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LOVE ALWAYS GIVES FREELY AND FULLY

LONG ago someone said, "It is easy to work for those you love," and longer ago One said, "God so loved that He gave." Working and giving seem to be the best manifestations that love has ever found.

And then love is never niggardly and limited in her giving. God so loved that He gave His Only Begotten Son. Jesus so loved the Church that He gave Himself for it. Love is always free in the spirit and full in the measure of her giving.

Our General Superintendents have called upon us as Nazarenes and as friends of Nazarenes to come next Sabbath with a "love offering for Jesus Christ." Perhaps we have never had anything just like this before. We have had offerings to enable our leaders to avert a threatened disaster. We have had hallelujah marches for the purpose of meeting dire and pressing needs. But this time we are to bring a "free offering," a love offering to the Lord. The budget for 1926 has been but the minimum. No advance over the past program is possible without something more than the budget required. So this Christmas offering is to be a genuine expression of our love for Christ and the work which lies so near to His heart.

In speaking of missionary giving, one has said, "If I give the same amount as I gave last year, I vote to stop right where we are and attempt no additional fields; if I give less than I gave last year, I vote to retrench; and only by increasing my missionary giving over what I gave last year can I show that I take seriously the command of the Master to 'Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.'"

Sunday, December 19, that is only four days from now! How much shall I bring for the special offering for Missions and for the other interests of His kingdom which are included in the general program of the Church of the Nazarene? Is my heart good enough and my love full enough that I can trust to these for guidance? How free and how full my offering will be, only the Master can judge. But as He sits over against the treasury next Sunday morning, shall He see that my gift is from my heart and that it is large enough to tell somewhat of my love for Him! Next Sabbath morning! A birthday offering for Jesus Christ at the Church of the Nazarene! Yes, I'll be there.

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IN THE LAND OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS

Editorial Correspondence

By special invitation from the preachers of our New England District, I was permitted to speak each morning and each evening during their annual convention, held this year at Lowell, Mass., November 15-19.

There is something about New England that especially appeals to me and I seldom miss an opportunity to go there. This is evident from the fact that I was the special speaker in their preachers' meeting last year, and further from the fact that I was one of the preachers in the District camp the first year it was held at North Reading, Mass., and that I have agreed to return for the camp of 1927.

There is a grim determination, a quiet faith and an unostentatious fidelity among New England Nazarenes that are scarcely equaled in any part of the connection which it has been my privilege to visit, and I always feel that I am better for having been immersed in such an atmosphere for even a few days. It does not take a great deal to encourage New England Nazarenes, but old Lucifer himself cannot discourage them. The physical features of that section of our country have been described as "rock bound shores," or as "rock ribbed hills." The Pilgrim Fathers gave to the people their ideals of honesty and fidelity and Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield gave them their standards as to revivals of religion. But also New England has been fruitful soil for the holiness movement and for the Church of the Nazarene in its turn. Two of our General Superintendents are either native or early adopted sons of New England and some of the best pastors and evangelists of our movement were raised up there. In fact it is doubtful if there is a better training school for Nazarene preachers in the whole world right now than is found in our school at Wollaston, Mass., and its environs—the New England District.

We had a splendid time in the preachers' convention. The devotions were well attended and were times of refreshing. The papers were carefully wrought out and the speeches of missionaries and others were marked for fervor and information. Our own efforts

seemed acceptable to the brethren, and a good revival spirit was upon the evening services, with some seekers and finders, along the way. District Superintendent Miller is a strong spiritual leader and a splendid preacher of the full Gospel. His tendencies run decidedly toward the evangelistic field, but he is a good District Superintendent. And there are some as strong pastors in New England as can be found in our church. Sister Martha Curry, who is supplying the church at Lowell, where the convention was held, is one of the outstanding woman preachers of the nation.

The convention closed on Friday night and I went over to Wollaston and stayed all night in the new dormitory at Eastern Nazarene College. This is one of the best buildings owned by any of our schools and is full already. In fact the talk is now turning to the new dormitory for boys which must be forth coming before long. Floyd Nease is making a great college president. They thought he was a little young when they elected him a few years ago, but he is fast overcoming this, his only handicap, and is forging right ahead and proving himself one of the leading educators of our movement. He has a splendid faculty, a student body which practically taxes their facilities and the prospects for accreditation with the state are fine. Rev. John Gould is the business manager, and in spite of the fact that his heart turns often to the work of the pastorate which is his real beloved, he is making fine success of the school finances. Eastern Nazarene College is destined to become one of the best schools that our church will produce, and it is making swift strides toward a place in that class right now. The people of the zone are unanimously backing the school and that means that it must succeed.

On Saturday I went on down to Providence, R. I., and assisted our pastor, Brother Hackett, in the opening services in the new quarters of the Wesleyan Church of the Nazarene. After a series of changes and attempted changes, this church has secured a splendid plant which formerly belonged to the Congregationalists. There is a good auditorium, furnished with good pews which will seat three or four hundred, and a Sunday school equipment which will enable them to care for a school of five or six hundred. I had two good days with Brother Hackett and there were souls at the altar both nights. Hackett has been with our church only a few years, but he is a loyal Nazarene and an energetic and successful pastor. He has a fine people and together they will build an even greater church in Providence.

While at Providence I visited the First Baptist Church, the church most deserving of its name of any we have ever seen, for it is the first Baptist church ever organized in America. It was constituted by Roger Williams in 1638 and the building they are now using was built in 1775. But no matter where

you turn in New England, you are treading on historic ground.

Tuesday following my days in Providence, I ran on into New York where Rev. A. G. Crockett, pastor of John Wesley Church of the Nazarene, met me and took me out to lunch and injected some of that wonderful zeal and courage and heroism for which he is remarkable, into me. Crockett is a pioneer like his uncle Davy, only his domains are the great cities instead of the great forests. He is a builder and a leader. He has good things in mind and on his heart for our work around our great metropolis, and our prayer is that God and His people will help him carry them out. The editor of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* is indebted to Brother Crockett for many helpful things which he has found in the *New York Times*, which Brother Crockett ordered sent to him for a year. Such interest in one's home town paper and such generosity toward the editor of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* do not seem to have often united in one beloved brother.

On my way over to New England I stopped over the Sabbath with Pastor Fred Harvey (not the same as the Santa Fe eating house man), and his people at Greencastle, Ind., and on the way back I stopped for a five days' convention, covering Thanksgiving week, with Pastor Dech and the West Side Church of the Nazarene at Indianapolis. Had splendid times at both places.

At the present writing I am at New Castle, Pa., with the preachers of the Pittsburgh District. But I better wait until next week to tell you how I came out with them.

As far as I can see in a somewhat extended itineracy reaching from northwest North Dakota to the southern end of Texas and from eastern Colorado to New England, we have much to encourage us as a church and people. We are, of course, not without our problems; but so far, God has helped us to solve our major problems and to ignore our minor ones and to keep going on. There is splendid unity everywhere and enough aggressiveness to stir at least some observers up to call us zealots and proselyters. But God is giving us souls and adding to our numbers and bringing to our assistance many of the finest, cleanest and most successful holiness preachers of the land. They are joining our church and saying, "I'm glad that I can say I'm one of them." We welcome these people and these preachers. We admit that we have a job that's too big for us and that we need all the help we can get. Our battle line is far flung and there is room for a million soldiers and ten thousand officers. We are just getting our feet down. We are just in the hours of the early morning. We are entirely too young and too flourishing to begin to read "keep off the grass" signs or to put up such signs ourselves. Holiness meetings everywhere, and

Nazarene churches everywhere possible is our watchword and purpose. We want to join forces with everyone we can, but we are looking for firemen, not for brakemen. We stand for the union of holiness churches and are ready to negotiate with any whose hearts are as our hearts. We are not it, not even the principal part of it. But we are some part of it, and as such we are just really beginning to get ready to commence to fix to start a general offensive campaign for the salvation of souls and the building up of the permanent work of holiness all along the line. The Church of the Nazarene is a denomination, but it is not a sect. It is defined, but it is not contentious. Applying the words of another to the subject in hand, we will say that we believe that after all is said and done, the Church of the Nazarene presents the very best opportunity there is for the people of this generation to promote and preserve Pentecostal Christianity in the earth.

WITH OUR CONTEMPORARIES

The following from *The Expositor* is certainly worth repeating:

The president of a bank, when asked by a young clerk how he could distinguish the bad bills from the good, said: "Get familiar with the good bills, and you will recognize the bad bills at sight." By watchfulness and prayer we can so familiarize ourselves with the good that we shall recognize evil the instant it appears, and thus avoid entering into temptation.

Perhaps we all would like to be loved. So for our benefit *Messiah's Advocate* inserts the following selection:

Don't contradict people, even if you're sure you are right.
Don't be inquisitive about the affairs of even your most intimate friend.

Don't underrate anything because you don't possess it.
Don't believe everybody else in the world is happier than you.

Don't conclude that you have never had any opportunities in life.

Don't be rude to your inferiors in social position.
Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile.
Few care whether you have the earache, headache, or rheumatism.

In these days when genuine devotion must step aside to give place for "practical" religion, and when prayer itself is valued more when it is offered as a means of obtaining health, wealth and happiness than when it is suggested as a means for the promotion of personal godlikeness, it is a good time to read again those words of F. W. Robertson which say:

That life is most holy in which there is least of petition and desire and most of waiting upon God; that in which petition most often passes into thankfulness.

The *Central Christian Advocate*, after saying that The Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church has recently ordered the distribution of \$275,000, profits from the Publishing business of the

church, to the various annual conferences for their superannuated preachers' fund; continues:

It would seem that these figures would provoke an enthusiasm for the Book Concern which would be tumultuous and impetuous. The appropriation made by the Book Committee at its last meeting was \$275,000. Every copper of it goes to the heroes of the church. It helps keep flour in the barrel in old age, and coal in the bin.

The Methodist who is in serene oblivion to the Book Concern, who does not commend its books and personally push the circulation of its periodicals may ignore these items above; the other kind will grasp those figures; they will stir his soul.

It may be a little early to be speaking of the matter, but we prophesy that the time will come when the Publishing House of the Church of the Nazarene, in addition to sending out its millions of pages of full salvation literature every year, will be helping our worn out and aged preachers by appropriating considerable sums for the purpose, just as the Methodist publishing houses are doing. And in view of this, as well as out of consideration for the great direct value of "The Gospel of the Printed Page," we should all be provoked to support our Publishing House with an enthusiasm which is "tumultuous and impetuous."

God's Revivalist inserts a selection on "Revival Fire." The opening paragraph says of it: "It comes from heaven. It fills the soul of the believer. It is the Holy Spirit Himself." A summary of the remainder of the article includes the following: Revival fire revives, illuminates, detaches, purifies, warms, spreads, draws, protects, cooks, cannot be put out by its enemies, may be quenched and is indispensable.

A good "forgettery" is every bit as valuable as a good memory. For it is just as important to forget "the things that are behind" (in the moral as well as in the temporal sense), as it is to remember the things which help us and bless others. Under the title "Let It Go," the *Central Christian Advocate* inserts the following selection:

Forget the slander you have heard,
Forget the hasty, unkind word,
Forget the quarrel and the cause,
Forget the whole affair, because
Forgetting is the only way.
Forget the storms of yesterday,
Forget the chap whose sour face
Forgets to smile in any place.
Forget the trials you have had,
Forget the weather if it's bad;
Forget the knocker, he's a freak,
Forget him seven days a week.
Forget you're not a millionaire,
Forget the gray streaks in your hair,
Forget the coffee when it's cold,
Forget the kicks, forget to scold.
Forget the coal man in his weighs,
Forget the heat in summer days,
Forget to ever get the blues,
But don't forget to pay your dues.

It is easier for some people to repent than to obey, even as Saul preferred sacrifice to obedience. And we

have even heard some people boast that they are good "repenters," and make that something of a cover for the fact that they are very poor "livers." W. L. Watkinson is quoted in the *Central Christian Advocate* as saying:

Obedience is the secret. Not slavish obedience, but sympathetic, loving, eager obedience. "His delight is in the law of the Lord." May the law of holiness be to me welcome as the light, sweet as the flowers, more to be desired than much fine gold.

The *Class Meeting Advocate* publishes "Ram's Horn Sermons" as follows:

If dust settles on your Bible sin will get into your heart.

To undertake to be religious in a milk and water way is as foolish as to jump toward a chasm to see how near we can come without going over.

No Christian who studies his Bible as business men watch the markets can backslide or become discouraged.

The better God's people please him, the more peculiar they will look.

The man who would be a leader, must not be afraid to walk by himself.

A revival may be had in any church that is willing to give up the world to get it.

It will hurt you more to live a day without prayer than to live it without bread.

The *North Carolina Christian Advocate* remarks, "The papers say that the football coach at Duke is greatly in need of a fullback. If he should need a pullback any church can furnish him from one to fifty pullbacks." We are not familiar with football, so do not know whether there is any similarity between the duties of the fullback and the practices of the pullback or not. We rather suspect that this is simply a play upon words with a "similarity of sound." Nevertheless, there is no escaping the fact that "pullbacks" are plentiful and that some of them have somehow found a way into the Church of the Nazarene. But let us at least not pray for an increase of their tribe. Perhaps if we knew a little more about football we might suggest that every effort be made to convert our pullbacks into fullbacks, for evidently the fullback is a help and not a hindrance to the game.

If our own children forsake the house of God it is an argument either against their intelligence and morality or else against the type of religion which we have shown them. If they stay with the house of God, after seeing our type of religion from their childhood, it speaks well for the wearing qualities of the faith. May our churches everywhere be filled with the "masses" who seek a place among us that it will be necessary to enlarge our facilities all the way around.

Important as it is to be correct on the theory of holiness, the fact of holiness is more important still.

WHY CHRISTIANS HAVE TO SUFFER

By Prof. A. S. London

WE CAN understand why trouble and sorrow would come to the man and woman who are not Christians, for as a man sows, so shall he reap. We can see why the godless man would come to sorrow and distress. But that is not the question that is hard to settle. The sure-enough problem that faces us is: Why do Christians have to suffer? Why do sufferings, tears darkness and sorrow come upon those who love the Lord? And all about are those who are devoted and true to right and the teachings of Jesus Christ, who are suffering and passing through the vale of sorrow and tears.

Christians are not going through suffering because of some sin committed in the life. Christ does not teach this to be true. The words of Jesus are clear at this point. He says: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten." A part of the program for the Christian is trial and suffering. Jesus said: "In the world, ye shall have tribulation. But be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

The Scriptures plainly teach that, "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." There must be a reason why God permits suffering to come into our lives as Christians. No doubt we will have to wait for the final reasons to be given us for the blessings that come as a result of tears and broken hearts, until the summing up of all things at that Day. But now and then a little light comes to us on this question.

Suffering to the Christian, if accepted as God would have it, gives Him an opportunity to give us special blessings. In other words it opens the way for God to show His power in the Christian's life. Paul said: "God has given me more of His grace than I ever would have had, but for the thorn, and so I will take the thorn and the added grace, and be enlarged in my knowledge and experience of God." In times of suffering in the Christian life, God manifests His great love to the heart, and gives His power when needed.

Again: Suffering in the life of a Christian is a way that God has in preparing us to be of service to others. There is nothing that helps us in helping others like suffering with those who suffer. Paul said: "God comforteth us in all our tribulation that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." The Christian's greatest blessings often come out of the deepest sorrows and heart struggles. The sweetest experiences in the Christian life are found in times of deepest sufferings. It prepares us to help a broken, bruised, sinning, and torn people about us, as we never otherwise could be able to help them.

Again: Suffering in the life of a Christian is necessary to give us the proper discipline in building our Christian character. God's greatest concern for the human family is character structure. He is not especially interested in things about us, only as they relate to our Christian character. What we are is of far more importance than what we have. Suffering brings the best out of us. It refines the nature. It softens the heart. It tenders the spirit. We are in God's school. Suffering is one of His great teachers. Ease in the life is not good for great building. We become flabby while at ease. Suffering reminds us of others. It awakens us to our responsibility. Through sorrows we are reminded that this is not our home. We are pilgrims here. We must suffer that our trust shall always be in the God of our salvation. David said: "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn thy statutes."

Again: Suffering in the life of a Christian is necessary to bring us to that highest state of Christian experience where our trust is entirely in God. Isaiah said: "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of His servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light?" And how many times we have gone when seemingly there was no light, and yet we knew that we feared the Lord and obeyed the voice. What are we to do when God permits such times to come in our lives? The answer is given: "Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God." Our anchorage is not within ourselves, it is in Christ. "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." We should trust Him in the dark days. Job said: "I will trust Him, though He slay me." "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Again: Suffering in the life of a Christian, if rightly used, helps us to honor Christ. It should be accepted as a blessing to the human family. It is a trust committed to us. We should bear all trials, sufferings, and dark periods that come into our lives, cheerfully. We dishonor Christ to do otherwise. We can honor Christ by our attitude toward suffering as it comes into our experiences. It makes no difference how suffering is caused in our lives, it should be borne patiently. Christians should behave themselves under all circumstances of life. We are tested for a purpose. At times the human heart is swept into the deepest depths of suffering and darkness, but out of it all the soul comes into a richer and closer walk with God.

