

CHRISTMAS NUMBER

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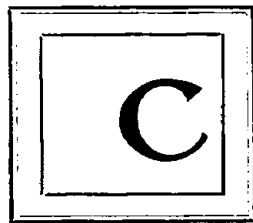
"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

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## Christmas and the War

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CHRISTMAS has been strangely twisted out of its normal or natural purpose. Instead of being observed with solemnity and gratitude as the reputed anniversary of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is generally made an occasion of hilarity and jollification, especially among the young. Too often it has been made the occasion of unusual dissipation and conviviality and often has been attended with great fatality and suffering from the recklessness of the sports. Really the date of our observance of this anniversary is not the correct date of our Lord's birth. However, as that date is not definitely known, the one so long observed as the date answers. We would only insist that we have not formed the right habit as to the proprieties of such a sacred anniversary.

In the case of the occasion for this year there is a word to be said. In this year of the greatest war of all history and of the most marked unrest of all the ages, it certainly behooves us to guard the observance of this day in a peculiar way. There should be the minimum of mere sport or amusement. The minds of the people should be turned to more serious lines. The churches should lead in the matter of observance, and seek to use the day to turn the peoples' minds to serious things. When death is unusually abroad in the world, and men are turning themselves into machines of death; when some nations are giving themselves up to murder pure and simple, taking advantage of the shadow of war to deceive, and to break treaties, and to butcher and assassinate, not only the soldiers of the opposing armies, but the innocent and non-combatant women and children and aged people, it is a time for great calling upon God and for humbling ourselves before the mighty One. People must not be allowed to forget God in these awful times. The occasion of Christmas could be made a great boon if we could induce a wide observance of it in a distinctively religious way.

What a blessing would accrue to the nation could every church have special services, and a special sermon on some appropriate subject be preached! There should be made a great effort to get the entire people out to church on this day to such a service. Let this anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace be made an occasion of getting the minds of the people turned to the horrors of war and to the need of special intercessory prayer to the great God of Peace! Let every tendency to extravagance and waste and undue frivolity even among the young be discouraged, and the thought of all be turned to graver matters. Let us try to have one religious Christmas when all shall be marshaled under a noble purpose for getting out of the celebration some distinctive good of a religious character.

Let the poor be remembered on this day. Christ was the friend of the poor and in His life never let their cry go unanswered. Let the sick be visited and the needy relieved and the well and strong be gotten to church and be allowed to hear the most unctuous and earnest sermon the preacher ever delivered. Let the desire and the purpose for really evangelistic services be stressed and let every one be enlisted. How God would bless such a Christmas! Let us make the present Christmas the beginning of the rescue of this sacred anniversary from its dishonor and opprobrium as a gala day and a day of feasting and fun and frolic. This is a degradation of the occasion. A reform can be had and the present war gives us an opportunity to inaugurate an era of better and more becoming things in regard to the day.

Let our pastors take the lead in this laudable work of reform. The churches will fall in line, we believe. Certainly they will readily see the extreme inappropriateness of the usual way of celebrating it. If we can succeed in getting a change for this once, it will be seen to be so much more seemly and beautiful and appropriate than the old way that it will be easier in future to continue the reform. Let us take time by the forelock and undertake such a reformation. God will bless us in such an undertaking and the people will all be blessed in and by it.

## Origin of the Wine Order

SECRETARY DANIELS, it will be remembered, issued a celebrated order forbidding the use of wine and all intoxicating drinks among officers aboard naval vessels. It will be recalled how this order brought forth a storm of protest from drinkers in the navy and from brewers and liquor lords, and many of the secular press. Mr. Daniels was denounced as an all round bad fellow by these critics. He was so persistently hounded by such people that they succeeded in creating a great prejudice against him which has not died and is being persistently pushed yet.

One point we would make just here in passing. While Mr. Baker is required by law to protect our boy soldiers from the curse of alcohol in the camps, something should be done to bring Great Britain and France to the same regard for our boys in this respect in the trenches while at war. How easy it will be for the good, we can do them here while in training by banishing liquors from their camps, to be entirely destroyed if these countries continue to allow the soldiers the use of intoxicants during active warfare abroad. These countries have absolutely no right to contravene our efforts to protect our soldier boys in this way, and a very vigorous protest should be made at once and the gigantic danger be averted. It is enough that we send them to help in the great war, but it is entirely too much for them to be subjected to greater perils from the drink curse abroad than at home. Let our people speak out in thunder tones and insist upon a cessation of this policy of our allies. First, let us be consistent and stop the breweries and wineries at home. Then we can make demands on England and France.

The origin of this celebrated order by Secretary Daniels is such as reflects unbounded credit upon him as a man of heart and conscience and breadth and firmness. It came out of an incident of ruin by alcohol pathetic in the extreme. A young naval officer had been court-martialed for some disgusting conduct while drunk wholly unbecoming an officer in the United States navy. Strong pressure was brought on Mr. Daniels to pardon him, but he urged that the good of the navy forbade his interference in the matter.

The old father of the boy, we believe it was, interceded for the condemned young man and made a most effective and unanswerable plea. Said he to the Secretary, This boy is but the product of your system which is allowed to run by your permission, and now, having been made a hopeless inebriate by the use of drink which was allowed in the navy, he must be punished. He argued that the boy never found intoxicants in his home and no saloons in his town. But seven years in the navy where everybody drank, and where a boy who refused was ostracised and made to feel he was not even respected was too much for him, and he naturally fell into the habit and became a victim of drink, and the victim of an abominable rule which should never have been allowed to have a beginning in the navy of our country. He was made to think it was cowardly to turn down a glass at a table where wine was an invariable part of the feast.

The Secretary found that this aged man made a plea which was

not only true, but which he could not answer, and he was convicted of his own complicity in the ruinous work of the free use of intoxicants in the navy. He went home troubled and could not get rid of the father's touching appeal. He made up his mind that he would at least henceforth carry a clear conscience and never have it truthfully said that he was *particeps criminis* in the ruin of any man's son. He would at least clear his skirts, and he issued the celebrated order for which he has received as much and as persistent abuse as if he had been guilty of the grossest violation of human rights and stolen the most valuable property from his peers. Such was the storm that arose that fear was felt that he would rescind the order. Officers high in rank protested and said bitter and denunciatory things about him. Editors and cartoonists and the loud-mouthed advocates of so-called "personal liberty" united in the most relentless crusade for his ruin.

Bravely Mr. Daniels stood his ground, for he believed he was right and he determined, if need be, to die by his action. But it was not only right. It was soon found that it was the wisest as a matter of naval policy, for the change in the morale of the navy was startlingly apparent. Many of his critics — those who were honest in feeling he had made a mistake — began to change their opinion and to express their change. They began to confess to the Secretary that he had done wisely and well by the navy in the order.

In these later days we are told by the Secretary that an admiral, who stood high in the service and whose name is famous, said to him: "I have had a rare opportunity to observe the feeling of the officers. My own opinion is that the wine-mess-order is the wisest thing you have done as secretary, and if the future were committed today to the officers of the fleet, the wine-mess would never be restored."

If the naval officers and men do not need wine or alcohol, the military men do not need it. If the naval and military men do not need it, the men on land and at home in business do not need it. The fact is that the liquor traffic is convicted by witnesses as numerous as the stars of heaven, and it is therefore doomed. The revolution against it is going on and revolutions never go backward. The brewers had as well make up their minds to close up and quit their infamous business. It is true that they held up the President and the anti-saloon league and prohibition leaders at Washington by taking a dastardly advantage of them in a critical moment when they would have hazarded the very outcome of this war in defense of their hellish traffic. Mr. Wilson had to give in just like the victim of the footpad has to give in at the midnight hour and submit to have his pocket filched.

THAT IS ENCOURAGING NEWS which comes to us through the daily press that the war has created the greatest demand for Bibles that the Bible publishers have ever had. The houses are all behind with their orders and by running their presses from eighteen to twenty hours daily they can not keep up with the demand. This is certainly encouraging. It shows that the soldier boys are reading the Word of God. We saw the other day a statement that the writer, who was a chaplain, had never seen such fine attendance at religious service as was the case in the camps of the soldiers. He said that all the services on week days as well as on Sundays were finely attended. We thank God for this encouraging announcement.

THE MOST FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT INTERESTS are those which the Devil chiefly assails. The Inspired Bible, the Christian Sabbath, the Marriage Relation, the Childhood of the nation and the church, these are the great points of attack in this age of desperation of the Devil. It is equally sad and manifest that these are the very points in our fortifications which the sacredly appointed guardians and protectors are most lax in watching and protecting. The Bible is assailed in the house of its friends. Preachers of the gospel who live on salaries they are paid to defend and preach the Inspired Book are the ones who are doing most to destroy it. The Christian Sabbath has become well nigh a lost gift through the wholesale desecration of the holy day by railroads owned and run by professing Christian men. The childhood of the nation and the church are the victims of parental neglect and the commercial greed of moving picture shows and other enmities owned and operated often by so-called Christian men.

# The Unspeakable Gift!

A Christmas Sermon by Rev. Arthur F. Ingler

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. — 2 Cor. 9:15

**T**HE season of gift-making with its merriment and thanksgiving has come again and the sons of men are glad. How happy Yuletide makes us all! The gifts may be small and inferior, but there is something so pleasant about the making or receiving of them that we hail the coming of Christmas with delight.

I dare say that if memory's wheel should be reversed there would flash upon the canvas of the mind the forms of childhood's presents — the dolls, the Noah's ark, the picture books and hobby horse, the sailboat and toy engine, and an innumerable host of more solid and useful gifts — and with joy we live over again these happy hours. Even now "no Christmas turkey eats so sweetly as that which arrives with a card and compliments; and no cloak and hood so become the 'baby' as those which a friend smuggled into the house in a bandbox."

"The custom of making gifts is as old as the Bible. We read of the them in Genesis. Jacob, for instance, was remarkable for his gift-making. We read of his gift of a coat of many colors to his son Joseph; his gift of sheep and cattle to his brother Esau; and his present of 'honey, spices, and almonds' to the ruler of Egypt. The wise men's gift to the infant Jesus is another Scripture example, and so is Mary's gift of the precious ointment poured upon the Master's head." And who is there here who does not wish to pour out their heart's love upon their friends or kin at such a time as this? The great apostle had been exhorting the Corinthians at length upon the subject of liberality, and climaxed it all with our text, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." The greatest Giver and the most valuable Gift are set before our minds for our prayerful meditation and example. Praise the Lord! Let us think for awhile of God's unspeakable Gift to us.

## I. — NOTICE THE GIVER OF THE GIFT.

St. Paul says that this is God. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." It is natural for one, when receiving a gift, to say, "I wonder who sent it?" Much depends upon *that* — whether it comes from a friend or an enemy, from a peasant or a king. You do not expect much from a soul who is struggling for a living — it is almost painful to you to receive from their poverty. But if the President gives anything it is taken for granted that it will be splendid — a gold watch, a sealskin cloak, or an encyclopedia of many volumes, bound in India sheep. If he condescended to enter a cottage, the people would be sure to look on the chair for a gold piece or a green bill of large denomination. We should say, "He is so liberal, so noble, so wealthy! He drops presents like an engine drops sparks, wherever he goes."

Now, God has "every good and perfect gift" in His hand; they are but the crumbs that fall from His table. He has been giving for many centuries, and His hand is still full; He is yet "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." And why should n't He be able? A Being who tossed from His fingers the shining worlds and who has kept them circling for ages in their respective orbits, is most certainly able to provide for

His creatures on one small planet. If He by a word can turn water into wine, and multiply a baker's loaf into bread for thousands of hungry mouths, we do Him a great injustice to doubt Him for a moment, for He is as *willing* to give as He is *able*. It is His delight to load us down with "His benefits."

One night the Psalmist was considering the starry heavens when he turned his gaze toward the earth and wonderingly cried, "Lord, what is man, that thou art mindful of him?" And well may we, for a season, turn from considering God's unspeakable Gift, and join in that cry! What is man, that God should be mindful of him! God is so infinite, and we are so feeble; He is so holy, and we are so unworthy, so undeserving. But still the glorious God is caring for us; and the *unspeakable Gift* is actually His present to us.

## Christmas By Rev. D. Rand Pierce

Auspicious day! to myriad hearts most dear  
Of all the year;  
Thrice hallowed by the sweet and sacred name  
Of Him who came —  
The Babe of Bethlehem, whose guiding star  
The wise men saw and followed from afar;  
Whose glad song of nativity was sung  
By angel tongue!

Long had the world through types and shadows  
Its way and hoped; [groped  
While here and there, through rifted clouds, a ray  
Foregleamed the day  
Whose dawn drew near; whose radiant light  
Should banish error's long, dark night;  
For patriarchs had dreamed and prophets told  
That day of gold!

The pond'rous hands of time climbed to their height  
That fateful night,  
When human destiny — hope, or despair —  
Lay cradled there!

The King of kings had come! and earth and sky  
Bowed to His sway; and still above life's mad'ning  
cry  
That scepter waves — and still must wave, till all  
Before it fall!

Hail then, blest Yuletide! Countless bosoms yearn  
Thy glad return;  
And millions pray Thy kingdom's swift increase,  
Thou Prince of Peace!

