry and at once the Christians crowded around him on their knees, petitioning God to save his soul. He arose to his feet and rushed to the altar. After much tears, loud crying, and confessions, God saved him. While we were rejoicing over the victory, a sister, who had been seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost, threw up her hands, began shouting, and the fire fell on her sacrifice until she leaped and danced up the aisles. The Young People's meeting began at six o'clock with a fine swing and the Holy Ghost was manifested in power right on until nearly ten o'clock. The thought uppermost in my mind as a pastor is to have a deeply spiritual church, but it requires digging to go deep.—Clyde E. Green, Pastor.

La Junta, Colo.

We were privileged to open our church last Friday night, December 13th, after having been closed more than two months. The writer was confined to his bed in the hospital for a few days with the influenza.—However, he is glad in Jesus' name to report for duty on the firing line

until the battle is won. As a church we are doing all we can. Jesus is our great leader. Praise His holy name! The spiritual tide still flows over the low grounds, pushing up the mountains of opposition. I feel like waving the blood stained banner high in the air, and shouting, "Go on; the battle is ours in Jesus' name." Not only do we feel grateful for the many spiritual blessings we have received at the hand of our Master as a church, but we most humbly and sincerely thank the Lord for the astonishing material development. The church and friends presented the pastor with a John B. Stetson hat and a pair of standard shoes recently. They are the most noble people the writer has ever known. The Sunday school is doing an excellent work under the superintendency of Brother E. F. Dunn. We ask the prayers of all for this work.—H. J. Brown, Pastor.

Oskaloosa, Iowa

Three soul-stirring events occurred at the church last Sabbath; namely, first, letters were read from Howard Wagner, now of Japan, and one of our workers, Brother Wilson, in the southland. These absent ones are on our prayer list. God bless them. Second, one of the most promising Holy Ghost student preachers at Central Holiness University, together with his wife, surprised us by seeking admittance into our fold. This is another rising young minister on the Iowa District. Third, prayer was called for a saint, not a Pentecostal Nazarene, lying at the point of death. It was found after the services, at the exact time of the prayer the sick man felt God's healing touch, the glory shone around, and the body cold, seemingly pulseless, speechless, and gasping for breath, though doors and windows were wide open, suddenly became normal with health returning. At this writing, three days later, he is happy, still praising the Lord, sleeping well, and free from pain, although he had suffered intensely. "Behold what God hath wrought."—Dora Sherman, Reporter.

Number Four Mission

This mission is located six miles from Scranton, Pa., near Ricky Glen. Six years ago the writer was led to go there and start a Sunday school. It was not long before they asked for a preaching service in the evening. This was a hard proposition for one who had no real experience along that line, but trusting the Lord to help me, I went at it determined to win. After about a year of earnest effort souls began to come to the altar. Some prayed through and were sweetly saved. This led the people to organize under the title of Number Four Union Gospel Mission, and a charter was secured for the same. Most of the members were of Methodist and Christian and Missionary Alliance faith, while I and one other were Baptists. Miss Flora N. Ruth came to us on November 18th, and while I have heard many evangelists, yet I never found one more suited to the work than Miss Ruth. She preaches in the power of the Holy Ghost. Her messages in song are also a wonderful help to win souls for the Master. During the two weeks there were around seventy-five who professed conversion, and some who had followed the Lord for years were sanctified wholly. A young people's society was organized also with twenty-one members.—Albert Barber, Pastor.

First Church, Los Angeles

We are in the battle again in the First Church, Los Angeles, after being closed for two months, and it certainly seems good to be able to meet once more in the house of God. A number of souls have been at the altar for pardon and purity, and some have been happy finders. Our people are also coming up again on the financial lines. We had our offering for the "Lift the Debt" campaign and expect to bring it up to five hundred dollars. Our university also is doing nicely. A number of new students have come in and more are coming every week. Many new ones are expecting to register the second semester, "and the end is not yet." We have many inquiries from different parts of the country every week, indicating the intention to come to school and asking for information. The best of all is that we are having a glorious tide of revival and old-time salvation. Rev. Bud Robinson has been with us in the school for several evenings and an all-day meeting on last Wednesday, and also last Sunday. Many of the

students have prayed through to glorious victory. You can hear the voice of prayer and praise almost any time of day or night over these grounds, and we are asking God to save and sanctify every student before they leave this year. Our professors are all enjoying full salvation and things are moving heavenward in blessed love and unity. There is not a ripple of discord or trouble in our midst, for which we praise the Lord. We give Him all the glory and drive on in His name. We are to have Rev. Bud Robinson and Prof. John E. Moore with us during the month of January and we are looking for a glorious time.—A. O. Henricks, Pastor.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