The Christian who is called to go through some deep sorrow can honor Christ by keeping sweet, bearing the burden for Christ's sake, and through it all give a testimony that is almost irresistible. But on the other hand, if you carp and criticize, and mur-

mur, and say cutting words, how it must grieve the heart of God. The test of our religion is shown in the midst of our suffering. We are not known in the sight of God by the way we act at a campmeeting, or when everything is going well. God sees our attitude toward Him when suffering comes. He wonders if we will honor Him in our suffering, or bring a reproach upon His worthy name while under some great trial.

The suffering heart has no cure except in Christ. He is the one mediator between God and man. The undertone of sorrow is everywhere. You can feel the reign of sorrow and suffering on every side. If you fail Christ in the midst of darkness, you will lose the added grace that He desired to bestow upon you, and the honor that you might have brought to His name, had you accepted suffering as His will for you. The human heart may be poured out like water, but He will fortify you with a power which is above men, and you can go your way, clad with a strength which is above the human.

Into an asylum for the deaf and dumb, a visitor went one day, and the superintendent of the asylum

said: "Let me show you how bright these children are, even though they are deaf and dumb. Write your question there on the board," said the superintendent to the visitor. The visitor wrote question after question and finally wrote this one: "If God loved you, why did He make you deaf and dumb?" This seemed like a cruel question to ask a crowd of deaf and dumb children. They bowed their little heads and sobbed for a moment. In a few moments a little girl raised her head and went to the blackboard and wrote her answer. It seemed that she wrote under inspiration. She gave those wonderful words of Jesus: "Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight." We are to take our sorrows, our sufferings, our dark long nights, the things we cannot understand, the testings, the trials, and say to Him: "Manage thou these, thou wondrous Friend, who canst turn the very night into morning; manage thou these for me." And then we can sing with Whittier: "I know not where His islands lift their fronded palms in air; But this know, I cannot drift Beyond His love and care."

SCRIPTURAL "COME-OUTISM"

By Rev. C. W. Ruth, Evangelist

THE term "come-out-ism" has become somewhat of a hackneyed phrase, and is in ill repute because of the company it has kept, and the clothes it has worn. We need, nevertheless, to be reminded by times that there is such a thing as scriptural come-out-ism to which we need to give attention.

In 2 Cor. 6:14-18 we are plainly commanded to "come out from among them" who are of the world crowd, "and be ye separate," if we desire the Lord to receive us; and only on condition that we do thus "come out from among them" does He promise to "receive" us, and "be a Father" unto us, and acknowledge us as His "sons and daughters." Here we see that we are to come out from among them, not because we are Christians, but in order to become Christians. The call is not to come out from the Church, but to come out from the world, "for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? No one can be a true and successful Christian and continue to run with former worldly associates. They can no longer have a common meeting ground, and have fellowship in kindred pursuits. They belong to two different kingdoms, have two different masters, and have two different objectives in life, and are traveling in opposite directions. This separation is imperative and absolutely inevitable if one will become a true Christian.

God's true people have been a separate people in

every age. Of ancient Israel God said, "Ye shall be holy unto me; for I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people that ye should be mine." And again, "I am the Lord your God, which have separated you from other people" (Lev. 20:24, 26). "The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all the people that are upon the face of the earth" (Deut. 7:6). In Ex. 19:5, 6, He says, "Ye shall be a *peculiar treasure* unto me above all people; for all the earth is mine. And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation." They were to be "separated," "special," and "peculiar"—in that they were to be "holy." And the same applies to God's true people today.

The curse of the Church today lies in the fact that in so many instances there is absolutely no line of demarcation, no separation between those who are professing Christians and the world. They follow up the same worldly amusements, go to the same movie and circus, belong to the same lodge, use the same brand of tobacco, follow the same worldly fashions,—until it would require an angel with specs and a magnifying glass to discover any difference, or line of separation between them and the world. It is with them as it was said in ancient times, "Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people: Ephraim is a cake not turned" (Hosea 7:8). Everyone knows that "a cake not turned" is only half baked, and is soft and sticky. Such need to hear, and heed the call of God,—"Come out from among them, and be ye separate." "Know

ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him" (Jas. 4:4; 1 John 2:15).

Not only are we to come out from the world crowd and be "separate" in order to become Christians, but we are told to "avoid" and "withdraw" from certain so-called professors of religion, because *we are* Christians. Our heavenly Father is just a little particular concerning the company His children keep; He is not willing that His children should hob-nob with, and associate with, just any sort of professor. In describing conditions "in the last days," the Apostle said, among other things, men will be "traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Tim. 3:4, 5). In view of this there are some so-called churches with which a true Christian could have no fellowship at all.

While they have a "form of godliness," they not only are destitute of the power, but deny the power in toto; speak to them of the power that saves from sin and they will tell you that no man can live without sin; speak of the power that purifies and sanctifies the heart, and they will tell you that no one can be holy in this life; speak of the power that heals the sick in answer to the prayer of faith, and they will tell you that the day of miracles has long since passed; speak of the old time glory and power that falls upon the saints and makes them rejoice and shout for joy, as did the saints in olden times, and they will tell you that is all emotionalism, excitement and fanaticism; announce a prayermeeting, class meeting or revival service and they will be absent; but if you will announce a social or festival or picture show or something that promises amusement, entertainment and merriment,—and they will fill the house, even though they must pay an admittance fee; thus proving that they are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God,"—"from such turn away."

In writing to the church at Corinth Paul said they must not "company with fornicators." "If any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat." Not only did he believe that the brethren should be separated from the above named, but that such should be disciplined, and expelled from the church, saying, "Put away from among yourselves that wicked person" (1 Cor. 5:9, 11, 13).

To the Thessalonians Paul wrote, "We command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye *withdraw yourselves* from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which

ye received of us." "For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busy-bodies." "If any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, *and have no company with him*, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother" (2 Thess. 3:6, 11, 14, 15). Here are very explicit directions as to how we should deal with folks who are too lazy to work, and the meddlers in other people's business. Instead of palliating and excusing them, we are to "withdraw" from them, "and have no company with" such.

In writing to the Romans Paul said, "I beseech you brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned: *and avoid them*." For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly: and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" (Rom. 16:17, 18). These everlasting trouble-makers! Just "feeding their own belly," determined to "rule or ruin"—"mark them," and "avoid them," and pray the good Lord to deliver us from them. Let them feed themselves somewhere else.

To Titus Paul wrote, "A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject" (Titus 3:10). A heretic is one who advocates heresy: and heresy is error in doctrine. But instead of rejecting the heretic nowadays they invite him to the largest city church with the most lucrative salary. Probably that is where he belongs,—since "birds of a feather will flock together." The world loves its own (John 15:19; 1 John 4:5).

John, the beloved disciple, and the apostle of love, wrote: "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (2 John 1:9-11). "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is anti-Christ, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father" (1 John 2:22, 23). "Receive him not . . . neither bid him God speed." Here there is no exchanging and interchanging of pulpits with Unitarians, nor the Modernist, who denies the deity of Jesus Christ. Scriptural Come-Outism means separation from all the fore-going. Why not heed these injunctions?

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The Wise Men Brought Gifts

Can we do Less?

Christmas Love Offering—December Nineteenth

An Appeal From Our Chief Pastors

DEVOTION AND HOLY CO-OPERATION

By GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAMS

THE Christmas Love Offering has been well announced throughout the church. This offering was decided upon after serious consideration and much concern over our General Interests, especially foreign missions. The General Superintendents felt, after much prayer, that it would be in harmony with the will of God and the spirit of our devotion to Jesus Christ, whose birthday we are to celebrate at Christmas, to ask the church to lay at His feet on that sacred occasion a gift for the salvation of those for whom He came into the world.

The need for this money is well known to all. The seriousness of the situation is readily admitted. We cannot retrench any more and retain the smiles of God. We must sustain the work now in hand and we must advance. God wills it and our people want it.

Co-operation is our one great need at this time and our one hope. If the General and District Superintendents and all the pastors and laymen of our church stand together and enthusiastically co-operate in plans agreed upon, there is no way for us to be defeated. God is with us and He is trying to lead us to greater and greater victories. We must follow Him.

If every church member and friend of the church would gladly and hilariously give to his limit in this Christmas Love Offering December 19th, the results would be enormous. The financial load would be lifted from the shoulders of our General Treasurer; the self-sacrificing missionaries and devoted District Superintendents in missionary territory would be supported and encouraged to press on in the battle for God and holiness. Advance work would be possible in addition to what we are now doing.

For the sake of Christ and His Church we appeal to all. Let everyone do his utmost. Let every church pray earnestly that an amount equal to a dollar a member may be laid upon the altar for Christ and the salvation of lost souls upon this important occasion.

We do not ask any to refrain from giving gifts to their loved ones, but we do urge all to remember our Lord. He should have first place in our affections and first place in our liberality. We should seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and trust Him to add these other things. Do not forget Him and His Church at Christmas.

Imagine sixty-five thousand Nazarenes devotedly, humbly walking by the altar, worshiping God and gladly laying at His feet an offering and gift, not

to pay any debt, but something that is given out of the gladness of our hearts to Him whom we love and whom we serve, to aid Him as workers together with Him in His effort to save this world. Such a scene will rejoice angels and create vision and determination for greater achievements in the hearts of our people everywhere, and best of all God will be pleased with our devotion and our holy co-operation.

We are depending upon every District Superintendent, every Pastor, and every Sunday School Superintendent, every Deaconess, every Layman, every Member and Friend of the Church to take part in this great love offering Sunday, December 19th.

LOVE'S OBJECTIVE

By GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT REYNOLDS

TRUE love, whether divine or human, always has an objective when manifesting its love in gift or gifts.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that *whosoever* [love's objective] believeth on Him might not perish but have everlasting life."

Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it (love's objective) that it (the Church) might have a glorious experience and eternal reward in heaven.

"For ye know the grace [love] of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes [the Church's sake] he became poor that ye [love's objective, might have something, that is] through His poverty might be rich."

True human love works the same way, for, dear reader, even while you are reading these lines our postal clerks are groaning under heavy loads of packages somebody's love is sending to its love's objective.

St. Paul emphatically stated, "Love does not seek for itself." When he asked for a Love Offering—for he *did* ask for such offerings, he positively stated to the church at Philippi, "Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." The object of the Love Offering asked for was to produce fruit. The "fruit" spoken of here has reference to the salvation of souls, such as Jesus mentions in his conversation with His followers when he states that "Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you and ordained [or qualified] you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain."

Paul also uses this expression in his opening address to the church at Rome when he states, "I purpose to come unto you . . . that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles," that

they (the object of the offerings he asked for) might share the same glorious experience and heavenly reward, and in turn they (love's objective—more fruit) might enjoy the same glorious experience and heavenly reward.

No! We are not asking this Christmas Love Offering for ourselves as promoters of said Christmas Love Offering, but for *others*, love's objective. Indeed, our motive in calling for this Love Offering is as far from selfishness as the East is from the West, in that it is not that we want your offering but absolutely the opposite. Like Paul, our love's objective is two-fold. First, that the unsaved of all lands may be the recipients. Oh! what did and does it mean to a Christian to be saved, sanctified and have the assurance of an eternal home in heaven. It is joy unspeakable! Well, it means all that to everyone that your Love Offering helps to save, and they in turn get others saved. Is it worth while to you?

Then, the second objective of the Love Offering Paul mentions is in that this objective of love is reflected, refers back to the giver of the gift. Said St. Paul, "The fruit is to your account." How absolutely unselfish is love. Self is lost in its desire for its objective to be benefited, made happy. Whether divine or human love, this is true, but herein is manifested the divine, supernatural love. It all reflects, reacts and comes back to the one who loves, who gives to love's objective—to "your account," your credit.

Just think how true this is. Turn back those pages of your diary, or take down that box of post cards, letters or telegrams you received from your love's objective to whom you made gifts in the past. Did not your heart flutter and your cheeks flush as you read of the good, the encouragement, the happiness your gifts made the recipient of your Love Offering? Indeed, who can express the joy, the gladness, the heart's rapid pulsation as you saw, heard or read of one getting converted, sanctified, established in the Christian faith. But wait! "To your account" means not only to your account here but in the eternity of God in heaven such a love giver will continue to have fruit abound to his account, for has not God said, "Let him know, that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." And did not God's faithful servant Daniel get a true vision of the heavenly reward, when by the Holy Spirit he said, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever."

Therefore, we most sincerely urge all lovers of our Lord Jesus Christ to give cheerfully and as God has prospered you, not because we desire a gift but because we desire fruit that may abound to your account. December 19th.

WHAT OUR NAZARENES COULD DO

By GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT GOODWIN

THE church is face to face with a great need. We have had no money drive this year but the budget has been allowed to supply the needs of the General Interests of the church. The expenditure budget was cut to the very limit last year. The General Board expected through this method to prevent drives and secure sufficient funds to create a reserve which would protect the outgoing checks to the field. While the income during the year has been nearly as large as in other years apart from the drives for money, yet the income has not (as yet) reached the full \$180,000 of the expenditure budget. As all may see this must be met.

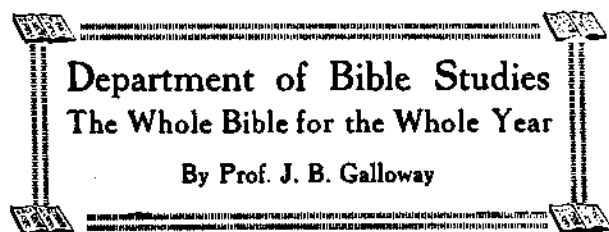
We have tried to emphasize throughout the year, that there must be a reserve fund on hand of not less than \$60,000 to protect the outgoing checks to the workers on the field. The purpose of the Christmas Love Offering of December 19th is to supply this great need. The purpose of this offering is not to supply any shrinkage in the investment funds, or to care for any losses should there be any. The purpose of this Christmas Love Offering is to supply the absolute need of funds to protect the treasurer from borrowing funds and paying interest, and to enable the church to do its work on open and above-board business methods. There are only three methods to be followed at present: either money must be borrowed and interest paid on funds, or we must be dishonest and overdraw the account in sending checks, for we have not and never have had balance sufficient to cover all checks; or rejecting these two poor methods the church must lay down sufficient funds to meet the demands in the case. To borrow the funds to me seems impossible. To overdraw the account and become dishonest is absolutely unthinkable. The Christmas Love Offering, if large enough will supply the need and solve the problem.

Will the church rally to the needs of her own interest? I believe she will. What could the whole church do? She could lay down at the feet of our blessed Lord this glad Christmas Time, December 19th, \$100,000. What gladness in heaven, how the angels would sing as they behold the whole church marching around the altar and laying on the table for Christ and his church a magnificent offering this Christmas time. This offering will be a real test of our loyalty. No propelling power, but love's strong urge. How much does love urge in your heart to give? How much do you appreciate at this glad Christmas time, the great salvation brought to your life by the Christ-gift?

I heard someone singing "How much I owe for Love Divine." And then another strain "How much I owe that Christ is mine." Then the Lord spoke to me. I do not know that I can make it quite so large

but I will try. However I know that some among us could lay down \$1,000 and I believe it would bless them. I most firmly believe that we have one thousand men or women who could lay down one hundred dollars each. And every boy and girl could make up at least one dollar for his or her envelope to give to Christ and His Church. What can be done must be done.

I have gladly paid more than my one-tenth into God's storehouse, the local church of which I am a member, for the local, district and general interests of the church. I have given many offerings above all this. But no offering will mean so much to us and our girls as this Christmas offering. Christmas gifts will be small in our home this year, but my Lord and Savior shall not be forgotten. He shall have the best and more than all. This year has been my fortieth anniversary in Christ. O blessed years. Happy years. Years of sweet communion, holy fellowship, rapturous joy, and filled with abiding pleasure. Blessed Savior, Thou shalt have all. It is a joy to be in His sweet will. This offering will prove the loyalty and devotion of our people. What shall the offering be this glad Christmas? Let no one forget Christ's own gauge in his own words "He that loveth father or mother, brother or sister [and in another quotation 'children' and the 'wife' are included], 'more than me is not worthy of me.'" Christ and His Church must have the first gift this year. Jesus' gift first and best of all.



LESSON FORTY-SEVEN

"Divine mercy and divine justice,—A sinner's importance and a saint's faithfulness. Read the Scriptures in the light which beams forth from these two capital truths, and the precious book will some places appear to you almost new."—JOHN FLETCHER.

PART ONE. THE FORTY-SEVENTH WEEK'S ASSIGNMENT. Read Philemon and Hebrews.

The Book of Philemon. This little short epistle of only one chapter was written by Paul while he was a prisoner at Rome at the same time as the writing of Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. It is called "The polite Epistle" or "The Epistle of Christian Courtesy." It is a simple personal letter. Dean Alford says, "The internal evidence of this Epistle itself is so decisive for its Pauline origin—the occasion and object so simple, and unassignable to any fraudulent intent, that one would have imagined the impugner

would have spared this epistle." "Its own brevity would be its defense."—TERTULLIAN.

The occasion of the writing of this epistle was, the fact that Onesimus, (meaning profitable) a slave of Philemon, a wealthy Christian of Colosse, had robbed his master and fled to Rome. He was converted by Paul's ministry and back to his master with his letter.