The sick'ning shock of war; the ceaseless grind  
Of daily toil — oh, leave these all behind;  
Drink deeply while the gladsome waters glide  
At Christmastide!

## II. — LET US NOTICE THE GIFT ITSELF.

"It is Jesus, the meek and lowly Jesus of the Gospels, and everything else that goes with Him — forgiveness, grace, holiness, and heaven for an eternity." A white carrier dove flew into a prison window and alighted on the floor of a cell. The prisoner said, "It is merely a pigeon"; and tossed it a crust of bread, and went on with his work. After awhile he tried to drive it away and was amazed at its tameness; catching it up, he found beneath its wing a letter and, untying it and reading it, he found that it promised him aid in making his escape, and inclosed a latchkey and a sum of money. Likewise, Jesus is naught to us until we receive Him into our hearts as our own — then, *with Him and in Him*, we find whatever is needful to deliver us from Satan and his prison of sinful habits, and insuring us in God's immediate and everlasting favor! God intends to bring us back to more than we lost in Eden. Christ is to be our "righteousness" and our "strength." Jesus is yours and mine if we open our hearts to Him.

Said the prophet Isaiah, "Unto us a child is given," and the angel re-echoed it when he said to the shepherds on Bethlehem's plains — "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the

Lord." And the apostle is sending it on to us here, when he says, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" — Jesus. What a donation God sent to the world in the person of His Son! Let us unwrap the package and examine it.

First, a REDEEMER,  
Second, a TEACHER,  
Third, a BROTHER.

"Jesus was the Redeemer, without whose death we should have perished. He was the Teacher, without whose instructions we must have wandered on in ignorance. He was a Brother, without whose sympathy we should have fainted in our sorrows and trials."

Earth longed for her King and Israel looked for the Messiah, and when He came so humbly and without pomp and ceremony, they received Him not. "There was no room for Him in the inn," among the highborn aristocrats; but out in the darkened stable, hewn in the rocky cliff, awaited a humble manger and

there the Virgin laid Him — the Lamb of God. And since that hour, wherever a lowly heart has opened its door to the Lord Jesus, He has entered and brightened the life and comforted the soul. The mind has been illumined and ignorance has flown away for ever. Hallelujah!

In speaking of the lowliness and greatness of Jesus, Maclaurin says, "His birth was mean on earth below, but it was celebrated with hallelujahs by the heavenly host in the air above. He had a poor lodging, but a star lighted visitants to it from distant countries. Never did a prince have such visitants so conducted. He had not the magnificent equipage that other kings have; but He was attended with multitudes of patients, seeking and obtaining healing of soul and body: that was more true greatness than if He had been attended with crowds of princes. He made the dumb that attended Him sing His praises, and the lame to leap for joy, the deaf to hear His wonders, and the blind to see His glory. He had no guard of soldiers, nor magnificent retinue of servants; but, the centurion who had both, took his orders from Christ. Even the winds and waves, which no earthly power can control, obeyed Him; and death and the grave durst not refuse to deliver up their prey when He demanded it." Amen!

### III. — MANNER AND REASONS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT.

"He was born a babe, representing our weakness and helplessness, because He is our strength; He was born in a manger, to show the spiritual poverty of man, because in Him is true riches; He divested Himself of the glory which He had with the Father, to show the loveliness of our humility, because He was to exalt us to share the glory which is His at the right hand of the Father." In doing this, God became man that He might bring humanity to God. All down the centuries Israel had been looking for the Messiah; longing for One who would reveal Jehovah to their minds and bring Him into their senses. Prophets had sung of His strength and beauty, and every Hebrew maiden hoped to become His mother. It was in wrapt expectancy that the earth stood waiting for His chariot. "Many a hoary seer longed for the dayspring, but saw it not."

A sweet Welsh evangelist has a very striking illustration on this point. He says: "About Christmas time, John, the elder brother, is expected home from London on the midnight train. All the younger children are in ecstasy, and they all wish to stay up until his arrival. 'Pray, father, let us stay up till John comes home,' is the universal petition. But the reply is, 'No, my dear ones, it will be too long to wait; you must go to rest; you shall see John in the morning — not sooner.' Friends, the ancient prophets expected a Savior — their Elder Brother, Jesus. How delighted they would be to see Him in the flesh! but they were compelled to enter the cold bed of the grave before His arrival. David cried, 'Father, let me see the horn of salvation of which I sang so often.' 'No, my child, you must retire; you shall be satisfied when you awake in His likeness.' Job implored, 'Father, let me see my living Redeemer.' 'No, son, you must retire; but you shall see Him when you awake on the resurrection morning.' Malachi cried, 'Father, I am about the last and youngest of them all; do let me see the Son of Righteousness of which I sang so sweetly.' 'No, dear child, you too must retire to rest; it will be too long for you to wait.' And they all silently retired into their cold graves to rest. But at last, hoary-headed Simeon advanced, and earnestly implored, 'Oh, my Father, the train is nearly in, according to brother Daniel's table; do let me stay up to see the Consolation of Israel.' 'Yes, my child, thy request is granted,' said the Father, and the old saint was allowed to see the daybreak, and so delighted was he with its splendor that he prayed for death — 'Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.'"

### IV. — LET US CONSIDER THE GREATNESS OF THE GIFT.

(a) "It was indeed an unspeakable Gift, for it was so amazing! It was next to Jehovah, yea, it was God himself." It was the Good Shepherd coming to His needy sheep. It was the Almighty manifesting Himself to His creatures: very God and very man coming in touch with humanity; the Creator of the universe coming to dwell on a lost planet among a fallen race.

(b) "It was unspeakable, because Christ is so surpassingly lovely. His character is so lovely! — 'In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead.' He is so lovely in His speech — 'Never man spake like this man.' He is so lovely in His actions — He attended a wedding and made wine for the feast; He approached the funeral cortege and restored to the weeping mother her only son; He preached good tidings to the meek and bound up the broken-hearted; He proclaimed liberty to the captives, and gave to the sinner beauty for ashes; to the sorrowing He dispensed the oil of joy, and clothed the heavy-hearted with the garment of praise. He was lovely in His devotion to God and to us! — He became our peerless pattern and our worthy substitute. There was no

other gift so great and grand, so pure and sweet, so strong and kind; 'the chief among ten thousand, and the One altogether lovely.'"

(c) It was an unspeakable Gift, because it was given to such vile objects. We were so mean and undeserving; He so glorious and almighty.

(d) It was unspeakable, because it does such vast things for us. Without it we were certainly doomed to hell. He brought us pardon for all our sins and justification from all our sins. He provided an entire sanctification for body, soul, and spirit, and promised us a home with Him in the palace of God. "This unspeakable Gift rids us of all our burdens; it sheds peace abroad in our consciences and love through all our hearts; it unfolds to us the smile of God; it is our key to the grave and our title to heaven." Truly, this wonderful Gift has brought us "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

### V. — NOTICE THE GRATITUDE THAT BECOMES US.

Thanksgiving is the American day for national thanksgiving, but Christmas is the thanksgiving day for the whole world. It is the day that Christian nations have set apart to thank God for His unspeakable Gift. No other day in the calendar is so honored; no name so praised as the name of Jesus. "Oh, the precious name of Jesus, how it fills our souls with joy."

*"Jesus! O how sweet the name;  
Jesus, every day the same;  
Jesus; let all saints proclaim  
His worthy praise for ever."*

A bedridden Eskimo said to a missionary, "When you begin to read to me about Jesus, sir, I am as hard as a block of ice; when you finish and go away, I am melted into water."

"The story of Jesus," said an African, "is my hymn, my prayer, my Bible. I weep over it when I can't sing about it, and I sing over it when I can't weep about it. This is true: that I thank God for it from the sole of my foot to the top of my head." If the Eskimo in Alaska and the Hottentot in Africa are so thankful for the unspeakable Gift, should not all enlightened Americans, and others, give Him the praise due to His matchless name? "His loving kindness, O how great!" Yes, we can thank God with our lips, for His unspeakable Gift! And when our voices fail us and none are present to hear us we can thank Him with our spirits. When there is no music outwardly, there may be music within. And lastly, we can thank Him by our conduct — by walking before Him so blamelessly and wisely that we may testify to others how faithful His promises are, how easy His yoke, and how real and powerful His presence is with us in joy and sorrow, in gain and loss, in life and death.

Now let me ask: Have you accepted this Gift from God — the unspeakable Gift? How grieved you would be if the beautiful present you sent to the one you had loved was rejected and returned to you — unwanted! How infinitely more is God, your heavenly Father, grieved when you refuse His Gift of love, and then add to your refusal — ingratitude! Let this be the day and the hour when from all our hearts we breathe a prayer of submission and a song of praise to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, and shout with the apostle. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift! Amen!

## A Wonderful Christ

BY REV. J. D. SCOTT

BILLIONS of children have been born, and millions of sons given to the service of the world since Isalah uttered the prophetic words, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given," the most of whom have brought joy with them to at least some hearts. But the birth of this Child of promise brought joy to the whole world and peace and good will to men. He was not given solely for the joy of His parents and His immediate family, but His mission was world-wide.

There is a chain of prophetic utterances running from Genesis to Revelation related very closely to His birth, mission, death, resurrection, ascension, and His second advent. The very first promise given in reference to Him, reveals Him as a wonderful Conqueror and Deliverer. He shall bruise the serpent's head. The typology of the Old Testament portrays Him in the sacrificial offerings of the old dispensation. Micah foretold His birth in Bethlehem, and in the same verse (Micah 5: 2), His mission is foretold. He was to be a "ruler in Israel." Isalah said the government should rest on His shoulder, and He should be the Prince of Peace. In Matthew 1: 21 we read that His name shall be called Jesus: "for he shall save his people from their sins."

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# The Real Significance of Christmas

By Rev. Stephen B. Williams

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." -- Luke 2:11

IT was but yesterday that the nation was called upon to observe the day of Thanksgiving, which has its foundation upon Plymouth Rock, and its spirit is that of national patriotism. Today, however, the spirit of Christmas is in the air; an observance which rests upon the Rock of Ages, and having its real significance in that value of human relationships and personal deliverance from evil which the Christ-child came to bring.

At the time of which our text speaks Caesar Augustus was ruler of the world, and by his orders all the world was to be taxed. Every man was required to register in the city of his fathers. The Scripture record tells us that from the little village of Nazareth there came two plain people, Joseph and Mary, husband and wife, journeying toward the little town of Bethlehem, the birthplace of David, for Joseph was a descendant of David and must register there. Mary was not obliged by law to present herself personally, and she had the gravest of reasons at this time for remaining at home for rest and shelter. It was a cruel five days' journey over one of the roughest of Palestinian roadways, which at this season of the year was in bad condition. But Mary was a reader of the poets of Israel; they who, a thousand years before, had prophesied that in Bethlehem of Judea should the governor of her people be sought. She remembered, and it was no accident that the Roman census should come just at this time. Rather, it was one of those incidents in which the Great Will rides over little human wills, and brings everything out as no one could have expected or planned.

The travelers arrived in Bethlehem at night, and finding the town already filled with strangers, were forced to take refuge in a stable, because *there was no room for them in the inn*. Near the village, in one of the broad, hilly pastures, some shepherds were keeping watch over a flock of sheep, which in all probability were destined for the sacrifice in the temple services in Jerusalem, only six miles away to the north. It was in these very fields where Boaz reaped, and Ruth gleaned, and Amos dressed his sycamore trees, and David himself once tended sheep. It was a beautiful night, with a bright moon and innumerable stars shining down with almost uncanny brightness. A strange presentiment foreboded the imminence of some unusual happening. The sheep themselves were restless, while the shepherds stirred and watched their flocks. Suddenly, there appeared a bright shaft of light, descending meteorlike from the sky, a glowing path of fire. There was heard a rustle of wings, and to the astonished gaze of the speechless shepherds there appeared a figure glistening white, angelic, inspiring, bidding them to be not afraid. There was next a burst of song, as if it had been long pent-up, waiting; a song that never yet was heard in heaven or on earth -- the song of

*"Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth, Peace, good will to men."*

The anthem soon ceased, the brilliancy of the sky was gone, and all remained just as it was before, save for one star in the East, which had not shone, at least so brightly before, until now. Beloved, it matters not whether astronomers agree, or that science forbids acceptance of this story of the Star of Bethlehem, for its light continues to illumine the world. And no myth could have held for twenty centuries the sway and force of spiritual power that has marked the progress of true Christianity since

the wise men from the East followed so closely and eagerly in the wake of its divine and effulgent light.

The song of angels proclaim the birth of the Prince of Peace, for

*"No war or battle's sound  
Was heard the world around;  
But peaceful was the night,  
Wherein the Prince of Light,  
His reign of peace upon the earth began."*

But nineteen centuries and more have passed by, and we find today the greater part of Christendom being devastated with the most awful scourge of war that has ever desolated this vale

of tears. There are now more guns and bayonets in actual use; more bombs and shells and other infernal engines of human destruction; more soldiers upon the land and more ships of war upon the seas than in any preceding era of the world's history. And as the writer pens these lines within sight and sound of one of America's greatest preparation camps for her further participation in this awful array, his heart is filled with grief and unutterable sadness, and an earnest prayer ascends to "Him who standeth within the shadows, keeping watch above His own," that our wretched humanity may soon be lifted above the smoke of battle into that beautiful realm where the eternal sunshine of peace will rest upon a liberated world.

