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The Man Who Cannot Sin

CRUDE, unthinking people have been known to object to holiness on the ground that the people who teach it and profess it claim to be "so good they cannot sin." Many of these objectors do not seem to be earnestly inquiring as to whether anyone has really taught this doctrine or not; they do not even seem to be exactly anxious to know whether it is true or not, even if someone does teach it; but by word and gesture they suggest that they, at least, do not want to get one into a state like that. They seem to value their ability to sin as though it were the means of great pleasure to them.

The only mention made in the Bible of anyone who cannot sin is in 1 John 3:9, and it is not necessarily a sanctified person of whom the statement is made, but only one who is "born of God." Rational sanctified Christians make no claim of inability to sin in any sense other than the one in which the Apostle said that those who are born of God cannot sin. And evidently it is a moral, and not a physical inability that is intended. That is, sin and salvation are so opposite and so irreconcilable that no one can sin and at the same time be truly born of God. He may sin now, having been born of God in the past, but he cannot sin now and also be born of God now. In this very same sense we may say that a truthful man cannot lie and an honest man cannot steal. That is a man cannot lie or steal and still be both truthful and honest.

But some honest people confuse holiness and the destruction of the freedom of choice. They think that if inbred sin were removed, outward temptation would disappear, and the Christian would become a putty man who would be righteous and holy in his thinking and doing with the irresponsibility of a machine. But the truth is that will is an attribute of personality. It is weakened by sin, just as all the powers of the body, mind and spirit are, and it is strengthened by holiness. Also there is a tendency for the will to become fixed in the direction of its perpetual choosing, whether that be for sin or holiness. But the Christian no more becomes immediately incapable of apostasy when he gets sanctified wholly than a sinner becomes incapable of repentance when he commits his first act of lawlessness. This life is probationary and we are on trial to its close.

But we have reason to fear that a strong sinner can become so depraved and so fallen and so fixed in his rebellion against God that God and holiness and heaven will have no further appeal to him and that he will become an "eternal sinner." We also have reason to hope that holiness may become the fixed habit of thought and choice and action until at last the world and the flesh and the Devil will have but little to which to appeal and that finally, at least in heaven, we will be forever removed from the danger and possibility of sin.

A truly regenerated and wholly sanctified Christian is ready now to barter away his possibility of committing sin whenever he can do it without getting out of God's will; for he never expects to use this power and ability any more, any way. What he really rejoices in is the fact that he does not have to sin, and that he has been saved from the desire to sin.

We do not owe any thing to the Devil and sin. Our indebtedness is to God and holiness. Sin has blighted our world and will blight us. It is the cause of our grief and sorrow and woe. It is deep rooted in the heart of us all, so that no ordinary hand can extricate it, and no puny saviour can deliver us from it. It must not be condoned or palliated, it must be condemned and eradicated. It cannot be safely suppressed or counteracted, it must be confessed and executed. It deserves no quarters, since it offers none to us.

"More and More Unto the Perfect Day"

SOLOMON says, "The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." That is, the way of the Christian is like the sun which begins with the dawn and shines more and more until at noon tide it is straight over head and all shadows are gone.

This does not mean that sin within us is to die a gradual death, for this is not the teaching of the Scriptures. Both regeneration and entire sanctification are as instantaneous as the faith which receives them. But even when the heart is pure, when there is no condemnation and no inward turmoil, there are still the shadows of sorrow and disappointment. There is still heaviness as a result of manifold temptation. There are still the pain of the physical and the errors of the mental.

Full salvation takes the world out of us, but we must still live in a world that is unfriendly to God and to grace, and it has not pleased God to either make this world heaven or to take us to heaven—yet. But as the light of divine grace and love shines upon us and into us, more and more the things of the present life lose their hold upon us, and more and more we learn to see God in all His providences. More and more the shadows shorten, more and more the light shines down and in. And at last there will be perfect day. There will finally be "no more shadows," and no more sorrows, and no more tears.

There is a land which needs no light of sun or moon or stars, for God and the Lamb are the light of it. The gates of that city shall not be closed by day, and "there is no night there." The path of the just leads to that land, and in it there is perfect day.

Looking after the Future Church

NINETY per cent of the Church of tomorrow is in the Sunday school today, and any church that calculates to continue in business must take care of its Sunday school. This is true not only of the local church, but it is true of denominations. Our own church realized this and appointed the General Sunday School Committee to give the necessary thought and attention to the larger matters which affect the Sunday school and Sunday school work in our church.

This Committee has already rendered valuable service, and in this issue we are giving an article by Dr. Ellyson on the "Sunday School Program" which outlines the program for this year and for the quadrennium. Read it and see how comprehensive it is. Every item in it is worth the committee's concentrated effort, and the entire program is of such splendid proportions that we must give the Committee every assistance with it.

It will require considerable money to make the general Sunday school program effective, and the allowance of an amount equal to five cents per member, set by our last General Assembly, will all be needed. And as it would be unwise for the Committee to run itself into debt; and as the program demands that the beginning be by no means delayed, it is of great importance that our Sunday schools everywhere observe Sunday School Day, May 3, and that on that date, the full apportionment be raised. Let no superintendent fail in attending to this very important matter.

On the Crucifixion of "the Old Man"

A CORRESPONDENT writes as follows: "In contending for the crucifixion of 'The Old Man,' meaning death to the old, sinful nature; and yet contending that it is possible for a person who was once saved and sanctified to sin, backslide, and be eternally lost, I met with this objection from a brother of a different school: 'If the old nature is destroyed, then there is left only the new nature. Can this new nature sin? If not, how is he caused to sin?'" The correspondent concludes, Can you answer this question?

Our first remark is that this and like questions arise from the very common error of *literalizing* Scriptural terminology. People of Calvinistic tendencies are especially liable to fall into this error, because their conception of sin is almost inseparably connected with the corporal flesh. But let us not forget that the facts of the spirit are spiritual, and that material representations are illustrative only. All such terminology as "The new birth," "Babes in Christ," "Crucified with Christ," and "Dead to Sin," must be interpreted as to their spiritual content, making the material fact or action only representative. "The old man" is not an entity but is a bias in the nature, a taint in the life blood

of the human spirit. And having this "Old Man" crucified does not subtract any right or power of choosing from the individual. It makes sin less probable, but no less possible.

A little time ago I heard a preacher say that "sin as an act must always spring from sin as a principle and there can be no transgression until there is carnality." But I noticed that he became involved when he undertook to explain how a sanctified Christian can ever backslide. He had to virtually make the return of depravity to the one time sanctified heart an involuntary matter, so far as the individual is concerned; for when he involved the individual he could not keep him clear of guilt until he could get him defiled. The trouble is he had the wrong premise. Carnality is the *occasion* of transgression in fallen humanity, just as Satan was the occasion of it with unfallen humanity. But carnality is not the *cause* of transgression now any more than Satan was the cause of it then. The cause must be located in the personality which is free in willing. Hence man is always guilty when he transgresses, though Satan may, as a personality, receive punishment for his part in *presenting* sin.

We need go no farther than Adam to prove that it is possible for a holy being to sin, and to become depraved and fallen because of his sin. But if we cared for further proof, there is some evidence to support the belief that Satan, as Lucifer, a holy being, and in heaven besides, sinned and fell hopelessly. And if Adam could fall from Edenic holiness, and Lucifer could fall from his "first estate" in heaven, why should we question the possibility and danger of a wholly sanctified man's falling into sin, becoming again depraved, and losing his soul everlastingly?

Holiness is a preparation for probation, and not the product and end of it. Holiness is an approximate guarantee against apostasy, because it removes the inward occasion for sin; but it is not an absolute guarantee against it, because it still leaves us free in willing and in the presence of sin in the world. How does an unclean man become pure? By actively choosing to meet the conditions upon which God has promised to cleanse. How does a holy man become defiled? By disregarding as Adam, the conditions upon which God has promised to keep him.

No doubt there is a state of depravity and sin from which there is no recovery, but the majority of sinners do not reach that state in this world—if any of them do. And there is for the righteous a state from which the possibility of falling has been eliminated,

but that state is not reached in this world. "As long as the lamp holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return." And to the holiest man the warning is, "Take heed lest you fall."

Good Books for Preachers

Books, like friends, must be of individual choosing; but just as there are some people who seem to be capable of friendship with people of various types and tempers, so there are books which seem to possess a sort of universal adaptability. It is perhaps a little more difficult for the preacher to get hold of genuinely helpful books than almost anyone else, and yet almost every one of them knows a few books which have been especially helpful and which seem to possess at least some of the elements of general adaptability. We should like to have as many preachers as will write us and send us a list of half a dozen books which he thinks the average preacher will find helpful, and if a goodly number will do this, we will publish the lists in the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*. What do you say, brethren? Will you, at least fifty or one hundred of you, who read these lines send in a list of six at once?

The editor will begin by offering as his list the following:

1. "The Christ We Forget," by P. Whitwell Wilson.
2. "Prayer and Praying Men," by Bounds.
3. "Jesus Christ at the Crossroads," by Conrad.
4. "Life in the Heights," by Jowett.
5. "The Book of God's Providence," by Faris.
6. And then I would select one "shop book," and as one that most preachers need and will appreciate, I suggest "Funeral Sermons and Outlines," by Ketcham.

How Clean Is Your Crowd?

A little while ago a man who professes to be a straight holiness man, but who has not joined any of the holiness churches, gave as his reason for not joining that there are some things in the doctrines and practices of these holiness churches that are not orthodox and straight. On first thought we were inclined to sympathize somewhat with his view and practice, but we were brought to our senses quite suddenly by the remarks of a layman who said, "Well, now, if he is going to stay out and be an independent, he must certainly acknowledge himself as an independent, and just think of the heterodoxy, and foolishness and crookedness that exist among independents. But he must acknowledge his crowd, so I don't see that he is gaining anything." And now I believe I would rather undertake to defend the doctrines of the Free Methodists, the Wesleyans, the Pilgrim Holiness and the Nazarenes and to attempt to condemn and correct their inconsistencies than to undertake these same tasks in behalf of those who refuse to acknowledge discipline and agreed standards of faith and practice. 'Wouldn't you?

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The Blessings of Trials and Afflictions

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DAVID said, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn thy statutes," and explains that before he was afflicted he "went astray." He then adds the following testimony: "but now have I kept thy word" (Ps. 119:71, 67). And thus thousands of saints could testify, all down through the centuries.

Christ at no time promised His followers immunity from affliction, while in this world arena. In fact He said, "In the world ye shall have tribulations; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). While he would not give promise that we would always have fair weather and a smooth sea, He did promise that we would have a safe landing, providing we remained aboard.

As a good sailor must know how to meet "contrary winds," and what to do in time of storm, so in like manner the Christian must know how to meet adversity and make use of the afflictions incident to our probationary period. We are prone to think we are *blest* only when we are prosperous and happy; but we should learn that we are just as surely *blest*, at times, when we are not happy. Conviction for sin was a great blessing, though it did not make us very happy. Even so, our trials and afflictions are a blessing—blessings in disguise. We may not be able to understand and know just the "why" of our afflictions at the time adverse winds are blowing, but if we will "rest in the Lord," and "wait patiently for Him," He will make it plain.

*"Not now, but in the coming years;
It may be in the better land,
We'll read the meaning of our tears,
And then, up there, we'll understand."*

We are told that "the trial of your faith, is much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire" (1 Pet. 1:7). Gold is the very *best* and most valuable thing the sinner has: the trial of faith is the *worst* thing the Christian has. Thus we see that the very worst thing that the Christian has in this world is better than the very best thing the sinner has. These blessings which come in the form of trials and afflictions, should always be reckoned among the "all things," which "work together for good, to them who are the called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28). We are speaking particularly with reference to His children, who are yielded to Him, and who trust in Him, and not of such as precipitate and invite their own sorrows by violating His laws, and thus occasion their own undoing.

Concerning God's children even Satan had to testify,—in the case of Job,—that God has "an hedge about him, and his house, and about all that he hath" (Job 1:10). Hence the child of God is never left to the irony of fate, or luck, nor as helpless prey of the enemy: so that things "just happen," without the knowledge or intervention of God. No, no, these afflictions are all in the permissive providence of God, and are just as certainly the expression of His love and will concerning us as are those things which seem to be the more direct and ordered will of God, because they please us. Has He not told us

that not a sparrow falls to the ground without your Father, and "the very hairs of your head are all numbered?" (Matt. 10:30). Hence however dark the night, however boisterous the waves, however threatening the elements may be, He knows, and He cares, and He "will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able: but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13).

*"He loves me too well to forsake me,
Or give me one trial too much.
All His children have been dearly purchased,
And Satan can never claim such."*

The world maxim is, "What cannot be cured, must be endured." But by grace divine, "We glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience experience; and experience hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Rom. 5:3-5). We have found that the tunnel is simply the short cut to a desired destination: and that the longer the tunnel the nearer we are to the place we wanted to be when we emerge from it. So instead of complaining because there are thorns on our roses we rejoice and give God glory because there are roses on our thorns. And our trials, instead of becoming stumbling blocks, become stepping stones. "Though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies: For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men." (Lam. 3:32, 33).

As we search the Scriptures we may learn somewhat as to the "Why" and "Wherefore," of these trials and afflictions, as they were permitted in the lives of those who have trod the way before us, as follows:

I. TO PROVE THE SINCERITY OF HIS PEOPLE

Concerning Israel He said, "Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments or no" (Deut. 8:2). God wants to know whether we are following simply for the loaves and fishes,—for what we hope to gain or whether we really love Him. The measure of our love can be determined only by the sacrifices and suffering we are willing to endure in order to convey it. We read, "Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour . . . for God had given him substance very much." And then we read, "God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart" (2 Chron. 32:27-31). God wanted to know whether Hezekiah was simply serving Him because He had made him prosperous, or whether He served Him because he really loved Him.

II. FOR DISCIPLINARY AND CORRECTIVE PURPOSES

Concerning backsliding Ephraim God said, "I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face in their affliction they will seek me early" (Hosea 5:15). And of His ancient people it was said, "When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God" (Ps. 78:34). The fact is that

very few people can have continued prosperity without becoming self sufficient, arrogant, and self-centered, and at least, in some measure, forget God. "No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." (Heb. 12:11).

III. TO KEEP US HUMBLE

The very richness of his Christian experience,—the "abundance of the revelation,"—was the occasion for Paul's "thorn in the flesh." According to his own testimony, it was given "lest he should be exalted above measure." He does not tell us what this "thorn" was, other than that it was a "messenger of Satan," to "buffet" him. There are at least four kinds of pride: Race pride, Place pride, Face Pride, Grace pride; it was the latter of which Paul seemed to be in danger. The thorn was something he had not desired: but by reason of the same, he was driven to prayer, and obtained an increase of capital. Anything that will keep us humble, and drive us to prayer, and increase the measures of our grace, could hardly be regarded as a misfortune. Though a "thorn in the flesh to prick and prod us might not be very desirable, it nevertheless may be very profitable. The best way to get on with a "thorn in the flesh" is to hold real still; writhing and twisting simply enlarge the wound, while prayer and submission enlarge the sufficiency of grace (2 Cor. 12:7-9).