The Book shows a noble, lovely example of Christian love. We may also get a beautiful lesson from analogy as follows: Luther says, "We are God's Onesimuses." Onesimus representing the prodigal sinner leaving his master and becoming unprofitable. Paul represents Christ and intercedes for him. The agony of the cross is represented by, "begotten in my bonds," (vs. 10). The basis upon which he is received, is that his debt is charged to Paul. This represents the atonement. I will repay says verse 19. A slave no longer but a brother. McClaren in Expositor's Bible commenting upon this verse says, "Christianity knows no hopeless cases. It professes its ability to take the crooked stick and make it straight, to flash a new power into the blackest carbon, which it will turn into a diamond." Conybeare quotes Chrysostom as saying that Apphia (vs. 2) was the wife of Philemon. Archippus may be his son or the presbyter of the church.

Weddell outlines the book as follows: 1. Repenting Love (vs. 1-11). 2. Reconciling Love (vs. 12-18). 3. Recompensing Love (vs. 19-25).

The Book of Hebrews. This book is a divine commentary of the Old Testament, especially of Leviticus. It was written to a church composed exclusively of Hebrews, who were in danger of giving up Christ and going back to the ritual of the old Jewish worship. It is written to show the superiority of Christ and His religion to that of the Jewish. Not by minimizing the old but by magnifying the new as being a fulfillment of the old. The old was the shadow and the new is the substance. It is "The Epistle of Better Things." The key-word "better" occurs thirteen times. We will find in 11:40, "God having provided some better things for us" a key-verse. This book gives a wonderful vision of our Lord. He is revealed as the Son of Man, as the Son of God, as heir of all things, as a high priest after the order of Melchisedec. It is a book of contrasts. It shows Christ as superior to the prophets, angels, Moses and Aaron. It shows that Christianity, the new covenant is better than the old. It contrasts the Christian rest with that of Canaan rest. The last chapters show the superiority of the way of faith and hope. Weddell gives the following chapter titles: (1) A Better Spokesman, v. 2. (2) A Better Captain, v. 10. (3) A Better Apostle, v. 1. (4) A Better Rest, v. 3. (5) A Better High Priest, v. 6. (6) A Better Hope, v. 18. (7) A Better Security, v. 22. (8) A Better Minister, v. 2. (9) A Bet-

ter Advocate, v. 24. (10) A Better Sacrifice, v. 10. (11) A Better Faith, v. 4. (12) A Better Mediator, v. 24. (13) A Better Shepherd, v. 20. The wonderful faith chapter, Hebrews 11, is called by Haldeman, "The Westminster Abbey of the Royal Dead."

The style differs somewhat from the other New Testament writers. We notice a glow and flow of language and a fullness of diction. This is an external expression of the spiritual thought. "The style is like the majestic flow of a river rather than the rush of a mountain stream. There is no impetuous rush, no bold transitions of thought, but the studied succession of finished periods clothed in the beautiful vesture of purest Greek." It begins as a doctrinal treatise, but it is constantly interrupted by fervent and affectionate admonitions, warnings and encouragement, and ends in the epistolary form. The author describes it as the word of exhortation: "for I have written a letter unto you in few words" (Heb. 13:22).

The Question of Authorship of this epistle is an interesting one. Origen wrote, "The thoughts are Paul's but the phraseology and composition are by someone else." The following facts point to Paul as the author: 1. There is no evidence either external or internal in favor of any author that can be proved. 2. There is nothing unreasonable with the supposition that Paul wrote this book. 3. The difference of style may be accounted for by the different occasion and subject-matter. 4. Internal evidences are overwhelmingly in favor of Pauline authorship. Such as the fact that the doctrines are parallel, the personal allusions are Pauline, the writer was a prisoner, The writer was acquainted with Timothy. All the personal words have a Pauline stamp. Peter writing to the believing Hebrews in the dispersion, says that Paul had written to them (2 Peter 3:15).

PART TWO. BIBLE STUDY AND SPIRITUALITY.

To understand this subject we will offer a definition of "Spirituality." It is that quality or state of the soul produced by the Holy Spirit whereby one's character has been made free from worldliness and elevated to the highest, holiest activities, possessing characteristics like that of the Spirit. The term occurs only once in the Old Testament. It is in Hosea 9:7, and the original Hebrew signifies, "the man of the Spirit." Paul uses the term twenty-four times, and Peter twice, and with one exception it always means, possessing a moral quality. It is an essence springing from the Spirit of God and imparted to the spirit of man. To be spiritual one must be indwelt, empowered, enlightened, and guided by the Spirit.

1. Bible study increases spirituality because the Word is the work of the Spirit. It is the mind of the Spirit. Holy aspirations without the Word lead to Mysticism, and the Bible without the Spirit produces Rationalism. But the Revealed Word enlightened

by the Spirit produces the only real, intelligent spiritual life.

2. Bible study increases spirituality because of its content. It is a spiritual book about spiritual things.

3. Again spiritual life is developed by proper Bible study because of the object and purpose of the Bible. It all points to Christ. To Him gave all the prophets witness. "God never would have traced the exalted pathway of His Son through the long aisles of the future, had He not desired and expected us by the eye of faith to follow Him." The purpose of the book is to produce spiritual people.

4. It increases spirituality by feeding faith. Faith cometh by hearing. Spiritual belief not based upon the Bible leads only into presumption and fanaticism.

5. It increases spirituality by giving us vision. We read in Psalm 119:105, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." The Bible afforded ideals and aims grander and loftier than any book written by man.

6. It gives us true hope (verse 49 of the same Psalm) and sustains us in times of suffering and persecution. Read verses 86 and 87 in this Psalm. No defeat of the enemy should paralyze our confidence if we know the Scriptures. In the darkest hour the day star will arise in our souls if we ponder His words.

7. It will purify our motives and correct our faults if we will allow it to do so. Read verses 9 and 11 from the same Psalm.

8. It will inspire holy aspirations and encourage spiritual activities. See verse 59.

9. It will give us liberty in testimony for we will know whereof we speak (verse 45). And thus it gives us strength.

A lack of spirituality is usually due to a neglect of proper Bible study.

PART THREE. QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDY.

1. Notice the twelve times that "let us" occurs in chapters 4, 6, 10, 12 and 13. You may outline a discourse with these exhortations.

2. Note that the original word for quick in Heb. 4:12 means "critics."

3. What different things are mentioned as eternal things in Hebrews? See 5:9; 6:2; 9:12; 9:14; 9:15; and 13:20.

4. Note the three appearances of Christ in Heb. 9.

5. The original word for chastising in Heb. 12:5 means "child training."

And these things remind us that the people of this world, and especially the Christians, are divided into two classes—the workers and the shirkers. And they tell us that these two classes never mix, for the workers never shirk and the shirkers never work. So we say, Lord, make us all workers!

District Superintendents Approve Love Offering

WHAT COULD BE MORE FITTING?

A Christmas Offering! What could be more fitting. It is because of Him that we have Christmas and the glorious cause of Missions. The very suggestion of our General Superintendents should not only meet with our hearty approval, but also with an offering spontaneous and generous. Through His grace we have come through the entire year without drives. But we are all conscious that we have been running close to the ragged edge of finance too long. An offering now will not only make our Christmas more meaningful but will also do much to assure the church of financial Christmas for Him and the church.

HOWARD MILLER, *New England.*

UNIQUE YET DIGNIFIED

The Christmas Love Offering is indeed a unique yet dignified way to show our devotion for the great love gift of the heavenly Father. The one great interest of the Christ is the salvation of men. In this love offering we bestow our greatest Christmas present in helping the Son of God get His glorious gospel to the ends of the earth. Let all the pastors of the Kansas City District plan, and have a special service Sunday, December 19th, at which time, all our people, together with their friends, will bring to the Lord's house a Christmas Love Offering that will be sent to the General Treasurer the following week. Let this be our greatest Christmas gift.

N. B. HERRELL, *Kansas City.*

WE MUST NOT FAIL

No greater gift was ever given than the one whose birthday we are to celebrate, and in return to show our appreciation no greater gift can be given Him than to bring souls to Him for Him to redeem. No people are more ready to accept the gospel than the heathen and the only way for them to receive the gospel is for our missionaries to carry it to them. To keep them on the mission field we must not fail them with our finances and especially let us give a love offering to prove to Christ and the church that we appreciate the gift given us 2000 years ago. We heartily endorse the "Love Offering Plan."

F. E. WIESE, *Dallas.*

CAN NEVER REPAY HIM

I most heartily endorse the plan of our General Superintendents and believe that we as a people ought to give a great love offering to Jesus Christ and His Church at this Christmas time.

We give to one another because we love one another. Do we not love Jesus more than all others? We give because we will be remembered by others and because they will give to us; then ought we not to give more to Jesus than anyone? Are we not being remembered by Him? We can never repay

Him, even though we pay all our obligations to the church. How glad we ought to be to give a love offering out of the fullness of our hearts.

A. F. BALSMEIER, *Kansas.*

FITTING AND RIGHT

It is fitting and right that our beloved leaders, the General Superintendents, should call us to present gifts to our Lord and the church, in a great Christmas love offering, on Sunday, December 19, and that the response should be instant, willing and liberal. It is the spirit and joy of the season to give gifts of love and devotion, and why not to the largest object of our devotion, Jesus Christ and His cause? I trust every church of the Idaho-Oregon District, will not only have their general budget paid in full by December 31, but that in loyal

co-operation with our leaders, and for the love of Christ they will roll in an offering that will mean that this district has risen to perform fully its part and duty in the adjustment period of our general financial problems.

A. E. SANNER, *Idaho-Oregon.*

LET'S MAKE IT HILARIOUS

Sure, I'm in for it—that big love offering. Let's do the biggest, gladdest, most hilarious thing that has ever blessed our movement. Nothing will please the Lord better at the time we celebrate His coming into the world to redeem us. And a wiser, better thing cannot be put over for the future of the church. Let's get a big fund on hand, and have for once the joy of spending what we have instead of the fear and dread of spending what we hope to get. Old Northwest District is with you big and strong.

JOS. N. SPEAKES, *Northwest.*

RALLY TO THE URGENT NEED

I heartily endorse the Christmas love offering for the general interests of the church. We must not let our self-sacrificing missionaries suffer for lack of funds. The entire membership of our church should rally to the urgent need. Every pastor and layman should do his best. Let us do it for Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem, and His Church. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." I earnestly request every church on the Minneapolis District to do its very best.

E. E. WORDSWORTH, *Minneapolis.*

ENJOY CHRISTMAS BETTER

Christmas! How our hearts rejoice! Unto us is born a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. We keep this day in commemoration of his glorious birth. Our hearts, minds, and affections are upon Him! God loved us and gave His Son, Jesus! We love Him and—and—well yes, we want to give too. We will surely enjoy Christmas better if we give a real love offering to Him. How appropriate to give it to His Church. Certainly, we will give a Christmas love offering for our General Interests. Count on the Colorado-Wyoming District.

C. W. DAVIS, *Colorado-Wyoming.*

BOARD HAS ACTED WISELY

We very much appreciate the hearty co-operation of our people in the financial program undertaken by the church. We are firm in our belief that the General Board has acted wisely in the carefully outlined plan, and feel that strides have been made in working out the same. We have unshaken faith in our General officers. They are men of integrity, and have a vision for the future of our beloved church. Our General Superintendents have requested that Sunday, December 19th be set aside as "Christmas Love Offering Day." Northern California District will whole heartedly respond to this appeal.

FRANK B. SMITH, *Northern California.*

Keeping Christmas

M. LUNN, *General Treasurer*

Men need to make a pilgrimage to the Bethlehem manger to get a new vision and a clearer conception of Christmas. The world has to a large extent distorted our thinking, even in connection with such an important event.

The first thought that impresses one on reading the Scripture account is that of heralding, making known, telling others. The very word "gospel"—glad tidings—has this significance.

The angels in heavenly chorus heralded the good news to the shepherds; the shepherds in turn "made known abroad." Then Jesus himself a little later said, "I must be about my Father's business." Then when He was about ready to turn his work over to His followers, he said "Go ye, and preach the gospel."

And what changes this gospel has wrought—in the hearts of men and women, in civilization! Yet, how much there is still to be done. Do you remember the words of Dr. Bresee? "We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure that we have received it." Are we fired with the Christmas spirit—not lavishing upon those who already have, but going out with our means, our prayers, our love to the needy?

Then remember, even such an insignificant gift as a cup of cold water given in the name of Jesus will have its reward.

Let our Christmas Love Offering be as generous as we shall wish we had made it when Jesus rewards his followers.

CLEAR EVERY PRESENT OBLIGATION

I desire to express my hearty approval of the Christmas Love Offering. The Church of the Nazarene, through this Love Offering on December 19th, should raise enough to clear every present obligation, and also put a surplus in the hands of the General Board which will enable it to face the future with every confidence that the whole church is back of its glorious program for world evangelism. An amount equal to a dollar per member for the whole church would do it. Let us up and be at it. "All things are possible to him that believeth." Then from January 1st, 1927 onward let the whole church through the budget offerings keep loyally abreast of every need, month by month, and forge ahead in holy conquest under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. God raised us up and gave us the vision, the work is before us, the promises are as sure as His eternal throne.

W. B. TAIT, *North Dakota.*

A MOST WORTHY THING TO DO

The making of a Christmas Love Offering to our Lord Jesus through the channels of our church appeals to me as a most worthy thing for us to do. A moment's thought upon His sacrifice and love for us will awaken our deepest love and devotion for Him. No more natural expressions of our love and gratitude to Him could take place than at this time we make a most generous contribution to the cause and work for which He died. I most heartily endorse this offering and urge all the churches to co-operate in it.

FRED C. NORCROSS, *Florida.*

SHOW OUR LOVE

Through the good providence of God, we are nearing another Christmas. The blessings that have been ours are without number. Many kindnesses have been shown us by our friends but especially from the hand of our great Savior. And as we soon celebrate His birth, may we, God's redeemed people, show our great love to Him, by doing the extraordinary. As our General Superintendents, God's great men of our church, are requesting every Nazarene to give a love offering to Jesus Christ and His great cause, we the Michigan District pledge ourselves to go on record to co-operate whole heartedly.

S. D. COX, *Michigan.*

A GOOD LIBERAL OFFERING

Since it has been found that it will be absolutely necessary, and since the date has been definitely fixed as December 19th for taking a great love offering to help meet the demands of our general interests, especially our great Foreign Missionary work, we wish to say, that we heartily approve the plan adopted by our General Board, and commended by the Board of General Superintendents, to ask for a good liberal love offering (Christmas Gift), on the date, and we recommend that all of our people do their best to make a contribution to our General interests at this time.

S. H. OWENS, *Eastern Oklahoma.*

STAND BY OUR OFFICERS

It was with the greatest delight and thankfulness that I learned about the opportunity to be given our whole church to make a "Christmas Love Offering" for our General Interests, and the day set apart is Sunday, Dec. 19th. This has my full endorsement, and I shall labor to have every church on the New York District take part in this love offering for Jesus' sake. We must stand by our great and good men, the General Superintendents, and officers of our church, and learn to carry some of the burdens they are struggling under, and by the grace of God we will do it.

J. W. WARD, *New York.*

WHY NOT?

We are delighted to know that our board of General Superintendents have set Sunday, Dec. 19th as a day for our entire church to give a Love Offering to God and to the church. Why not? We give our friends gifts at this time. Who has ever been a better friend than Jesus? Or what institution has blessed us like

The Love Offering

E. J. FLEMING, *General Secretary*

Many years ago my heart was strangely stirred by the Christmas program literature entitled "White Gifts for the King." I was moved to put the plan in operation for myself and the supreme joy that it has brought to my own heart passeth knowledge. When it was proposed that we have a Christmas love offering in the Church of the Nazarene this year I was delighted. Nothing would please me better. Instead of choosing the object of my separate personal gift for Christ as heretofore I would enjoy the privilege of uniting my Christmas gift to Jesus with the gifts of our dear Nazarenes scattered over the whole world, and thus, in a united way, we could do something really worthwhile. It will require every dollar raised through the general budget to meet current expenditures to maintain work already under way, ending the year with an empty treasury but with current bills paid. The first three months of every year require the borrowing of considerable sums of money to pay current operating expenses of our foreign missionary work. Now, if we can raise a splendid Christmas love offering of at least \$1.00 per Nazarene to have as a fund upon which to operate during the early months of each year what a genuine blessing it will become. Assurance that unite to lay at the feet of our Jesus, out of depths of heart love and devotion, a Christmas present worthy the name of Jesus and worthy the Church of the Nazarene. Amen.

our beloved church? We surely feel that we owe a good liberal offering at this time. Let every member of the Kentucky District do your best. We are counting on you and God will abundantly bless you.

L. T. WELLS, *Kentucky.*

A RESERVE FUND

I very heartily endorse the plan for a Christmas love offering by which to create a reserve fund for the General Budget. We have the matter now under favorable consideration on this district.