Christmas is the festival of the holy family. The mother, with the little babe in her arms, and Joseph by her side, are the central figures in the stable at Bethlehem. Angels are there, but their eyes, as well as all others, are centered upon that group. The magi, with noble mien and wide flowing garments, and hands laden with the rich treasures of the East, bow low in worshipful reverence, while further in the background are the startled and wondering shepherds, who had been aroused by the song of the angelic host announcing the tidings of great joy. The coming of the Christ-child has sanctified the

home, lifting woman from the position of a slave possessed of no legal rights, into the true relation of sacred womanhood. And may the day speedily come when grasping fiends shall no longer profit from her laborious toil, and theimps of hell shall cease to traffic in her soul.

Again, Christmas is peculiarly the children's season. The story of the little babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, and soothed to sleep with a lullaby sung as only an angel mother can sing, is a story that ever proves entrancing to the little hearts. An Irish legend speaks of the Christ-child wandering out in the dark on errands of love and mercy, and the peasant children over there put lighted candles in the windows to guide the sacred little feet, and keep them from stumbling on the way. Christ brought to every child a new existence, and it is His spirit that prompts men today to care for the orphaned and destitute little ones. Truly it has been said, that "in the cry of the homeless child can be heard the voice of the Master," but yet there are those who heed not the Christmas message. Many little ones in Europe's war-stricken fields are perishing with cold and hunger, while in "Christian" America there are thousands of children who go to school every morning without breakfast, and multitudes die annually from lack of proper nourishment. Countless others are enslaved in mines, sweatshops, cotton mills, and factories; and Christmas is to them but an

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## The Message of Peace

BY REV. HALDOR LILLENAS

A message of peace is ringing,  
Sweet and clear, sweet and clear,  
What joy unto earth it is bringing,  
Far and near, far and near.  
Coming to earth as an humble stranger,  
Jesus is born in a lowly manger,  
That He might rescue our souls from danger—  
Ring the sweet message of peace!

A message of peace to mankind,  
Now have we, now have we,  
The glorious news of salvation,  
Full and free, full and free.  
List to the angelic anthem ringing,  
"Peace upon earth and good will" 'tis bring-  
ing,  
Let every jubilant heart be singing  
Forth the sweet message of peace.

Then why should a tear of sorrow  
Ever fall, ever fall!  
Since Jesus hath brought redemption  
Unto all, unto all.  
Lift up your voices in jubilation,  
Praising the one who hath brought salvation  
For every people and tribe and nation—  
Tell out the message of peace.

# Jesus, the Light of the World

By Rev. H. D. Brown

**C**HRISTMAS comes as a reminder of Jesus the Savior of men. It celebrates the anniversary of His birth. Christ came and dwelt in human flesh. He became human that we might become divine. In His coming He brought a flood-tide of light into this world that has been an uplift to humanity until the present day. Upon the darkness of a world of sin Jesus Christ comes as the bursting light of a glorious day. Like a beam of light in a world of darkness, comes Jesus Christ the hope of mankind. Where Jesus lives and reigns, this day has been growing better and brighter. The blighting sin of the world comes where the light of Jesus Christ is rejected.

Jesus is the light of life. Under the light of His life and teaching, a character will grow and unfold itself in marvelous beauty and strength. He imparts life, nourishes and strengthens life, makes life beautiful, and brings it to a happy fruition.

Jesus gave Himself to bless and help the world; to drive away the darkness and bring the light of life. Into many dark homes Jesus has brought sunshine and joy. He is the light of domestic life. Jesus in the home, in the family life, brings peace, quietness, and prosperity. Verily, Jesus is the light of the world.

The most miserable, unhappy families are those where Jesus is excluded. The most unhappy marriages are those where Jesus is not a party to the contract. Sadness, disappointment, heartaches, and broken lives are found where the light of the cross is shut out.

Jesus is the light of personal character. How many wrecks of humanity are such for the lack of Jesus in the life! How many lives have been redeemed and made beautiful and happy by the incoming of Jesus, the Light of the world. Billy Bray was a poor, unknown boy, but Jesus came in and changed his life, so that he became known in many lands and honored as an illustration of saving grace. D. L. Moody was an uneducated, obscure young man. Jesus came in and made of him a great evangelist, known throughout the world. How many desolate and broken lives have been changed into bright and beautiful lives by the incoming of Jesus!

Jesus is the light of the world in education. Every school needs Jesus Christ. Without Him it has the elements of death and not of life. Nearly fifty years ago the Bible was excluded from our public schools. How much they have suffered no tongue can tell! They have suffered in the work they have done, in their standing, in their morals—in every way our schools have suffered because of the departure from the Bible. There has been

an alarming increase in juvenile crime, the morals of our boys and girls have become notoriously bad, and, in general, the heart education of our young people has suffered intensely. Jesus is the true light of the schoolroom and without Him moral and spiritual darkness must reign there.

Jesus is the light of the world in literature. The pages of our greatest poems beam with the light of the cross of Christ. Milton's "Paradise Lost" is one illustration of a great poem on a Bible theme. From the Psalms of David, down through the libraries of the world, in subject matter and quotations, Jesus is the light of the world.

The world of art is wonderfully lighted by Jesus the Savior of men. About forty years ago a great picture of enormous size was displayed in Chicago. Thousands of people went to see it. Elaborate descriptions were published in the press. And what was that picture? It was the last supper of Jesus with His disciples. It is true that, to a very large extent, great works of art get their inspiration from the Bible. Thus from the birth of our Savior to the present day, Jesus the Light of the world shines upon the work of man in every department of life.

Jesus is the light of our intellectual life. A quiet rest in Jesus is the best preparation for hard mental work, and the experience of holiness is the best safeguard against insanity. A devout Christian nearly always, if not always, retains the right use of his mind until the end of life. History tells us that Nietzsche, the great infidel and atheist of the last century, was insane for ten years before he died. This is in strong contrast with the quiet happiness of God's people. Go to the hospitals for the insane and you will find that a very large per cent of the inmates are there because of sin in some form. Verily, Jesus is the Light of the world. He gives a clear and quiet mind a happy and useful life.

Dear reader, has this light come into your life? Is His Word the lamp to your feet? Does His presence impart quiet peace and triumph to your soul? Has this blessed light of Jesus led you to pardon, cleansing from all sin, and the glorious filling with the Holy Spirit? Christmas means much to God's people. It means peace on earth and good will to man. It means that unto us a Savior is born who is Christ the Lord. It means that Jesus the light of the world has come with radiance bright and glorious, which shall continue, more and more, unto the perfect day.

SEATTLE, WASH.

## "The Birth of a King"

By Rev. August N. Nilson

**S**OME forty-seven years ago it was the writer's privilege to be born into this world in a country ruled by a king—a king who was born king, being the firstborn of the then reigning monarch.

It was a great day when it was announced that a son to the king had been born, so that there was an heir to the throne, and that the kingdom (of Sweden) had not to pass out of the royal family that had for years been the rulers of that country. Everybody celebrated the good news! Telegrams from all parts of the world came pouring into the royal palace in Stockholm. Everybody was glad that an heir had been born to the royal family of the Bernadottes.

The little lad finally was named and baptized, and we remember how that water was brought from the River Jordan (by a special envoy) for the arch-bishop of Sweden to baptize the little newborn king with. There was quite a stir all over the little country of Sweden at that time, and we well remember how we also felt sort of "elated" over the fact of an heir to the throne of our native land.

This morning as we sit alone in our room in Sioux City, Iowa, we find ourselves meditating about another King who was born—not as an heir to a throne that was to last for only a short while; not as the son of a monarch who was himself to pass out of this life, sooner or later. But He was the Son of the eternal Father! And this King who was born in the city of Bethlehem in Judea was to be a King eternal, blessed for ever, upon whose kingdom there were to be no frontiers, and whose power and glory was to supersede the glory and power of all kings of this world.

All the Caesars, all the Alexanders, all the Napoleons, all the

Charles's—yea, even all the Davids and Solomons—were nothing but types and shadows compared with the glory and power of this newborn King. The wisdom of all the Socrates and the eloquence of all the Crystostoms, the learning of all the ancients, were never to be compared to His. He was to possess all power in heaven and earth; He was to "speak as no man spake"; He was to have authority, not as the scribes, but as the One from whom all other authorities received their authority. He was to have a learning that would confound the learning of the doctors and lawyers of his time, and for all time! He was to have an authority that never was to be disputed; His reign was to be from the sea to the uttermost part of the earth. Unto Him should the kings of this earth bow. At His footstool were the high to be laid, as well as the low to be exalted.

For centuries men had been looking for Him to come. Prophets had been prophesying about Him, sages had been writing about Him, seers had seen Him from afar. Men in all ages had stood with breathless anticipation expecting His arrival. Angels had for ages been waiting to see His glorious advent. Devils and demons had been for untold cycles fearing His promised arrival to this earth of ours where they had done their utmost to damn human souls and rob them of the hope of the promised King. As the time drew on, here and there we find men who seemed to have pierced through the eternal secret of God's promise, and who understood that the time of their redemption was drawing nigh. Some of them were from the East, the wise men; others were home folks who lived in Jerusalem; others were shepherds living with their flocks on the Judean plains. But no matter who they were, they had "caught the vision," they had

heard "the going in the top of the mulberry trees," and they seemed to understand, and some of them actually knew that He was coming soon.

One night, while the stars were brightly twinkling over the hills of Judaea, while the natives were sound asleep, and no one was expecting anything of importance to occur, there took place in a humble stable, surrounded with lowing cattle and slumbering pilgrims, a birth of a Being, who, when He was born, made angels leap over the battlements of heaven and with a song (that has made earth and heaven rejoice and hell to tremble) of triumph sing a carol that had never been heard before either by men or angels! Glory to God in the highest! (they sang), peace upon earth! (they declared), good will to men! (they proclaimed). Then followed that much-looked-for and long-expected fulfillment of that greatest prophecy ever made by God to man: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

This world has never been the same since that hour. The King of kings and the Lord of lords had come, and with His coming was inaugurated a new era (not simply a new epoch). He took possession of the governments of this world, and began to reign over earth and hell, men and devils, sin and sickness, death and the grave. He opened the eyes of the blind, unstopped the ears of the deaf, made the dumb to sing, and the lame to leap like an hart. He revolutionized everything. He commanded the storm to cease, the waves to roll. He despised the natural laws, and upset even the law of Moses by showing or declaring Himself even Lord of the Sabbath. He overthrew the law of society and propriety. He associated Himself with the poor and despised. He mortified the high classes, and elevated the low castes. He ate with the publicans and harlots. He touched the leper; He talked to the woman of the street, and told her everything she had ever done.

He told the master of Israel that he must be born again, showing that religion, no matter how orthodox, was not sufficient to make him acceptable with God. He declared that a greater than Solomon stood in their midst, and that He whom Abraham had desired to see was now made manifest in the flesh, so that what men and women for ages past had desired to see, could be not only seen but tasted and handled. Man could come in vital contact with God through Him, whom to know was life eternal. At last, in the act of offering Himself as the sin-offering of the world, He made it possible for man to come to God, receive the forgiveness of sins, and obtain an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith (or through faith) in Him. He died, was buried, has broken the band of the tomb and death, and arose from the grave. He at last ascended into glory, there to appear for us at the right hand of the Father, and in accordance with His promise, sent the Paraclete to be a present help in every time of need to every one who would trust his all to His keeping.

He has promised to come again, that where He is, there we shall be also. It seems as if some of us today (like the people of old) are catching the sound of the rumbling of the wheels of His chariot upon which He is coming back again to catch away His bride, who has made herself ready, so ever to be with her Lord. Blessed day, may it soon come! Can it be possible that the taking of the Holy City from the hands of the "unspeakeable Turk" by the British the other day means the end of all things is at hand? Is it a glorious fact, that this awful carnage we call the war in Europe is one of the last signs of His coming to earth again? Oh, that it was so. We can not say we trust and wait; nay, we go further than that, *we hope that it is really so!* We say with fervency of soul and spirit, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Come quickly."

At this glorious Christmas tide we say, Thanks be unto God for the King that came to us in our lost estate, took upon Himself the nature of sinful man, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Like the Roman general of long ago who went to battle for his emperor and conquered the foe of his native land, and sent the message back to his monarch, "I came, I saw, I conquered," so our King over nineteen hundred years ago, came to this sin-cursed earth of ours, the General of hosts of God, conquered sin, death, and the grave, went back to His throne leaving us the promise that some day He will return with clouds, rewarding those who have been faithful to the trust He gave them, judging those who have refused to obey Him (and at last cast hell, the Devil, and the false prophet, and the beast in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone), then to be crowned in the presence of an assembled universe as King of kings and Lord of lords!