IV. TRIALS THE WAY TO SPIRITUAL ENLARGEMENT

The Psalmist said, "Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress" (Ps. 4:1). In the time of trial and affliction we are driven to prayer and dependence upon God; having suffered, and found deliverance through prayer, there comes an enlargement of faith, and an enlargement of sympathy for others who are suffering, and a consequent enlargement of usefulness. Multitudes could testify in the language of ancient Israel: "Thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried. Thou broughtest us into the net; (when we became all tangled), thou laidst affliction upon our loins. Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; (rough shod) we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place" (Ps. 66:10-12). After Job had passed through his trial and lost all, we read, "The Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before" (Job 41:10).

V. TRIALS PERMITTED FOR THE GLORIFYING OF OTHERS

As Joseph testified concerning his brethren who had so grossly maltreated him, casting him into a pit, and selling him into Egypt: "As for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto me for good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive" (Gen. 50:20). Perhaps no one ever suffered more unjustly, nor more shamefully than he; but Joseph in Egypt was the entering wedge, and the means of keeping alive; and later of delivering out of Egypt, more than "six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children" (Ex. 12:37, 38). Being disowned by his brethren, sold into Egypt, falsely accused by a woman, placed in prison, and such like, were not very pleasant experiences for Joseph, but they

made him the deliverer of his own people, and made his name forever illustrious and immortal. By patient endurance in the hour of affliction we demonstrate to others the power and reality of God's saving grace. It was thus that the blood of the martyrs was ever the seed of the church.

VI. TRIALS ESSENTIAL TO THE PERFECTING OF CHARACTER.

"The God of all grace, who hath called you unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you" (1 Pet. 5:10). Even Jesus, "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered." "For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings" (Heb. 5:8; 2:10). He could only perfectly understand and appreciate our afflictions and struggles, and satisfy us that He really knew the bitterness of the same by passing through them. His suffering was vicarious and for our sakes. In like man-

ner we may suffer in order that we may learn how to sympathize with, and help others, and thus develop and perfect our own Christian character.

VII. TRIALS AND TESTING ARE THE WAY TO PROMOTION

After the "burning fiery furnace," which was heated seven times more than it was wont to be heated," "the king prompted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon" (Dan. 3:19, 20). Before men can be placed in positions of great honor and responsibility, they must needs be tested and tried. "Before honor is humility." God's way up is down. Not only do trials and affliction lead to promotion in life, but to larger rewards in eternity; a larger pension when the war is over. "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him" (2 Cor. 4:17; 2 Tim. 2:12). In heaven we will thank God for every trial we ever had.

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Jesus Christ the Unapproachable

By EVANGELIST A. G. JEFFRIES

I WONDER if your many readers would enjoy an article on the titles of our adorable Lord. He carries one hundred and eight titles given Him by the Old and New Testament writers.

I will not live long enough to do justice to the subject, were I to contribute an article every week, during my few remaining days.

Nomenclature has been exhausted in seeking to convey to the human mind and heart, the greatness of Jesus Christ. The poetical Isaiah seven hundred and twelve years before Luke, in beautiful language—more exquisite than an idyl to Christian ears, announced the serenading of the simple shepherds by the angelic choir, called Christ Jehovah (Isaiah 36:4). Jehovah (Heb.) from the verb *haya* "to be." The verb traced to its extreme etymology is "he that is." I could write a volume on these words. "He that is," before all, above all, independent of all, creator of all, redeemer of all, sustainer of all, judge of all. "He that is" self-existent, unbegun, the eternal of all eternity, the center and the circumference, the life of all life, the soul of every soul, the breath of all breathing, the hope of all nations.

The verb *haya*, "he that is," contains all the forms of the past, present, and future tenses. The eternal one. It is generally employed to express a different conception of the Deity from that which is contained in the word Elohim. The word Elohim is older than the word Jehovah and was current among the Hebrews before they attained a national existence. The heathen called their gods Elohim but no heathen god was ever called Jehovah. God never divulged His Almightyness to the Jews until congregational worship had been organized. Given individually it would have been corrupted.

It seems strange to a man in this age, how the Jews failed to recognize in Christ their longed for Messiah. They believed and taught, that in some age, Jehovah would be incarnated and live among men. All down the ages light was gradually breaking by the

visitation and manifestation of angels wearing the form of men, and giving such exhibitions of power that they were revered as God (Judges 13:22). The Jews understood Isaiah 7:14, just like Matthew understood in Matt. 1:23, but they would rather reject their Redeemer than give up a code of morals formulated by themselves.

Secondly, He calls Himself "The light of the world" (John 8:12). When our federal head went down under the assault of the Devil, moral and mental darkness entered the world, entered the heart, controlling every propensity of man, obscuring his vision, transferring his affections, alienating his heart petrifying his moral sense and plunging him into abyssal darkness from which he can never be rescued without divine assistance. Jesus came to dissipate darkness, to liberate the soul, to emancipate the mind, to lighten burdens, to give good cheer to the soul, to reveal God, to put away sin, to destroy the work of the Devil.

Not one philosopher that ever appeared on the earth had, or could offer one thing to suffering humanity beyond the grave. The best they could do was a poor patch-work, offering but little here and nothing hereafter. Jesus offers much here and all hereafter. "The blessing of the Lord maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov. 10:22).

Man's æsthetic nature has its complement in Jesus Christ. This is in harmony with the philosophy of his constitution. Whatever aptness man possesses to "feel after God if haply he might find him" was placed in his constitution by his Creator and can find its satisfaction and rest in Jesus Christ.

Man is friendless, he needs a friend. Man is sorrowful, he needs a comforter. Man is a wanderer, he needs a guide. Man is ignorant, he needs a teacher. Man is poor, he needs the true wealth. Man is lost, he needs a Savior. All this he finds in "The light of the world," Hallelujah!

Thirdly, He is called, "The faithful and true witness" (Rev. 3:14). No guile was

found in His mouth (1 Peter 2:22). He spake and it was. He commanded and it stood fast (Psalm 33:8). Every word spoken by Him was freighted with eternal truth. His teaching can never be revised. His doctrine can never be abrogated. His life can never be more than remotely imitated. His unselfishness was and is a marvel to carnal men. His devotion to lost men is a wonder to angels and to men.

Not only does He witness to individuals, but He came to be a witness to the fact that disfiguring as sin is, the soul may be so completely healed that the scar will not show in the final day (See Jude 24). He came to witness against pantheism, that God is nature; against atheism, that there is no God; against agnosticism, that God cannot be known; against anthropomorphism, that man is or ever can be God; against annihilationism, that man can ever cease to exist; against universalism, that all men will be saved; against Roman Catholicism, that unchristian system of superstition and falsehood, propagated by a bloated vile priesthood, self-assertive, conceited, minds filled with political intrigue, beguiling unstable souls—*Infants Perdue*. Oh the curse the Devil has brought on the earth through this damnable idolatry. There have been forty-two million men killed in wars since the "True witness" walked on this earth and forty million of this number can be traced directly or indirectly to Romanism.

The immense arrogances of sacerdotalism, the disgraceful confessional, the imaginary power of absolving from oaths, the ambitious assumption and extravagant claim of infallibility, the false claim of the right of anathema, the colossal tyrannies of the pope-dome, the cruelties of the inquisition and a thousand other charges equally as grave can be urged against this daughter of the Devil. The full criminal charge can never be known until the harlot is brought to trial in the "great and terrible day." Jesus came and is an unimpeachable witness against all these hell-invented lies.

Fourthly, He is called "the Sun of Righteousness." "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings" (Mal. 4:2).

The sun is the center of the solar system. Its diameter 882,000 miles. It attracts and repels eight planets holding them obediently to their orbits while they give obeisance to his kingly majesty. The diameter of Mercury is 3,200 miles, that of Mars, 4,100 miles, that of Venus, 7,800 miles, the earth 8,000 miles. That of Uranus, 35,000 miles, Neptune, 39,000 miles, Saturn, 79,000 miles, Jupiter 87,000 miles. If the sun could be melted and remoulded, it would make eight planets and have enough left over to make 492 more worlds of equal size. This is like the Sun of Righteousness compared to men.

In the opening scene of the fourth day of creation, we have a beautiful type of the Sun of Righteousness bursting forth on the sons of men. The fourth morning of creation God unveiled this glorious orb and a billion billows of light burst forth from his glorious countenance, flooding the utmost planet and giving vitality to all created beings.

At the close of the fourth thousand year of our world, the Sun of Righteousness revealed

the creator in all His fullness. "And of His fullness have all we received and grace for grace" (John, 1:16). Grace of pardon, following repentance; of grace of sanctification, following consecration.

As the natural sun is the center of the solar system, the Sun of righteousness is the vital center of all true light. All types and prophecies, all pure doctrines and sacraments radiated from Him and found their expression in the hearts and devotions of men. As the natural sun shines by his own light, so does the Sun of Righteousness by His omniscience flood with light the minds and hearts of men, causing them "To do justly and love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 7:8). As the light of the natural sun never becomes contaminated, so the Sun of Righteousness amid all the temptations, guilt and depravity of the earth, continued pure and uncontaminated. He returned to His throne as pure as He left it. As the light of natural sun is inexhaustible, so the light of the Sun of Righteousness. He will shine on and on forever. When sun, moon, and stars have failed, He will still be flooding heaven with light.

As the natural sun's law of gravitation extends to the limit of the solar system, so the law of love of the Sun of Righteousness. He loves the good, the bad, and the indifferent. He loves in all ages, in all climates and at all times. As the natural sun is not partial in its light and beneficence, so the Sun of Righteousness "Tasted death for every man." "God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34). "He willeth not the death of any." To the light of natural sun belong many interesting properties. (1) Polarization, (2) refraction, (3) radiation.

A ray of light from the sun which has not been reflected, or refracted in its course to the eye presents one harmonious whole, but if the ray has been reflected, all is changed. If the Sun of Righteousness is seen as He is, the fall of man, vicarious atonement, hell, heaven, justice and judgment, all appear perfectly clear, but refract this vision and all is changed. Man is not so bad after all. Hell is a myth, repentance is foolishness, joyfulness is fanaticism, a holy life is melancholy, austerity and prayer are a loss of time.

Radiation, the rays of light from the natural sun possess mechanical force which may be converted into continuous motion. So the love beams radiating from the heart of the Sun of Righteousness, move men and women and keep them moving all the days of their lives. How true this has been in the lives of dear Dr. A. M. Hills, Dr. James Chapman, Dr. Goodwin, Dr. Roy Williams, Dr. E. P. Ellyson, Dr. A. S. London, Dr. Reynolds and an army of pastors, evangelists, singers and millions of workers. Years ago a ray of love from the heart of the Sun of Righteousness struck a lone cattleman in the Panhandle of Texas causing him to give away thousands to our eleemosynaries and he is still giving. There is no giver in the Southwest better known than the godly Elmore Dodson, of Dodsonville, Texas.

The natural sun has two atmospheres, the inner which is believed to be non-luminous, while the outer is highly luminous. The Sun of Righteousness performs two works of grace in our hearts, one dim, the other highly luminous.

Recent experiments made with prismatic spectrum have revealed the fact, that several of the metals found in the earth enter also into the composition of the sun. Among these are iron, magnesium, sodium, chromium and nickel. So the Sun of Righteousness took not the nature of angels but He took on Him the seed of Abraham (Heb. 2:16). The same chemicals that are in our bodies were in His. A glorious blend, divinity with humanity.

The natural sun periodically is obscured by black spots covering 35,000,000 square miles but when they disappear the sun seems brighter than ever.

In Isaiah 45:15 it is said "verily thou art a God that hidest thyself." The Sun of Righteousness seemingly hides Himself at times and we almost faint in waiting for His re-appearance. "The trial of your faith is

more precious than gold that perishes." The best saint encounters these black spots, but when the heart is sick, and the soul is sad, and the spirit is weary, the body is faint, the black spots all disappear and the Sun of Righteousness seems brighter, dearer, sweeter, fairer and more glorious than ever.

Science has proved that no substance can be exposed to a sunbeam without undergoing a change. So it is with the Sun of Righteousness. Every soul He touches undergoes a moral change. Deaf ears are unstopped, blinded eyes are opened, guilt is removed, the soul awakes to a newness of life and finds itself in consonance with its Creator.

(NOTE—As these articles to our great paper are purely gratis, if the readers are enjoying them, let a few drop me a line saying so, and I will continue writing them. My permanent address is now 1103 Jones Street, Sherman, Texas.)

Studies in Divine Guidance

By REV. W. G. BENNETT,

I SUPPOSE some of my friends who know me best, will wonder why one who has made so many mistakes as they know me to have made, should attempt to write upon a theme like the above. I can only apologize by saying that I have not always made that most fatal of all blunders, the mistake of not recognizing my mistakes, and endeavoring to profit by them. For while our mistakes require the covering of the blood, if recognized, confessed and repented of, they may be overruled by Divine Providence, at least in many instances, until they become the means of acquiring spiritual knowledge. Nevertheless, we are never justified in saying, "Let us do evil that good may come." Further let us remember that in this study, we are not presuming to cover the entire field, or say the last word on this subject, but are giving only some brief outlines that may be helpful to travelers on their way to the Celestial City.

One of the first requisites to divine guidance is faith in the ability of God to guide us under all circumstances. We will be very dull scholars in this school until we come to apprehend God as all wise, loving and omniscient, and have a real practical faith in His willingness and ability to guide us. Perhaps at this point some of the wonderful promises bearing upon this subject will help to stimulate our faith. "And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drouth, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." "Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself, for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended." "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." That is to say when you come to the fork of the roads, you will know which trail to take. The trouble with many of us is we are filled with such fear and anxiety, that we get impatient to know long before we come to the parting of the ways, all of which only shows our lack of faith in our Guide, Friend; the abiding presence of the Comforter will save you from any apprehension that is filled with fear.

The second requisite to divine guidance is complete subjection to the divine will. Of course, a soul entirely consecrated and sanctified has reached a state where when he knows the will of God, there is no longer further resistance. However even in sanctified humanity there may be an impetuous, hasty disposition that runs ahead of God and is the cause of many of our mistakes. This disposition can be subdued only by chastening and trial.

Moses is said to be the meekest man, and yet, when tried by complaining Israel, he disobeyed God at Horeb, and smote the rock once too often. And I have known some preachers, unusually gifted in many respects, and whose sanctification I had no reason to doubt, who acting under some hasty impression, would do and say things that greatly hindered their usefulness. And then perhaps would scarcely be aware that they had blundered, and go searching about for an Achan in the camp that was responsible for the failure that was so apparent. And many a sanctified soul has to go on stumbling and blundering until bruised, bleeding and sorely chastened, he finally lies down like a sick child in its mother's arms, subdued, and patient to learn that "He that believeth shall not make haste." George Mueller said that he was not aware of having made a mistake in twenty years. That might seem like a very extreme statement, until you stop to consider that Mr. Mueller would not even so much as take a ride with a friend, until he had first waited to get the mind of God. He had learned by long experience that "They that wait upon God shall not be put to confusion."