H. M. CHAMBERS, *Nebraska.*

STRUCK THE KEY NOTE

The General Board of our Church in asking every district, church and individual Nazarene in the denomination for a Christmas love offering has, in my opinion, struck the key note. First: the practice of making Christmas gifts is almost universal, that is, we give gifts one to another; therefore it is safe to say that every true Nazarene will be glad to offer a good Christmas gift to the Lord Himself; and that is just what we do when we give to His cause, for He said "As oft as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

R. H. M. WATSON, *Mississippi.*

LIVE FOR OTHERS

Sunday, December nineteenth has been designated as Christmas love offering day for our General Interests including Foreign Missions. I hereby endorse this move and am in favor of the same for the following reasons. FIRST—We are to live for others and the church that exists only for itself is not a Christian church in spirit. The more we give the more Christ-like we are in this particular at least and the nearer we come to the ideal of Him who said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

SECOND—Christmas is a time of gift making and millions of dollars are spent by American people above the necessities of life for presents to loved ones. Why not make a special gift to Christ and His cause at this appropriate time?

THIRD—We are a fast growing church instead of retrenchment in our foreign work it should be expanded abroad as at home.

Finally, let no one fail to make this special offering on Dec. 19th. If we all give something look what the aggregate will amount to and how great the good we do and what pleasure we feel when we have done it. "Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it to me."

J. T. MAYBURY,
Washington Philadelphia.

As we go to press letters from other District Superintendents are being received, heartily endorsing the Love Offering. We regret that on account of going to press somewhat earlier we are not able to include these in this issue.

JABE SMITH came down the street of his town one day early in December with his arms laden with sundry packages which he placed carefully in his auto. As he turned to the sidewalk again, he met Sam Small who was sauntering along with his hands thrust deep into his trouser's pockets. Sam gave Jabe a strong swinging hand-clasp and said in a hearty manner, "Glory to God. Glad to see you Jabe. Hallelujah!" Sam's face was shining and his handshake had a certain magnetic touch that went well with his praiseful greeting. Jabe's eyes were shining too, and he radiated a happiness that was thoroughly apparent. The fact is both men were very happy and there was no denying that fact. Jabe returned Sam's greeting heartily by saying, "Same to you, Sam. Mighty glad to see you feeling so fine. How's Mary and the children?"

But before Sam could reply Jabe began, "Say Sam, ain't the Christmas season just grand? You know, Old Boy, I've been running all over town for the last three hours buying presents for Sallie and the youngsters. Just looka' here." And he pulled a crumpled, dirty paper out of his pocket. "I made this list up six weeks ago and I could not wait another day. Then, too, this is Dollar Day and it just set me on fire. And say, Boy, if I am not having the time of my life getting the things on this list. A wrist watch for Sallie. Won't her eyes bug out when she sees it? She'll sure be so happy she'll have the hystericks. Don't you think I'm not happy. Man, it goes through me in thrills."

"Then there's little Mollie. I got her the cutest doll-baby. Long curly hair. Bobbed? Not on your life. Rosy cheeks and lips like nature. No rouge or lipstick stuff. Never. Won't Mollie just dance and act like she was beside herself? Oh, man, it nearly tickles me to death right now to think of it. I am ready right now to debate that old question 'Resolved, That anticipation is more pleasurable than participation.' Oh, I tell you it's great this Christmas shopping. Christmas has more joy in it than all the rest of the year put together. And why not? Isn't it Christ's birthday?" But Jabe did not tell Sam that he was laying out to spend one hundred dollars, but he did actually spend it.

Sam did not make reply but went up the street in an opposite direction and entered the Traders and Merchants Bank and sat down at a table. He pulled some papers out of his pocket, made a few rapid calculations with his pencil, which ended with "Glory to God! Isn't that fine!" And then he dropped his head upon his arms and began to cry for very joy, still praising God. He pulled out his checkbook and rapidly wrote a check in favor of "The Christmas Love Offering" for one hundred dollars. As he finished the tears rolled down his bronzed face and he praised God aloud. The bank president looked up and said, "Well, Small, you must have struck oil," to which Sam replied, "Yes, Mr. Williams, God has turned a gusher loose in my soul today." As he passed out Mr. Williams remarked to Mr. Green, the cashier, "That man Small is one of the best men

A Chance Meeting

By MAX MURDOCK

God ever made. God can always locate him and so can the rest of us."

A few days later Sam Small was in town. He, too, was carrying packages by armfuls to his car. He, too, had an uncontrollable happiness welling up in his soul caused by present-buying. He, too, was consulting a crumpled dirty "list." Not only did his face shine but his eyes glowed with a marvelous splendor. Surely he was God-filled, God-possessed and God-blessed, and filled with the joy of Christmas shopping.

He met Jabe Smith. They shook hands warmly. They were strangely drawn together. Sam opened the conversation. "Did you see the HERALD OF HOLINESS of December first? Did you read that wonderful first page message on 'A Birthday Offering for Jesus Christ?' Did you see that illustrated center page message signed by the three General Superintendents about the 'Christmas Love Offering'?" When I read that part about some giving \$1,000 and some \$500 and some \$100 it just sent me to my knees. My soul was a fountain of tears. Currents of holy love surged through my soul. And I said 'Lord what wilt thou have me to do?' Instantly Jesus said 'Lovest thou me?' and I answered 'Lord, thou knowest that I love thee.' The voice asked 'How much?' I tell you, Jabe, that got me. How much, yes, how much did I love my Lord, and on his birthday, too? Suddenly I remembered what I had planned to spend for Christmas presents and as suddenly remembered 'He that loveth . . . more than me.' Whom did I love 'more?' The Lord himself knew that I loved Him 'more,' but what about the birthday of Jesus and that 'Christmas Love Offering?' Right then and there I said 'Lord, it's one hundred dollars,' and Jabe, I got blessed nearly to death. That day I met you here in town I started my Christmas by writing my check for the 'Christmas Love Offering.' Today I am buying presents for Mary and the children and every step I take my heart is singing 'Oh, how I love Jesus.' Glory to God. Praise His blessed name forever."

"But say Jabe, did you read those messages in the HERALD OF HOLINESS? What do you think about putting Jesus first, especially on His birthday?"

Jabe did not reply. But he was deep in thought. Sam went up the street whistling "O, how I love Jesus."

The morning of December nineteenth dawned clear and the very air was sparkling with life. Both families were at church on time. The pastor had prepared a splendid program of sacred songs, responsive readings, and a sermon of unusual depth in which he set forth "The True Significance of Birthdays," closing with an earnest, touching, persuasive appeal for the "Christmas Love Offering."

Following the sermon he set the offering plates on the altar and called for a "Christmas Love Offering" march. The first to move out was Sam Small followed by Mary, his wife. As he came to the altar he asked the privilege of

speaking. He briefly related his experience with the "Christmas Love Offering," but soon choked up and could go no farther. Mary, who was of the same spirit, raised her hand and began to walk around and shout and praise God with a loud voice. Others came forward with their gifts, nearly everyone visibly affected, some greatly blessed.

Finally Jabe Smith came forward followed by Sallie his wife. He was deeply affected. His stalwart frame shook as he brokenly said, "Brothers and sisters, I thought I knew what Christmas joy was and how it was to be obtained by the pleasure of giving presents to others. But one day Brother Small asked me if I had seen the wonderful messages from the General Superintendents in the HERALD OF HOLINESS about the 'Christmas Love Offering,' and told me how marvelously he had been led and blessed. Something said to me 'You've paid your tithes into the storehouse and that is enough for a man in your circumstances.' But somehow that did not satisfy my heart. My heart kept crying its love to Jesus. It is His birthday. We manifest our love to Him. Last night I tried to pray but finally retired with a heavy heart. All the joy of Christmas buying was gone. My Christmas appeared the most joyless of all my life. But just now while Brother Small was speaking I got out my checkbook and wrote a check (Sallie was weeping softly) and I feel that nothing less than this can adequately express my love and loyalty to my precious Lord and Savior. I now make Jesus Christ a Christmas present of this check."

Just at this point Sallie threw up both hands toward heaven and with shining face and tearful eyes said, "My Jesus, I thank thee for answered prayer. O Glory to God, Glory to God!" Just then—nobody seemed to know how—heaven opened and Sam caught Jabe's arm and they started a march around the church followed by Mary and Sallie arm-in-arm, all shouting and praising God. Others followed until nearly every person present was in the march, all singing "We're Marching to Zion." Some confessed that they had not been true to their convictions regarding the "Christmas Love Offering" and penitently increased their offerings. Others made offerings who had so far not done so. A holy scene prevailed.

When all seemed quiet again, a heavenly hush hanging over all, two men started down the aisle arm-in-arm. As they neared the mourner's bench one of them turned and said "This is something I have longed for many years to see, and I can't live any longer without this loving, happy, generous kind of religion. Please come and pray for us," and Mr. Williams, the president, and Mr. Green, the cashier of the Traders and Merchants Bank, knelt at the altar, and with uplifted hands and streaming eyes prayed through to glorious victory.

The treasurer announced in a choked voice that the "Christmas Love Offering" from that church was \$2,903.13. The benediction was pronounced.

We nearly forgot to say that Jabe Smith's check was for \$500, Mr. Green's for \$500 and Mr. Williams' for \$1,000.

Uncle Buddie's Good Samaritan Chats



BELOVED SAMARITANS:

I left you in my last letter just as I was reaching Henryetta Okla. Well, we found my old friend and brother, Rev. Allie Irick, and the good pastor, Rev. G. H. Harmon, with the revival on and Prof. L. C. Messer joined them for a two weeks' battle, and I was with them for one service. We had a packed house and they gave me some twenty subscriptions for the **HERALD OF HOLINESS**, and a great many hands for prayer. The interest was fine. I met there one of my nephews that I had never met, Brother Fred Hill, a son of my sister Sallie. I was so glad to meet him and his little wife and their sweet babies. I spent the night with them and we had a most delightful time together.

Tuesday morning of November 16 came crawling around the corner of Oklahoma before a fellow had hardly gotten warm in his bed, but old Sol shook his long yellow fingers at us through the windows and said to arise and hit the road. We left the city pretty early in the morning and put in a hard day on the railroad, but about 7:30 our train pulled into Kansas City. Brother P. H. Lunn, of the Publishing House, met me and took me to supper and then as it was very cold and dark and snowing he took me to a good hotel and took care of me for two nights in that fine warm room. There may have been finer boys that have lived on earth than the two Lunn brothers, but I haven't ever met them and I haven't met the fellow that said that he had ever met two young men who were finer than these dear brothers. Well, who on earth has ever been able to tell the worth of a real Christian gentleman. On Wednesday night Brother and Sister P. H. Lunn and I took supper with Brother and Sister Corlett. It was a kind of family reunion. We had a most delightful time, and after supper we all rolled into the car and made the run into the heart of the city to one of the large M. E. churches, where Brother I. M. Hargett is pastor. He is an old Wilmore boy and has a very large church. Brother A. P. Gouthey was there in a fine revival, and he brought us a message such as he only can do. His message was "Pentecost and Its Relation to our Day and Nation." It was one of the greatest messages that I have ever heard in many years. I judge that Dr. A. P. Gouthey is one of the clearest thinkers in the American pulpit today. After this feast of fat things we made our way back to my hotel and bade each other goodnight. Early Thursday morning Brother Lunn was at my hotel in his car and drove me to the Union Station, and at nine I boarded the Wabash for St. Louis. We pulled into that great old city before

five, and all day we plowed through the great snow. It was piled up and blown up in heaps. I left St. Louis at 9:30 for Cincinnati. This was a long hard night, so cold and dark and quantities of snow, and the loud long thrill of the old whistle made the cold chills crawl up and down my back. But I had a fine night's rest and next morning we pulled into Cincinnati in time for breakfast. I thought I had more time than I really had and went to a dining room and ate my breakfast. I came out and got the morning news and was informed that the train for Charleston, W. Va., had been gone fifteen minutes, but I was told that I had another chance at 12:40, so that made it all right. I wired Brother Pat Withrow that I would reach him at seven o'clock, then I checked up my baggage and made a run for the Bible School on the Mount of Blessings. I spent three hours with them very delightfully and they sent me back to the station in a car. The young man was so kind and helped me on the train.

I pulled into Charleston at 6:40 by my time, but 7:40 by theirs, as the time changed on the way. Well, here I am in the greatest gospel mission that I have ever been in, known as the Union Gospel Mission. Rev. Pat B. Withrow is the superintendent of this great work. In fact, Brother Pat was the founder of this great work. He was converted here as a saloon keeper and right here was where he went to the bottom. God brought him back to the top. The mission property is worth a half million dollars, and they have a large orphan home in connection with the mission. He has 215 beds, and they are the very best that money can buy. After storing all of the little tots in good warm beds he can take care of over two hundred of the poor of the city. We had large crowds and a splendid interest from the first service until the last. We sometimes had eight or ten preachers and the great auditorium packed, and sometimes the gallery would be packed. We never had a small crowd in the ten days. They also have eight hundred acres of land right at the edge of the city for the campground and the summer home for the children. Brother Pat showed me where he knelt in the mud and asked the Lord to give him eighty acres for a summer home for the children, and just as soon as the papers could be signed the Lord gave him eight hundred acres. We had one of the greatest times over Thanksgiving Day. Such quantities of good things were brought in for the children and the poor that they were brought in truck loads and sent out the same way. While in Charleston I had one day out at the beautiful home of Brother and Sister Spruce. It was one day never to be forgotten. We had the old fashioned southern cornbread and fine venison ham. They had been into the Virginia mountains and brought out a fine deer. All

of that came to me because forty-six years and three months and fifteen days ago I met Jesus, bless His holy name.

Here are some more interesting facts. On last Christmas Day in Pasadena, Calif., a fine young man, the nephew of the Rev. J. P. Coleman at Pasadena, came out to visit his old uncle who had an engagement to eat turkey dinner at the Robinson home. Behold, he lives here, just a few miles out from Charleston. We planned to take the trip to his home one day for dinner and to meet Brother James Coleman, who is an old Baptist deacon, now eighty years old, and a brother to Rev. J. P. Coleman of Pasadena, Calif. They had their pastor also for dinner, a fine young Baptist preacher. They had announced that I would preach at their church at 2:30 p. m., and we had one great dinner and a fine crowd, and I preached to them on Christian Perfection for at least an hour. How strange it is to see how things work out. Last Christmas morning, when I met the young brother at my home in Pasadena how little did I think that in less than a year I would be taking dinner with him at the Surface home at Chelyan, W. Va., a few miles up the river from Charleston. We passed by the home of the late Booker T. Washington, the greatest colored man of our day. We also passed through the old town of Malden, where the oldest salt works is found in the United States. We crossed the famous Campbell Creek, where the Rev. J. P. Coleman was born and reared, and we also passed by the cemetery where his old mother sleeps under the big cedar tree.

Also, while I was in Charleston I preached on the first Sunday morning in the Central M. E. Church, of which Dr. William B. King is pastor, to a large crowd. I preached in the same church on Thanksgiving afternoon to a very large crowd. The service in the mission at two o'clock for the children was one of great interest. On Thanksgiving night, after preaching, Brother Pat B. Withrow took me and his wife to see an old gentleman just as he was crossing the river for the home in the skies. The man sat up in the home of Brother Pat thirty-seven years ago and sang old hymns all night while Pat's good mother lay a corpse, and this old brother was now passing over the river. He and I testified and sang and shouted. He was singing, "I Am Going Home, I Am Going Home, To Die No More," and I prayed the best I could, but it was more shouting than praying. Well, glory to Jesus. I will never forget that night.

Well, the last Sunday was a great day. I rested up on Sunday morning, and in the afternoon I gave the story of my life to a great crowd and preached at night.

Monday morning is here and I am now headed for Poteau, Okla. More later.

UNCLE BUDDIE.



NAZARENE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

D. SHELBY CORLETT, GENERAL SECRETARY



IDAHO-OREGON DISTRICT

The Idaho-Oregon District has just closed one of the greatest Y. P. S. conventions ever known in this part of the country. At the opening service on Friday morning, Nov. 26, the Lord came in wonderful power, and until the closing service on Saturday, Nov. 27, we felt that God was with us.

John P. Mandtler, the District president of the Y. P. S., presided at all meetings and was unanimously re-elected for the coming year. He has a real vision of young people's work; some holy enthusiasm, a clear-cut second-blessing experience, and a true spirit of sacrifice. We expect to see our work go ahead under his leadership. He has behind him a band of young people that are praying and believing God for a good year, not only for enlarging numbers but for enlarging their vision as to what they can do in this great cause of holiness.

Primarily, the ideal of the District is to be evangelistic. Plans were made at the convention that, on account of the extent of its borders, the District shall be divided into zones, each zone having its own leader.

Rev. H. B. Wallin, Spokane, was the principal speaker of the convention. After listening to his Holy Ghost filled messages we are sure that none of us have the same weak, narrow vision we had before. Dr. E. P. Ellyson, who had been presiding over the Sunday school convention the two days previous, also spoke to us, and we certainly tender to him our heart felt thanks for his timely advice to us.—R. W. Coulter, Reporter.

COLORADO-WYOMING DISTRICT

The second zone rally of the Western Slope zone of the Colorado-Wyoming District was held at Grand Junction, Colo., Nov. 26. All societies with one exception were represented by a faithful band of young people, their leaders and pastors. God's blessing was upon the service from the first.