*"Hark! ye saints, your King is coming!  
Hark! His chariot wheels are rumbling!  
Broomwashed saints, go out to meet Him!  
Clad in spotless robes to meet Him  
Lo! He comes! Yes, Jesus comes!"*

## The Real Significance of Christmas

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empty dream. Little children, and big folks, too, what a happy Christmas this would be to you, if you would search out God's neglected little ones and make this Christmas season a bright and happy one to them! The voice of the Master speaks:

*"As ye have done it unto these  
So have ye done to Me."*

Our custom is to celebrate the Christmas occasion with the use of a green tree, which, with the holly and the mistletoe, represents the whole vegetable creation. In Britain there is a legend that Joseph of Arimathea, after putting away the body of Jesus in his own new-made tomb, went forth as a missionary. Landing at Glastonbury he stuck his staff in the dry ground, causing it to put forth leaves and blossoms, the miracle serving to convert the king to the Christian faith. Since then, we are told, the holy thorn of Glastonbury has blossomed every year at the Christmas season. Another legend tells of a maiden of Bethlehem, so poor that she had nothing to give to the little babe to whom kings brought gifts from afar. As she stood longing for something to give, an angel appeared and bade her look at the snow beneath her feet, when behold! a new flower had miraculously sprung up and blossomed at her need. Since then, we are told, the Christmas lily has blossomed at this season. The lesson is that you and I may always find something to give in the name of the little Babe of the Manger.

The animal world is represented in the cattle who shared their shelter with this newborn King of Glory. The spirit of the Christ-child teaches us to be kind to our brute beasts, for on that night the cattle stood nearer to Him than the angels did.

Let us not forget that the little Babe was in the stable because there was *no room for Him in the inn*. Ah, friends, if He had come with the pomp and glory and grandeur of some earthly potentate, they would gladly have received and acclaimed Him. But such is the way of the world, even today. It changes not. Two thousands years have gone by, and men with the vision of the Christ-child have gone across seas and deserts, and into the jungles of heathen lands, telling the story of redeeming love. But men everywhere are rejecting Him. There is *no room in their lives* for the meek and lowly Jesus. The man of business does not want Him, because too often he would have to change his method of *doing business*. The society dame does not want Him, because she would have to stop doing many things that would bring dishonor to His name. The young man and the young woman of pleasure do not want Him, because companionship with Jesus would interfere with some of the so-called joys of their worldly life. And the poor sinner does not want Him, because the Devil has deceived him, and he does not know what happiness and joy Jesus will bring when He comes into his heart and life. There is *no room in their lives for Jesus*.

But let us continue telling the story. There are multitudes who will hear, and believe, and receive. Let the glad message ring out, and all the world know that the real significance of Christmas is not that we may please ourselves with gifts to our friends and sinful riots of pleasure, but that Jesus came to save the people from their sins. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

BETHANY, OKLA.

## A Wonderful Christ

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No son has ever been given to the service of this world with a mission like His. Isaiah said that His name should be called Wonderful. How appropriate, for He was the most wonderful character this world has ever known.

When He made His appearance on that first Christmas night in Bethlehem of Judaea He had to be born in the oxen's stall, and cradled in a manger. Because of the crowded condition of the city, there was no room for Him in the inn. But notwithstanding his humble and lowly birth, He was just as much the Son of God as though He had been born in the king's palace. And out yonder on the hillsides, while shepherds kept watch over their flocks by night, God sent the angelic choir with heavenly music to announce His birth, and to proclaim glad tidings of great joy which should be to all the people. No doubt that was the most wonderful music which ever greeted mortal ears, and the most wonderful announcement ever made by angel tongue!

His public ministry only covered a period of about three years, and His earthly career was short, but filled with wonderful service to humanity. He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. He lived the life of a servant, was numbered with the transgressors, died the death of the wicked, and was

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## PIONEERING IN CENTRAL AMERICA

BY J. D. FRANKLIN

**G**REETINGS in Jesus' name: At this writing all the missionaries are enjoying reasonable health and each one seems to be enjoying the presence of the Lord. Personally, I never felt more like I was in the will of the Lord than now.

Two weeks ago Brothers Anderson, Harvier, and myself went out to Caquition, where, with a little help, one of our converts has built a house for church and school. He had just about finished the house with the exception of door and windows, benches and table. We took tools along and put up a door and windows, made benches, and a bed for the missionary when he comes that way. However, the first night we happened to an unexpected trial. Our mozo started from Coban in due time to arrive at Caquition that night, but some one offered him a drink or engaged him in a very interesting conversation so that he did not arrive. He had with him our bedding, lamp, extra clothing, magic lantern, and carpenter's tools. So we had a cold night, with scarcely any bedding. However, we sang a song and lay down on the lumber to rest, using our raincoats and saddle blankets and clothing in a vain effort to keep comfortable. The next day he arrived, and on being asked why he did not arrive the evening before, he invented the death of a near kin as his excuse. We were very glad to see him, for his coming gave us tools with which to work by day and the lantern for services at night.

Sunday, October 28th, will be a day long remembered by two families. They had professed Christianity some time before, but on account of their poverty and also their being on the main traveled road where they enjoyed a fair patronage for this kind of merchandise, they had sold intoxicating drinks and were still selling it regardless of their profession. They had been talked to more than once about this practice, but could see no way to support their children in any other manner. Brother Harvier and I were visiting and stopped in at one of the houses. I noticed a table and glass in a small apartment, and being rather inquisitive, I asked the lady if she sold booze, and she confessed that she did. The conversation caused her to get up, get the liquor, and she and her boy emptied it in the road. She called us, her children, and the God of heaven to witness that though she and her family might starve, she would never sin against God in this way again. I am sending a photograph of the celebration.

That same day I learned that the other family was selling a kind of beer that would intoxicate. On arriving at the church I began to talk to him about this evil, told him what the woman had done, and he said he would destroy that which was in his possession and never would be guilty of such a thing again.

It was a victorious Sunday school that followed and with great joy they told of how God had enabled them to destroy the serpent that was in their homes. And of how their faith had taken hold on God for the supply of their daily needs.

We—Brother Harvier and I—remained there a week working on the house, a photograph of which I inclose you, preaching and visiting among the Indians, teaching them to love and fear God.

## ARGENTINE

BY FRANK FERGUSON

**A**RGENTINE is second in size of the South American republics. It also comes second as to population, having between seven and nine million inhabitants. The area is about 1,803,510 square miles. It is larger than France, Germany, Austria, Hungary, British Isles, Italy, Japan, and Switzerland combined. It covers a territory larger than that occupied by all the states east of the Mississippi river.

## MISSIONARY

The country is divided into fourteen provinces and ten territories. It embraces about thirty-four degrees of latitude, from twenty-two degrees to fifty-six degrees south. This gives quite a variety of climates, and their respective products. The mountains in the

western and northwestern part of the country also effect the climate in those sections.

A large per cent of the population are people who have emigrated from Europe or the descendants of these emigrants. The government supports the Roman Catholic church, but a majority of the population, especially the men, look with disdain on all forms of religion. Here in Lujan, a town of about fifteen thousand people, some forty miles from Buenos Aires, is located what is known as the "Virgin of Lujan." It consists of a wooden image about eighteen inches tall, very costly arrayed, and having a crown set with precious stones. This is kept in one of the largest churches in South America. Thousands of pilgrims come every year to visit this image. All who come through devotion leave an offering on the plate before the image, and also leave a deposit with the priest; that mass might be offered to relieve their various ailments or secure some favor which they are seeking. There were as many as twenty thousand pilgrims in one day last season. I saw women walking barefooted from the station to the church carrying their shoes in their hands. Some of the people who live here have told us that they have seen some who from the door of the church to where the image is located, walked on their hands and knees dragging their tongues on the floor. The streets near the church are lined with shops which sell candles, images, and relics.

These poor, deluded, misled people worship gods made in the form of man, but which having eyes see not and ears they have which hear not their cry. (Psa. 115:4-8.)

It is a privilege to tell the simple story of salvation—the gift of God's love—deliverance through the blood of Christ. As far as salvation is concerned, all their efforts and works have for a purpose the obtaining of that with which we begin. We accept God's free gift and work because of what God has done for us. The Romanist spends his life in seeking to obtain in another way that which God offers without merit on our part. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God." There are many who have become weary of the useless search, and some are accepting the truth as it is in Christ. For this we give thanks unto God.

In order for you to have some idea of the need, we will give some figures about one of the many neglected sections of the country. The county of "9 de Julio" has a population of 30,000; an area of 2,608 square miles. The principal town has a population of between twelve and fourteen thousand. French, Patrios, and Quirogo are towns of about three thousand inhabitants each, all within the county. There is no mission or missionary in this county at present. The gospel has been preached there in former years and there are some believers. There are three adjoining counties which are also without resident missionaries—Brugado, General Viamonte, and C. Casares. The last two counties named have never had resident workers. C. Casares, county seat of the county of the same name, has a population of seven thousand. Passing through Casares we next come to Pehuajo, another county of thirty thousand with ten thousand in the county seat. Then comes Trengue Lankin, another county with from seven to ten thousand in the county seat. Then comes Tony, which is the capital of the Pampa Central, an adjoining province. All of these counties with a number of others to the right and left are without resident missionaries.

Very little is being done even to give them a passing chance to hear the gospel. All this section is a rich agricultural region, producing wheat, corn, and oats, also hay; these, along with large quantities of sheep, cattle, and horses, are the principal products of this section. Most all of the garden vegetables which we have at home are raised. Pears, peaches, and figs are the principal fruits.

The county of "9 de Julio" is crossed by six lines of railroad tracks, there being four different companies whose lines run through the country.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

December 30

## God's Redeeming Love

PSALMS 123 AND 124

GOLDEN TEXT: *With the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.*—Psa. 130:7.

### THE LESSON OUTLINE

BY REV. R. F. HAYNES, D.D.

The last quarter, as its review will afresh disclose to the pupil, has been especially rich in great and wholesome teaching. Let us run over the delightful road we have traveled together for three months, and refresh our memories with the soul-stirring and uplifting lessons from the Holy Word which we have had.

1. First we had

"PSALMS OF DELIVERANCE"

We had impressed upon our minds and hearts the truth that our God was a delivering God. Psalm 85, 126, unfolded beautifully this precious truth. Let us gird ourselves ever more with this most encouraging truth.

2. We next had a lesson on

RETURNING FROM CAPTIVITY

We learned the blessedness of those who accepted release from captivity to sin and returned to their God. Also, how liberally God provided all such returning prodigals for their journey and for all their needs in both worlds.

3. We then came to the

REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE

We were taught by Ezra the beauty of praise. He praised God for all He had done for him, for what He was then doing, and also for what he had asked of God, and which he believed He was going to do.

We found that such as live in the spirit of such faith and prayer always go through and reach completion. God will see such people through to the goal.

4. Next, we had a lesson on

EZRA'S RETURN FROM BABYLON

We found in this Scripture great lessons on marvelous providences of God among the nations, and of the consistency and strength of true faith. God, we find, ruleth and overruleth among the nations of the world.

5. In our next lesson we had a conspicuous instance of

DEFEAT THROUGH DRUNKENNESS

It was shown what a bane and curse strong drink had ever been, not only in individual lives, but upon nations and institutions and the destinies of the world. It was forcibly shown that there is absolutely no safety except in total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the states.

6. We next were introduced to that

INIMITABLE PRAYER OF NEHEMIAH

Which stands out as a majestic, spiritual classic. The prophet we find carried a soul-burden for his distressed brethren and his ruined city which gave eloquence, force, and power to his wonderful intercession.

7. NEHEMIAH'S PRAYER ANSWERED

His answer next came before us, which was no surprise after studying the great prayer. We find that God sent the answer through unexpected ways, which He often does, but faith accepts the answer, come as it may.

8. Then there follows for our study

A PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

which was of course the 103d. The Psalmist's soul was overwhelmed with the spirit of praise and adoration as we all should ever be.

9. The next lesson was on

NEHEMIAH'S REBUILDING THE WALLS

In this great work he had opposition, as is the case with every good work. We can never hope to engage in aught of good without opposition. There is a proper way to meet this, however, and Nehemiah showed us how to meet it.

10. EZRA AND NEHEMIAH TEACHING THE LAW

In this lesson we found some remarkably sound principles unfolded for teaching the Word as practiced by Ezra. His corps of instructors "read in the book of the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the meaning."

11. The next lesson was on

NEHEMIAH ENFORCING THE SABBATH LAW

Valuable lessons were found in this piece of history as to the way and also as to the need of such enforcement of Sabbath laws.

12. MALACHI 3:1-11

In this closing lesson for the quarter we had a most useful study in Malachi. Herein we found a prophetic foreview of John the Baptist, of the two advents of the Messiah, of the awful judgments attending His second coming, and God's maledictions against the avarice of the Jews in withholding His tithes.

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

Subjects for Young People's Meetings:

## Prayer

(Continued)

BY REV. R. T. WILLIAMS, D.D.

3. THE INFLUENCE OF PRAYER—God states in Prov. 15:8, that the sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but the prayer of the upright is His delight. This Scripture shows definitely that prayer is an influence even with God. James says, in the fifth chapter and the sixteenth verse (5:16), that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. This verse more correctly translated, says, the supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working, showing that prayer is an influence. In Acts 10:4, this language is found, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God." Prayers are bottled up, and God will take care that not one prayer prayed in sincerity of heart, and unselfishness of desire and purpose, in faith shall lose its influence. Prayer is power, yes, it is the power that God seems to use in moving this world. When men pray, God works. The writer of Revelation says, in Rev. 8:3, "And the smoke of the incense which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God—." The following references are of great value: 1 Pet. 3:12; Acts 12:5; 2 Kings 20:1-3; Ex. 2:23-25.