The third requisite necessary to secure divine guidance, is a mind free from a determined set purpose to have our own way, rather than to submit our case to God that we may find out the divine will—especially in matters of finances, or matrimony, or a more responsible position, etc. We are likely to seek for guidance when our minds are already settled as to what we want and are determined to have and we simply beg God to forward our own plans. Because of this it is extremely difficult to get the mind of God in some of these matters. There is a good self, as well as a bad self. The bad self needs crucifying and the good self needs

directing. It is not wrong for a man to want a better salary that he may give better advantages to those dependent on him. And yet many a family has been ruined by better quarters and more money to spend. It is not wrong for a person to meet someone that they love or think they do, and seek them for a companion in life; but yet infatuation which is a very close neighbor to true love, has broken many a heart, ruined many a life, and broken up many a pleasant home. Ah, brother, to get your own way may prove your eternal undoing.

I knew a mother who pleaded for the life of her child (and said afterwards that she never even so much as consulted the divine will). God gave her her request, but an imbecile whose body grew to manhood, but his mind was that of an infant, was her charge for life, and then outlived her to be cared for by the state, and his child mind understood the abuse he received there and he mourned for his dead mother. It was said of Israel "God gave them their request, but sent leanness to their souls." Balaam got his own way, but when God wrote the record of his life, he memorialized him as one who loved the wages of unrighteousness. And yet in all the foregoing matters, some of which are far reaching in their effect upon usefulness and character, God can and will guide us so fully that "Our light shall break as the morning and our singing as the noonday." How many a young life, and old one too, is ruined because he fails to enter into the covenant of complete consecration to God, and then keep that consecration complete by refusing to be hurried into any important move in life, until he is sure of the guidance of God.

Perhaps I should say that the fourth requisite is a careful and intelligent study of the Bible. Study the characters and movements of its great heroes. Study its miraculous deliverances. Study its promises. I must confess I am not very much in favor of a chance opening of the Bible, to let the verse that our eyes first fall upon be our guide. I know that some great saints, and many very little ones, have often used this method, but really it seems to me considerably like gambling, and I have known of frequent instances where it turned out exactly that way. I think that a very careful study of God's word to enlighten the intelligence and the judgment will in the majority of cases prove far more useful and successful. I believe that a thoughtful adherence to the foregoing principles will let us into this most wonderful secret of successful divine guidance.

BILLINGS, MONT.

Sunday School Program

By E. P. ELLYSON, Chairman General Sunday School Committee

AT the recent meeting of the General Sunday School Committee the following program of work for this year was adopted. It is this program you are asked to make possible on Sunday School Day, May 3.

1. The putting in operation at the very earliest moment possible, the Teacher Training Course under our denominational care and in co-operation with the International Council of Religious Education and the granting of a joint certificate of graduation for the completion of this course. The course

is to be given by Correspondence, in Local Classes, and District and General Institutes. Also the denominational Colleges are asked to give this course as a part of their regular curriculum. The course will be adapted to our denominational needs, some of the text books to be edited by our own people. A pamphlet of explanation and instruction relative to this is to appear soon.

2. The encouraging of the holding of local and district Sunday School Conventions of an inspirational and instructive nature; Dr. Ellyson, with Mrs. Ellyson as a regularly appointed Field Worker, to give as much time to this as possible. Other groups of special workers to be arranged as conditions may justify. The Committee feels that these conventions are a great necessity in order to stir up the proper interest and give the needed vision for the work.

3. That supplemental lessons of General Bible, Doctrinal and Missionary studies be arranged for the Children's Division and the Intermediate Department as soon as possible. Beside the regular lessons, the pupils in these classes must be made familiar with the general facts about and of the Bible, indoctrinated and given the Missionary vision.

4. The lesson helps for the Group Graded Series to be issued for the Junior Department as soon as the demand will justify the financial outlay and not seriously interfere with the Junior helps now being issued.

5. That we encourage the Vacation Bible School work wherever there is a prospect of making a success of it, and that we select a course of study for the same that we can recommend.

6. That a more efficient District Sunday School organization be sought in order that we may secure better co-operation in the holding of conventions and the collecting of finances and statistics; and that the District may encourage the local work and enter new fields.

7. In order to secure more efficient and greater lay activity that we encourage Department Organization, and Class Organization in the Intermediate and Adult Divisions; that a pamphlet of instruction and explanation showing the advantages to be gained by such organization be issued soon.

8. That the individual schools may be encouraged to bring their work to the highest degree of efficiency, that the larger things for Christ and the Church may be accomplished through these schools, a system of standardization and grading of the schools has been adopted and will be put in operation soon. Each school will be given its standing according to the principles of standardization adopted. The purpose is purely one of encouragement and we trust each school will strive to meet the standard. A pamphlet of description and explanation will appear soon.

9. That the Cradle Roll Department be encouraged and some special helps to parents be secured for the use of the workers in this Department. Much more should be done for the child in these very early years of rapid development, and usually of great neglect.

Happiness

By H. O. FANNING

Men were created with a capacity for happiness, a thirst for happiness,—God designed them for happiness. To be happy is the universal desire of human kind. The world has failed to find true happiness because it has sought for it in wrong places, in wrong ways, and for wrong ends. Men have sought

for it in ways of sin, and have found there only such pleasures as eventually palled upon them. Such happiness is brief, and soon proves its delusive character. The man who seeks happiness out of harmony with God's laws, seeks it out harmony with the laws of his own being. Such seeking will ruin him physically, mentally, morally, spiritually, temporally, and eternally. No man ever found enduring happiness through violating God's laws. The Source of our being is the Source of supply of all of our needs. Christ is the one Source of enduring happiness. Those who find true happiness find it in Him, and in harmony with God's laws. Christ's prescription for happiness is found in the Beatitudes. The happy man is described in the first Psalm. Holiness and happiness are as inseparable as are sin and suffering.

DRUMHELLER, ALBERTA, CANADA.

THE GREATEST AMERICAN PREACHERS

By REV. C. E. CORNELL

THE Christian Century," recently conducted a plebiscite to learn the opinion of American ministers as to the twenty-five most influential preachers in the United States. It will be of interest to Nazarene preachers as well as laymen to note this list. The first twenty-five are:

Dean Charles R. Brown, of Yale Divinity School; Henry Sloan Coffin, of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York; S. Parks Cadman, of the Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn; Russell H. Conwell, of the great Baptist Temple, Philadelphia; Harry Emerson Fosdick, who is generally well known; George A. Gordon, of the Old South Congregational Church, Boston; Charles W. Gilky, of Hyde Park Baptist Church, Chicago; Lynn Harold Hough, of the Central Church, Detroit; Newell Dwight Hillis, formerly pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church, Brooklyn; Edwin Holt Hughes, Methodist Bishop of the Chicago Area; Charles E. Jefferson, of the Broadway Congregational Church, New York; F. J. McConnell, Methodist Bishop of the Pittsburgh Area; William F. McDowell, Methodist Bishop of the Washington Area; William P. Merrill, of the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York; G. Campbell Morgan, who has just come to New York to preach for three months at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church; Mark A. Matthews, of the great First Presbyterian Church, Seattle; Joseph Fort Newton, of the Church of the Divine Paternity, New York; Merton S. Rice, of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Detroit; Frederick F. Shannon, of the Central Congregational Church, Chicago; Robert E. Speer, head of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church; John Timothy Stone, of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago; William A. (Billy) Sunday, Evangelist; George W. Truett, the great Southern Baptist Preacher of Dallas, Texas; Ernest F. Tittle, of the First Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois; and James J. Vance, of the First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tenn.

The Episcopalians, the Disciples and the Roman Catholics are left out. There are only two Southerners named.

The writer would like to suggest that there are some other great preachers whose influence is as wide—if not wider—than any of those named in the list of twenty-five. I refer to Dr. H. C. Morrison, President of Asbury College and Editor of the *Pentecostal Herald*, Nashville, Tenn.; Will H. Huff, International Evangelist and Missionary in particular to Mexico and South America; Andrew Johnson, Evangelist and the Silver Tongued Orator from Kentucky; and "Bud" Robinson, Globe Trotter, the Walking Bible, who can quote more Scripture accurately than any other man in the United States; a logician, a rhetorician, a philosopher and as humble as Paul or St. John. These men through their Gospel Sermons, writings and constant evangelistic labors are touching the ends of the earth. They are sound in doctrine, mighty in faith, persistent in endeavor and filled with the Holy Ghost. Please add these four names to the list of twenty-five.

New Location for Our General Headquarters

IN 1912, when the pioneers of our publishing interests came to Kansas City in response to the action adopted by the General Assembly of 1911, and secured the location which has since been the publishing house property, they were jubilant. But their jubilation was not of sight for there was little except faith and a call from God. The first outfit was that of the barest necessity, and we who came onto the scenes at a later date have heard of the "Nazarene Boarding House" conducted by Brother and Sister Kinder, and the "force" fed at dry-goods-box tables, and permitted to sleep on rugged "pallets of comfort," all in the name of the God of the Universe and for the cause which was deemed so precious.

The first copy of the HERALD OF HOLINESS was set for the date April 17, 1912. The editorial "Salutation" contained the following significant words by Editor B. F. Haynes:

"The true evangel is well-nigh unknown in the great churches. Apostolic and what we may term old-time revivalism is eschewed, and a new superficial system of evangelism has taken its place. Conventions, movements, councils, 'pan'-bodies of divers sorts are numerous. By machinery and manipulation of sundry kinds the prosperity and perpetuity of the church is now sought. Soul-winning is practically a lost art with too many churches. Ecclesiasticism—not revivalism—absorbs too nearly the time and energy of the ministry.

"Herein is our mission as a church. Pentecost and souls must be our deathless passion. In Pentecost we are to find our inspiration and our power and success, and to win souls must be our supreme and solitary aim.

"If the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene be not distinguished by these two purposes and potencies she will give proof that she is not needed in the arena and had as well retire and not cumber the ground by one more needless ecclesiasticism.

"To help hold the eye, ear and heart of our church to this high and heavenly aim, to keep alive pentecostal fire on our altars and an untiring passion for souls a burden upon every member and minister's heart shall be the tireless, joyous and ceaseless aim of this paper.

"While the great gulf stream of aim and endeavor shall be the inculcation and propagation of the new birth from above, and of holiness as a second definite work of grace, the HERALD OF HOLINESS will stand for every principle and truth essential to civilization in the highest and best sense, and the advancement of our Redeemer's Kingdom.

The first anniversary number contained significant statements in the editorial from which we take the following excerpt:

"We desire first to give expression to what doubtless thousands of our people feel—gratitude to God for the blessing He has put upon the effort to found a connectional paper for the entire church, and a publishing house for the circulation of a splendid series of Sunday school periodicals and a line of strong, safe holiness books.

"It is a matter of profound surprise to the writer, who has been here on the ground from the start, what success has been achieved in these enterprises against the limitations in the way of necessary funds. It is a pity that every member of our church could not be in the house a few hours, as a few have been, and see what goes on. There is a pulse and a throb of progress and life and energy which betoken wisdom and vigor of administration, and presage marvelous success along all lines, as the necessary means are put into the hands of the management, which we are sure will be done."

In the same issue appears these significant statements; under the caption, "The Publishing House a Reality!":

IS IT WORTH WHILE?

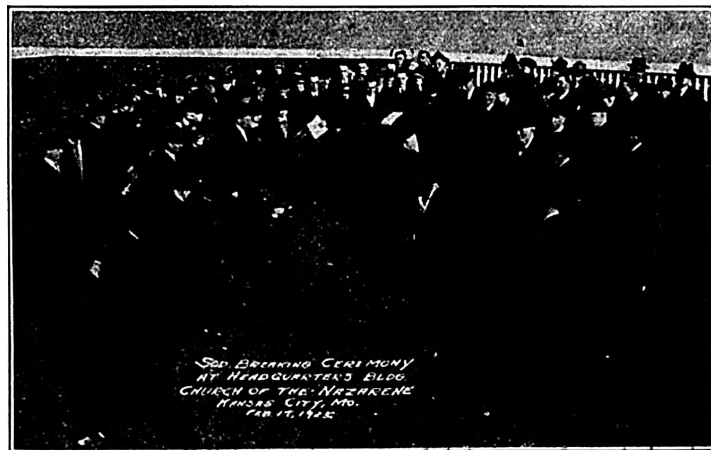
"As we have prayed and toiled and given to bring it to pass, no doubt a few of our people may have

wondered whether or not it is worthwhile. It is quite possible that few of our people, even the most enthusiastic supporters of the Publishing House, have any definite idea as to the extent of our work. Sometimes even figures do not give a full conception of what they stand for because people ordinarily are used to the measure of size, etc. In order that our people may realize that they own an institution which is effectually preaching the gospel, we will give some interesting figures which will show that the results far exceed the cost in money and effort. Suppose we reduce our literature to units of the or the ordinary fifty cent book of 160 pages each. If put into such a form it would require a book shelf seven miles long to hold the literature which has been published.

"We have been printing the gospel, and if the printed lines were run into one continuous line it would reach seven times around the world. The type itself if set in one continuous line would make a line of type eighteen and one-half miles long and weighing twenty-five tons."

That, dated—April 16, 1913—was at the close of the first year. The last, or thirteenth year, closed with the issue of March 25, 1925, and in it we made first published announcement of the new Headquarters Building.

When we look back over the thirteen years and survey the many changes that have been brought,



we can but praise Him by whose grace all has been accomplished.

The circulation of the HERALD OF HOLINESS has grown to such a degree that it requires the constant operation of the large cylinder press for eighteen hours to print the present weekly issue. Besides, there are weekly issues of several Sunday school papers and the monthly issue of *The Other Sheep*.

The publication of Sunday school literature, such as quarterlies, leaflets, etc., requires a steady flow of work the year around. Besides these are leaflets pamphlets, and books, and the job work for all the printing needed by the several general departments of the Church.

In 1915 the quarters were enlarged by the purchase of the old Nazarene chapel, which with the basement for storage, and the main floor for folders, cutters, stitchers, and the mailing room, gave some additional space.

But the church has in members and number of societies, grown, the number of Sunday schools has increased, the N. Y. P. S. has developed, and today the demands upon this institution are beyond its efficient convenience, to say nothing of the greatly enlarged possibilities that beckon us onward.

The visitor at 2109 Troost Avenue is today confronted at every turn on the premises by congestion. Enter the front door, and the front hall is stacked with tons of new books and no where else to store them. The shipping rooms on the second floor are loaded to capacity if not beyond the danger point. The third floor—garret—is actually carrying an overload. The bindery is cluttered up with stacks of

goods, and the press rooms are "press rooms" indeed. Every condition calls loudly for "more room."