The meeting opened with prayer and a royal welcome by the Grand Junction pastor, Brother L. T. Corlett. Good reports were given of the work accomplished by different societies. We find our young people have a vision and a mind to work. Most of them are enjoying old time religion which prepares them for sacrifice and service.

Talks, papers or discussions were given on the following subjects: "Value of Prayer Life to the Individual and the Society," "How Can We Train our Conscience to be More Sensitive to God's Plan?" "What my Society Means to Me," "The Young People's Society's relation to the Church," "The Relation of the N. Y. P. S. to Evangelism," "Conducting the Missionary Society," "Developing the Young People's Service."

It is needless to mention that much instruction and gain was received from the Lord through these good papers and talks.

The Montrose orchestra, aided by two pieces from Grand Junction, furnished good lively music for the rally. This orchestra music is a new feature on our programs and proves a spiritual blessing.

At the noon hour the Grand Junction Society served us with a bountiful chicken dinner, to which we all did ample justice.

At the close of the meeting Brother Corlett gave a good talk on the value of the *N. Y. P. S. Journal* and urged that we use the *Journal* and receive the helps offered by those whom God has chosen for a help and inspiration to us as a Society. We plan to continue our zone rallies and N. Y. P. S. activities. May God bless our young people!—Mrs. Don Cole, Reporter.

DISEASES FATAL TO A N. Y. P. S.

III. Clip-itis

"Clip-itis" is the third disease we will discuss which is fatal to the N. Y. P. S. Have you read the treatment of the two diseases dealt with in the last two issues of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*? Be sure to get them and read them. Make sure your society does not "die" from either of those diseases.

Someone in asking about a leading young people's paper said to his pastor: "Where do you can that paper which they cut up to use in the young people's meeting?" That is the conception that some young people have of the lessons provided by our leaders. I was visiting a local church some time ago, and happened in to the N. Y. P. S. evening service, as I usually do when visiting a church. The leader of the meeting came in with the leaves of her Bible bulging in a certain place. As she opened her Bible I discovered she had clipped from the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* a topic lesson which I had written; and she began to pass these clippings around to the different members who were to take part. The leader read the scripture lesson, made a few original comments, then read something I had written. She then asked for the second party to read, then the third, and so on until the clippings had been read. Well, even if I had written the lesson myself, and at the time of the writing I thought it would be rather interesting; yet, it was mighty dry for me to sit there and have this society afflicted with the disease of "clip-itis" manifest its symptoms in my presence.

These different comments are not given to be clipped and passed around like that. To have a conception of the *N. Y. P. S. Journal* as something to be "clipped" to aid the leader who lazily comes into the service and passes out his clippings is certainly a very distorted conception

of the use of the *Journal* or any other helps provided for our young people. But it looks like in spite of all one can do, and the more we warn and endeavor to discourage the use of these things, some will grossly misinterpret the aims and objects and use what is intended to be for their best interests, as a detriment instead of a help.

There may be a few exceptions to this rule. When one has found a very choice quotation and wishes to pass it on in the original language and style of the author it is well then for him to clip and read that quotation. There may be a poem, an illustration, or some thing especially bearing upon the topic for the evening that may be profitable to read. But to make a practice of "clipping" and passing out to have read, is surely bad, and is a reflection either upon the ability or willingness of the leaders to apply themselves.

What is the remedy for "clip-itis?" Just quit. That is the best remedy. Resolve within yourself that you will study the lesson provided until you have the thoughts in your mind and will be able to couch them in your own words as you speak upon the theme. No doubt, someone will say, "Well this is written better than I could say it, so I'll read it." You are training yourself to be a parrot and simply repeat or read what another has given. Study what has been given, get it into your mind, so that you can revise those truths in your own language, thus making the lesson a part of yourself. This is the way to grow.

Another says: "That is harder than clipping." Yes, it is always harder to apply oneself and study. But only those things which we have studied and have gotten down deeply into our minds will stay with us as we go through life.

Another remedy for "clip-itis" is to start plenty of time in advance of the evening you are to have charge of the service, and get your lesson theme into your mind. As you work, or attend school, gather here and there bits of illustrative material that will help you in the development of the lesson on that particular night. It will be a more interesting service for it will be a service of originality, and have the freshness of your own personality stamped upon the message.

We have our young people's service to develop the young person, so each leader should hold up before his group that thought until no one will presume upon the N. Y. P. S. by being afflicted with the disease of "clip-itis" the evening he is to have charge of the service. Avoid "clip-itis"—it is deadly.—D. S. C.

St. Paul had the courage to say, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON-PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

NOTES

November was revival month on this district; Trenton, Lansdale, Rio Grande, Darby, Bridgeton, Baltimore and Park Lane all holding successful meetings. In our labors abundant we visited a number of churches and everywhere we found progress. November 29 we organized a new church in Wilmington, Del., and placed Rev. V. B. Persing there as pastor. This church is the result of the faithful, self sacrificing labors of this good brother. He was assisted in a revival by Rev. G. W. Andrews of Trenton, N. J. We wish all our brethren a merry Christmas.—J. T. Maybury, District Superintendent.

TRENTON, N. J.

The Trenton Church is in the midst of a revival. The pastor is doing the preaching and depending on the Holy Ghost to bless the truth. On Thursday night the Holy Ghost came with powerful conviction. Some who had been resisting broke out and cried under conviction. Five came to the altar. Sunday morning a sister, for whom much prayer has been offered, entered into the experience of sanctification. Some are hitting back at the servant of the Holy Ghost, but praise God the majority are working hand and heart with the pastor for the salvation and sanctification of souls. Over \$2,000 in cash and pledges has been raised for interest and on the principal of indebtedness of the church since Assembly. The enemy tried to have a crepe hang on the pastor's door, but the Great Physician stepped in and healed his oldest boy of streptococcus poison when the doctors said "no hope." The pastor lays emphasis on divine healing. A number have been healed.—Geo. W. Andrews, Pastor.

DEEPWATER, N. J.

The Church of the Nazarene here is making some progress. Recently closed a meeting with Rev. John Donaldson as evangelist. Several were at the altar, eight the closing night. We expect to start work on a basement church about December 1. Hope to be in it by the first of the year. We have some fine folks here that love the Lord, and are faithful to all the interests of the church. We have fifteen members. Our budget was increased \$50 last Assembly, but is paid now to January 1, 1927. We are in the battle for God and holiness until Jesus comes.—Leslie Woolson, Pastor.

RIO GRANDE, N. J.

On the second Sunday of November began our fall revival meetings. On this day Rev. David Gorman of Philadelphia, related in his unique way (being Scotch-Irish) somewhat of his conversion and sanctification. He had been brought up a Roman Catholic and members of his immediate family are priests and nuns.

In his sinful days he was a drunken, gambling crook, an ex-convict, and notorious criminal. His remarkable experience stirred sinner and saint. Nothing ever excited the community more, and the attendance was in keeping with the interest aroused. Brother Gorman has a message that all should hear, especially the young people, and we would suggest that our pastors secure this good man of God for a week end or Sunday. Following this Rev. Wm. Heslop and wife carried on. Sister Heslop spoke several times in a most touching way of their sojourn in Korea, and exciting experiences during the riots of 1919 there. She is one of the best missionary speakers ever listened to here. Brother Heslop is undoubtedly the peer of Bible expositors in this land. An engaging personality, of Christ like mien, with a forceful, though withal sweet delivery, he declares the whole counsel of God. The people hang on every word. He doesn't leave a stone unturned in interpreting the Word. There is not a name, a life, a character, or in a word—"a pot or a pan"—from which he does not bring forth the hidden meaning and that so plain that a child may understand. The pictures, promises and types of Christ, and His various offices, and the attributes of God and His plan of the ages, as well as of redemption of the past, present or future, are at his finger tips. The results of the meeting are inestimable. Several young people found pardon or purity. Unusual interest was evinced in these meetings and record breaking attendance prevailed. The Heslops originally came from England, and they recently joined fellowship with the Nazarenes. They are pastoring the newly organized work in Allentown, Pa., and a new church will be completed in the heart of the city on a prominent corner. We rejoice over the success attending the newest church and pastor of this district. Rio Grande is still on the map, thank God. The folks filled up the parsonage with groceries during the meetings here, for which we praise the Lord. Our aim is "upward," our cry is "onward"—with Wesley we say, "All at it, and always at it."—Byron Maybury, Pastor.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Bloomsburg Church is still on the firing line and shouting the praises of God. The Lord has surely been blessing our new pastor, Rev. J. M. Price in his work here. He has lived in this town for over twenty years and is well known and respected by the people in this vicinity. Interest is being increased in the Sunday school; each Sunday a different class having something unusual to offer during the devotional exercises. These unusual things prove to be both interesting and inspirational to the scholars. Then every class works to get a banner and

then to see how long they can keep it. We have an average attendance of 110 and our church services are well attended. We are holding several cottage prayer-meetings a week to pray for our coming revival campaign in January. Rev. Floyd Gale from Ohio, will be our evangelist, and we are expecting great things from God. Our young people are packing a Christmas box for our Orphanage at Peniel, Texas, and also a box for E. N. C. Then we have been busy sewing bandages for the Bresee Memorial Hospital in China. Brother Boyd Long has been holding the services in the church at Millfin and has been a blessing there. Since Brother Price has taken the pastorate at Bloomsburg the church at Berwick has been without a regular pastor, although services have been held there every week. In a week or so Brother Millett, formerly Dean at E. N. C., will take up the work there at the request of Brother Maybury. We were glad to have Brother Parker with us for a service on November 10th, but also sad for the reason that brought him back so soon. Sister Powlus, one of our faithful members of the Berwick Church, and also a sister of Rev. Price, passed into that great beyond where the gates swing outward never. Brother Parker was called to have charge of the funeral services. Sister Powlus will leave behind her an influence of a beautiful Christian character, and many friends who mourn her passing but who are looking forward to meeting her some morning just inside the Eastern Gate. The saving of one soul in Berwick is worth all that has been put into the work there, tears, prayers and money. But that is not all; her influence will forever move among her family and loved ones and the Lord alone will know how much will be accomplished until that Great Day.—Hazel Hall, Reporter.

LANSDALE, PA.

Just recently closed a two weeks' meeting with our beloved District Superintendent J. T. Maybury as evangelist. Brother Maybury brought great messages every night, which with the most earnest praying offered by the saints, produced a depth in the meeting such as we have not experienced for some time. There were glorious altar scenes with saint and sinner praying for sanctification, reclamation or justification. They did pray through in the good old-fashioned way. One influential business woman of Presbyterian faith, but now teaching a large Sunday school class of women in a sister church, sought and found holiness of heart. She is now giving the truth to her class and tells them that she must attend the Church of the Nazarene to get food for her soul. As a result of the meeting three united with the church and others are seriously considering the matter. At our regular Sun-

day evening service last Sunday we had two seekers with one praying through to victory. Finances are in fair shape with the general budget paid up until the end of the year as requested by our General Superintendents. There are a fair number of tithers here but we expect soon to inaugurate the Storehouse Tithing Plan. The Y. P. S. and the Sunday school are growing. Evangelist C. W. Ruth gave us a message one night which was a great uplift to us all. He stopped over to visit his sister, who is one of the true and tried saints of the Lansdale church. We are encouraged, for God is still on the throne and the King is coming soon. Amen.—C. E. Ryder, Pastor.

DARBY, PA.

A very good two weeks' revival meeting was just closed last Sunday night, with Rev. John J. Hunt, as evangelist. There were twenty-one seekers during the duration of the meeting, and every one of them were at our altar for the first time. Our congregations were very good, the preacher having a full house to preach to most of the time. It is needless to say that the preaching was of a high order, for Brother Hunt has a fine grasp on Bible truth and knows how to present it. The Gospel was preached in its fullness. We had a number of special singers during the meeting. Robert Fraser, a converted blind boy, was with us twice and each time the house was packed, and the C. A. Tindley Gospel Singers drew a large crowd and they certainly do know how to sing. Rev. Wm. Grumm and the Hyatts were greatly appreciated and sang to the edification and blessing of all present. The church was revived and took on new life and impetus.—John N. Nielson.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

We are glad to report that God is blessing us in our new church. The first Sunday we received one of our good members from Scotland, and the next we had two seekers for holiness. Just closed a good meeting with Prof. and Mrs. J. Warren Lowman as evangelists,—how they sang the glory down from night to night. Brother Lowman preached the greatest sermon on the Judgment I ever heard; it was the best meeting we ever had in attendance, seekers and financially. I did not keep count, but somewhere near one hundred knelt at the altar; adults and children. Most of them professed to get through, and a nice class united with the church. We are believing God for a good future for our church here. The glory still fills.—G. W. Gottshalk, Pastor.

NORRISTOWN, PA.

We just closed a revival with the Lowmans. There was some old time conviction, consequently some old time praying through. It has been some time since we saw such demonstration of the power of God. One man fell out of his seat and was carried to the altar; another dove into the altar nearly breaking it down, others ran away, folks trembled in their seats. Quite a number prayed through to victory. The time of revivals is not past; if the church will meet conditions we can have old time revivals

today. We had about a dozen folks that stood by us in prayer. They prayed and believed God for two weeks before revival commenced and never let up until the last Amen was said. If the church will take time to pray God will answer. We had the largest crowds, and the most seekers we ever had in one meeting, the most of them being members of other churches, consequently we may not increase our membership very much, but some folks have learned we are in town. The meetings were held in our new place of worship, the Friends meeting house which we have just lately leased. This is a very nice comfortable respectable place, and more inviting to the outside folks, and we are looking for better days for our work here. Next Sunday, December 5, we will receive eight folks into full connection, who have been on probation from previous revival.—Reporter.

STOREHOUSE TITHING ON THE KANSAS CITY DISTRICT

By N. B. HERRELL

As October 31 was set as a special day for the presentation of Storehouse Tithing on the Kansas City District it certainly gives us great pleasure to report that the results well justified the effort. There can be no waste of time or energy in such constructive effort. The after effect will continue to spread and build an understandable system of financing that will endure. This is a part of the law and gospel that needs to be preached by every pastor and practiced by all.

The pastors reporting were unanimous in their testimony that God blessed and gave them special help in preaching on the subject. The tithes and offerings brought in on that day reveal that our laymen are in for a constructive program that dignifies the Word of God and gets the gospel to the world.

Rev. Carrie M. Flower, our pastor at Iola, Kansas, reports more than forty dollars brought in by her people. Rev. Ira Stevens, our pastor at Pittsburg, Kansas, reports more than ninety dollars brought in by his good people. Our pastor at Lamar, Mo., Rev. John Cox, reported that twenty-eight dollars was brought in to his church treasurer by his people. Rev. Cox also reported that his church had paid their general budget up to January 1, 1927; also, that their district budget was paid to date, with all local expenses paid in full. These are by no means strong churches and if they can claim such victory as small struggling local churches with heavy debts on their buildings it seems this line of teaching and practice is not amiss.

We have many others who could give a much larger report, but we feel that these smaller churches should be encouraged to press forward to greater things. Our people are mostly of the middle class and we have to depend on

all of our people giving all they can all the time in order to make ends meet. In this storehouse plan God says, "Bring ye all the tithes into my house, I will pour you out a blessing." Man, bring tithes; God, pours out blessings.

NAZARENE RADIO PULPIT

The only Nazarene Radio Pulpit in our church will begin its midwinter revival at Lawrenceburg, Tenn., on Monday night, January 3rd, at 7:30, Central Standard Time. District Superintendent C. B. Jernigan, will preach the first week at 10:00 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., each day, assisted later by Rev. J. J. Smylie, pastor of the Lawrenceburg Church. Dr. A. O. Henricks, Dr. E. P. Ellyson and our General Superintendents will preach there later on. We hope to run this radio revival all winter, and thus get the gospel of full salvation to all in this Southern Educational Zone as well as to the people every where.

Last summer while in the radio revival at Lawrenceburg, we had letters from nine different states where these messages were heard distinctly. Many places they had loud speakers and seated a room and had as many as forty hearers in some of the radio audiences.

The celebrated Vaughn Quartet will sing at every service. They are great singers. A mighty fight is now being put up in Tennessee, to take Bible reading out of the public schools, and, this is led by Unitarians, Baptists, and Methodist preachers, as well as Jewish Rabbis, and The Association of American Atheists—strange bedfellows these. But they are publicly discussing these matters in the Nashville daily papers. Now or never with the gospel of holiness in this country.

C. B. JERNIGAN,
Superintendent Tennessee District.

HOLINESS CONVENTION

The Lehigh Valley, (Pa.) Holiness Association, an auxiliary of the National Holiness Association, organized six years ago, meeting monthly with an annual convention.

The 1926 convention was held in Gospel Chapel, Allentown, Pa., Rev. F. D. Geary, pastor. Evangelist E. E. Dixon of Moore, Pa., opened the convention on October 14 with a very appropriate message on "Obedience to God."

From the 15th to 24th of October Rev. E. E. Shelhamer and his daughter, Evangeline, of Los Angeles, Calif., were in charge. The convention was noted for its special interest, attendance and deep spiritual power, which increased as the meetings progressed, so that the last night the church was crowded, every seat taken, standing room at a premium and many turned away. Many knelt at the penitent form who afterwards were happy in their new found love or restored to His fellowship again. Some were anointed for the healing of the body. The board of managers were so pleased with the service of Brother Shelhamer and his daughter that they were engaged again for our 1927 convention.