4. HINDRANCES TO PRAYER; OR, WHY PRAYER IS NOT ANSWERED—It is a fact that approaches the point of the tragical, that little praying comparatively, is done, but it is no less sad, the fact that of the prayers that are prayed not all are heard and answered. Every prayer is answered or it is not answered. If it is there is a reason, and if it is not there is a reason. Why are so many prayers not answered? What hinders them?

(a) Selfishness, James 4:3 will establish this fact. "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your own (lust) pleasure." Men will pray for great crops, big business, large salaries, good health, better homes, more costly automobiles, all that they may have more pleasure in the ownership, or the use of them. The object of much praying is an increase of pleasure, or the consumption of the blessings prayed for upon our own pleasures. Men can even pray for the blessing of sanctification that they may FEEL good. We should remember that God would bless us that we may be, in return, a blessing to some one else, in other words, He would have us to be not "tanks" to hold blessings, but channels through which He can pour out blessings from His great supply upon a hungry and needy world.

(b) Regarding iniquity in the heart is another hindrance in many cases. David says, in Psalms 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." How true, and yet how often do people try to urge God to answer prayer in the face of some form of conduct condemned by the Word of God. Sin of all kinds is hated in heaven and condemned by the truth, and the man who walks with God must take the same attitude toward sin that God himself takes. It must be opposed everywhere, in the home, in the Church, in private, in public, in our loved ones, in our enemies, in the life, and in the heart.

(c) Another hindrance is persistence in confessing our neighbors' faults. James says, "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another." Too many have changed this statement to read like this, "Confess your neighbors' faults one to another and pray for yourself." This is the cause of much trouble and loss of spiritual power. May God give Pentecostal Nazarenes enough religion to keep us from throwing mud. We have received some mud, and a good deal of it, and that lately, but God will settle all bills when He is ready.

(d) Another hindrance is lack of love. These references should stir our hearts. In 1 John 3:14, we read, "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." "He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." Not he that hateth his brother, for that man is a murderer. It speaks of the man who may say he hates no one, but John desires to know whether we FAIL to LOVE the brother. There is a vast difference between not hating, and loving, between "not hate," and "do love." There can be no coolness in a heart warm with divine love. Love is never negative, but always positive.

5. HOW TO PRAY; OR, HOW TO GET OUR PRAYERS ANSWERED—This is the main problem of every true follower of Jesus Christ. Every soul must enter the school of prayer, must learn for himself, though a few suggestions might be of some help to a few hearts at least. The Bible is always our best and safest guide, therefore it will be well for us to look for God's viewpoint of prayer.

(a) Humility is perhaps the first essential. 2 Chron. 7:14, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face,--then will I heal their land. Isaiah 57:15, "I will dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." 1 Pet. 5:6, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God that he may exalt you in due time."

Pride is an abomination to God, and it is perhaps one of the greatest enemies of real vital godliness in the world. Hundreds of hungry men and women would seek holiness but for the fact that they do not want pride killed, and their spirits completely humbled in the death of the "old man."

# THE WORK AND THE WORKERS

## FROM CHARLES LAMB

Rev. D. S. Deware recently closed a four weeks' revival meeting at Washington church. While only a few prayed through, yet we consider the meeting a great success, as the community in general was greatly helped. Rev. Mr. Deware is certainly a man of God. He went from here to Coatesville, Mo., where he is now engaged in another revival. To any church in need of a revival we would recommend Rev. D. S. Deware.

## FROM W. F. CLEGHORN

This has been one of the best years of my life. The blessing is burning in upon my soul just now, and I praise the dear Lord for opening up the way for wife and I to move to Bethany, Okla., and enter school. This will be our home until the dear Lord leads us away. We truly covet the prayers of the saints.

## FROM REV. E. M. SANDERS

I am at Hot Springs, Ark., doing all I know how for the Lord. Am asking the dear Lord for a hall in which to do mission work, and I think that the way will open up so that I can get the old theater hall. I am preaching some in Hot Springs; preached to the Sunshine Old Mothers' Home Sunday evening, and tonight in the Salvation hall. God bless the church and the Publishing House is my prayer. My address is 315 Bower street, Hot Springs, Ark.

## FROM MISSES DILBECK, SALLIE, DAMRON, AND VERNER

We have recently closed a gracious revival at Cushing, Okla. This church has only been organized a few months, but under the wise counsel of Brother Chapman and wife it is growing in numbers and spiritual life. There were forty-five beautiful professions during the meeting. Several united with the church, and

others said they were coming our way. We were entertained by Brother and Sister Chapman and other friends who made it very pleasant for us. Our meeting at Perry, Okla., is moving along nicely and we are expecting a great closing out on the Sabbath.

## FROM V. BUXTON

Just closed a revival at Turnerville, six miles east of Lake City, Mich. The people were hungry and had been praying that God would send some preacher that way to hold a meeting. The writer has been in poor health the last year. I started last fall for Cadillac and Palmyra to dig potatoes in hopes that it would improve my health, and providentially came to Turnerville and entered into the battle for souls. God works in mysterious ways. Brother and Sister Sharp, who attended Olivet University for three years, are now serving the Palmyra charge and since the Michigan Assembly have assisted in the revival one week. Their labors were much appreciated. Rev. Mr. Bradley, the District Superintendent, preached one evening. This county of Missaukee is a big harvest field and needs a couple more self-denying, self-sacrificing Holy Ghost preachers, and with faith in God they could dig up some good Pentecostal Nazarene circuits. Who will say, "Lord, here am I, send me?" The Lord bless the large Pentecostal Nazarene family.

## FROM C. L. WIREMAN

We had a real revival in Campton, Ky. This is the town in which I was born and reared, and what a pleasure it was to preach to our own dear loved ones and life long friends and see them saved and sanctified. Rev. E. E. Dawson had preceded us for ten days and had the ground well prepared for a revival. Rev.

W. T. Tyler was our collaborator in this great meeting. He preached in the day services and your humble servant at night. About seventy-five souls, according to the estimate of the pastor, Brother L. C. Dearmond, were either saved or sanctified. Praise the dear Lord. Our next meeting was at Camden, N. J., where we preached for a week in the Pentecostal Nazarene church. This was not a great revival, but we saw some real salvation work; meanwhile we preached three times in Philadelphia, Pa., once in First church, once in the Second church, and once in the St. George Methodist church, where the first Methodist conference in America was held. God gave us a good time in each of these services. Rev. W. W. Hanks and I are now in Washington, D. C., where we will preach in the First Pentecostal Nazarene church for a few days.

## FROM EVANGELIST JOHN W. CLARK

We are in a good meeting at Bunker, Mo., and God is giving victory. We came here from over home in Frankfort, Ind., November 13th, and expect to spend several weeks here in the Ozark mountains, as this is a very ripe field and laborers are few. A good many have been saved to date and there is much conviction in evidence. Bunker is a saw mill town of about one thousand population, and very few know God. We are conducting the meeting in a large union church, used mostly by the Campbellites, who have a large following. We are praying that God will give us a Pentecostal Nazarene church, as we have a few families of Pentecostal Nazarenes living here. We go on December 9th to Exchange for our next battle. We covet your earnest prayers for our success in these meetings.

## FROM EVANGELIST RALPH GRISWOLD

The Lord has just given us a great revival at Olive Hill, Ky., in the Pentecostal Nazarene church, for which we praise His name. The services were fruitful and crowned with His presence and seekers at the altar. It was not much trouble to get them to throw their heads back and their mouths open and pray through. God's hand was truly manifested in old time convicting power, causing the sinners to be prostrate. The revival continued for three weeks, with wave after wave of glory and fire from heaven, and the closing service Sunday night was one sweep of victory, with the altar full and every one prayed through. In all there were over fifty who professed either pardon or cleansing. Praise God from whom such blessings flow.

## FROM J. A. WILLIAMS

After almost two years God has permitted wife and I to again enter the evangelistic field. We opened a meeting in our own home town, Connersville, Ind., where we have lived almost twenty years, and God marvelously poured out His blessings upon us and the church and thank God over fifty different persons knelt at the altar for pardon, and more than half of them came and sought the second work, and came up from the altar praising God for sanctifying them. There were nine good, substantial members added to the church. We are now in Fortville, Ind. We opened up here last night. Pray God to send a mighty awakening to this town. Pray for my body, as my nerves are very bad yet.

## FROM J. M. WELLS AND WIFE

We have held a revival at Hope Mission, Council Bluffs, Iowa, for two weeks. The fire fell, backsliders were reclaimed, sinners converted, and Christians gloriously sanctified; the saints were greatly strengthened. Surely the Lord was with us. Fourteen were gloriously saved and sanctified. Street meetings were held every night. The mission was wonderfully revived. We closed the meeting with two at the altar. We were called to Cambridge, Neb., for a revival. Praise God for this wonderful way. Address us at 2658 Third avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

## COLORADO DISTRICT

Two new churches dedicated. The new Bethel and Pleasant Valley church buildings, erected under the pastorate of Rev. C. J. How-2d, the writer officiating. They were great days, because God was with us. The indebtedness at Bethel of \$255 was more than raised, and that at Pleasant Valley of \$400 was raised, and both churches given to the Lord free of debt. How the people rejoiced. Each church is of some \$1,200 value, and would do credit to any country community. Bethel is the first Pentecostal Nazarene class organized in eastern Colorado about four years ago. It is lo-

## District Assemblies and Foreign Missions

THE ninth Assembly of the Alabama District convened according to the date fixed by General Superintendent Rev. J. W. Goodwin at Florence, Ala., December 4-9, 1917. The Assembly was entertained by our church and its many friends, which is located at what is locally known as East Florence, which is about one mile from Florence proper.

Our pastor, Rev. A. B. Anderson, and his people, having been engaged in special services for several days previous to the Assembly, assisted by Evangelist Rev. P. C. Ramsey, and Rev. Sam the Nazarene, the members of the Assembly were welcomed by a full house the first night.

While the attendance of the Assembly was not as large as it otherwise might have been, had it not been held at the extreme north boundary of the District, about one-third of its ninety-nine members were present. The reports of the pastors and several boards show a healthful and encouraging growth in all of the departments of church work, the total raised for all purposes during the Assembly year being over nine thousand dollars, which is more than twice the amount reported in 1916.

The District Assembly Treasurer's report for the work of the Foreign Missionary Board for the Assembly year is \$483.31, showing a splendid increase of nearly two hundred dollars over the amount reported for the same work in 1916, which I am sure will greatly encourage the readers of these lines. The missionary anniversary was a time of much interest. Rev. S. E. Galloway, District Superintendent, of the Mississippi District; Rev. Mrs. S. E. Galloway, missionary evangelist on the same District, and Rev. Sam the Nazarene gave helpful addresses, and the writer made a rapid trip around the world. The Assembly voted to undertake to raise \$1,000 the coming Assembly year for the foreign work, and our Sunday school at Flor-

ence pledged to raise \$100 and others of the Florence congregation made the amount up to \$137 from our people at Florence, and members of the Assembly increased the amount pledged to \$250, so the writer is quite sure that the \$1,000 for the foreign work will be reached during the Assembly year.

Rev. S. E. Polovina (Brother Sam the Nazarene), who had charge of the book table, ably represented the interests of the Publishing House of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene in the anniversary service. Rev. W. F. Johnson, Superintendent of the Tennessee District, represented the Trevecca College; Rev. A. B. Braken represented the Southeastern Holiness College, and Rev. A. B. Whitehurst spoke in behalf of our local school in Jasper during the educational anniversary.

The splendid revival interest begun by Evangelists Ramsey and Polovina continued through all of the services of the Assembly, which closed on Sunday night, December 9th, with the altar well filled with seekers for either justification or entire sanctification, for which we truly praise the dear Lord.

It was the privilege of the writer to organize the Alabama District Assembly nine years ago, which at that time consisted of about three preaching places, one or two elders, and about fourteen members, which has increased until now they have thirty preaching places with 25 elders and 628 members, and over eleven thousand dollars of church property with only \$300 indebtedness. As the duties of General Superintendent Goodwin demanded his attention elsewhere, the writer by his request presided at said Assembly in addition to representing the interest of the General Foreign Missionary Board, and is much encouraged as he notes the growth of the District.—H. F. Reynolds.

cated about twelve miles southeast of Yuma, Colo., and Pleasant Valley about twelve miles northeast of the same town.

All-day services were held at each place, with numbers of visiting brethren. Pastor Mercer, of Kirk, preached both morning and night at Bethel; Evangelist D. M. Spell in the morning at Pleasant Valley, and the writer at night. The dedications were in the afternoon. Pastors Walden and Etherton were also present at Bethel, and Evangelist Vanderpool and wife at Pleasant Valley. The day at the latter place was our group meeting, closing out a revival held by Brother Spell and the pastor. A goodly number were converted and sanctified. The Sacrament (the Lord's Supper) was observed and blessed unction rested on the service. To Him be glory. Ten new members were received at Bethel and three at Pleasant Valley. Remember the convention at Greeley, January 3-6, 1918.—A. E. Sanner, District Superintendent.