The Cloudy Pillar moves to a new location and settles at 2917-21 Troost Avenue on a vacant property 128x152 feet, where on Tuesday afternoon, February 17, 1925, occurred the unique sod-breaking service. The annual meeting of the General Board was adjourned in time for all members of the General Board to visit the Publishing House where at three o'clock a brief service was held in the office with all employees of the institution present. The singing was led by Rev. J. N. Speakes, prayer was offered by C. A. McConnell, a brief address of "Greeting" was given by J. F. Sanders, former Manager, and F. M. Messenger made a brief address to the employees. The service was concluded with benediction by Rev. E. P. Ellyson.

Immediately following this service the company went to the vacant lots whither the Fiery Pillar had moved, and which, under that leadership, the General Board had chosen for the site of the new Headquarters Building. A number of friends and neighbors had gathered in anticipation of the unique Sod-Breaking Service. The photographer was present with his camera placed on the roof of a large bakery delivery truck which was standing at the curb, and two excellent photographs were taken, from one of which the above cut was made. The following program was rendered:

SINGING.....Rev. J. N. Speakes, Leader
INVOCATION.....Rev. J. W. Short

ADDRESS: *The Pressing Need*....

.....E. L. Hawkes

ADDRESS: *Looking Backward*....

.....Gen. Supt. Goodwin

ADDRESS AND SOD BREAKING:....

.....Gen. Supt. Reynolds

ADDRESS: *Looking Forward*....

.....Gen. Supt. Williams

BENEDICTION: Rev. J. B. Chapman

The new Year Book, which appears about this time from the press of our Publishing House, contains a picture of the new building taken from the architect's front elevation sketch. Engineers of the American Type Foundry of Chicago have assisted in planning the location and adjustment of the machinery in order to secure the most efficient arrangement. Our imagination and our faith visualize this splendid building standing forth in this growing business center before the year closes, occupied by a joyous, enthusiastic, energetic, company of workers, seeking by every means to enable the Church to fulfill the prophetic vision of the first Editor and Business Manager and their colleagues.

OHIO DISTRICT.

We have recently visited our church at Greenville, Ohio. This is a new church, but we expect to become a center of revival fire for the town and surrounding country. They have recalled Ralph Haynes for the pastorate another year.

Springfield work, under Pastor E. J. Haerr, is doing well. The Sunday school is well attended and the pastor has recently taken in some new members and more are coming a little later. We also expect Springfield to become a great revival center.

We spent two nights with our church at Hamilton. Pastor Orla Montgomery has resigned there and expects to enter the evangelistic field. Rev. Howard Welch has been elected pastor and has been approved by the District Superintendent. This means that the church will have aggressive leadership and we expect to see it become one of our leading churches.

We are praying for and expecting a feast of fat things at our coming District Assembly. Let our people join us in this prayer for an outpouring of the Spirit at the Assembly, which will be held at the Central Church of the Nazarene, Marion, Ohio, April 28-May 3, with General Superintendent Goodwin presiding.—N. B. HERRELL, District Superintendent.

Nazarene Young People's Society

"Let No Man Despise Thy Youth"

DISCUSSION OF N. Y. P. S. TOPIC FOR APRIL 26TH

By DONNELL J. SMITH

Discipleship

John 7:37; Luke 9:57-62

It was a strange voice, a new note, a glorious evangel which sounded forth in the days that Jesus, the Son of God, went forth to call men and women unto Himself. How glorious, how universal was the call? To fishermen, to tax collectors, to publicans and sinners, and to Israelites indeed it went forth alike. Rest for the weary, a welcome to the outcasts, hope to those in despair, light and life and immortality for all. And, yet, there was withal a strange mingling of judgment. How penetrating were His words, how disconcerting His questions? With such words as never man spake there were also, "Hard sayings," severe tests and strange commands. Many who on the first impulse would follow Him, turned back. Others who for a time did follow Him left Him and went their way. While His invitation was to all, "many were called;" not many would measure up to the qualifications, so but "few were chosen."

How marvelous were his dealings with men? With Him man was lord of his being. He could lose it or he could save it, but never would He the Savior of man disregard man's right or trample underfoot a single prerogative of his being. He would ask and seek admittance into the lives of men, but never would He force it. This did not rob Him of the prophet's insight and boldness. He knew what was in the heart of man. Thus it was when there came those who would pose as disciples, assume an attitude of devotion and loyalty to His cause, he declared that those who feared the hardships of the way, loved only the praise of men or still coveted the wealth of earth, were not fit to follow Him and represent the Kingdom of God among men.

Let us consider a few of the tests put to those who would follow Him.

1. *Readiness for self-denial.* Disciples were to count the cost instead of afterwards blustering about the cost. Lk. 14:28. What fine feathers does the necessity of hardship and self-denial pluck from many, a so-called disciple of the Lord Jesus. He was not satisfied with a beautiful impulse; He sought the definite and principled yielding of oneself to His Lordship (Mat. 26:33-35). How is it with us? Will we turn back when the way gets rough, —no place to lay our heads? Will the flower of our enthusiasm shrivel up as the cold night air pierces us through and through? Or will we endure to the end and at last stand shoulder to shoulder with that company of them who said, "they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Rev. 7:16-17).

2. *Freedom from entanglements which prevent or affect the manner of our obedience to His command.* Not how many talents have we, but how true and genuine is our allegiance to Him? Is our loyalty, heart loyalty? Have we considered the possible conflict between things natural, filial duties and the service to which He may appoint us? Obedience must be a structural principle in the lives of all His disciples. Unless this be true we are only saying, "Lord, we will follow Thee, but—" (Acts 26:29; 2 Tim. 4:10).

3. *Decision, courage and resolution.* The disciple of the Lord Jesus will be called upon to act in respect to many things in life. Many things will arise to deter him from that to which he has been chosen. Though possessed with all the admirable qualities of the rich young ruler should be lack in this respect he is undesirable, yea, unfit, to be called a disciple of the Master. Better a disciple of one talent with life organized under a masterful principle than to have ten talents to dissipate them through lack of such control. If we are ever turning aside to

the niceties of life we will never find place for the great things of life (Luke 9:61). Courtesy with the disciples of Jesus will not be a code of polite usages, but the by-product of life lived in the footsteps of the Son of God.

Let us not be so much concerned as to our place and station among the disciples of Jesus, rather our fitness for discipleship.

N. Y. P. S. RALLY, PARK LANE, VA.

The monthly Young People's Rally of Lone Tree, Washington-Philadelphia District, was held in our Park Lane, Va., church on the night of Feb. 23rd. Our Nazarene Societies were present and two other Societies were represented. Brother Paul M. Dickey gave the address of welcome. Sister Kirk, President of the Capital Heights, Md., Society and Brother McGowan, acting president of the Washington Second Society both gave short talks. Park Lane favored us with a special selection by their Mandolin Club. The Society of Second Church, Washington, invited the young people to their church for the next rally. The Society of First Church, Washington presented a very inspiring drama entitled "The Discouraged Missionary." The assistant pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church of Washington brought us a message in song. The young ladies quartet from Washington Second Society composed of Misses Florence King, Doris Williams, Hilda Pixton and Hazel Pixton favored us with a special hymn. A very enjoyable social hour followed the rally.—E. McCowan, Acting President, Washington Second N. Y. P. S.

ASHTABULA, OHIO

We received the report of the revival held by Miss Banning under the auspices of the Young People's Society of the Church of the Nazarene at Ashtabula. We are still hearing echoes of that meeting.

Our Young People's Society is a live wire and our Sunday night meetings are wonderful, because God is there. We aim to have the genuine religion of Jesus Christ in our hearts and lives. On March 22nd we held one of our interesting prison services at our county jail under the leadership of our President, Percy Ridgen. We gave praise to God through prayer, song and testimony. This was followed by a talk by the leader on the "Prodigal Son" and so many "sons of the land" were eager to hear the message he brought. There were about twenty inmates. One was a Greek young man who has spent some time in Spain. He caught only an occasional word in English that he understood, but one of our number (a visitor from Cuba) acted as interpreter. It was a Catholic carrying to a Protestant the word of God. This feature of the meeting was unusual to our usual service. Plans are being made to present him with a Greek Bible and another brother with an Italian Bible. When the altar call was given one young man responded and his oft repeated words were, "I believe, I believe." May we always keep our light burning brightly whether in the darkened cell or the sunlit world without.—Eltheda X. Weaver, Reporter.

N. Y. P. S. MISSOURI DISTRICT

The Southwest Missouri District Convention of the Nazarene Y. P. S. was held at Carthage, Missouri, March 29. Rev. Owen called the meeting to order and Evangelist Lee L. Hamric, of Hamlin, Texas, led in prayer. The Chairman of the Convention Committee, Brother Gordon Blystone of Kansas City, took charge of the service.

The introduction of the N. Y. P. S. officers of the Southwest Missouri District was conducted by Brother Gordon Blystone. The officers are as fol-

lows: President, J. B. Ramsey, of St. Louis; First Vice-President, W. J. Fields, Kansas City. Second Vice President, S. Whittanack, St. Louis; treasurer, Miss Ethel Hodges of Carl Junction. We were more than glad to have our leaders with us in this rally. Our chief speaker was Dr. J. B. Chapman, the editor of the HERALD of HOLINESS. He brought a wonderful message on Life.

District President, J. B. Ramsey, gave a talk about how the Young People's Society can benefit the church. A song was sung by the Ladies quartet from Joplin. A paper was presented by Brother Ellsworth Harris, from Joplin, on "Young People and Prayer." A paper was read by Miss Maebelle Miller of Carthage, "Our Young People Preparing to be the Future Leaders of the Nazarene Church." A song was sung by the ladies quartet from Webb City. Mr. R. L. Hight, of Carl Junction, brought a splendid message on "The Young People as a Great Factor in the Nazarene Church." God is certainly blessing our young people in this district. Mr. Tom Leonard, of Webb City, gave a talk on "The benefits Derived from the Co-operation of the Young People's Society." Brother William J. Fields of Kansas City sang a special song and Brother Gordon Blystone, also of Kansas City, gave the benediction.—Lillie May Dalton, Reporter.

ARIZONA DISTRICT ORGANIZES N. Y. P. S.

On the evening of April 2nd the N. Y. P. Societies of the Arizona District met at the Phoenix church. A splendid program was given by the various societies, each local society giving two numbers. After the program the district organization was perfected. Mrs. Jamie Roberts was elected District President, Rev. E. F. Eckels, Vice President, Miss Forney, Treasurer, and Miss Sites, Secretary. After the organization the Phoenix young people served refreshments and a very pleasant social hour was spent. A large number of young people were present and we expect the Arizona District Young People's Society to prosper in the work of the Lord. The District Committee planned for a district meeting once each month and all the young people of Arizona who read the HERALD of HOLINESS are invited to come the first Friday evening of May at 8 o'clock at the Phoenix church.—Melza H. Brown, District Superintendent.

OUTLOOK AT OLIVET COLLEGE

We are now driving very rapidly towards the closing of the school year, and there is every indication of progress. In the Department of the old debt, our Treas. T. W. Willingham, has been making some substantial advancement. He is covering much territory in visiting churches. Chicago Central, Indiana and Ohio have been pretty well canvassed. Brother Willingham with the assistance of others according to his reports, has been generally well received, and our people are coming across with a substantial amount of money, and the debt is being decreased, and we hope to have by September a reduction in the entire amount which will be surprising to our constituency. At this writing Brother Willingham is visiting our churches in Michigan. During the month of May, Brother Willingham is to have Uncle Bud Robinson to cover the Iowa District in the interest of Olivet.

President N. W. Sanford tells me that the outlook for the school in the way of a student-body is very encouraging. Also people are moving into our town. All our houses are filled, and there has to be plans made for more building. We are going to have a good faculty for the coming year, with some valuable additions. Plans are being made to let those work their way through in part, at least who desire to do so.

Brother Cox, our new pastor is being well received, and is on the job, and he is a valuable asset to our school and is a great blessing to the community as well as to the Institution.

Everything is being set in readiness for the coming Campmeeting and Commencement, May 21st to 31st. Dr. J. W. Goodwin, Uncle Bud Robinson, Evangelist John Fleming, and Song Evangelist Burl Sparks are the special workers, and a great number of other workers insure us a good time. Pray for this gathering and be sure to come.

E. O. CHALFANT.

News and Notes From New England District

THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Following are a few reports from some of our churches chosen promiscuously which I feel are but a reflection of the spirit and activity of the District as a whole. Additions from me would be superfluous, but I do feel Old New England is pushing ahead.

We are closing a campaign at Wollaston, Mass., with the co-operation of our College talent and student body. Eastern Nazarene College has stood loyally and ably by, assisting in a marked degree, making the meeting the success it has been. We are holding forth in a beautifully equipped hall in the center of Wollaston and a goodly number of townspeople have been in from time to time. Because of the newness of the work and the character of the community, our first campaign is one largely of seed sowing. We are conscious that God has been watering the soil.

Dr. Ellyson was our speaker for the first week of the effort, the remainder of the time Pres. F. W. Nease and the District Superintendent have been the preachers. Sunday evening services will be continued in this hall each week for the balance of the school year. Since our location for the new church is very near this is highly advantageous.

Plans are being made for aggressive Home Mission Endeavor this summer in some of the larger centers besides tent campaigns under the auspices of many of the local churches. We are looking forward to an assembly of enlarged vision and evangelistic fervor. God is leading and the spirit of victory is discernible, Praise His Name.—H. V. MILLER.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT INSTITUTE

The New England District Institute, supported by the Preachers', Sunday school, and Young peoples' Associations, was held March 3-7 at Eastern Nazarene College.

Dr. E. P. Ellyson, Editor-in-Chief of our Sunday School Publications, was the chief speaker. His keynote address told us the purpose of the Institute: "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." In other words, we were present to sharpen and be sharpened by mutual contact of the right sort. And in the sessions following we staid New Englanders found our "boat" of conservative ideas often "rocking;" but never did the waves swamp us.

The mornings were devoted to the regular sessions of the associations represented; with stimulating papers on the music, the finances, the spirituality of the church, the relation of pastor to young people; encouraging reports of the progress of Teacher Training in Maine and Vermont; an inspiring challenge to the young people by Dr. Ellyson.

The institute feature came in the afternoon with the special lectures. Dr. Ellyson showed us clearly that the church is the one sufficient religious organization in the world; that all its departments have the one objective, the bringing of men to the measure of the stature of Christ; that the pastor is "the general superintendent of the local church" in all the phases of its work, evangelistic or educational. He gave sane advice to the young people on the wrong and right kinds of society, and to Sunday school workers on departmentizing our Bible schools to save our children. "Don't crush life, but direct it wisely." His work was supplemented by lectures by various members of the college faculty.

We appreciate beyond measure Dr. Ellyson's keen thinking, his steady facing of problems and his practical, wise counsel. His messages were the sort that grip; e. g., on Worldliness as a thing of the spirit ("The business man or the preacher can be more worldly than the vain little girl if he lives his life on a low level"); on Faith ("The devil's one fighting point is to keep us down in our faith"); on Laying up Treasure in Heaven ("The lowest interest paid on a heavenly investment is 30 per cent—then 60 per cent, then 100 per cent"); on Paying the Price.