G. F. LENTZ, Secretary.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE NEBRASKA DISTRICT

OUR MID-YEAR DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

This year we tried the experiment of having our Mid-year Joint Convention in two divisions, east and west. We were more than satisfied with the outcome. The western division met at Maxwell, Nebr., Nov. 9-11, and the eastern division at Fairbury, Nebr., Nov. 16-18. The local churches at both these places did splendidly in their arrangements, both as to meals, and the furnishing of rooms for the comfort of their guests. In each case the local church felt well repaid for the efforts put forth to entertain a convention, by the spiritual uplift and stimulus given to the local work. We have never seen sweeter fellowship, nor more complete harmony than that which was manifested in both these meetings. They were called "joint" conventions because Ministerial, Sunday School, Women's Missionary Society, and Young People's Society features, all appeared on the three days' program.

Rev. E. W. Kiemel, who has been touring the district in the interest of our Bresee College at Hutchinson, Kansas, was with us at Maxwell, and preached with great blessing and helpfulness two nights. Rev. Basil W. Miller did all of the night preaching at Fairbury, and was a means of much profit and help. Here also Jay and Virginia Rice, song evangelists, directed the singing in a very acceptable way.

Evangelist J. H. Crawford of Oklahoma; Pastor E. R. Borton of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Pastor Victor Abbey of Missouri Valley, Iowa; Sister Maude Cretors, returned missionary, and District Superintendent A. F. Balsmeier of Kansas, all were most welcome visitors, and all contributed much to the success of the conventions by addresses or discussions.

Pastors Robert Rogers at Maxwell, and H. C. Miller at Fairbury, each are excellent hosts, and enjoyed the ready co-operation of the people of their respective communities.

I think we agree unanimously in Nebraska that to hold our district convention in two divisions is a success for these reasons: 1. Saving of traveling expenses. 2. Two churches and communities get the benefit of a convention, instead of one. 3. The labor of entertainment is cut in half. 4. Approximately twice as many people appear on the program, and take part in the discussions. 5. Almost any of our smaller churches can take care of a convention.

The six o'clock a. m. prayermeetings were well attended, and were no doubt the main reasons for the precious outpourings of the Holy Spirit with which God so wonderfully favored us.

As evidenced by the discussions, Nebraska Nazarenes are a unit in the definite attitude against every feature of the worldly trend which always is a menace

to spirituality, a clear vision, and a passion for souls; as well as an evidence of the lack of these essentials.

The missionary spirit and impulse to these conventions was gratifying, and on the whole we are encouraged to press forward to greater efforts and more effective service in the world field.

Let me tell you my friend, though I tell it in rhyme,
Of sweet blessings outpoured, and a most gracious time,
As our souls mounted up in a heavenward climb:
At our mid-year conventions.

You would have rejoiced at the triumphant sound,
As the gushers from Glory came bursting around,
And a happier function was not to be found,
Than our mid-year conventions.

No cut and dried dogmas from uncertain books
Appeared on the program to sadden our looks;
But like thirst quenching water from clear sparkling brooks,
Were our mid-year conventions.

Quite all the discussions were helpful indeed.
Each seeming to cover an obvious need;
For through every day did the dear Spirit lead.
At our mid-year conventions.

When we gathered for meals it was like a good home,
Where a family reunion has happily come,
And to call us to dinner was indeed no drum,
At our mid-year conventions.

How good and how pleasant to be in this band,
Unerringly led by God's merciful hand,
Divided we fall, but united we stand.
In all our conventions.

H. M. CHAMBERS,
District Superintendent.

YORK, NEBR.

We came here a year ago last June and found a few discouraged people, worshipping in an old building, formerly an old store building. We felt this was not a credit to our movement and this beautiful little city of seven thousand people, since our church was organized here thirteen years ago, and while it has not made the progress that others have made in some places, we thank the Lord for the few faithful ones who have held on. We are praising God for the way He has been leading and answering prayer. We now have a nice new building, with a seating capacity of about two hundred fifty. We have had four

special meetings since we have been here, the last one being held in August, in the District tent, by Dr. John W. Goodwin. We did not see the immediate results we had hoped for, but there was much good seed sown by the God given messages of Dr. Goodwin. We expect to reap a good harvest from it in the near future. We now have a membership of thirty-two, and God is blessing in our services. We have some fine people and we are looking forward to great things from our Lord.—A. R. MacDonald, Pastor.

HEMLOCKFORD, NEBR.

Place of greatest opportunities in the world. Northwest Nebraska is not a burnt over district, but the devil opposes every step taken by God's people. The battle is hard, but God gloriously leads and graciously blesses. We have a small membership here, yet within the last eighteen months our people have built and paid for a neat little church, bought lots for our buildings, and are ready to begin immediately the erection of a substantial parsonage. Beside this, the pastor has been supported, rent paid, and a good sum used for evangelistic services. We had with us, in revival last spring, Rev. M. E. DeVoll, who gave us an excellent meeting, despite the very small attendance at most services. At the last service eleven seekers knelt, beside others before. We would like to have some good, red-blooded, steady-nerved, well established, Holy Ghost-filled Nazarenes move out here to help push the battle. But if you don't have the courage to cross the sand hills (Egypt) to get here (to Canaan), we will fight on, and pray for you. But seriously, when you are blessed, won't you kindly pray for us?—G. C. Miller, Pastor.

CURTIS, NEBR.

We are glad to report that God is with us here. We recently closed a meeting with Rev. G. F. and Byrdie Owen, of Colorado Springs, Colorado. God blessed and gave victory. A good interest was shown and there were seekers at the altar in most of the services. Quite a number prayed through definitely either for pardon or purity. Some have prayed through since the meeting closed. We found Brother and Sister Owen to be of the highest type of evangelists. Brother Owen's messages were scriptural, interesting and were given with unction. We cannot speak too well of Sister Owen's singing. The Sunday school work of our church is progressing nicely, and the Nazarene Young People's Society, although few in number, is doing fine work.—C. B. Johnson, Pastor.

BROADWATER, NEBR.

The church here is not in the broad way, but loves the narrow way that leads

from earth to glory, and are not in shallow water but in deep enough to swim. The general, district and local budgets are all paid up to date, also the interest on the church note, and we are hoping to get the note paid this year. The interest is increasing among the young people. We are among those who say we are well able to possess more land because we count the Lord is with us to help us fight our battles. We are proving that God is just as true to His promises in western Nebraska as anywhere else. We are expecting Miss Maude Cretors with us this week. Be of good courage and bring of the fruit of the land. Pray for us.—Anna Nutter, Pastor.

Sunday School Lesson

December 26

By M. EMILY ELLYSON

LESSON SUBJECT: Review.

GOLDEN TEXT: *Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear Him; that glory may dwell in our land* (Psa. 85:9).

THE lessons of this quarter begin with the breaking up of Israel's camp at Sinai and continue through almost to the end of the period of the judges covering a time of 326 years. The principal persons of these studies are Moses, Joshua, Caleb, Gideon, Ruth, and Samuel.

Moses had led Israel out of their Egyptian bondage, across the Red Sea, up to Sinai and had been camped there receiving the law and other instructions for some time. Now the commandment comes to go forward to Canaan. Moses is the great human leader, but he is first led by God. This is the only safe leadership. They also had the pillar of cloud and fire. There are times when we need the special manifestations. They also now had the Ark, representing the presence of God, to go before them. There is always a sufficient leadership to give knowledge of and direction in the way.

Arriving at the border of the Canaan land, although God had given ample description of the land and full assurance, the people demanded that spies be sent over and Moses yielded to the request. Trouble and defeat is the result. Ten give a discouraging report, and but two have faith in God. The report of the ten is received and Israel refuses to go into the land. God is displeased and they are turned back into the wilderness for forty years. When God has spoken spying is dangerous business.

Moses faithfully leads Israel through their wilderness wandering but because he failed upon one occasion to sanctify the Lord before the people, he was not permitted to lead them into the Canaan land. When they came up to the border again at a point far distant from the first time, the Lord takes him up to a place on the mountain where he can see the land and then he dies and the Lord buries him. He was 120 years old and still strong. The people mourn for him and honor him. He is called "Moses the servant of the Lord."

Joshua was chosen by Moses as his successor and had been trained by Moses for many years. This was a wise provision of Moses. God now speaks to Joshua and commands him to go over Joshua's leadership the land is conquered with him as He had been with Moses. Israel promises loyalty and he takes up the leadership. These conditions assure their success and such conditions always mean success. Israel now marches into the land, God opening the Jordan before them. The walled city of Jericho is before them. God gives Joshua instructions as to how to proceed. He obeys and the city is taken. Divine instruction obeyed brings victory. Under Joshua's leadership the land is conquered and divided and in his old age he calls the people together for a farewell and gives them a wonderful address. He has Israel renew their covenant of loyalty to God and intensify that covenant. Our covenant should also be intensified as we increase in knowledge and experience.

Caleb was one of the spies sent out by Moses. He, with Joshua, brought in the minority report that they were well able to take the land, but this report was rejected. Caleb however, was honored with promise that he should go into the land and would be given Hebron, the place from whence they brought that large bunch of grapes. When Joshua was dividing the land Caleb showed his faith in the promise of God and pressed his claim. And he had behind this a life of full loyalty to God. Under such conditions the claim of faith cannot be denied. Joshua hears Caleb gladly and grants his request and Hebron becomes his possession.

Israel followed God during the days of Joshua and the life time of the elders who outlived him, but the next generation broke away and began a period of lawlessness. They were sold into bondage to first one nation and then another. After a time God would raise up a Judge as a ruler and deliverer. One of the outstanding Judges was Gideon who was their deliverer from the very severe Midianite bondage. His army was tested and reduced to three hundred. God must have a soldiery that can be trusted, even though it be small in number. And God is not dependent upon the same old weapons and tactics. With pitcher and candle and shouting he sets the enemy in wild retreat and follows them to full victory.

During these days of lawlessness there were a few families who remained loyal to Jehovah and maintained a pure family life. Among these were Elimelech and Naomi, who, because of a famine, went into the land of Moab. There they won to Israel and Israel's God a beautiful and loyal Moabitish maiden by the name of Ruth. She married one of the sons of this family. But soon the father and sons died. Naomi decided to return to Israel and Ruth declares her intention of going also. Her words of consecration at this time were very beautiful. Arriving in Israel she takes her place as a gleaner in the field behind the reapers, the place of the poor. But here she meets Boaz, the owner of the field who was a kinsman having the right to

redeem her lost inheritance. They are soon married and Ruth thus becomes the grandmother of David and one in the genealogy of Jesus. She is a wonderful picture of the Gentile Bride, the Church of the New Testament.

Another of these faithful families who kept up the religious customs was that of Elkanah. His wife Hannah was childless. Upon the occasion of one of their visits to the temple she was praying earnestly for a child, and promised that if her prayer be granted the child should be given to the Lord for his entire life. Her prayer was heard and in due time Samuel was born. True to her promise, as soon as Samuel was old enough she brought him to the temple and left him. There he served with great faithfulness and in due time God began to talk to him and make him a prophet. The story of God's first revelation to him and his faithful delivery of the message to Eli is the most interesting and instructive and indicative of his after faithfulness.

With this brief review before us, think just a moment of the quarter's Golden Text. Yes, His salvation is near them that fear Him, and judgments fall where there is a forgetting of Him, but He is full of mercy. He is the same today.

"Keep Faith with Christ and our Missionaries."

Christmas Love Offering—December Nineteenth.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

When we were recalled to the Michigan District Superintendency for another year we began at once to arrange to move our family to the District, as we were living at Olivet College. We are now living at 2202 Francis Ave., Grand Rapids. When we arrived and were well fixed in our new home, Rev. I. E. Miller our good pastor in the city, gave us a royal reception, presenting to us many useful things.

Since our Assembly we have been constantly taking steps toward starting new functioning. The spirit of revival is much among our people in Michigan. Sister Coddling has just toured the District in behalf of Missions. Our people generally are lifting in the interest of the program for Foreign Missions as supported by the General Board. To my knowledge the Michigan District has never failed in behalf of any General interest. Our motto is loyalty.

We have just recently organized a splendid church at Port Huron, Rev. J. D. Thomas and wife recently of London, England, are our new pastors of this new work. Mrs. Thomas also preaches, making it possible for Brother Thomas to hold some meetings during the year. Anyone desiring a good man and fine preacher can reach him at Port Huron.

New work is materializing in Ontario as well as Michigan; we are planning a strong program for Home Missions to be launched in the spring. Will you lend us a hand? Write us if you want a Church of the Nazarene in your city.

We as a District have purchased thirty-two acres of land on a beautiful lake where we are establishing a District An-

nual Campmeeting. The plot has been sub-divided and already over one hundred lots have been sold. Watch the paper for the announcement of our camp and workers also our Preachers' Meeting and Young People's Convention.

S. D. Cox, District Superintendent.

Our Work in The West Indies

It has reached our ears away down here in the Islands of the South that our church at home is planning for a great Christmas love offering for missions. When I first heard it I began at once to think about my part of it, for up to date I have always had a small part in every campaign or love offering that has been launched by our beloved church. The first thought that came to me was, that this is the one time when we would not be on the side of the benefactors, but if this love offering should touch us at all down here it would find us as one of the beneficiaries. Then we thought of the words of Jesus where He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." So my heart cried out, "Oh, Lord help me to continue to be on the more blessed side, for I must do something to help in this wonderful effort to supply proper means for the support of our foreign mission work." Hence, I am not only sending my small offering home, but felt led of the Spirit to write this little article for the *HERALD* family. I have been told that this is a LOVE offering, that is, we are to give to missions because we love missions, not because it is a duty, not because others are doing it, neither are we doing it because we have a pride in, or an ambition for the success of our church, but we are doing it because deep down in our hearts we have a burning love for the lost of earth millions, and a passion to reach them with the gospel of life, so strong, that it calls for the greatest sacrifice on our part. "God so loved the world that He gave His Son—Christ so loved the Church that He gave Himself—As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."

The world is our parish, and it is a world of great need, I wish for once that the blessed Holy Spirit could enable our precious church at home to lift up her eyes as an institution and catch one real vision of the world's needs, and see the ignorance, poverty and wretchedness, caused by a lack of knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for such is found in almost every country except our own. There is China with her millions of poor, ignorant diseased people; India in her darkness and heathenism; Mexico, breaking loose from dark Catholicism, but being sold to Spiritualism; Central America and South America in midnight darkness and poverty; Africa with her millions of black faces and dark souls, together with the millions that crowd the smaller continents and Islands of the Sea, all in deep need both in body and in spirit. If we could only see the harvest as Christ saw it, and could feel the need

as He felt it, we would truly give of our means, as He freely gave Himself. For if it is a LOVE offering we will give as we love the souls of men, for LOVE will make us glad to give of our sustenance, even that which we need for ourselves, for it is a pleasure even to suffer for those whom our hearts love. Also if we give with love, we give with prayer, and prayer begotten of love will send a spiritual blessing with the gift, which will reach all the fields of the earth, not only supplying our workers with physical sustenance, but will give them spiritual strength and divine protection as well, thus creating a revival at home and abroad, enabling us to sing of a truth, "We'll girdle the globe with salvation and holiness unto the Lord." Getting ready the Bride for the coming of Christ, "for the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God . . . then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

J. I. HILL, District Superintendent.

Christmas Love Offering—December Nineteenth.

SPREADING SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS

MANY believe and experience holiness of heart and life, but not many live to spread holiness. Our beloved sister, Mrs. C. H. Cooke, of Brooklyn, N. Y., lives to spread this blessed doctrine and through her prayers and efforts, many have entered into the Land of Perfect Love, who otherwise would never have heard of it. She has organized what is known as the "Tuesday Meetings," which are meetings primarily for prayer, but the outcome of which is the Brooklyn Convention for the Promotion of Holiness, and which has just had its 11th gathering of saints from many states, and also from Canada.

The Tuesday prayermeetings have spread to many states and cities, so that it was more like a large family reunion, than a convention where many meet who are perfect strangers, and it was delightful to hear from many places of the victories through the prayers of the Tuesday meetings.

The Convention was held for the second time in the First M. E. Church, Brooklyn, the pastor, Dr. Kidder, having most cordially invited us and doing all in his power to make us feel at home, showing that he is in full sympathy with all the convention stands for, viz.—cleansing from all sin, through the precious blood, and the mighty baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire.

The convention is interdenominational in character, Presbyterians, Quakers, Baptists, Salvation Army, Free Methodists, Nazarenes and Episcopalians had sweet fellowship with each other, praising God together in the beauty of holiness. Hallelujah! The First M. E. Church was peculiarly adapted for such a gathering, being centrally located, easy

of access, and in a part of the city where the workers could be accommodated easily near at hand. It has also a most convenient basement, enabling the friends to have their meals together. Sister Magee was the blessed and capable woman whose work for the Lord was to oversee the dining room, and this she did with the help of a fine group of helpers from Manchester, N. Y. The meals, well cooked, delicious, and graciously served, helped to make what to us was one of the best conventions we have ever witnessed.