**TABERNACLE GOSPEL MISSION**

Since we came to Marion, Ind., the Lord has saved or sanctified over six hundred souls. Something near eight hundred have been to the altar. Thank the Lord for His marvelous help.

We have five city missionaries who go out and look after the poor and needy and those who need God. They give out clothing, food, fuel, and medicine, clean up the homes, look after the children, then get the folk on their knees or in a praying position and call on God and the results are wonderful. Many are saved right there and others come to the tabernacle and get saved or sanctified. Last winter we cared for one hundred homes and this time it looks as though the work will be doubled, but the workers are at the pitch point for God and their task, and will go forth in His name to bring relief and the truth of God to those who are unfortunate.

Last Thanksgiving we fed near three hundred women and children with only a few men present. This time we fed over four hundred. Last year we had more than a score saved on Thanksgiving and this time we had a great day with the altar filled. Brother John Hatfield preached in the afternoon and the saints shouted, and sinners wept and came to seek Jesus. We ask the readers of this paper to pray that the Lord will continue to bless His work and that souls may come to Him and find help.—J. D. Tompkins, Supt.

**HAMLIN DISTRICT**

On Thursday after our Assembly closed we started out on our new Assembly year's work as District Superintendent. Our first stop was at Lubbock. Truly God gave us a great time of victory. The church was encouraged and three bright professions on Sunday night. Next we visited the Plainview church, preached to a good crowd, and the church joyfully received our message. Next we went to Amorilla. Preached to a nice audience on Wednesday night. Again Thursday we had a long to be remembered thanksgiving service. Truly God meets with his children. At 2 o'clock we were seated to a good Thanksgiving dinner at our Brother Kinkades, and the saints gathered in after dinner and we enjoyed another good Bible reading and one soul was beautifully sanctified. We had a warm reception by all of our people, for which we praise God and take courage.

Lubbock, Plainview, and Amorilla have encouraging outlook for a great Assembly year. Brother Brandon, the Plainview pastor, was called unanimously and is feeling his great responsibility. Miss Nora Gehres, the pastor at Amorilla, Texas, is loved by her people. It is our purpose to create by the help of God a revival spirit at every point on the District. We will appreciate the prayers of all our pastors and people to this end. Thy brother under the blood just now.—J. Walter Hall, Dist. Supt.

**EVANGELIST AUG. N. NILSON**

It was our privilege to go to the three great Assemblies in Texas during the month of November as the special representative of the Pentecostal Nazarene Publishing House. We have heard of Texas for many years, but never saw the place before, and we must confess that the half was not told of its greatness. The country itself is great, but what struck us the most was the greatness of its people, both from a physical as well as spiritual standpoint. One thing that struck us most forcibly was the genuine old fashioned spirit of real Nazareneism manifesting itself in all the three Assemblies. As one man they are first and last Pentecostal Nazarenes and stand shoulder to shoulder for the church and its interests. They are great missionaries; they believe in education and an educated ministry and insist that their preachers take up as well as pass in their described studies as prescribed by the Manual. They believe in the Manual and insist that its laws be enforced. Then they also believe in the support of their District as well as General Superintendents and treat them as the heads of the church and honor them for

**THE WONDERFUL CHRIST**

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buried in a borrowed tomb, a wonderful example of humility and self-abasement. But on the third day He came forth from the tomb, the wonderful, conquering King, and became the first fruits of them that slept, that He might give to the world immortality and life.

The wonderful work of human redemption was now complete and forty days later He led His disciples out to Bethany, blessed them, and bade them return to Jerusalem for that wonderful promise of the Father; and as He went up into heaven the angels who announced His birth to the shepherds on the hillsides, again announced to the disciples that wonderful promise that "this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Let us, as we celebrate His birth, freely and fully partake of the benefits of His sacrificial death, and let us wait with patience for His return.

- He was wonderful in prophecy.
- Wonderful in His birth.
- Wonderful in His life.
- Wonderful in His death.
- Wonderful in His resurrection.
- Wonderful in His ascension.
- and will be wonderful in His return to take His Bride to be with Him for ever.

their labor of love and sacrifice, as well as for their office. It would do many people good to go to Texas and learn how to be real Pentecostal Nazarenes. Another thing that struck us was the way they entertained the delegates and especially "us fellows from the North;" it simply can not be described. Nothing was too good for us; at times we almost felt a little ashamed to be treated in such royal style. We had heard for years of "the real Southern hospitality," but must confess that we had never dreamed that it was anything like what we saw when we arrived. We shall never forget the kindness of Dr. Mangum at Hamlin, nor the way we were entertained by the folks at Cedar Hill. And when we arrived at Meridian we simply were taken by surprise when we were ushered into the magnificent mansion of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Alexander. We have been

**TREVECCA COLLEGE**

THIS school is now under the auspices of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene. Dr. C. E. Hardy, the president, who has had charge most of the time since the death of its founder, Rev. J. O. McClerkin, is pushing the battle on the line of definite holiness. Despite the pressure of the times and the distress of the people on account of the war conditions, the school is passing through one of the most prosperous times in its history. The Lord has given us a most desirable student body. The people at large are taking a deep interest in the school. Through the energetic efforts of Professor Strickland and Evangelist E. C. Dees our former friends are richly replenishing the larder of the school.

The spiritual tide has been rising ever since the opening of the school year. The real revival wave reached us on Sunday night, November 11th, when at the close of a sermon preached by Rev. J. J. Rye the unsaved and unsanctified found their way to the altar. For ten days it continued without the interest abating. Very little was done in the class work during that time. Brother Rye did the preaching when it was possible to preach. Several nights altar services took precedence of the preaching. Old scores were straightened up and restitutions made. Every student professed to be either saved or sanctified during the meeting who were not in either experience at its beginning with the exception of one young man. The Holy Spirit truly had the right of way. A record has been made in the lives of many that they will never forget.—J. A. Smith.

entertained in some homes in Europe, among what we call there the "higher ups," but never did we receive such a welcome as we did when in the beautiful home of Dr. Alexander. Why, he even gave us a special auto to ride to and from the Assembly, and waited upon us as if we had been two old friends (I say we, for Dr. Reynolds was entertained with the writer in the same place) that had met after many years' absence.

Well, it would be too long to try to write up all that we saw and heard and received in "great old Texas," but we must say we fell in love with the state, its people, and our church, as we never have in all our travels as an evangelist. We received many a call to come back and expect as soon as the Lord is willing to do so. One thing that impressed us was the loyalty manifested to our Publishing House and its present management, both in regard to business and editorial. In spite of the awful drought that has impoverished the land this last year, until thousands of families have had to leave the country and others have to haul water for seven miles and pay as high as one dollar a barrel for it, these people in the three Assemblies bought from the book stand that we had with us over eight hundred dollars' worth of books, mottoes, etc., including some sixty-six subscriptions for the Herald of Holiness. We say, thank the Lord for the privilege to have been in Texas, and again thanks to the people for their kindness to this scribe. We are now at Sioux City, Iowa, in a meeting with our church and go from here to Colorado Springs, Colo., for the holidays to visit our dear wife. Pray for us. Address me 2109 Troost avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

**THE HAPPY DOCTOR**

We went from the Hamlin Assembly to Bleedso, Lubbock county, for a meeting; began on Monday night; closed the meeting on the following Sunday night. It was one of the finest little meetings we were ever in. From start to finish the glory rolled. The entire neighborhood stood by us in every way, although only two holiness persons there (our son, Alex Givens, and wife). It pays to live the life. It was the first holiness meeting ever held in that part of the country.

They give us an unanimous call for the third and fourth Sundays of August, 1918, for a meeting. We were invited by the Methodists to come over to Estacado (eight miles away) Thanksgiving day to preach the Thanksgiving sermon. We accepted the call. It was one of the unusually fine services. It was the first holiness sermon ever preached in the Methodist church at that place. They invited us back some time in the near future for a meeting. We will be in the evangelistic work the entire Assembly year. Give us a call. We will do you good. We intend to push the entire church work greater than ever before if possible. Praise the Lord.—Rev. Dr. W. T. Givens and Wife, Bowie, Texas, Box 411.

**HOWARD W. SWEETEN**

We have just closed a good meeting at Worden, Ill., with the pastor, W. E. Lamp. It was a meeting of real victory in many respects. In all between thirty and forty were either saved, reclaimed, or sanctified and a great deal of prejudice toward the blessing of entire sanctification was removed. The day services especially proved to be a great blessing to the people. Some who had openly opposed the doctrine became convinced of the truth and sought and obtained the experience. In all it was a glorious meeting and while sinners were getting saved and believers were being sanctified the saints were being blest and helped and established in the faith. We go next to help our old friend, Rev. A. E. Thomas, at Eldara, Ill. Will the reader please remember to pray for us?

**WESTERN OKLAHOMA DISTRICT**

Our pastors have settled down to their work in the beginning of this Assembly year with great zeal for souls, and the outlook is very bright for them. The first monthly report I received made me shout for joy. As I looked over them my heart went out to the dear pastors until I wanted to gather them all together and renew my love to them. God bless them, they certainly must be the greatest set of pastors on earth. Well, I have visited some of the work and find conditions very gratifying. Richland church and the Lone Grove class are moving on nicely under the godly care of Rev. Asa Wilson and wife. We predict a great church at Richland. Brother and Sister Wilson are very godly people and they are praying the heavens down on the community. At Ryan we found Rev. R. R. Richey really getting hold of the entire town. Rev. Mr. Richey is one of the strongest preachers in that town and the people are finding it out and coming to hear him. The work at Marlow is greatly encouraged since being able to secure Rev. G. W. McCluskey for their pastor this year. We find at Oakgrove church a class of big-hearted Pentecostal Nazarenes who are ready for sacrifice or service. They will secure Rev. Claud Cliff to preach for them. Brother Cliff is one of the coming preachers. We visited

the Bethel church and the church at Comanche. God blessed and gave us a great time. Rev. M. V. Dillingham and Mrs. Bessie Dillingham have charge of these works and great grace is upon the people and the future is bright. The church at Duncan, also under the care of Brother and Sister Dillingham, is greatly encouraged. They have succeeded in paying the church out of debt and are finishing at this time a nice seven-room modern parsonage. Brother and Sister Dillingham are great pastors, and the people of Duncan love them very much. We held our first group meeting with their church and God certainly did give us a great time. On Sunday morning, December 2d, we dedicated the new church. God was manifestly present and the people shouted and cried for joy. Rev. C. B. Widmeyer, president of our College at Bethany, was with us over Sunday and brought a strong message on Christian education in the afternoon and preached us a strong evangelistic sermon at the evening service. And we closed out the rally with a good altar service. Praise the Lord. The shouts of victory are being heard in every direction.—J. I. Hill.

#### WASHINGTON-PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

Since our last report we have closed a very good meeting at Philadelphia Second church. This church in that great city is growing nicely under the leadership of Rev. J. T. Maybury, their wide awake pastor. They are located in permanent quarters at 5404 Haverford avenue.

From there we attended the all day meeting at First church, Philadelphia, which resulted in souls at the altar and most all prayed through.

Then we went to Darby with our Brother Nielson and conducted an all day meeting with good crowds and blessings on our souls.

From the great capital city we went to Kentucky to attend the Kentucky District Assembly, which convened at Ashland (my home town).

From there we were called to Brooklyn, N. Y., for a meeting with our Utica Avenue church. We had a fine collaborer, Rev. E. T. French, and God gave us a few souls.

From Brooklyn we were called to Washington, D. C., for a four days' convention. General Superintendent Goodwin also came and we had four good days, and Brother Goodwin organized a new church in these new quarters known as "First Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene" of Washington, D. C., with Rev. W. C. Surber as pastor, and we are hoping for the future to hold good things for us there.

Then we went to Rio Grande, N. J., beginning the 4th of November, and ran until the 15th, and God surely blessed both preacher and people and gave souls and some were added to the church.

After closing there the writer, in company with Brother and Sister Hand, the pastor, and Rev. Mr. Woolson and his sister, drove to Fort Elizabeth and met Brother B. F. Tomlin and his people, and the writer preached to a small but appreciative audience and left Brother Woolson as pastor and expect to hear good report from there.

Then we went to our struggling little church at Camden, where there are a few of God's choice holding on to Him for a revival and started off the meeting on Friday night and as was planned Rev. C. L. Wireman came later and continued over the following Sunday and God surely blessed and gave a few seekers and the little band was encouraged and we are feeling encouraged for that faithful few.

From Camden we came to Park Lane, Va. (one of the suburbs of Washington, D. C.), and met with Brother C. R. Mateer and his happy bunch of Pentecostal Nazarenes and preached for them over Sunday. They are now planning to build an addition to their church.

On Thanksgiving we attended the all day meeting at First Church of Philadelphia, where Rev. William D. Sheoler, the new pastor, was in a good revival with Rev. J. E. L. Moore of Pentecostal Collegiate Institute.

We attended the board meeting of the Pentecostal Collegiate Institute, of which we are a member, and will say that our school is doing nicely and we are planning to take it over into the hands of the three eastern Districts, and the plan is working. We have a great portion of the stock and as soon as the churches send in their offerings we will then incorporate and possibly change the name.