("We have as much religion—as much success—as we pay for"). It is the fault of New England if she does not profit by what she has heard.

At all events, we have planned to have another institute, with the added support of the Woman's Missionary Society.

PORTLAND, MAINE: The Church of the Nazarene is striking the militant step in this, the Queen City of the old Pine Tree State. Just now we are engaged in a three weeks' revival campaign with Evangelist Harry Lee of Georgetown, Ky. Last Sunday night our spacious auditorium was packed to the doors, with extra settees brought in, the vestry was opened up, and some were standing who could not get a seat, while others were in the room over the vestry. The church has not had three hundred and fifty people in it before for twenty years, when the Methodists owned it, and held Sunday night concerts. We are finding that we can get a crowd on the West Side of the city. Brother Lee is bringing us strong ministry. He has been through the fire of affliction, and his messages are pungent and convicting. We are getting some good seekers, with some new material. Our church membership numbers only forty-nine and we are running over the hundred mark in our Sunday School, with good prospects of striking our goal of one hundred and fifty before many moons. The church and congregation have given us a hearty call to remain another year.—C. P. Lanpher, Pastor.

EVERETT, MASS: "The Everett Church of the Nazarene comes down to the close of the assembly year with much to thank God for and some increases on every line. We have had two good revival campaigns during the year. One in October with Rev. John Thomas as evangelist, another just closed with Rev. J. L. Glascock as the evangelist. The meeting with Brother Thomas was for two weeks and should have gone longer, however there was some abiding fruit from it. Rev. John Thomas is one of our best evangelists.

The meeting with Brother Glascock was a hard fight with the enemy every inch of the way being stoutly contested. There was but one evening service in which no one responded to the altar call. We look for fruit that will remain from this meeting also. Brother Glascock is an old fashioned holiness preacher and our people greatly enjoyed his ministry. The singing for these meetings was in charge of students from Eastern Nazarene College. The first being Messrs. Gardner and Deware, the last Messrs. Haas and Anderson. They were a delight to the people and a credit to the college. We hope to receive a good class into the church soon and in the strength of Him who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling press on to greater things for God than ever before.—John Gould, Pastor.

LOWELL, MASS: "God is with us. Evidences of His presence cheer our hearts and can be seen in the church. Some lives have been definitely touched and are now in the church. One of these, a brother, once very useful in the work of God has come home again. He is again proving himself very profitable to the work. Another, a sister prominent in the church life of Lowell, has been definitely led to forsake all and join the people so much unrecognized, called the Nazarenes. Instances such as these are forceful evidences that God is peculiarly leading in this great work. Another man along in years mightily held by the habit of strong drink, was instantly released by the power of God, ran leaping and shouting with a loud voice to the glory of God. He gives good evidence that the work is really that wrought by the power of God. Hallelujah! I believe it is time right now that we shout the praise of God ourselves.

These are by no means all the victories. What shall I say of some of the young people who are on fire for God, some of whom have recently obtained victory. There are those who have prayed through

in private as well as at the altar. There are other things as well, such as the splendid work of Miss Ella L. Gale, A. A. G. O., director of our chorus choir of more than twenty voices; such as the good work of the Ladies' Missionary Society, the Junior Missionary work, the Young People's Missionary work; our Sunday School under the able management of Brother W. S. Bynon, presenting an organization with such faith and fire that cannot help but succeed.

A recent feature of our work that is proving a great blessing is the All Day prayer and Fasting Service, conducted by my wife, Mrs. Martin. These services have been peculiarly blessed of God from the first day. They are doing for the work just what it needs in helping people who are not clear in their experience of the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and furnishing an opportunity for many Christians to gather for united prayer. "Best of all God is with us," He is all we need. With Him we cannot fail; without Him we cannot hope to succeed. All glory to God our Savior.—E. E. Martin, Pastor.

NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASS.: "Our people are on the stretch to win others. We are supporting two neighborhood prayer meetings each week, in addition to our own church services. Recently one of our men organized a Sunday school in an abandoned chapel about four miles distant from North Attleboro, and with a corp of workers from our own school, is operating a Sunday school on Sunday afternoons with about thirty members. Our Sunday evening services in the church have been steadily increasing in interest and blessing, the attendance reaching the 70 mark on February 1. On this Sunday we received nine adults into the fellowship of the church. The Lord poured out His Spirit upon us as we partook of the emblems of the Lord's Supper. We aim to lift up Christ in all His fullness.—Ralph D. Schurman, Pastor.

NEW BEDFORD PORTUGUESE MISSION: "We have recently closed three weeks of special services in our newly opened Mission. The hall has been beautifully decorated by our dear brother, C. J. Washburn with the assistance of the writer. The preaching of Brother Diaz and Brother Washburn has been a great blessing to this work. The musicians and singers of the New Bedford Church were another asset in the opening of the work. We are now holding services Wednesday and Friday nights and over Sunday with a cottage prayermeeting on Thursday evening. Our attendance was good in all these services and much real interest is being manifested. We covet the prayers of all our readers.

The attendance of the introductory campaign was good despite severe weather, the hall being filled and conviction resting upon the hearts of the people. We had a number of seekers, some bowing at the altar almost every night. A number were converted and have become regular attendants testifying to the saving power of God in their lives.—B. M. Duarte, Pastor.

EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE

This period in the history of Eastern Nazarene College is one when outstanding events succeed each other in quick rapidity. The great Debt-Eliminating Campaign, for the success of which all our forces have been enlisted in the past two or three months, is now practically closed. The last report from Brother Henson, our business manager, indicated that we were within \$300.00 or \$400.00 of the goal. Beyond question, since that time the full \$60,000 has been pledged. Let every friend of the College and of Christian education in general join with us in praising God for this great achievement.

We have also recently concluded a District Institute which has meant much to the College and much to the New England District. At this time, the Preachers' Association, the Sunday School Organization, and the Young People's Society joined in what was probably the greatest convention in the history of the New England District. Dr. Ellyson

The Sunday School Lesson, April 26

By M. EMILY ELLYSON

LESSON SUBJECT: Stephen the first Martyr.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 6:18-15; 7:54-60.

GOLDEN TEXT: *Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.* (Rev. 2:10)

THE subject of our lesson was the most conspicuous character among the officers of the church at this early period of its history. The office of deacon which he held in company with six others was created to meet a need that arose in the church over the distribution of funds, clothing, foodstuffs, etc., among the unfortunate and afflicted members of the church. The Hellenists, who were those Jews who spoke the Greek and who were also known as the Jews of the dispersion felt that their widows and destitute members were being overlooked when distribution was being made. Possibly they were over sensitive for these people were commonly looked down on by the Palestinian Jews who took great pride in the fact that they had adhered to the old Hebrew language and the national home.

Doubtless the real trouble lay in the fact that the apostles were loaded down with a lot of work that was no part of their God-given task. Theirs was to be a spiritual leadership which they could not neglect or set aside, to look after the business end of church arrangements. In this emergency a council was called and the case was set before the council and the plan to have seven men appointed to attend to this important ministration, met with the approval of the assembly. Some necessary qualifications were designated and Stephen was probably the leading man of the seven men who were appointed to this task and are called deacons. A beautiful spirit must have pervaded this council for all seven men bear Greek names indicating that the Hebrews were most desirous to remove all suspicion of neglecting the Hellenists and even placed their own widows in their care. How often broken confidences might be restored if brethren in the church today would go the limit in brotherly truthfulness.

The character of this man Stephen is revealed by the statement that he was "full of grace and power." Grace is significant of God's favor, while being full of power carries with it the thought of splendid ability to work miracles. His must have been an abounding life of faithfulness because he was indwelt by the Holy Ghost. Such ought to be the experience of every life that has become the abiding place for the Holy Ghost, for the promise was, that "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Ghost has come." Oh that needless cry of powerlessness that comes from the church for which He died! Why not lay hold on His promise and receive its fulfillment? Why should we struggle in weakness when there is an abundance of strength? Why should embarrassment and defeat be the humiliating experience of

that people of whom it has been written "they shall do exploits." Stephen, diligent and true in the lowly position, as a distributor of the church charity was fulfilling the requirements for a more honorable service, for he was "faithful in that which was least," and was rewarded by being entrusted with the wonder-working power, through which he proved the truth of the gospel by working miracles in Christ's name. So full of faith was he that there was no room for unbelief and it was said that "those signs followed them that believed," but not just them that preached (Mark 16:17). Thus we see how step by step he moved forward until we find him a disputant in the high places of the field, while others were serving as vine dressers and husbandmen.

As a disputant he pleaded the cause of Christianity against those that opposed it who "were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake." They could neither support their own arguments nor answer his. No wonder, for while they were disputing with Stephen, they were disputing with the Spirit of God in him, for whom they were an unequal match. But when they were unable to accomplish their design they sought with all possible art and industry interest to the government and the mob against him, that if they could not prevail by one method they might by the other. When they could not answer his arguments as a disputant they persecuted him as a criminal and he sealed his testimony with his blood. He did not plead for life nor for honor, but for the cause. It was, and is a most remarkable address, condemning a faithless people and he knew as he looked into the set faces before him that his doom was sealed. While the stones were falling thick and fast on his tender, quivering body, hurled by frenzied, maddened human beasts, he managed to struggle to his knees for one last prayer for those who were doing this ghastly work, and with those tender words upon his lips "he fell asleep."

"Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep,

From which none ever wake to weep."

Thus passed the first one to give his life for the cause of Christ, the blood of whom was the seed of the church. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Outside the earthly city he was stoned; inside the heavenly city he was crowned with a crown that fadeth not away. Years after this, one of the participants in this terrible tragedy, at whose feet the garments of the executors were laid, and who gave his consent to the stoning, said, as he faced the glittering blade of the executioner, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown." A martyr's crown for Stephen, a martyr's crown for Paul, and presented to each by their martyred King.

some who did both. Adjourned to meet in our Annual meeting in May.—Mrs. S. P. RICHARDS, Reporter.

GROUP MEETING AT TECUMSEH, OKLA.

Our group meeting at Tecumseh was a decided success, along all lines. We had a real good opening service Thursday night. Brother J. H. Vandiver of Harrah preached a real heart searching sermon. Brother Owens our District Superintendent did not arrive until Friday morning, then we proceeded with the business of the meeting. Papers were read by the following: S. B. Gosey, Ray Davis and Brother C. W. Parnell of Bennett preached at the eleven o'clock hour.

In the afternoon papers were read by J. H. Vandiver, also a discussion by Brother Owens on the tithe system and pastoral support. At night Rev. Peter Kiehn of China gave an interesting talk on Missions.

Saturday morning papers were read by Rev. Joe Bishop, Rev. S. B. Gosey, and Rev. C. W. Parnell. At night Rev. L. M. May of Bethany and some of the Bethany students came down and gave talks on Education. Good interest was manifested. Sunday Brother Owen our beloved District Superintendent preached both morning and night. The meeting closed with good interest. Our next meeting will be with the Shawnee church June 4-7. We are all praying for a great meeting.—JOE BISHOP, Secretary.

THE HAMLIN DISTRICT

The work on the District is moving onward and upward under the blessed leadership of the Holy Ghost. Gracious revivals are making their power and effect felt and known by pastors and churches. The God of heaven is pouring out His Spirit upon the Word and the workers and many scores of souls are being saved, reclaimed and sanctified wholly. Lamesa recently witnessed a very fruitful campaign with Evangelist Lum Jones and Brother Terry. Our District is wide open to this type of evangelism. O'Donnell church is marching victoriously under the able leadership of Pastor Montandon. They have a nice new church parsonage completed and salvation times going on in this wide awake work and thriving little western town. Merkel work is progressing beautifully and a revival tide is on with helpful additions to the church. Abilene moves with a steady step and solid business methods and hopeful future blazing across their horizon. Much power and blessing and advancement mark the work at Buffalo Gap and Eula with Pastor Terrell. Cisco is on the up-grade with all departments. Hamlin church and school witnessed a mighty old-time revival where many, many souls found God, and the entire work and movement received a great uplift and inspiration.

The recent District N. Y. P. S. and Sunday School Convention met in Hamlin with much blessing, interest and encouragement. Hamlin contemplates many great attractions this spring and summer for all our people, such as Dr. C. H. Babcock for the commencement and for the District Preachers' Meeting the last part of May. See further and fuller announcements in the HERALD of HOLINESS. Also Dr. John Matthews conducts the campmeeting here in late July. Plan now to attend.

The Board of Directors of Rest Cottage recently met in annual Convention and had a most harmonious meeting. All were most joyously delighted and pleased with the annual report of the Superintendent and Manager, Revs. J. P. and Mrs. Minnie Roberts. The valuable assets gained during the year for this institution and the attractive improvements and beautiful appearance of everything received the highest commendation of the entire board.

Hillsboro work is moving on with spirituality and unity within the church, growth and brighter future from without. Fort Worth church and pastor are celebrating with joy and thanksgiving the way the Lord is blessing and crowning the church and its message in this great and growing city.

Mineral Wells church is being improved and the eyes of the Lord are upon them and His ears are open to their cry. Wichita Falls is being blest with a series of lectures on the Second Coming of Christ, by that noble evangelist, Rev. I. M. Ellis. Pastor Ingle plans large and effective measures for this church. Rev. Crockett plans a great campaign there this summer. Rev. H. B. White and Rev. W. E. Terry are waging a glorious battle at Shannon. Brother and Sister Kilgore moved there this last fall and immediately began preaching and now a revival is on in good fashion. At the close of this campaign, we have authorized the organization of a church here. Many years ago we had an aggressive church at this place, but our people moved away and others went to heaven, and the work was dis-

was with us as the special lecturer and preacher, and in addition there were numerous papers representing the work of these various groups. The professors of the College gave what seemed to be very helpful and instructive supplementary lectures on Theology, Evolution, Philosophy, and the Christian Classics. Dr. Ellyson united in a masterful manner instructions as to organization and exhortation to spiritual activity in all departments of our work. The many delegates who came left feeling that such an annual event could not be dispensed with in the future.

We are now in the midst of a great revival campaign in Wollaston. The College is concentrating its energies in aiding the Home Missionary Board to establish a Church of the Nazarene in our own city. God is graciously blessing. District Superintendent Rev. H. V. Miller, who is now working with us, is being most graciously blessed of God in his ministry. We solicit your prayers for the success of this campaign, and while you are praying do not forget to ask God that the closing months of this semester and the great Commencement season shall be so owned of Him that in the months to come this may be a Mecca for scores of new students who are seeking Christian education.—FLOYD W. NEASE, President.

GREAT "IN-GATHERING" DAY

The W. M. Society of Southern California District met in First Church, Pasadena, on February 26, 1925. Mrs. Paul Breese presided. After a spiritual song

service the devotions were led by Sister Tillie Albright and God blessed the messenger, the message, and us who heard it.

The object of our meeting was the in-gathering of our "Mite Boxes." This plan has been adopted by our Society as the one whereby we can secure our money for our Women's Memorial Hospital. Many of us had been praying and asking God to give us \$2500 and we felt He would not fail us.