The services began each day with a prayer service in charge of Sister Magee, at 6:30 a. m., then what was known as the Fellowship Meeting was led daily by Mrs. John Thomas, and in these smaller meetings the battles were fought and won, so that we had the assurance of victory before a sermon was preached.

Dr. H. C. Morrison was at his best, the power of God rested upon him as he preached under the unction of the Holy Ghost. Rev. C. W. Ruth conducted the daily Bible Readings on Entire Sanctification, in which the doctrine of holiness was made so clear that some who had never understood before, came out into light and liberty. In these days when many speak of "Power" without purity, "Pentecost" without insisting upon the destruction of the "Old Man," it becomes more than ever necessary that we stress heart cleansing as the ground upon which we can receive the Holy Ghost. Rev. E. E. Shelhamer preached some of his "Sermons that search the soul," and on the last Sunday we had the joy of listening to that blessed man of God, Commissioner Brengle, whose books have been a benediction to multitudes, and brought thousands into the glorious experience of perfect love, besides showing how to retain the blessing, which is so essential. The writer will never be able to praise God enough for the writings of holy men, which were the means of grounding in the truth.

The music was in charge of Brother Yates and Sister Ruth Harris, both of whom sang in the Spirit, Sister Norberry presiding at the organ. Several times during the convention the glory of heaven fell upon us, whilst some wept and others shouted the praises of our precious Lord.

The results were good, it always gladdens the hearts of the saints to see the altars filled with earnest seekers, who will go to their various homes to witness in the power of the Spirit, the wonderful works of God.

With such a large corps of workers, the expenses were necessarily heavy, but the Lord so blessed the people that every need was met, and also a generous offering towards the work of holiness in China, of which Brother Ruth is president.

What an easy thing it would be to have winter holiness conventions in the larger cities, where sectarian differences would be obliterated, Christ exalted, and souls saved and sanctified, if the people of God would get down in prayer, as they have been doing all these years in the Brooklyn Tuesday meetings! Oh, that God's people would get the vision, trust Him for mighty things and push

ahead, where holiness is unknown, or is looked upon as an experience which is only to be obtained in heaven, and not for every day of our lives on the earth! There are godly men and women, who have the Lord's money, and who could finance such conventions, holy men who are willing to preach the whole truth of holiness, then why not pray that in these last days such meetings, with the power of God resting upon them, shall be multiplied all over the land. Let us trust God for greater things, larger outlooks, and more definite results, than we have ever yet seen, let us pray that doors may be opened in cities where a revival has not been known for many years, and that thousands shall be led to see, and believe God for an experience of full salvation, which shall glorify Him, defeat the devil, and bring salvation to all parts of the world.

EVANGELIST JOHN THOMAS.

CHICAGO CENTRAL DISTRICT

At no place on the District are we making greater substantial gain than in and around Chicago. We have more than doubled our number of organizations in and around that great city.

At our First Church, Rev. W. G. Schurman and our good people there have just closed a most gracious revival with Evangelist Carrie Sloan. It was one of those good old fashioned meetings that was a great inspiration and blessing to the church and a revival where the members got under the burden and passion for souls. At times the service broke loose and there was no preaching. Brother Schurman is in growing favor with his people. At Woodlawn Church we have lost that great and good man, Rev. B. H. Haynie, who has served this church so faithfully for some years. We are now installing our new pastor, Rev. Harry Morrow. He and the good people there report a fine opening. Brother Morrow is one of our coming new men on our District. Woodlawn stands faithfully by every interest of our church and they have made great progress in the past year. Rev. C. H. Strong, our good pastor at Austin reports a steady increase on every line. He has been in an evangelistic campaign with Evangelist Creyer. No pastor in our movement is a better all round man than is Rev. C. H. Strong. At the North Side Church in Chicago, Rev. Albert Young is in a good evangelistic campaign with two of our fine Olivet boys, Brothers Smith and Stevens. I was there quite recently and they were having souls in the fountain. In Roseland, Chicago, we have organized a new church since Assembly, and have bought a new property for \$8,500. Rev. Cora Ryan has been called as pastor. We have a fine prospect for a growing church. At Summit, another suburb of Chicago, Rev. R. L. Wisler is preaching, and they tell me there is a good outlook for a new work. Brother Wisler is one of our tried and true and very best pastors.

At Chicago Heights, Rev. J. D. Roach is being well received. We are making some progress there and are hoping to build a new church soon. At Joliet, Rev. Jesse Brown and his good people

are putting in their new basement. Everything bids fair for a good substantial building here in an ideal location. Over at Elgin, Rev. Ralph Bauerle has recently closed a very good meeting with the Redmonds. Here we are comfortably housed in a new property worth about \$30,000. This church is only about two years old. Up at Rockford, Ill., Rev. J. H. Morgan is in a good meeting with Evangelist Hollenback. In a recent report they informed me that they were doubling their membership shortly. In this great city of 75,000 we are getting a good start. Brother and Sister Morgan are doing a fine work. At Harvey, Rev. L. H. Howe, one of the coming young men of our movement, is making substantial gains. He reports victory on all lines.

Among these three million people we see no reason why in the very next few years we cannot have from thirty to forty good churches and have a whole District in that section. Our brethren over here are tremendously encouraged. Pray for Chicago and the surrounding territory.

E. O. CHEALFANT, *District Superintendent.*

CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR A. E. FORD, DUNKIRK, IND.—“We have just closed (Nov. 14) a two weeks' revival meeting with Rev. R. S. Griswold of Peck, Mich., as evangelist. There were at least thirty-five seekers. Folks were not repeaters, not one. Folks seemed to go through to glorious victory the first time at the altar. Conviction was on, old fashioned breaking up of the heart characterized the work in the pew as well as at the altar in the meeting from start to finish. I have scarcely ever seen greater pressure of the Spirit, holding people right to the line of duty until they paid the price and struck fire. Hardly anybody who got saved failed to get sanctified. There wasn't a dry eyed seeker in the bunch. We thank God from whom all blessings flow. The revival spirit has been on ever since our Indiana Assembly. There were eight people gloriously saved in our regular services in the short time intervening between the Assembly and the opening of our revival meetings. We covet the prayers of all of God's people.”

ARNOLD, NEBR.—“We are glad to be able to report victory for Arnold. God is hearing and answering prayer and we feel a spirit of quickening and revival

in our midst. Brother H. M. Chambers and Gilbert Anderson were with us for a short meeting. Brother Chambers' preaching was peculiarly searching and corrective in nature. God's message was given and received by good crowds each evening especially Sunday night when folks were turned away for lack of room. Brother Chambers was called away before his time was up, or before we were ready for him to go. Brother Gilbert Anderson, whose singing and preaching was a blessing to us, and pastor continued the meeting. Brother Truesdale, of Cozad, was with us and preached one night. God gave us a blessed service. Since then others have been lining up and we had an old fashioned cottage prayermeeting Tuesday night with real victory, quite an interest being manifested in every service. Surely we will yet see God's glory on our church at Arnold. We are quite well situated here now, being able to stay on the job by means of outside work.”—Frank Mayhew, Pastor.

EVANGELIST J. L. GLASCOCK—“Sunday night, Nov. 14, we closed an unusually successful fifteen days meeting in West Terre Haute, Ind. When we began the meeting the conditions in the city and in the church were most unfavorable for a revival of religion. The congregations were small in the beginning of the meeting, but they increased greatly as the work continued. After the first service there was not a service to the very close in which there were not seekers for pardon, reclamation or purification, and they prayed through in the old fashioned way, not many less than half a hundred having testified to having received one or the other of those blessings. In the main we had a good praying and working force which contributed greatly to the success of the meeting after it once got going. We never witnessed deeper conviction or brighter cases of pardon and purity in all of our ministry. There was quite a good deal of genuine pentecostal shouting among the saints when one after another of the seekers prayed through. Many people from other churches of the city and out of it attend the meeting, and testified that they were greatly blessed and refreshed. The pastor, John A. Ganaware, stood nobly by the work and was overjoyed over the results of the meeting. He asked us to continue the meeting another week, but we felt that our work was done and it was necessary for us to hasten on to our next meeting. We devoutly thank God and give Him all the praise and glory for the blessed results that were accomplished in soul-saving in that meeting.”

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PASTORS R. L. AND PEARL RICH, HUNTINGTON, IND.—“The church here is marching on to victory along every line. The very best of all is the blessed presence of the Lord in our midst. Last May we had a revival with Freddie Thomas, the boy preacher. We had no special meetings during the summer only on Sunday evenings. We had large crowds as we did not join the union services. This gave us opportunity to preach holiness to many who otherwise do not bear of the experience. Very few Sundays passed

without seekers at the altar. The Sunday school is steadily on the up-grade with increasing interest. The Lord in the midst of the church services has caused this to be a center of fire for the county and surrounding villages and towns. Several families drive from the country. One family attend regularly, driving seventeen miles. We have a growing children's band and a large Young People's Society, also a prayer band that meets each evening in the basement and gets the heavens opened before the evening services. Thank God for a praying people. We just closed a good revival meeting with the Elsners as special workers. They both sing and preach the definite experiences of two works of grace. Brother Elsner preaches with liberty and is a Bible preacher. Splendid crowds were in attendance, many at the altar and many prayed through to definite experiences, for which we praise God. We can say the Elsners gave us a good meeting. The last Sunday the school had its first rally day. The goal was almost reached, as we only lacked a small per cent of having 400 present. This was a red letter day for the church here. A splendid love offering was given the pastors the last night of the meeting. We have received fourteen members into the church and have that many more on the prospective list since the Assembly. Rev. J. W. Montgomery was with us on Wednesday evening following the revival. We were glad to have our new Superintendent of Northern Indiana preach for us. Five were at the altar. Your prayers are solicited."

EVANGELIST MARVIN S. COOPER—"Our meeting with Rev. R. L. Morgan and his good people of Hoopston, Ill., closed with great victory. We are now with our good pastor, Rev. Jessie Towns and his faithful people of Anderson, Ind. Truly God is honoring our efforts these days. We have never had better victory nor has the Holy Spirit ever been more precious to our heart. The blessing of the Lord has rested sweetly upon each service in this campaign. We are nearing our second Sunday. With the exception of Saturday night, we have not had a barren service. Last night the Spirit of the Lord came upon us in such a glorious way that we gave an altar call without even taking a text. Sixteen or eighteen earnest hearted men and women came forward and for more than two hours there was a continuous sweep of glory. The prayers from hungry hearts, tears of joy from gladdened hearts and the shouts from souls set at liberty by the mighty on coming of the Holy Ghost continued until a quarter of eleven o'clock. The entire service was characterized by the mingling of holy laughter, tears of joy as heavenly glory. With the church on her knees and God's blessings upon our hearts He alone knows the outcome of this meeting. To Him we ascribe the honor and glory."

EVANGELIST H. N. DICKERSON—"Since our last report we have been busy in the battle for God. Our first campaign here in Southern California was at Placentia Calif., with Rev. Oscar J. Finch.

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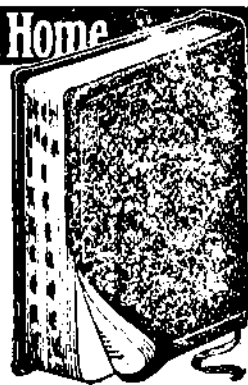
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The presence of the Lord was manifested and souls were saved and sanctified and a fine class taken into the church. The Lord has used Brother Finch to build up a fine work there. Brothers Jones and Scroggins were our song leaders and work at the job. Our next meeting was at Oakland, Calif., in the East Oakland church. We preached with all our might against sin and the devil with the altar full of seekers every night and some finders. Brother W. C. Graves is the hustling pastor there. We enjoyed the co-operation of First church with Fred M. Weatherford, the pastor, and also Brother Norris and the Berkeley quartet. District Superintendent Smith was with us, also other visiting preachers. Brother T. Hunter led the singing and stood nobly by as I applied the truth. Quite a few people in Oakland like the old fashioned truth and the hotter the better they like it. We next came to Graham Church at Los Angeles, where Brother and Sister Graham are the pastors. They were anxious for a revival and the church was hungry for God as they have not witnessed a revival there for a long time. We again shot at everything that looked like sin and the people lined up and stripped for the race as God came down and souls were in the fountain constantly and they prayed through in the old way. We left everything in fine shape with a nice class taken into the church and love offering and salary increase for the pastors. God bless Graham Church. We are now at Pomona and have witnessed a great break. We have a week here yet to go and expect to see the walls flat before we leave. Brother Griffin, the pastor and old war horse of the Southern

District, is standing nobly by us and those singers Jones and Scroggins sing and help to pray them through. We are due at Whittier next and then begin our homeward journey, at Glendale, Ariz., by way of Pueblo to old Kentucky. Thank God for the Church of the Nazarene and its splendid preachers. I have preached the gospel as hot and straight as I know how and they have stood by me and shouted for more."

STONEWALL, OKLA.—"We are thanking God for His wonderful blessings on us, as we are now in our own building in Stonewall. We are now starting in on our second year under the wise, efficient and godly leadership of our beloved pastor, Rev. L. H. Ritter. He is truly a man of God who preaches the blessed old gospel so straight and clean. We have bought out a moving picture show building and have changed it into a house of God. Praise His holy name. We had our first service November 12, wonderful prayer service and preaching by our pastor. Oh, what a rejoicing time the saints did have, and deep conviction was on the people. We are going on expecting a great time in the Lord. We know His blessing is on us, believing this will be one of the victorious years of our life. We just owe \$150 on our building; expect to call our District Superintendent in the near future to dedicate our building to the honor and glory of God. We have thirty-four members in and around Stonewall. We have prayermeeting once a week and intend to organize a Sunday school."—Loula Couch, Reporter.

MYLERTOWN, PA.—"We closed our revival meeting here Sunday, the 14th. Ina C. Riggs from Lockwood, Ohio, was our evangelist. She did very good preaching. God bless her. The blessed Holy Spirit was faithful in this meeting and real conviction was on the people. Twelve different people came to the altar different nights mostly seeking the experience of holiness. The church was refreshed and encouraged to go on. Brother Strickler from Youngstown Church, came up and preached twice as our evangelist's throat was in bad shape. But regardless of handicaps she preached faithfully and everyone (especially the outsiders) said she told them all the truth. We believe there are good things ahead for this place, for the need is great. Remember us in prayer."—Mrs. Ray Dick.

EVANGELIST DELLA B. STRETCH—"It was my privilege to hold a two weeks' meeting in Franklin, Ill., this fall. Found a small class of Nazarenes worshipping in a tabernacle, sustaining the only prayermeeting in town. The three other churches have none. People were kind and orderly, gave good attention during the services, said they liked the meetings but not many said they wanted the salvation we talked about. Three raised their hands for prayer one night but did not return. Miss Dorothy Edge rendered able service at the organ and sang a solo each service. God gave us the opportunity of seeing her beautifully saved in a meeting in Waverly when she was a young child. She was sanctified later and is a modest young woman of whom any parents may be justly proud. She can pray as well as play. We had our home with Brother and Sister Kirby. He has charge of that work. God will reward him for his faithfulness. I'll never forget the fellowship of that home nor the faithful band who stood by us with their prayers and presence."

PASTOR THEO. H. OVA, FESSENDEN, N.

DAK.—"We just closed a two weeks' revival with Brother W. I. Gough, pastor at Minot, as our evangelist. He surely gave us some good gospel messages without compromise or favor. The folks turned out well and we had a full church most of the time. Brother Gough took well with all who heard him. We had sixteen seekers and we feel our church has been wonderfully blessed in these meetings. Our folks gave liberally of their means and brought in abundantly of their goods. Closed with high tide spiritually, good offering for Brother Gough and also took up offering for singers and love offering for pastor. Brother Gough is one of the most blessed Spirit filled men we have worked with."

PASTOR A. P. GILLIAM, ST. MARIES, IDAHO—"After the Northwest District Assembly we arrived here, called by the church to be the pastor for this year. We found twenty-eight members, real loyal Nazarenes, ready to push the battle and ready to stand by the pastor in every way. The Lord's blessing has been upon us up to this time. There have been several seekers in our own services. We have bought a good piano and have done considerable improvement work on the church and parsonage. Brother Lewis S. Hall held our revival meeting and the Lord gave us a real good meeting. There were several seekers at the altar and from this meeting we received several new members into the church. The church was helped and very much encouraged. During the meeting we raised in cash and pledges close to \$1,400. Brother Hall is a real good evangelist. He leaves a good feeling and a good impression upon the outside people and churches. We ask the prayers of our people for our February meeting with Brother and Sister Littrell, that we will have a real old time revival."

PASTOR G. HOWARD ROWE, NEW CASTLE, PA.—"Sunday, Nov. 14, closed a very precious day with our church."