We have had during the last year 242 special and earnest requests for prayer. Each request is listed separately and remembered before the throne both at our morning devotional services and our noonday prayermeetings twice each week. Some of these requests are for salvation, some for physical healing, and some for financial needs, but they all represent some kind of need and our God has promised to supply all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. All requests remain on the list until we are notified that God has answered prayer. We have been so blessed in praying for these needy cases that we have decided to enlarge the prayer circle and appeal to all of our readers who believe that God answers prayer to join us daily at the throne in behalf of these requests. We will publish a list of all requests coming to us this year beginning January 1st with number 1, number them consecutively as they come. We can not give all the details of each individual request, but if you will pray for them by number God will understand and will answer the prayer of faith.

Will you join us? Then watch for the list next week.

MANAGING EDITOR.

NOTES AND PERSONALS

Evangelist Will O. Jones stopped at Headquarters for awhile on the day before Christmas. He is going to Kentucky for some meetings on his way to the South.

The three General Superintendents will arrive in Southern California this week to begin the special campaign in the interest of our Pasadena University. Let everybody pray for the success of this campaign.

It is estimated that the total number of deaths caused by influenza in the United States and the United States Army will reach three hundred fifty thousand, which has been far more costly of life than the war.

Florida makes the fifteenth state to ratify the Federal Prohibition Amendment, but we must have thirty-six. The other states ratifying this Amendment are as follows: Mississippi, Virginia, Kentucky, South Carolina, North Dakota, Maryland, Montana, Texas, Delaware, South Dakota, Massachusetts, Arizona, Georgia, and Louisiana.

Another year with its battles and victories has past, and we are entering into the new year with confidence and assurance that God will take us through. How sweet is His love. How great is His mercy. How sure is His promise to them that fear Him and serve Him with a perfect heart. We confidently expect this to be the very best year we have ever known and we wish for all of our readers a happy and a useful and victorious New Year.

The following news item was recently taken from a great secular paper: "A general exodus of brewing capital from the United States to the orient is predicted by Rudolph Samet, president of the California State Brewers' Association, which has concluded its annual meeting at San Francisco. 'We are looking to China as the best place to go,' he said. 'I am leaving in a few days for that country to arrange for the construction of a \$2,000,000 plant. Other breweries are making similar arrangements.' What a pity to unload this abominable traffic on poor heathen China. Could not something be done to prevent it?"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teacher Wanted—Another teacher of violin and voice. Must come well recommended. Olivet University, Olivet, Ill.

Wanted—A tent not smaller than 40 x 60 feet. Would prefer one that will seat five hundred people. Address Rev. A. E. Kerst, 1110 Oliver Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. O. H. Beasley has resigned as District treasurer, and Rev. J. B. O'Neal of Morrilton, Ark., has been duly appointed to take his place as District treasurer of the Arkansas District.—T. C. Leckie, Dist. Supt.

We expect to be in special services beginning February 23d and running over three Sundays. Ashland church is slowly coming up the line and we are expecting a revival born from above. If you are in the vicinity at this time, drop in and help us pray the glory down and bring things to pass.—Dorman D. Edwards, Pastor.

Notice—Brethren, you will remember at our last District Assembly we took up subscription to raise money to lift the debt off of our church property at Castle, Okla. Some have sent in their subscriptions, some have not. The time is now up when we must make settlement. Will those who subscribed please send in their subscription at once, and help us save the property here for our cause? Brethren, it means too much to our cause for us to lose it. Please let every one that feels any interest in our work, and can possibly do so, send us a contribution, though it be ever so small. Pray that we may raise means to relieve the debt. We must not fail.—S. B. Gosey.

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Twining, Mich.—January 23-February 9
Lee L. Hamric:
Blackwell, Okla.—January 3-February 5
Hollenback and Byron:
Jeffersonville, Ind.—December 18-January 5
A. H. Johnston:
Burlington, Wash.—January 2-6
Seattle, Wash.—January 7-12
Tacoma, Wash.—January 14-19
Portland, Ore.—January 21-26
Salem, Ore.—January 28-February 2
Oakland, Cal.—February 4-9
Los Angeles, Cal.—February 11-16
San Diego, Cal.—February 18-23
Lewis and Mathews:
Permanent address, 341 West Marquette road,
Chicago, Ill.
California—January and February
Oregon—March and April
Alberta, Can.—May to October
John E. Moore:
Los Angeles, Cal.—January 1-26
(First Church)
C. E. Roberts and Wife:
Walla Walla, Wash.—January 6
C. W. Ruth:
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