Thursday, the 16th of December, was the all day meeting at Second church, Philadelphia, with Brother Maybury and his band. Rev. Mr. Wireman and myself arrived at the church just a little before 11 o'clock and found a good house full. The writer preached at the morning service and Brother Wireman in the afternoon gave a partial story of his life and God blessed it to a large audience and many testified in the evening service that God used it to help them. One soul found God.

We then went to Washington, D. C., where we are at this present writing.

We are feeling quite encouraged in the work. The entire District with but few exceptions are all reporting good results and revival spirit on and so we look up and take courage. Always yours and His.—W. W. Hanke, Dist. Supt.

#### NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE

THE work in our school here is progressing numerically, financially, and spiritually. The enrollment has now reached 212. The trouble is not to get the students, but to obtain room for them after they come. The dormitories are well filled and it is difficult to find rooms in the city, let alone rents.

In a recent compilation of statistics it was found that thirty-eight families connected with the school have purchased property in the city of Nampa, to the value of \$153,000 and over and that thirty-three are renting property. Thus we see that there is gathering around the school a constituency that would bespeak permanency. Not only by coming here have these people shown their interest in the work of the school, but also they have given freely of their means. Nearly four thousand dollars has come from the contributions of these residents. Then the people of Nampa have also contributed a considerable sum. These gifts have been a great help, but a growing work is like a growing child, always hungry for more; so now there is need of more money for the furnishing and equipment of the students' club building, for a heating plant for the dormitories, and also to extend the dormitories so that we may be able to accommodate more students who already are talking about coming. It seems a pity to turn away students because we have no more room.

Spiritually we have everything to be thankful for. The chapel services are seasons of refreshing. Such a band of young people to pray can hardly be duplicated, we believe. There is no difficulty in starting a prayer service at any time, it would seem, but there is some difficulty in stopping one. During the Thanksgiving recess for a program on Thursday evening the young people had a real spiritual jubilee, in which they obeyed the Scripture command, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, make a loud noise, and rejoice and sing praise." Some in their homes near by and others more distant heard the joyful sound and also rejoiced. After an evening of such a riot of holy joy there came a hush upon the whole company the next night after the supper hour when in a different form of manifestation.

"Heaven came down the soul to greet,  
And glory crowned the mercy seat."  
Thus the blessing of the Lord abides,  
and the Holy Spirit hovers over His own.  
—Olive M. Winchester.

#### FROM F. R. MORGAN

Dear Herald of Holiness: God bless you and the method you have in preaching holiness. The first meeting after our Assembly was with the Antlers church. I arrived there one day late, but tent was already up and seated when we arrived, and the second night there were seven at the altar, six sanctified, and one saved. The new pastor and wife, Rev. V. B. Atteberry, from Lufton, Texas, arrived Monday full of fire and zeal. They are fine help. Twenty-two prayed through and six heads of families joined the church. Thank the Lord for a home for the holiness folks.

At this time I am in Hot Springs county, Arkansas, in a meeting right where I did my first preaching, when I had to walk everywhere I went, carry my grip, and preach in people's homes or anywhere I could, but thank God I am staying in the home of one of the worst opposers at that time, but now he and his family are among the best Pentecostal Nazarenes in the state. It is a great blessing to me to be here. When I look over the congregation I see about three-fourths of those who have the blessing of holiness were sanctified under my ministry, then I look out over this District there are three pastors who hold good appointments who were sanctified under my ministry. Praise God, I am going on. Amen.

#### CHURCH NEWS

##### Malden, Mass.

Saturday afternoon, November 24th, our people gathered for a flag raising. The addresses were given by Mayor Charles M. Blodgett, of our city, and General Superintendent John W. Goodwin.

Our flag was the gift of Congressman Fuller, and the mayor made a generous contribution toward the flagpole. Much credit is due our staunch friend, C. A. Charles, to whose energy and generosity our flag is largely due. On December 3d the New England District preachers' meeting met with our church. General Superintendent Goodwin greatly stirred the preachers in an address in which he emphasized the necessity of organized holiness, and the mission and vision of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene. The deaconesses met on the Tuesday following, with a very helpful and interesting program. Rev. A. K. Bryant and Deaconess Mary L. Webber brought inspiring and helpful messages. Our church work is moving on the upgrade, and we see nothing but victory ahead.—F. C. NORCROSS, Pastor.

##### Dayton, Ohio

My first six weeks as temporary pastor of our church here have been both strenuous and pleasant. I have preached forty-four sermons, helped in two good street meetings, made about ninety pastoral calls, taught seven times in Bible class, made six reports to the city papers, given out about six hundred hand bills, and prayed for a number of sick people in different places. Some have been saved, others reclaimed and a few sanctified. Three have joined the church, and another is recommended for membership. We packed one missionary box yesterday to send to our workers in Africa through Miss Pelley, worth about one hundred dollars. We gave her an offering in cash, etc. During this period Brother Agnew, our good financial agent from Olivet, has been here. He gathered up fully three hundred dollars in cash and pledges for Olivet University. This, plus \$700 previously signed makes the Dayton church \$1,000 for Olivet. Various poor people have been helped to cash and groceries handed to them from the church by our noble deaconesses. With reference to Brother Agnew's visit, he preached two times while here, and left more blessing than he took away in cash. Rev. J. M. Wines, the pastor, is away for a time. He will return January 1, 1918. Then I again enter evangelistic work. If God leads any one, write me with regard to conducting revival services or any other spiritual work. I am yours joyfully in good health and true holiness.—Rev. F. W. Cox, 212 Prospect street, Ashtabula, Ohio.

##### Evansville, Ind.

Our meeting which closed a few weeks ago with Brother H. Higsbee Lee, of Georgetown, Ill., has come and gone, but we are sure much lasting good was done and that God's seal was on the meeting from the very first. Between fifty and sixty were either saved, sanctified, or reclaimed. Many who had been living clean outward lives, but had through neglect or by failing to obey the leading of the Spirit lost the victory, went their way back to Jesus. I shall never cease to praise God for this meeting and for sending Brother Lee to us, also for our dear pastors, Brother E. E. and Sister Ora Turner. We are certainly blessed in having them for our pastors. Our church was never in a better condition than now. There is such love and fellowship among us. We are expecting to do a great work this year, not only in our own church but by also reaching out a helping hand to others. Pray for us.—ANNA CREEK.

##### Chittenden, Mass.

We were blessed in having with us Sunday evening Rev. S. N. Fitkin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., eastern member of the women's committee appointed by the General Foreign Missionary Board. Sister Fitkin is zealously advocating the formation of women's missionary auxiliaries for quickening missionary activity in our churches. Her message on "Father's Business" stirred our hearts to greater devotion for the salvation of the lost. Rev. J. J. Diaz, our Brava missionary, also visited us. We praise God for his recovery from his severe attack of typhoid fever. He has left again for Brava, sailing from New Bedford in a schooner November 26th. Let us pray for our brother that his strength may be fully restored and his labors on the island abundantly blessed.—T. M. BROWN, Pastor.

##### Oskaloosa, Iowa

Our church is feeling the impetus of the special called meeting for prayer on Monday evening, last, and the hours of prayer various members have spent in the pastor's study. Sabbath was the anniversary of Rev. J. A. Ward's stay of one year in Oskaloosa, and it was a time of rejoicing. Despite the fact that the building project has been on hand, thirty-one persons have been received into membership and conditions are more favorable than they were one year ago. Rev. Mr. Ward purposely used at the morning service the text of a year ago, Rom. 15:20, "And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ." Brother Howard Wagner addressed us last evening, and we never will get over the effects of that talk.—MRS. DORA SHERMAN, Reporter.

##### Ridgefield, Wash.

I came to Ridgefield in March and supplied until the Assembly. At the church board meeting they gave me an unanimous call back as pastor for the Assembly year. I found the church in a good condition spiritually, and the work is moving on. We have just closed a series of meetings with Sister Budd, of View, and Sister Louise Robinson, our future missionary to Africa. Their messages

were owned and blessed of the Lord. It was a hard fought battle, but God gave us the victory and it was our privilege to see a number of souls pray through and two persons healed. Praise the Lord! We visited the homes in Ridgefield, invited the people out to the services, and distributed quite a bit of good holiness literature. We ought to wake up to the need of spreading holiness literature broadcast over the land. The special meetings closed with deep conviction on the unsaved. We expect the revival to sweep on. Pray for us.—BERTHA WELCH, *Pastor*.

**Marshalltown, Iowa**

We are feeling God's blessing out here in the Hawkeye state. Each succeeding Sabbath seems to witness a higher tide of salvation than the preceding one. Yesterday was a good day with us. After the pastor had preached in the morning on "Our Old Man," a woman hurried to the altar, struck bottom, and then started on a holy tramp over the church, sounding the high praises of God. At night the subject was "The General Judgment" and one dear man, who was a former Free Methodist pastor, began digging down to get his accounts adjusted for the final balance on the judgment morning. Many strangers were in the services last night. Finances are running splendidly. We are going on and the going is good.—C. P. LANPHER.

**Cambridge, Mass.**

Sunday morning, November 4th, was a red letter day in the history of our church. Our pastor received into the church six children, who are members of his children's class and of the Sunday school. There is a blessed work being done among the children of our church, and nearly all the members of our congregation are receiving help from the preaching of the Word. On Sunday, October 14th, we took up an offering for the benefit of the Pentecostal Collegiate Institute, of North Scituate, R. I. Our pastor sent to the treasurer of the school \$265. This is more than we were assessed. Praise the Lord!

**Hollis, Okla.**

We took the work here on the Hollis charge immediately following the Western Oklahoma District Assembly. God is blessing us in our work. The church is getting the burden of the lost on their hearts, and souls are being blessed. We are praying God for an old-time revival here before many days. We are expecting our District Superintendent, Rev. J. I. Hill, to be with us at Brownlee, December 7th and 8th, and here the 9th. We are praying for a great time in the Lord. Remember us when you pray.—J. P. INGLE.

**Portland, Me.**

God is blessing and giving victory. Recently we took three into our church membership on probation. God's spirit is moving in our midst. At present we are preparing the people for a genuine old-time revival. The conflict is on, sin is being dug out, and confessions made. Every service is a digging and praying through time. Sometimes the services last until nearly midnight. Our church property is about ready for occupancy. We expect, D. V., to worship in the auditorium of our building next Sunday. There is certainly a marked improvement in its appearance, having been thoroughly renovated.—REVS. J. H. AND JOSEPHINE B. SELSTON, *Pastors*.

**Burr Oak, Kas.**

Burr Oak church kept Thanksgiving day with an all day meeting and we all felt that it was good thus to worship the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Some of our friends from the Wesleyan and Evangelical churches also spent the day with us. In the morning Brother Haas gave an exposition of the Shepherd Psalm and then we had a good time counting our blessings and praising the Lord. Brother Reynolds, of the Evangelical church, preached the Word in the afternoon, using John 17:17, and lifting up Jesus as the matchless Teacher and Preacher, our Redeemer and Sanctifier. With a good service at night, we closed the day feeling that even amidst trying times and circumstances God is on the throne to rule and overrule to His glory and our good. With the Thursday night service we are continuing in special services for a revival and we will be thankful if all the saints who are especially interested in Burr Oak will help us with their faith and prayers. God has given conviction and two souls.—Mrs. R. L. DEEKER, *Reporter*.

**Oklahoma City, Okla.**

In the first part of November I had the privilege of holding a fine little meeting with our church at Denning, N. M. A goodly number were blessed and the church greatly benefited. Brother Middleton, the pastor, knows how to look after an evangelist, and to make it possible for the greatest good to be done. He resigned while I was there, to go to Bethany to school. He is one of our coming preachers and pastors. On my return I spent a day with the Williams-Robinson party in San Antonio, Texas. I found them in the midst of a great battle, and victory on their banners. I had the privilege to ride about the city and out to Camp Travis, where about one hundred thousand of our soldier boys are in training. Since I left there they have moved the tent to a more advantageous location, where they can reach the boys ir-

**PENTECOSTAL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE**

SINCE our last writing I have visited the following churches in the interest of Pentecostal Collegiate Institute: Lowell, Fitchburg, Beverly, Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, and John Wesley, Brooklyn. We have had good services at all of these places, with hearty responses and liberal offerings, for which we praise the Lord.

The campaign for clearing the school of indebtedness is moving along very nicely and we hope soon to reincorporate the school as a college.

We had the privilege of attending the Philadelphia convention, November 13th to 22d, under the leadership of Dr. Morrison and Dr. Gregory Mantle.

We held a series of revival services in the First Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene of Philadelphia, Pa., November 23d to December 2d, with Pastor William D. Shelor. God gave us a gracious meeting. The all day meeting Thanksgiving was great; quite a number of preachers were present, among them being District Superintendent W. W. Hanks. There were three preaching services and several souls were blessed. The testimonies were rich, unctuous, and hilarious. Brother Shelor has recently accepted the pastorate of this church. He is a good preacher, a successful pastor, and is much loved by his church. He has a fine band of young men and women in his congregation. They gave us a liberal offering for the school on the last evening.

While we were away, Revs. Lewis and Mathews conducted day meetings for the school and quite a number were blessed.