As the roll was called and the presidents of the various societies responded stating the sum given, there was shouting and clapping of hands and praising the Lord. Lunch was served by the local church and we adjourned for the noon hour.

The afternoon session was called to order. Song service was followed by devotions led by Rev. Lucy P. Knott of Hollywood church. Rev. J. D. Scott, missionary superintendent of Latin America, brought us startling facts about our work, and the self-sacrificing spirit of our missionaries there. He stated the needs of some of our workers, and in a few moments all the needs were supplied and will be sent when Brother Scott returns.

Mrs. O. P. Deale, returned missionary from China, took us on a "Trip Through China," which was very helpful.

The time had come when the treasurer was ready to report the result of our offering. The cash received was \$2,028.51. In a very short time the various societies pledged additional sums, and we reached our goal, \$2,500. We were so grateful to the Lord for what He enabled us to do, we did not know whether to shout or weep, and there were

banded, but now, it seems "the latter rains" have returned for this town and work. Brother Montandon had a good meeting at Childress. They clamor for his return to finish the job and complete the plan to build a parsonage and move the church into a better location in the town. Amarillo is making considerable improvement and gathering souls into the fountain and into the folds of the church. Wellington and Kelley are doing splendidly under the safe and spiritual leadership of Pastor Gaines. Kelley has finished a very beautiful church to be used by Nazarenes and Methodists and is owned and controlled by these denominations. Pastor Gaines is conducting a revival at Kelley at this writing. Dodsonville is witnessing the old-time power and tides of salvation.

Electra has awakened with the spring-time vigor and beauty and blessing. Burkburnett is beholding wonders at His hands. Gainesville and Forestburg churches are doing valiantly for God and souls. Pilot Point church and pastor are witnessing some of the greatest days in its history. Grace is upon the people and marvelous unction on the preacher. Bowie charge is making the hill. Quanah and Elm Grove are united with their gifted pastor and greater things shall come out of these places.

The other churches and pastors not above mentioned are determined, united and bound to win. We rejoice over many fruitful revivals, and bless God for the unity existing among our ministry and laity. We have more churches over the top on all apportionments and budgets at this time than ever in the history of our church in this section of the country at this time of the year. Thank God, and honor to our progressive pastors and wide awake churches.

The District Advisory Board and the District Supt, who were appointed by the Assembly to act for a Tent Fund Campaign Committee to appoint a time and decide on the manner of raising a special fund on the Hamlin District known as a Tent Fund, to buy gospel tents to be used on the Hamlin District by able and efficient workers, to go into new towns and virgin fields to conduct revivals and stay until a church has been blasted out and a pastor left with the new church. This committee wishes now to announce to all pastors and churches on the Hamlin District that we set the week of April 19-26 as Special Tent Fund Campaign Week throughout the entire Hamlin District, to talk tents, agitate tents, preach about tents, write about tents, pray through about tents, hold conferences with your churches on tents and be sure and raise a large sum of money among your members and friends for tents, and send this money to District Treasurer, Miss Marie Cecil, Pilot Point, and tell her it is tent fund money. We must have several new tents for use in May and blaze over the new and open fields with revivals and leave red-hot Nazarene churches in its wake. Amen. Our pastors and churches are pushing every interest of the churches. The District Superintendent has been shut in with the flu for some time but is out and on the wing for God and holiness. Pray for us. Buffalo Gap plan a Sunday School Convention in late April. Pilot Point has desired a fifth Sunday Rally for some time, and doubtless will have one in May. Dr. Matthews holds a great campaign for Abilene church in October and the new church will be dedicated. The day is ours. Revivals we must have. The fields are white, the time to strike is now. We are seeking to build up a district and a relationship on Hamlin District that will continue to grow, enlarge and sweep on in a greater radius for God and Bible Holiness as the years come and go. The HERALD OF HOLINESS gets better and *The Other Sheep* more instructive. Thank God for the Church of the Nazarene.—ALLIE IRICK, District Superintendent.

REVIVAL AND CHURCH NEWS

THE EDWARDS EVANGELISTIC PARTY: "We have just closed a good meeting in Ilasco, Mo., where quite a number were either converted or sanctified. There is a small mission there and the pastor of the Church of the Nazarene at Hulls, Ill., has been preaching out there for several months, about once each week, and the people are interested in the organization of a Church of the Nazarene. Our District Superintendent looked the proposition over and has decided that it will be best to run the work as a mission for a few months. We think a church can be effected there before the next Assembly. There is a wonderful opportunity there for us. The Catholic Church is the only other church in town."

Uncle Buddie's Good Samaritan Chats

TOURING ARKANSAS IN A NEW CHEVROLET.

Beloved Samaritans:

I left you in my first Arkansas letter just after we had met in North Little Rock and had preached two days in Brother Tucker's church. Well now, going back just a little—Brother Oliver opened this campaign in Jonesboro on February 25th and Brother Rinebarger joined him February 28th, and I did not join the party until March 4th. They had closed their convention in Jonesboro and had given one night to Searcy and one night to Beebe and then all hands opened in North Little Rock on Wednesday of March 4th. That brings the convention up to date but Brother Oliver has been trying to work this great state on the railroads or afoot which is impossible, for some of our churches are forty miles from a railroad. Brother Oliver and Brother Rinebarger had made their plans to buy a car to tour this state in, as it was next to impossible for us to do it on the trains and when I arrived on the field, of course I joined in the battle and all hands went to work to have a great sweep over the state and put the HERALD OF HOLINESS in several hundred homes and buy the car to tour the state in. So on Friday morning of March 6th we bought the beautiful new car and have been having a most delightful trip over the state in our own car.

On our first trip in the new car we were to go to Beebe and hold a three o'clock service on Friday of March 6th. Our pastor had the meetings, well advertised, and my! what a crowd. They filled the house and we had some at the altar and got a fine list of subscriptions for the HERALD OF HOLINESS and drove back into the city and opened at 7:30 in Brother M. E. Borders' church.

Brother Borders has a splendid church and people—the best in the state and from Friday over Sunday we had a most delightful time. My, how the crowds came and we outgrew the church and Brother Borders secured the large Clan Tabernacle, that seats 3,500 and is located right in the heart of the city, for the Sunday afternoon and night services. I think we had not less than 1,500 on Sunday afternoon and probably 2,500 at night. This is the largest crowd that we have had on the trip but M. E. Borders is one of the best advertisers and also the greatest hustler

in the movement. We had seekers at the church and also in the large tabernacle. I had not met Brother and Sister Borders since he had taken charge of our First Church in Little Rock. He is building up a great church and has as fine a people as you will meet in a life time's travel.

Just here let say that Brother Oliver has one of the finest bunches of young men on the Arkansas District that you will find in the nation. They are simply up to date, at least nine out of ten of them are young men well saved and well educated and ready to preach full salvation or die on the battlefield. They fear nothing but sin and are ready to push the battle to the gates of the Devil. I am expecting Brother Oliver to almost double the membership on the Arkansas District this year.

Already we have placed the HERALD OF HOLINESS in over two hundred homes and are pulling for more than three hundred before we close up this trip. We have not had a failure so far, on the whole trip, and I am writing this letter on March 26, and will have the entire trip written up by the time we close the campaign. We have had seekers and hands raised for prayers at every point.

Well, on Monday of March 9th we left Little Rock for Searcy and drove into that beautiful little city before night and found a lovely home awaiting us; and at night the people came from every quarter and packed the house to the running over point. In all of these services, as you know, Brother Oliver had charge and Brother Rinebarger has charge of the music and the Old Soldier has charge of the pulpit, except where we have three services a day; then Brother Rinebarger has one preaching service and sometimes Brother Oliver has one service, but we all work together in all kinds of weather and, bless God, we see what the Lord can do. In some places we have as many as a dozen seekers in a single service.

At Searcy we have one of the finest young pastors that you will meet in a life time, and a beautiful church and a fine membership. He is a miracle worker and he has a fine outlook and I have no doubt but what he will more than double his membership this year, for he is on fire for God and the great cause of full salvation.—UNCLE BUDDIE.

PASTOR FRED KIMSEY, Baker, Oregon: "We came to this city of 9,000 last June, bought a lot in a good location, made arrangements for lumber to build a church, when as yet there were no Nazarenes in town except the preacher and his wife. But God was with us, and District Superintendent Sanner was back of us saying, "stick to it." We hunted up some carpenter tools and went to work to build a 30x40 church building. And with T. C. Etherton as evangelist, we set in on the 23rd of January for a seven weeks campaign in which we had seventy seekers. We organized with twenty-three charter members, all tithers, and others are looking our way. Last night our church members and friends gave us a great pounding. This after they have already bought us a Ford sedan and given us a good offering. This is the church Evangelist Lum Jones wrote about a few weeks ago that was built without any members."

PASTOR VERLIN E. ROBISON, Radcliff, Ohio: "Just closed one of the best revivals I have ever been privileged to attend, with Rev. Charles Dye of Troy, Ohio, as the Evangelist. Though yet a young man, Brother Dye preaches the old time gospel in the old fashioned way, and makes no compromise with sin and is not out for a big name but to see men and women really born into the kingdom of God. Counting only those that prayed through to definite victory, there were twenty-four saved and seven sanctified. Church would not begin to hold the crowds and sinners stood up on the seats in order to watch souls pray through at the altar. One man came to the altar drunk and God sobered him up and saved him, and the next night he did not look like the same man. Brother Dye is one of our own boys, born in the Nazarene movement, is safe and sane and knows how to stand back of the pastor. Received a small class into the church with more to follow."

PASTOR I. W. YOUNG, First Church, San Francisco, Calif.: "God is doing great things for us, in this old dark and sin blighted city. Its pleasure resorts, its multitudes of unemployed, who say the world owes them a living, its heathen temples and its eighty per cent Jew and Catholic population, with many other agencies of which space will not permit me to speak are no friends to the 'old fashion religion.' But amidst such conditions, our church has become an established fact. Those who have gone on, with a few who remain, laid a good foundation. Some planted, others watered and now God is giving the increase. It is, indeed, interesting to watch our congregation grow from Sunday to Sunday. Every department of the church is in a healthy condition and is enjoying a steady growth. The most remarkable growth is seen in our Sunday school. Within the past few months we have had an increase of over 100 per cent. George Kramer, our Superintendent and Alfred Moughton, our Assistant Superintendent, have the vision and with these efficient leaders I predict that within a few months we shall have an attendance of 400. Faith will bring it to pass. During the month of January we had twenty seekers at our altars and eight united with the church. February was also a good month with a number praying through at the altar. On the first of March Dr. J. E. L. Moore came to us for a special meeting remaining until the 13th. His ministry was fruitful, quite a number finding the Lord and all our hearts were blessed through this sweet, spirited man of God. On the ninth, General Superintendent Goodwin and Arthur W. Gould came and continued over the fifteenth. Dr. Goodwin blessed us with his great messages and young Gould sang his way into our hearts. Eternity alone can reveal what these great and good men meant to our church. We had a good meeting and the last service will long be remembered for the altar was filled with seekers and finders. Fifteen expressed a desire to unite with the church. The end is not

yet.' It seems to be in the will of God for us to labor in this part of the great harvest field another year. The kind words and the almost unanimous vote for our return indicate that these great and good people are standing behind us. We are planning for a progressive campaign that shall last through the entire year."

EVANGELIST URAL T. HOLLENBACK: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Rev. E. S. House, pastor of the United Brethren and an advocate of holiness, started revival services at Custor, Ohio, March first, but after a few days his voice gave out and he sent for me to preach one night. I was retained for two weeks, and God gave us a good meeting. Brother House stated that the work was at a very low tide spiritually when he took it and appearances verified this. But by faithful personal work and prayer and preaching he laid the foundation for the revival services. There were about thirty professions during the three weeks. After the first three or four days the people got over being staggered by the recklessness of this little preacher, and began to pray at home, and then pray for others. There were three taken into the church last Sunday and more will be taken in next Sunday. This pastor and the people there have become friends of the 'sect of the Nazarenes.' I have time for another meeting in April. Address me at the Publishing House."

"BETHANY, OKLAHOMA, Church of the Nazarene, continues to enjoy the special blessings of the Lord. God is pouring out His blessings upon the ministry of our pastor, Rev. A. L. Parrott. Scarcely a service passes without witnessing the manifestation of the presence of the Lord. Since the Assembly some sixty members have been received into the church. While a number have been lettered out, there has been a net gain of about thirty members. The financial interests of the church are being cared for in the most satisfactory way that it has been my privilege to witness. There is greater universality of giving and of tithing than can usually be found. For the past eighteen months the church has not taken a special offering and not a time has there been a deficit in the running expenses. God has blessed us in the salvation of some three hundred souls. There were about two hundred professions during our revival and about one hundred in the regular services. Every phase of the work of the church is enjoying the blessing of the Lord. We thank God for our good pastor, for his godly life, his good preaching and for his able administration of the affairs of the church. We have been blessed in having an unusual number of our general men to visit and to minister to us this year. Dr. R. T. Williams and Dr. Goodwin both came by and prayed for us. We have been happy to have with us Rev. F. M. Messenger, who gave his gracious messages on The Revelation. It was a real treat to have Rev. J. E. Bates, Missionary Superintendent of the Orient, to bring his messages fresh from Japan and China. These brought us into a deeper sympathy for the work in those fields. May God bless all these our brethren and send them our way again. In a few more days the erection of the new building will begin. We are encouraged and are looking to God for His continued favor."—A. K. Bracken, Reporter.

THE SUBSCRIPTION LISTS for the past week include the following: Evangelists, John Fleming 13; R. L. Morgan, 4; M. M. Bussey, 5; C. W. Ruth, 29; H. W. Welsh, 17; D. M. Spell 6. Uncle Buddie, 105; F. R. Morgan, 41; Will H. Nerry, 11; and just now another list of 40 from Uncle Buddie. Pastors, E. E. Turner, Hammond, Ind., 27; H. N. Norris, Windom, Kans., 5; F. H. Landgrabe, Newark, Ohio, 13. and W. G. Schurman, First Church, Chicago, 3. And others have sent in as follows: District Superintendent Montgomery of Kentucky, 10; Rev. D. E. Miller, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 4; George L. Price, Mingo, Iowa, 4; J. H. Young, Lyons, Kans., 8.

PASTORS HALDOR AND BERTHA LILLENAS, First Church, Indianapolis, Ind.: "The work here is forging ahead with a good degree of victory. In spite of much sickness and many spectacular Healing Meetings in the city our attendance is excellent. The Sunday school is growing and should soon reach an average of three hundred. Last Sunday was an all day meeting at which time the people brought their

tithe and during the day one thousand dollars was given for all purposes and this without any special effort. The Love Feast at 2:30 was a season of refreshing after which Rev. Gertrude Renier, a minister of the Friends Church at Noblesville, Ind., brought a very splendid message. "The day closed with a gracious service at night with many hands raised for prayer. On April 19 we begin a revival meeting with C. W. Ruth and Miss Ruth Harris as workers."—Haldor and Bertha Lillenas.