God's presence was manifested and the Holy Ghost honored his preached Word. The morning service witnessed seven seekers praying through for heart holiness. At the night meeting eight prayed through to definite victory for their soul's salvation. Last Sunday was another glorious day. The morning was given over to a very beautiful re-dedication of the church building. The church has been decorated and a few alterations completed, making it resemble a brand new church on the inside. The money to cover all of the expenses was raised Sunday. At night three seekers, all new cases and good ones too, prayed through to victory. We wish we might give the history of these cases in detail. The meeting broke up in a wave of glory and everyone felt "that it was good to be there." When this goes to print we will be in the midst of the Pittsburgh District Preachers' Meeting and Young People's Convention, Dec. 1-5. Dr. J. B. Chapman and Rev. F. M. Messenger are the special speakers. The meeting is in charge of Dr. J. Howard Sloan, District Superintendent. On December 15, it will be the delightful privilege of this church to have with us for a great missionary meeting, Rev. A. H. Kauffman and wife, returned missionaries from Palestine. We are inviting our young people from around our zone of churches to come over with us and make this a big one night Young People's Missionary Rally. Brother Kauffman will be dressed in costume and will have relics, etc., from the land of our Savior. Pray for us. We give God the glory for all His wonderful goodness to us."

BERKELEY, CALIF.—"We have recently held a good revival with Rev. E. J. Lord of Dundee, Oregon, as evangelist. God honored His truth and there were a goodly number of seekers. Mrs. Lord came with the evangelist and was good help in prayer and altar work. There was held on the last Friday an all day holiness meeting of our churches around the Bay, which was especially blessed of the Lord. The last Sunday we had a Sunday school rally and a number of children were saved. The Berkeley church, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. C. D. Norris, was in good condition for a revival, an early morning prayermeeting at the church between six and seven each morning having been kept up for six months. This prayermeeting is a permanent service at this church. The music was a special feature of the meeting. The church choir and orchestra directed by Miss Beatrice Vallow, were a great help. The solos, duets and quartets of the young people were blessed of the Lord. Miss Annie Putney of Portland, Oregon, inspired us by her special songs. Thank God for such consecrated talent. One of the fine features of the meeting was the steady attendance. We do not feel that the revival has closed but is still to go on. A class of seven united with the church on the last Sunday and there are more to follow."—Paul T. Culbertson, Reporter.

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EVANGELIST E. C. DEES—"I am now engaged in my third meeting since the

close of the Missouri Assembly. Just after the Assembly Rev. T. W. Barnett and myself went to Schurm, Ark., for a meeting. We waged war against the powers of darkness for two weeks and a half and there was not one that prayed through. The reason was, we did not have the power to pray them through. The Lord helped us in preaching and singing His Word, and there were from five to eighteen at the altar almost every night, but there was something that would seem to tie the altar services up. We have never had an experience like that before. We feel that some seed was sown that will bring forth fruit later on. There are some very dear people in that place. My next meeting was at Lodi, Mo., with Brother and Sister Duncan. The Lord was with us in His saving and sanctifying power. There were about thirty-three who prayed through. We had some great services. God has some people in the Lodi Church who know how to pray. Brother and Sister Duncan are as fine young pastors as you will find anywhere, and know how to stand by the evangelist. There were some who gave their names for membership in the church and others to follow later. We closed this meeting on the last day of October, and started for home on Nov. 1. I arrived at home on the third day and thought I would take some much needed rest, as I had not been home since August, but on Nov. 5, Brother J. Walter Hall, District Superintendent of the Western Oklahoma District, called me to go to Marlow, Okla., to assist Rev. W. F. Cleghorn in a revival meeting. So we are still here. This is the third week of the meeting and the Lord is blessing. There have been thirty-six professions up to this time and the end is not yet, praise the Lord. This is my first opportunity to work with Brother Cleghorn in a meeting, but I find him a good yoke fellow and a real good preacher."

OKETO, KANS.—"Seven years ago I left the Nazarene school in Bethany, Okla., to take my pastorate work in the Evangelical Church, and since that I have gone through various experiences. I have had my cup overflowing with joy and my back bowed with burdens. But by holding steady and following Him faithfully God honored His servant and His people. We were privileged to secure Dr. Minnie Lauerma, evangelist of the First Church of the Nazarene, Lincoln, Nebr., who came to us in the power of the Holy Ghost and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ clear and plain without compromise and the Lord honored His Word and His servant, and gave us eighteen souls. Fourteen were saved and four were gloriously sanctified. Sister Lauerma is a truly consecrated servant. We as the Evangelical Church express our thanks to God and to Sister Lauerma for ever coming our way. Words fail to express our heart desire to the Church of the Nazarene for their faithful servants and their complete work."—Rev. A. H. Byers.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT MONTGOMERY, NORTHERN INDIANA—"Yesterday, Nov. 21st was a very busy day. In the morning service we dedicated a

nice parsonage at Arcana, Ind., where Rev. Grant Barton is the splendid pastor. We lacked only two hundred dollars raising the entire cost of the six room preacher's home. In the afternoon we dedicated a nice new church for Pastor Glaze at Marion, and raised some twelve hundred dollars to apply on the same. Sunday night we were with Pastor Rahrer at Gaston, Ind., and dedi-

cated his newly remodeled church, and raised a few dollars more than the needed amount to free the property of debt. At each point we had a full house and a responsive people. This was our first time to dedicate more than one building in a single day. We signed off at Gaston last night about 10:00 o'clock real tired but very happy over three good victories."

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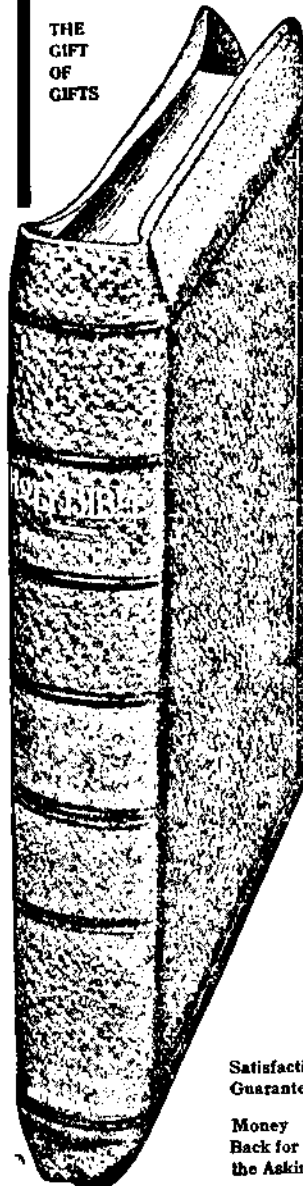
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PASTOR HARVEY C. MILLER, FAIRBURY, NEBR.—"Our meeting with Evangelist B. W. Miller of Pasadena, California, and Jay and Virginia Rice, song evangelists, Farnam Nebr., closed November 21, with seekers at the altar. We greatly appreciate the fellowship of these workers and the boost they gave us. We expect to receive several members into the church as a result of this meeting. The midyear convention met with us for three days during the revival, about forty delegates were present. God's presence was manifested in a marked way, as timely topics and problems were discussed. The six o'clock morning prayer meetings were well attended and greatly owned of God. Superintendent Balsmeier and Rev. Kimmel of Hutchinson, Kans., were present during the convention. Brother Balsmeier gave us a very good talk on, "Why we should support Bresee College." Revs. Borton and Abbey were present from the Iowa district. They blessed the congregation with their special songs. The local church brought in good things to eat to the extent that the total cost of entertainment to the delegates was less than thirty dollars. We are expecting big things from God here at Fairbury. Please remember us in prayer."

NEW ROCKFORD, N. DAK.—"We arrived here in time to attend our Assembly at Sawyer, N. Dak., also the Minneapolis Assembly at Dickinson, N. Dak., and while there we had the privilege of meeting a lot of good Nazarenes and visiting the Bad Lands. This is an evangelistic church in every sense of the word. They are doing their best to evangelize these parts as well as get the gospel around the world. We have three live Mission-

ary societies. We recently gave a successful Missionary program and we have some of the best Missionary meetings here that we ever attended. Six of our young people went away to school and we still have enough to have an orchestra and a spiritual Y. P. S. They are all modest in their dress and never have to be coaxed to do active work for God. Miss Eula Barcus, District President of the Y. P. S., gave us an excellent service Nov. 26th. We are sorry to lose another faithful worker this week. Miss Rosalind Rinker left this week for South China, where she will work under the auspices of the South China Holiness Association. Our people contributed about \$300 for her equipment, besides we have our pledges for \$600 already made for Miss Varnado, our Nazarene missionary whom we are supporting. Our budget is paid up in full both here and at Washington Lake, and every department is in perfect working order. God is with us in every service. A young man was beautifully saved Sunday night and each service strengthens our faith for the approaching revival with **Lawrence Reed**, evangelist, of Damascus, Ohio. Pray for us."—Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Fick.

TELEGRAMS

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DALLAS, TEXAS.

All day meeting at First Church Sunday, December 5. Real success, large crowds and great preaching by Dr. Williams and Dr. Upchurch and Rev. F. E. Wiese. Excellent musical program by

three male quartets and the Berachah Band. \$1500.00 raised on church debt. Outlook for First Church better than ever.—P. L. Pierce, Pastor.

DECATUR, ILL.

Lowmans arrived West Side Church, Decatur, Ill., Nov. 28. 175 seekers first week. Meeting continues over Sunday. Lowmans' singing captivated the largest crowds in history of church. Lowman not only great singer, but mighty preacher of old fashioned type. Gets real genuine, Holy Ghost, God-sent revival. Fine class coming into church. Among twenty-two seekers tonight were three men who were hard cases, saved. Pray for us.—H. B. Jensen, Pastor.

FORT WAYNE IND.

We have just closed a wonderful meeting with Morris M. Himler at Fort Wayne, Ind. He has a great church, the best we could count there were about four hundred seekers, 130 the last Sunday counting the children. About four hundred in Sunday school, took twenty-seven into the church. More to take in next Sunday. Brother Himler is leading this church on to great victory. He has taken forty into the church since September.—Evangelists John Fleming and Burl Sparks.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

Fine meeting at Paonia, Colo., with Pastor H. T. Eastman. Deep conviction, confessions and old time praying through characterized the revival. Church digging deep. Optimistic outlook for church. Pastor continues revival indefinitely. Eastman successful pastor.—C. L. and Vada Davis, Evangelists.

FORT WAYNE, IND.

Let all Northern Indiana pastors remember January is HERALD OF HOLINESS month. More than five hundred reported last quarter. Let's get fifteen hundred more in January. Report all taken from September 1 to January 31 to District Treasurer Wininger, Modoc, Ind.—J. W. Montgomery, District Superintendent.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Closed fine revival last night. District Superintendent Jernigan did great preaching. Quite a number of professions, nice class received into the church. Beautiful spirit of harmony and co-operation prevailed. Capacity house and church and pastor happy and expectant. All departments moving forward. To God be the glory.—W. F. Rutherford.

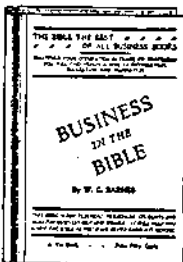
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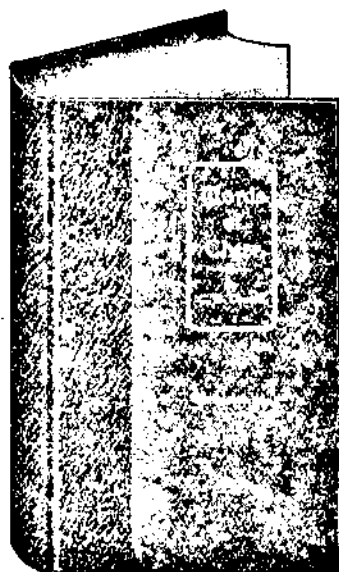
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flesh will not agree.

to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. 4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto

EPHESIANS, 1.

a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

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Carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon to Christ are fourteen generations.

18 ¶ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus.

The three wise men

ing interpreted is, God with us.

24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her first-born son: and he called his name JESUS.

CHAPTER 2

The wise men directed to Christ.

NOW when Jesus was born in Bethléhem of Juda in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

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20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and

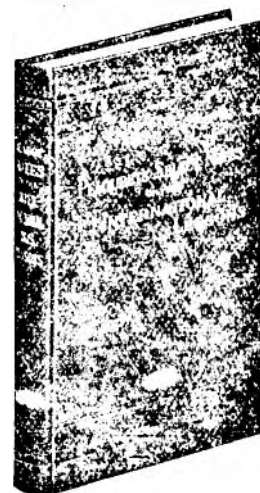
John: and their's is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

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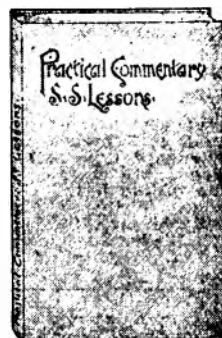
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NEHEMIAH, X.

The points

gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.

36 Behold, "we are servants this day, and for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it:

37 And "it yieldeth much increase

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of Deut. 28.
Ezra 9. 9.

of Deut. 28.

25 Rō'hēm, Hā-shāb jah,

26 And Ā-hī'jah, Hā'

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of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 ¶ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the first is Pi'son; that is it which compasseth the whole land of Hāv'i-lah, where there is gold;

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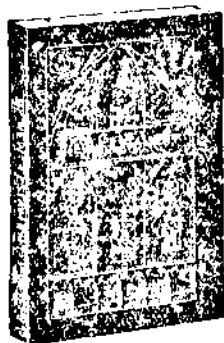
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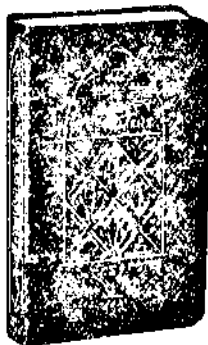
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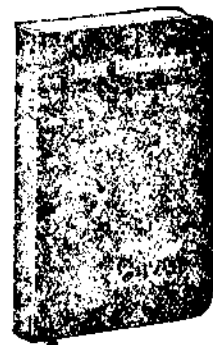
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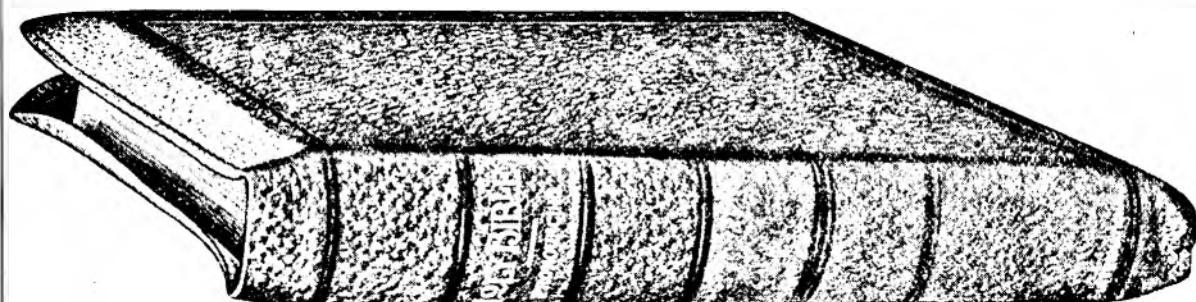
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District Preachers' Convention, Council Bluffs,
Iowa Dec. 28 to 31

WADE L. NELSON

- Medford, Okla. Dec. 10
Bridgeport, Okla. Jan. 7

WILL H. AND LILLIE B. NERRY

- St. Joseph, Mo. Dec. 12 to 26
Neodesha, Kans. Jan. 1 to 16
Centerville, Iowa Jan. 21 to Feb. 6

W. H. MINOR

- Bethany, Okla. Dec. 20 to 31
Woodward, Okla. Jan. 1 to 16

B. F. NEELY

- Walla Walla, Wash. Jan. 2 to 16
Yakima, Wash. Jan. 19 to Feb. 6
Grandview, Wash. Feb. 9 to 20
Moscow, Idaho Feb. 22 to March 13
Dayton, Wash. March 20 to April 3

D. F. AND BYRDIE OWEN

- Pottlatch, Idaho Dec. 12 to 26
Coffax, Wash. Jan. 2 to 16

J. E. AND ADA REDMON

- Princeton, Ind. Dec. 31 to Jan. 16

RICHMOND, IND. (402 N. W. 7th St.)

- Jan. 21 to Feb. 6

CRAWFORDVILLE, IND.

- Feb. 11 to 27

GARY, IND.

- March 4 to 20

AUBURN, IND.

- March 25 to April 10

LEWIS J. AND EYTHE RICE

- Chicago, Ill. Dec. 21 to 27

LAWRENCE REED

- Corydon, Pa. Dec. 27 to Jan. 9

J. A. RODGERS

- Mackey, Ind. Jan. 2 to 16
Mannington, W. Va. Jan. 23 to Feb. 13

C. W. RUTH

- Hammond, Ind. (Gen. Del.) Dec. 12 to 19

MR. AND MRS. R. A. SHANK

- Racine, Wisc. Jan. 2 to 16

DETROIT, MICH. (2131 Lakewood Blvd.)

- Jan. 18 to Feb. 6

NORFOLK, VA.

- March 13 to 27

K. C. FARVIN

- Arenzville, Ill. Jan. 2 to 23
Wurtland, Ky. Nov. 25 to Dec. 19

ELWOOD TAYLOR

- Fredericktown, Mo. Dec. 23 to 26

KEWANEE, ILL.

- Jan. 4 to 30

SHELBYVILLE, IND.

- Feb. 2 to 23

FREDDIE THOMAS

- Miami, Fla. Jan. 6 to 23

WEAR EVANGELISTIC PARTY

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