MITCHELL, IND., Church of the Nazarene was organized eight years ago with a membership of about twenty. God has blessed and the membership is now about one hundred, and we have a beautiful stucco church and a four room parsonage free from debt. God has given us some of the best pastors in the Movement. Three years ago when our present pastor, C. E. Pendry, came to us, we were in debt more than seven hundred dollars. Brother Pendry has presented our needs to the business men and they have responded liberally. There are no wealthy people among us, but our people know how to pray, live, and give. Have just closed a two weeks' meeting with Rev. J. W. Lowman and wife. More than a hundred were at the altar, and the revival still continues in the regular services."—Nellie M. Smith, Reporter.

PASTOR H. W. ANDERSON, Johnson, Kans.: "We are enjoying the work here in western Kansas. We preach at Bethel church, near Johnson, and also at Richfield, Kans., and God has given us a number of souls. We had Evangelist C. K. Spell with us for a meeting in December, and he is engaged to be with us again in August. The dear people here have recently helped us to purchase a good Ford, which will enable us to visit among them to better advantage. Crowds are increasing, interest is growing, budget is arranged for and we expect victory."

PASTOR R. WEIR, Columbus, Georgia: "We have just closed a good revival with Evangelist Will H. Nerry and wife. The anointing of the Lord was upon them, and a number of souls were saved. We expect a number of additions to the church as a result of the meeting. The Nerrys are the type of preachers and evangelists that we need, and no church will make a mistake in engaging them for a meeting. On Monday night following the meeting, our good people, led by Brother Nerry, gave the pastor and family a surprise 'pounding' which was very much appreciated."

EVANGELIST W. F. HERBIG: "One of the greatest manifestations of the power of God that we have seen in years came upon us March 22 in one of our circuit charges near Alexander, N. D. When the service was about one half over there came upon us a spirit of tenderness and love for Jesus and lost souls, so that we scarcely knew what to do, lest we should grieve the Spirit. We were conducting the services in the town hall, and so we set out two chairs and asked any who desired to confess Christ would come and kneel. A man of about sixty years

of age was the first to come. Then several others, men and women, came. Then the younger men and women came until we had twenty-two weeping their way to Jesus. Praise God that He still lives and answers prayer."

EVANGELIST NINA DEAN: "We have had several good meetings since we last reported. Organized a church at Hickson, Ga. They have already moved into their church building, organized a Sunday school and are moving on. We are now in a tent meeting in Thomason, Ga., and are expecting victory."

ADRIAN, MICH.: "Under the leadership of Rev. U. B. Arnold, our church here is getting its feet down, meeting all its financial obligations, deepening in grace and enjoying a bright prospect. The Beulah Quartet is to be with us for a meeting beginning April 12. Pray that we may have a great revival."—Reporter.

EVANGELIST CHARLES DYE: "We had a good two weeks' meeting with our church at East Toledo, Ohio, where Ural Hollenback and wife are the efficient pastors. A number of souls were saved and sanctified. Then we had a number to pray through in First Church, Toledo, where Brother C. E. Herrell is the local pastor. Then we went to Omega, Ohio, then to Radcliff, Ohio, where we had a good revival. Rev. Verlin Robinson is the faithful pastor there. We are now with old Troy Church where I was sanctified in 1911. I am open for calls anywhere."

PASTOR M. H. BROWN, Glendale, Ariz.: "Evangelist J. E. Gaar was with us for a three weeks' meeting. He preached the truth uncompromisingly and the meeting was a great blessing to the church. A number were saved and sanctified and some are coming into the church. The evangelist was given a good offering and a love offering was raised for the pastor. We expect to push the battle."

PASTOR C. C. MONTANDON, O'Donnell, Texas: "Our church here is only three months old. Recently had Evangelist H. C. Cagle and wife with us for seventeen days. There were thirty professions and seventeen came into the church, making us thirty-three members now. Had large crowds, and the Cagles know how to preach. The people gave them a unanimous call to return August 28-September 13."

"NEW CASTLE, IND., Church of the Nazarene recently closed a meeting with Evangelist John Fleming. Over 220 were at the altar and a large number prayed through. Our church was too small to hold the crowds. It is supposed to hold about 500, but some nights as many as 700 crowded in and many were turned away. Some people were healed. The evangelist was well paid and the pastor was given a love offering. Many of our people are titheers, and we expect to go to the Assembly with everything paid in full. Our W. M. S. is doing fine work and the Sunday school is increasing. Nearly four hundred in the Sunday school and about 600 on the Cradle Roll. Wm. F. Thomas, the boy preacher, from Bloomington, Ill., preached for us the last afternoon of the meeting. The church was so crowded that we had a hard time getting the preachers in."—T. E. Robinson, Reporter.

EVANGELIST WILL H. LYNN: "We had a meeting with our home church, Quanah, Texas, beginning January 15, with a goodly number in the fountain. Then we were with Pastor Spurlin at Childress, where God gave us a good revival. We are now just beginning at Tucumcari, N. M., and the interest is increasing. Will be in the New Mexico District now for a few weeks. Any pastor or church desiring my services address me at Quanah Texas, Route A."

EVANGELIST M. M. BUSSEY: "At midnight on January 1, 1925 I was on my knees asking God to give me the best year I had ever had in my ministry. Now that three months have passed I rejoice to say they have been the most steady, the most unctuous the most fruitful I have ever experienced. On January 15th I left sunny Florida for meetings in the north. I arrived in Baltimore in a snow storm. They were having the worst weather they had had in twenty-two years. The welcome given me by Rev. D. E. Higgs and his flock were indeed warm and

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hearty. God gave us a fruitful meeting. Then I went up to Bloomsburg, Pa., They were in the grip of the worst winter they had in thirty-four years. I stood on the frozen Susquehanna River where the pastor had baptized converts in the summer and read a portion of the eleventh chapter of Hebrews: "Rev. J. H. Parker and his flock pulled steady and we all prayed and trusted God and He gave us a most blessed meeting. Brother Parker has done a good work there and has gotten together a fine band of praying young people. In answer to a telegram from Dr. Sloan, Superintendent of the Pittsburgh District I went to East Liverpool, Ohio and helped in a special meeting in the Biederwolf tabernacle. Here I was enabled to preach to large crowds and saw some bright cases of salvation and some remarkable cases of divine healing. I could only remain for a week but promised Brother Benedum and his flock to return and assist them in a revival in their new Nazarene church. I left East Liverpool in a snow storm and went to sunny Norfolk, Va. Rev. J. T. Maybury and the church were praying earnestly to God, for a Holy Ghost revival. Part of the time they held three prayermeetings a day. The Spirit greatly helped in preaching the Word, putting awful conviction on sinners. One man hunted up a neighbor after midnight to help him pray through. They said God gave them the best revival they had had since the church was organized. Next I came to Richmond, Va., to help Rev. Alfred Ford and his young church. They are truly on fire for God. They have a continuous revival and souls finding the Lord all the year. On Sunday night when I went in to preach the building was filled, with people standing in both ends and backed out across the sidewalk. Among the many seekers in these revivals over two hundred and fifty professed to find victory. Some of them were as bright as I have ever seen. Thank God! Pray for me."

PASTOR C. A. GEEDING, Central Church of the Nazarene, Racine, Wisconsin: "We have just closed one of the best revival campaigns that we have had in the three years that we have been here. We had for our workers, The Werkhauser Evangelistic Party of Chicago. I am careful what I say about evangelists, but I do not hesitate to say that the Werkhausers gave perfect satisfaction, and their manners, spirit, and methods appealed to all who came in touch with them. We had the largest crowds of any campaign that has been held since we have been in Racine. The Werkhausers win people to the church, and no church can go wrong in securing them for workers. They are among the easy ones entertained, no burden, but a help and blessing. We did not have a large number of seekers, but a good class of people that will be an asset to the church. The Lord is blessing our work here and we feel we are gradually pulling up the hill. The church is in good condition, and we expect to make greater advancement during the summer months. Please count us among your subjects of prayer."

EVANGELIST J. A. KRING: "We opened the battle at Parma, Idaho on Sabbath morning, March 1st, and closed on March 22nd. We had to help in this meeting, the pastor and his good wife, Rev. Sam Swanson, and our leader in song was Brother Cummings, while Sister Maxwell, did excellent work at the piano. Also others of the Lord's dear people, who helped us push the battle for God and souls. At the end of the tenth day I was smitten with the "flu", the first time in my life, and was taken out of the meeting for six nights, and made to realize that this disease is no joke, but a hard proposition to handle. The pulpit was filled during my absence by the pastor, Brother Swanson, the District Superintendent, Brother Sanner, and Professor Erdman, from N. N. C. I entered the pulpit on Monday night of the last week, and preached every night, except Saturday night, but with difficulty. My wife held several good children's meetings, but overworked herself in caring for me, and was taken sick with the same malady, and at this writing is still in bed, but some better, and we trust that in the good providence of God both of us will soon be on our feet again, able to push on in this holy warfare. During the meeting she raised a love offering of \$40 for the good pastor and his wife, and the good people gave us a nice love offering for our unworthy services while in their midst. The little church stood nobly by the truth, and wept and prayed mightily for

an old time revival, and eight of us really prayed through for the meeting, but it did not please the Lord to send it in this special effort, but we are sure there will be a harvest in the future. We had a few seekers, and some two or three claimed to get through, the saints were encouraged, and lifted up, and we believe will come out on top yet, with flying banners and sailing colors. Praise the Lord. We secured five subscriptions for the HERALD, and trust that some good was accomplished. We open with Rev. W. D. Godfrey and his good people at Kennewick, Washington, March 29. We will appreciate an interest in your prayers for the meeting."

PASTOR SELDEN D. KELLEY, Norwood, Ohio: "A few minutes ride from the business district of the 'Queen City' and you are in the beautiful suburb of Norwood which is completely surrounded by Cincinnati. Did you know on Floral and Smith Road in a beautiful residential district easily reached by street cars and busses, there is located the 'First Church of the Nazarene'? We accepted the pastorate in September 1924 and have had the privilege of seeing the Sunday school more than doubled, the prayermeetings tripled, and the addition of fifteen new members to the church with many more to follow. The Lord has blessed in tithes and offerings which has made it possible for us to gain some ground financially. We have a debt on the church and we are asking your prayers that God will continue to bless his people and honor his servants that we will be able to make this church financially safe. We had the privilege of entering in with the other churches, in taking a Religious Survey of the Community and taking part also in a Union Meeting which resulted in opening up new homes for prayer and reading of the Word and an increase in attendance at all services. Evangelist W. R. Gilley gave us a seventeen-day meeting, God blessing his messages in the saving of souls. We are at present, teaching a large Bible Class made up of members mostly outside of the church, every Monday afternoon. It is a privilege and a great blessing to teach His Word. We have seen some unusual cases of divine healing, and all of our services are open for the anointing of the sick. Our pastoral calling list has so grown since coming here, that God has put it upon the heart of Sister Kingery, a beautiful Christian character to assist us in the work. She will soon be giving most of her time to this work. Unto Jesus be all the praise. When you pass through the 'Queen City' don't miss us."

EVANGELIST OSCAR F. RING: "I am praising God for old time power. There is nothing too hard for God to do. I am now in a good revival at the Church of the Nazarene, Mannington, W. Va. God is saving, sanctifying and healing folks. One sister had her hand run through an electric wringer, and we anointed according to God's Word and God healed her hand. Then the same woman got down on her bed with the "flu" and we anointed her again, and God healed her and she got up and did her own work that same afternoon. We give God all the glory. I will be here two more weeks yet, and we are expecting great things from God. We have found some of the salt of the earth here. Brother Lawrence Reed is the efficient pastor."

EVANGELIST W. W. LOVELESS: "On Sunday, March 29th, I closed a real good revival with the Church of the Nazarene at Windsor, Ontario, Canada. My old friend Paul F. Moore is pastor of this consecrated, sacrificing little flock, and it was a real pleasure to labor with him and his good people. We cannot report a great harvest of souls, yet several bowed at the altar and found Jesus as a precious Savior or Sanctifier. One man we especially want to mention, who has been a famous jockey, and is known to race horse men from the Lakes to the Gulf, was beautifully saved and sanctified. He has now started to run the Christian race, with all the weights off and the besetting sin gone, we feel sure that if he keeps looking to Jesus, and keeps running, he will receive the greatest prize he ever won at the end of the race. He was so happy over his new found salvation, that although in moderate circumstances, he gave \$27.00 in the first offering he had an opportunity to give in. He also joined the church. Brother Moore is preparing to receive some other choice folks into the church soon. Although this little church of less than 40 members have a

local expense of over \$200.00 a month, and all of them working people, yet they gave the evangelist an offering that made me feel that my work was appreciated."

PASTOR C. P. LANPHER, Portland, Maine: "Closed an excellent series of revival meetings last night in our church with Evangelist Harry Lee of Kentucky as evangelist. Six adults joined the church at the evening service and other converts of the meeting we hope to take in later. The revival touched the neighborhood, and new material has been gathered for our church and Sunday school. Several men outside the church gave up their tobacco and their testimonies to saving grace are indeed an inspiration. The Sunday school is booming and we are shooting straight for the one hundred and fifty mark. The evangelist was well paid, and the second love-offering of the church year was bestowed upon the pastor. There are great prospects ahead of the Portland church and we are making all arrangements to "go up and possess the land." Evangelist Lee is a pusher and the people were greatly blessed under his unctuous and rugged preaching."

PASTOR MARY E. ALTHOUSE, Hannibal, Mo.: "Immediately after closing a meeting at Ilasco, Mo., the Edwards Evangelistic Party held a ten days meeting, March 20-29, at Hannibal, Mo., in the Holiness Mission. This was a very successful meeting. The crowds came regularly filling the house, and on the last night, chairs were placed in every available place and some folks stood, while others were turned away for lack of room. We have had the house full before, but never, that we remember of, were folks turned away for lack of room. The attention and order were excellent. There were about thirty-five professions and a number more who did not get through to victory. Sister Edwards is a very strong preacher. She is absolutely fearless, yet tender, does not over-illustrate her messages and sticks to her text. Her delivery is characterized by such earnestness and force that it compels attention and respect. Sister Hannah is certainly a fine song leader and Sister Olinghouse knows how to make the piano do its duty. Their special singing in the form of solos, duets, and trios is very effective. May the Lord bless them in their labors for Him."

"LAWRENCE, KANSAS, church held a good meeting March 6-22 with Evangelist Edna Wells Hoke in charge. The sermons were unctuous, the attendance good and interest in the meeting fine. Some souls found God in salvation and sanctification. A wave of 'flu' swept the town reaching its peak during the meeting, making the pull a hard one, but the work went forward. Evangelist, pastor and people worked together in love. There was no disastrous reaction and the constructive work of the revival abides with the church. Finances were well taken care of for both the evangelist and pastor. Sister Hoke preached two Sunday afternoons at Clinton and it is likely that Brother and Sister Hoke will be called to put on a campaign meeting there when it can be arranged for. We are still using the pin-bar at Lawrence, getting ahead a little, not going crab-wise and best of all not going backward.—Estelle Reid Lienard, Pastor."

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PASTOR CLYDE E. GREEN, Newport, Ky.: "Just one year ago, following the united advice of my District Superintendent and Advisory Board, I accepted the unanimous call to pastor the Newport church. Looking back we are fully convinced that the Lord directed our steps. Have been well in body so that I have not missed a regular church service except during two evangelistic meetings held in other cities. The first Sunday here we had five seekers at the altar. During the year we had nine hundred and seventy seekers counting them as they came. The Young People's Society has grown from just a few to about a hundred. The Sunday school has more than doubled. A Foreign Missionary Society of forty-six members has been organized with nineteen members in the Prayer and Fasting League. A Home Missionary Society has been organized for something over four months and in that time they have spent over \$200.00 in relieving the suffering and needy and have secured and given away over one thousand garments. During the last six months a most excellent orchestra of fifteen instruments has been organized which renders some unusually inspiring music in the Sunday evening evangelistic services. On account of the rapidly increasing crowds we completed an addition to our building at Thanksgiving time. But the crowds have kept increasing until we are again crowded and it seems necessary to soon enlarge the building again. We now have ten members of the District Assembly not counting delegates, eleven local preachers and three local deacons. We have received during the year 139 members and have about ten more ready to be received. The Chatfields of Hamilton, Ohio, just closed a three weeks revival meeting with us resulting in 115 different seekers at the altar. We give God all the glory for the results of the past year and face the new one with renewed courage."

"THE NAZARENE CHURCH at McMinville, Ore., is coming up the line beautifully. The congregations are increasing in numbers and there is a very marked difference in the interest that is being manifested. The Sunday school is increasing and the membership has grown, with a number who are looking our way. Three weeks ago we organized a Young People's Society and they are alive to the things of God. They have organized a singing class with a good teacher and are expecting to learn more about singing the Gospel as well as to be able to testify to it. We all feel encouraged over the prospects for McMinville.—A. Wells, Supply.

PASTOR EDW. W. MILLER, Connell, Wash.: "God is blessing us here and giving us souls in our regular services. The attendance at both Sunday morning and evening services are good. Also our cottage prayermeetings are well attended and proving a blessing to the people. Some have united with us and others are coming soon but we are praying for a revival and ask an interest in the prayers of the HERALD readers. We are in the fight to win."

"AT TARENTUM, Pa., we just closed a good revival in the Church of the Nazarene with Brother and Sister Stretch of El Paso, Ill., as the evangelists with victory and souls praying through at an altar of prayer. The place was stirred and God sent

old fashioned Holy Ghost conviction on the people and a number were saved and sanctified, Glory to Jesus. The first Sunday morning was marked with the presence of God and we had a healing service and one lady was instantly healed and God was honored and the blood exalted. Sister Stretch is a very extraordinary preacher of the old time salvation and God blessed her wonderfully. She preached every night and three times on Sunday and never broke down under the strain. To God be the glory. They sing with the anointing of the Lord on them. The church here is on fire and Rev. Stillion is a good pastor and has the anointing of God and knows how to keep the people blessed. He has recently built a new building in this place and during the revival it was almost full, so God is working. Praises be to Him. We are looking forward to greater victories in the future and are going to spread Holiness over this town with God's help."—James Watson, Reporter.

"THE CHURCH AT CASS CITY, MICH., has just closed a three day convention, beginning March 27th and continuing over Sunday. District Superintendent Roberts was with us, and greatly helped and encouraged our faith by his old time gospel messages. Seekers were at the altar for pardon and purity. Friday was given to Missions and a splendid program was given. Saturday was young people's day. Many interesting papers were read and discussed, and special songs were sung, and a talk given to the young people by Brother Roberts. On Sunday afternoon, Brother Willingham of Olivet College was with us and gave us a fine message, and also a plea for the school. An offering was taken and pledges were given. God is surely blessing, and helping us in our efforts to bring the gospel of full salvation to this needy town. It is marvelous the way God is helping us along the line of finances. We are looking forward to a greater and better year ahead, knowing God will surely supply every need. Pray for us."—Ethelyn Gwint, Corresponding Secretary.

PASTOR WM. BEEVER, Assumption, Ill.: "We just closed a week's convention last Sunday night. The Lord marvelously answered prayer. Rev. M. F. Grose and his good people of Decatur and Rev. S. W. Gentry and his folks of Pana came and gave us a boost. The glory was on from the first night. We had twenty-six pray through for pardon and purity. On the last day we took in a fine class of eleven, all adults but one and have six more to come in soon. Last night at prayermeeting four more were sanctified. We're marching on, expecting greater things ahead."

PASTOR JAS. M. DAVIDSON, New Brighton, Pa.: "Just closed a very good meeting with Rev. Jas. A. Rodgers of East Palestine, Ohio, an evangelist. Brother Rodgers is fearless and determined, and preaches the Word with no uncertain sound. When he talks about justification or sanctification, his hearers understand what he means. Twenty-two different persons responded to the altar calls; a number from other churches. Three united with the church, and one member who had fallen out by the way was reclaimed." Twenty-six subscriptions were received for the HERALD OF HOLINESS. For all the good that was accomplished we give God the glory."

PASTOR HARRISON O. DAVIS, Pleasant Hill Church, Sylvia, Kansas: "Since our last report the Lord has given us many spiritual blessings. Our District Superintendent, A. L. Hipple, and wife have been with us over one Sunday, Brother Hipple bringing us some real encouraging messages and Sister Hipple singing special solos which were much appreciated. Chester Morgan and Holland London of Bresee Theological College have come up and preached for us. These boys are making good and preach well. Sister S. H. Irwin of Hutchinson gave an exceptionally interesting missionary pageant at this place. Brother Edward Snowbarger is our choir director. We all appreciate his faithful service and consecrated life. Miss Elsie Snowbarger who is qualifying for special soloist work comes home from college occasionally and sings some beautiful solos. The Sunday school is progressing nicely under the leadership of our esteemed Superintendent, Brother John Kiemel and Mrs. Davis, in charge of the Primary Department. The cottage prayermeetings, mid-week prayer services, young people's meetings and

ladies missionary meetings are special times of blessing. Brother Burt Shull, who is a member of the College Board from this place, and the writer have enjoyed soliciting funds for the new Bresee Theological College Administration building. We find that members and friends of the church are very enthusiastic over the hopes of the proposed proposition and respond very liberally. We are now praying and planning for our tent meeting which will be held May 31 to June 14. The workers are Evangelists Rev. E. W. Kiemel and Miss Wilcoxson and Singing Evangelists Misses Hazel Shull and Clara Krey. We are trusting Israel's God and pushing ahead in the things of the kingdom."

PASTOR M. J. FARGO, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., who has been called to the pastorate of Winter Avenue church in that city, writes: "Until March 8 I was pastor of Walter's Chapel. Rev. I. C. McNew came out with Brother C. Richards to help in a revival. His preaching was very effective, with God in every service. He has broken down all prejudice and all the seekers were different seekers and several prayed through at home. Even the sinners in that community claim that it was the greatest revival that has been in that part of the country since they could remember. The work is being re-organized and the last two days of the revival seven joined the little band. Rev. McNew has splendid ability to hold and interest an audience. The people of the chapel and those of Winter Avenue church are praying that Rev. McNew will be continually in God's work."

PASTOR J. F. EDDY, Weston, W. Va.: "We are glad to report progress in the work here. Just closed a revival and God gave us great victory with sixty seekers at the altar. About forty-one prayed through, six were sanctified, and sixteen taken into the church. The last night of the revival we secured twenty-one subscriptions for *The Other Sheep* and six for the HERALD OF HOLINESS. The work here is growing and we are very much in need of a larger place in which to worship."

EVANGELIST C. J. GARRETT, Paola, Kansas: "It has been some time since I have reported. I have lost much time this winter, owing to sickness in our family, but we are all well again in answer to the prayers of the saints. We wish to thank all who knew of our burdens and offered prayer. The Lord gave us grace in abundance through it all. We have been able to conduct but six revivals since the assembly last September. In all these meetings we had lots of victory and preached the best we could the old time full gospel and scores of souls prayed through in the old fashioned way. We witnessed some old fashioned shouting by men past fifty years of age and saw as many as twenty-five weeping through in one altar service. We find that the full gospel will awaken cold, formal, Methodists and United Brethren when given a chance and cause them to have full fellowship with Nazarenes. It is

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time for us to awake and look about us for the harvest is already white. My soul is filled with the Holy Ghost and faith for a great harvest of souls during the tent season, which I expect to enter soon with my tent. I need the prayers of all the saints."

EVANGELIST J. B. MCBRIDE: "The meeting at Akron, Ohio was good throughout; there was some fruitage in every night service but one, and some wonderful Sunday services with marked evidence of God's presence, and some remarkable cases of salvation. We had many things to interfere with the largest result, but withal, we had a fair attendance each night with splendid crowds over the Sundays. This was our fifth meeting in Akron in seven years; three of them being with the Church of the Nazarene on North Hill. Prof. A. H. Johnston and his excellent wife who led the singing with such acceptability this time, and the writer held a meeting in this church when it was purchased, and had only nine resident members. We spent a month in the meeting, and at the close about thirty-five members were received into the church which gave them a great impetus. In September following, the writer, and Prof. Fred Canaday held a tabernacle meeting for them, and they were more encouraged. Soon after the present competent, and most efficient pastor, Rev. H. B. Macrory took the pastorate, but as Akron is composed of a moving population largely, numbers had already moved away, so that he had about thirty-five members to start with. Since that time multiplied hundreds have been saved and sanctified, and many of them came into the church, but when we tell you that this church has been the mother of five other churches, and the grandmother of two more, and that now they have eight Nazarene churches in, and adjacent to the city, and that some of them have a good membership for young churches you can see where the fruits of the revivals have gone. Brother Macrory has a good 250 on the ground, or that he can count on, and is receiving some into the church all the time. He has a Sunday school with an enrollment of seven hundred with four or five hundred in attendance most of the time. He has certainly wrought well, and has an enviable record for a man's first pastorate. I do not know that I ever heard Brother and Sister Johnston do better singing than they did this time. God bless these old warriors in song evangelism. The North Hill Church of the Nazarene in Akron is one among several good churches that the Lord has helped the writer to start, or give a good lift just at the time when they needed help. I trust that I may yet help to encourage many others and help to build some permanent churches, for I believe in organized holiness, yet I want to be 'as wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove.'"

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY for a pastor's wife who has cancer; for a revival at Granbury, Texas; for a sister that she may be healed of stomach trouble; for a young man who is in danger of being led into error; for Rev. Mary J. Hartline, Artesia, N. Mex., who has been sick for six months with neuritis; for a sister who requests prayer for the healing of herself and husband and the salvation of three sons.

"PLEASE PRAY for the healing of my father and also for his salvation."—Mrs. Martin H. Brown.

"PLEASE PRAY that I, my husband and our children may get back to the Lord and be used of Him."—Mrs. Clester.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE—To the Consecrated and licensed deaconesses of the New England District: Please send your report to the Association Secretary at once. Address Annie Manchester, Wolcott, Vt.—Cora M. Hudson, District deaconess.

NOTICE—The altitude being too high for Mrs. Haynie, I have been compelled to leave Denver, Colo., and have moved to 6548 Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Ill. I am planning to do evangelistic work. Anyone desiring my services, address me at above address.—B. F. Haynie.

NOTICE—New Mexico District: All those wishing to be examined, or get credits for examinations, or wanting license for next year, will please meet the

Board of Examination at Hagerman, N. Mex., May 7 at 9 a. m. at the Church.—A. K. Scott, Secretary of Board.

NOTICE—We want to correspond with some efficient and well-known evangelist to hold the 25th annual campmeeting at Ozark, Ark., August 26 to September 6, 1925.—J. D. Edgin, Chairman Committee, Ozark, Ark.

NOTICE—New Mexico District: All the churches of the New Mexico District will please notify the undersigned as soon as possible the number of delegates, Sunday school superintendents, preachers, etc., who will attend the District Assembly which meets at Hagerman, N. Mex., May 6 to 10.—W. A. Huffman, Pastor, Hagerman, N. Mex.

NOTICE—Evangelist W. F. Herbig, Alexander, N. D., is in need of a song leader for summer tent work.—Editor.

MARRIED—On March 11, Miss Martha Browning, District Secretary-Treasurer of the N. Y. P. S., Western Oklahoma and Mr. I. D. Northcott, at Oklahoma City, Okla.

NOTICE—The Group meeting Zone 6, Eastern Oklahoma will convene at Frisco, Okla., on May 14th. There will be a conveyance via Red-hall line at train. Those who live outside Zone 6 are cordially invited to attend. We are expecting a helpful program, so pray and plan to be with us on that date. Notify pastor, Rev. W. L. Nelson.—J. P. Fisher, Secretary.

A COMMUNICATION from Sister C. E. Cornell informs us that Brother Cornell is slightly improved. Their address is Ontario, Calif.

RADIO PROGRAM—First Church of the Nazarene Kansas City, Mo., will broadcast from the Sweeney School, WHB Sunday evening April 26 from nine to ten p. m.—A. M. Bowes, Pastor.

SPECIAL ATTENTION—The Advisory Board and District Superintendent, Hamlin District, were elected by our last Assembly as a committee to launch a campaign on this district to raise money to buy gospel tents for the District. We therefore set April 19 to 26 as special tent fund campaign week on Hamlin District, when all pastors and churches will raise money to buy new gospel tents, to be used in new fields on this district. Instruct church treasurer and District Treasurer that this money is for tent fund. Dear pastors and churches, please pray over this earnestly and make this important campaign a sweeping success. Many towns and communities await our coming. Let us have one mighty strong, united and concerted pull during the week of April 19-26. We need several new tents and workers are ready to take charge of them.—Allie Trick, District Superintendent.

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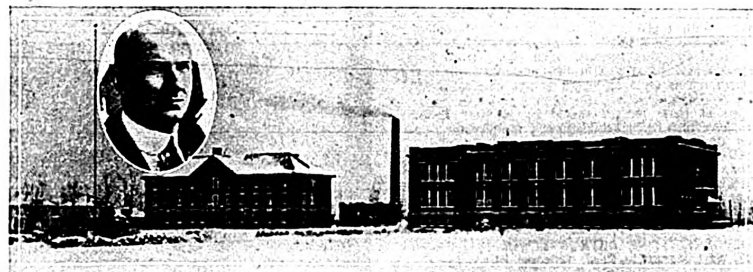
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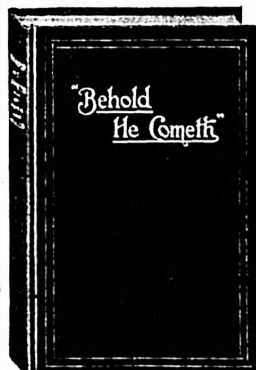
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