Please remember us at the throne.—Your brother in Christ, J. E. L. MOORE, *Prin.*

the camp. And they are hungry, too, to find the Lord. The opportunity is great indeed, and the party needs and deserves the support of all lovers of Bible holiness. Nothing better could be done than for this great evangelistic outfit to be kept in this wicked city and near this great company of young men who are so soon to be placed in the trenches and perhaps sacrificed on the altar of liberty. The Lord is richly blessing me in my work here in Oklahoma City. The church is forging ahead with wonderful strides. Souls are finding God and victory is on. Amen!—JOSEPH N. SPEAKES, *Pastor*.

**Lynn, Mass.**

Our three weeks' evangelistic campaign under General Superintendent J. W. Goodwin has closed, but its results and influence, we believe, shall go on for ever. We all learned to love this man of God, whom He so graciously sent us. His sweet, tender spirit was powerfully used in convicting and reaching souls. We are assured a solid foundation has been laid for a mighty work this coming winter. An unusually large number of strangers came to our services; many came to our altar for the first and second works of grace. Hungry souls got to God, and the saints took on added strength. We believe we were never in a revival where the Holy Ghost so graciously met us, all glory to His name. The prayer season held each evening, a half hour before the regular service, also on Sunday morning and evening, was the real secret of God's blessing upon us. Some of our young people have learned the secret of prevailing prayer and carry the burden and travail of soul. Our closing service was marvelous indeed. What a wonderful message: our brother preached as if it was his last sermon to dying men and women. Many souls were at the altar, and all but one or two came through victorious.—FLORENCE M. RIPLEY, *Reporter*.

**Texarkana, Texas**

We are now in our eighth month as pastor of our Texarkana church. We closed out the old Assembly year with real victory. We returned home from the Dallas District Assembly with an intense desire to make this one of the best years in the history of this church. So far, we have had no disappointments. God is giving us great victory in the work. The congregations have been steadily growing in numbers and interest. The Lord has given us some strong new members, and is helping us to get hold of many new people. We have just launched a cottage prayer-meeting movement which will reach many homes and hearts in different parts of the city, and which also, will be a means of drawing people out to the church services, where they can hear a full gospel proclaimed. It is a treat to one to slip into the women's Tuesday evening prayer-meetings at the church. God is giving them wonderful victory in this part of their work. The regular Thursday night prayer-meetings are be-

ing attended almost like the regular preaching services.—J. L. MCLENDON, *Pastor*.

**York, Neb.**

We are engaged in a desperate struggle. The saints are praying and crying to God and are feeling the burden of lost souls. Our District Superintendent, Brother M. F. Lienard, opened the battle on November 26th, and on December 3d Brothers Lewis and Mathews started in. The people have come out better than we have ever seen them, and for this we thank God. He is undertaking for us, but it is such a tremendous issue that we want the HERALD OF HOLINESS readers to send up a volume of prayer for this place at this special time. We are tenaciously holding on to the promises and believing God for victory—sweeping victory. God is owning His truth as it is preached and the Spirit is helping. The outlook is good, but the uplook is better, for God is encouraging us and we are depending on Him.—ELSA FISCHER.

**Kowance, Ill.**

Our God still lives and still blesses His people. We are seeing the blessings of God in our midst here. People are praying more, believing more, expecting more from God, and attempting more for God. Amen! We are planning for a great missionary day the first Sunday of January, 1918. God is truly blessing us in the homeland, and we are going to help send the gospel to those afar.—LEWIS H. BACHELER.

**Mohall, N. D.**

We have just closed a very successful meeting again at Mohall. Last July Brother F. B. Janzen, of Hydro, Mont., came and helped in a revival meeting, where many found God. Such an old-time meeting of shouting and praising God we had never witnessed before. Then again in November Brother Janzen returned to do the crowning work by preaching holiness to the believers, and the need of the new birth to sinners. Many of them were sanctified, some saved and some reclaimed. The greatest of all to me was to see a dear old man, seventy-three years of age, kneel at the foot of the cross and receive pardon, also his dear wife, Brother J. E. Bates, our beloved Superintendent, was with us one night and brought a great message to us. The regular preaching services closed on Sunday night, November 25th, and on Monday night Brother Janzen, through the permission of Brother Bates, organized a church called the Hamlet Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, with thirteen members, with good prospects of a goodly increased membership in the near future. Brother Janzen was unanimously chosen as their pastor until Assembly. They have been wise in their selection of a pastor, as Brother Janzen is a man of God.—J. T. OVERTON, *Reporter*.

**Poteau, Okla.**

This morning, ~~Friday~~ we saved and sanctified wholly. I love the way better every day. I am continually finding in it the footprints of Jesus. We closed our meeting at Hill church Friday night, November 30th, with twenty saved, and ten of the twenty sanctified. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Rev. Jarrette E. Aycock, of Atwood, Okla., was the evangelist. He did some great preaching and won the hearts of the people. We are expecting great things of God this year at Hill, Poteau, and Monroe, and ask the prayers of the entire HERALD OF HOLINESS family. May God bless the HERALD OF HOLINESS and its readers. I think we should all take the HERALD OF HOLINESS. It is to my mind the greatest paper published. I love it next to my Bible. I am in this way to stay, to go every step of the way.—WADE L. NELSON, *Pastor*.

**McPherson, Kas.**

We had Brother J. W. Oliver, of Newton, with us for a few services last week over Thanksgiving. We enjoyed a double feast. First, Brother Oliver's preaching was a feast to our souls; the second feast was a fine, fat goose that our folks brought to us a few nights before Thanksgiving. We have some of the good folks here and they never forget their pastor. They simply know how to surprise him to a finish.—HENRY A. DUNLAR.

**Tillamook, Ore.**

We have been here just five months and like it better all the time. We have some fine people, who are very devoted to the work of the Lord. There was a membership of forty-eight reported from here to the Assembly, but a great number of them had gone before we arrived on the field. Perhaps we found twenty-five who professed religion. The attendance has been gradually increasing. We have a much better attendance at Sunday school than in the summer months. Our church has disposed of the small three-room house it had for the parsonage, and has bought a six-room house with land 105 x 105 feet, on a paved street, about two and one-half blocks from the depot. We bought the house and lots for \$1,200. I believe our work is on the upgrade and has a bright future. We have already \$500 subscribed toward the new parsonage. Our meetings are evangelistic and a good spirit of prayer is coming on the church. We are praying for an old-fashioned revival.—IRA D. AND ESTHER G. BROWN, *Pastors*.

**Sylvia, Kas.**

We held an eighteen-day meeting in the Pleasant Hill church, with Rev. W. R. Cain as evangelist.

Twenty-four seekers were at the altar and about eighteen seemed to get the victory of either pardon or purity. The saints were edified and greatly enjoyed Brother Cain's singing and preaching. He surely won the hearts of the people at Pleasant Hill church, and the best of all, the revival continues. Quite a number of good cases have prayed through since the special meetings closed. On Thanksgiving day God poured out His spirit in a wonderful way and five got the victory during the morning and evening services. To God be all the glory and praise for ever.—E. J. LOAN, *Pastor*.

**Jonesboro, Ia.**

We have a nice, commodious Pentecostal Nazarene church all paid for, and a good pastor, Rev. S. D. Slocum, the very one for the place, and God is blessing his earnest messages. Our District Assembly has just closed. Oh! what a rich feast it was, and how God marvelously blessed in raising the indebtedness on the church, which was \$200. It was with regret that we gave up our former May God continue to bless him as he goes forth into the evangelistic field, where he was called to go. We have in his stead another good man of God, who has labored with us in other years. I can report victory. My faith is mounting up and I am believing for great things this year. I am

a real Pentecostal Nazarene. To Him be all the glory. Pray for us.—MATTIE SUTTON, *Reporter*.

**Castle, Okla.**

We have now arrived at Castle, Okla., where we have accepted the pastorate of four churches. Our Pentecostal Nazarene work is rather weak in this section of the country. However, there seems to be a fine set of people here, and some true Pentecostal Nazarenes. We are today in the home of Rev. G. R. Williams, our ex-pastor here. Brother Williams and wife are true Pentecostal Nazarenes. They have been located here for some time and our work has prospered under their care. With several others like himself and wife we hope to have great success this year. Pray for us.—S. B. GOSBY, *Pastor*.

**Anderson, Ind.**

The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. We have just closed a five weeks' meeting, with our pastors, Brother and Sister Akers, in charge. There were about forty who claimed victory. This is the first revival in our new church. We were pleased to have Brother Goodwin with us October 11th to 14th. He dedicated the church. We are still progressing. We have made a canvas of the town since the Assembly and are expecting Rev. W. R. Cain to hold a meeting in February. Pray for us.—KIRBY FIELDS.

**Highway, Ky.**

After the Assembly we came here, our appointed place. We preach here and at Creelsboro. We found a good little band of folks at each place. All seemed to be blessed and encouraged. We moved here November 23d. The folks had provided a nice little parsonage for us. On Wednesday night, before Thanksgiving, they visited us with a pounding of many good things to eat. The Creelsboro church remembered us with several good things also, that we needed. We want to thank the Lord for all His blessings. We are expecting greater things this year.—F. V. TAYLOR, *Pastor*.

**Muskegon, Mich.**

The Lord has wonderfully blessed Muskegon with a Pentecostal Nazarene church, which was organized October 6th. Muskegon is a town of 45,000 population and we are the only holiness church here. The organization is the outcome of a fourteen days' revival I held here in September, at which time there were thirty-five who knelt at the altar and claimed victory. At the business meeting they called me to pastor the church. I accepted the call and feel that there is a great work to be done, and by God's grace we are going to do it. We have secured a church building for a year, with the possible chance of buying it. It is centrally located and in a fine neighborhood. We have some of the very best folks in Muskegon. We are going to hold a revival again the first of the year.—HOWARD PASCHAL, *Pastor*.

**Lapeer, Mich.**

We are still in the work of the Lord and enjoying the blessing of entire sanctification. Our church work is making fine progress so far in the new Assembly year. We have a preaching place in a schoolhouse ten miles northeast from Lapeer, called Johnston Mill. Here a Pentecostal Nazarene class was organized last April by our dear Brother Miller, who was District Superintendent at that time. The class is made up of twelve Pentecostal Nazarenes. We have just closed a six weeks' meeting here, with a sweeping victory. Sixteen were converted or sanctified. Some of these will join the church. Brother Clayton Beninger preached one night, with seekers at the altar, and Brother Howard Paschal, of Muskegon, preached three nights with a number saved. To God be all the glory. Our dear District Superintendent, Brother Bradley, visited us one night during the meeting and helped shout the victory. We expect to begin a meeting with his help at our Beulah church January 15th. Pray for us. Yours for loyal service in Jesus' name.—A. J. BUSBY, *Pastor*.

**Garden City, Kas.**

We felt it to be in divine order to come to Garden City from the Assembly at Newton, as the place was upon our hearts. After praying over the matter we entered into a revival campaign from November 4th to December 2d, with dear Brother Deck and his party of true Pentecostal Nazarenes. God gave us victory. Some twenty-seven folks knelt at our altars and twenty-five really prayed through to victory. Nearly all came twice and were saved and sanctified. All were adults, except five or six children, ranging from over sixty down to young people. Sunday morning we took nine members into the church, and at night eight, making seventeen in all. Two hundred and fifty-eight dollars were raised for expenses and party. All praise be to the Holy Ghost, who did the work. Brother Deck is fearless, yet tender and full of divine love. We are looking up and by faith can see better days for dear Garden City. We all voted to have the party come back in the summer, if they can. We can recommend Brother Deck and his party for any hard fight.—H. M. BASSETT, *Pastor*.

**Winchester, Ind.**

Rev. B. A. Fleming, a very precious and consecrated man of God, moved into our midst about the first of October. He came here to act as pastor of

TELEGRAMS

SAN ANTONIO, Texas.

HERALD OF HOLINESS:  
J. E. Moore, the leader and director of the large choirs in our campaigns, has an open date from now until the middle of January. Any pastor desiring his services can reach him by wire care of Rev. H. B. Wallin, 1814 Colorado street, San Antonio, Texas.

WILLIAMS AND ROBINSON.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas.

HERALD OF HOLINESS:  
Williams-Robinson revival closed. Rev. Mr. Williams at his best. Long altar crowded; greatest meeting ever conducted in San Antonio. Thirty additions to Pentecostal Nazarene church, more to follow. Collections \$2,400. Good accomplished can not be estimated. Party has done constructive work. Our motto, Greater things.

H. B. WALLIN, *Pastor*.

DONALSONVILLE, Ga.

HERALD OF HOLINESS:  
Grace and glory upon Georgia! Assembly best ever held. Fine spirit. Dr. Reynolds presided with efficiency, humility, and tenderness. District Superintendent re-elected. New inspiration and vision on all lines. Educational and missionary enthusiasm strong. Entering year with holy determination to win for Christ. Our slogan, Greater Georgia for Christ.

M. EMILY ELLYSON, *Reporter*.

MUNCIE, Ind.

HERALD OF HOLINESS:  
We closed four-day convention, raised \$1,000 for missions, \$100 for District Superintendent. E. G. Anderson and U. E. Harding at best in preaching. Took seventeen into church; eight at altar Sunday night. Three hundred seekers since Assembly. These brethren came here from Hammond, where they raised \$200 for missions.

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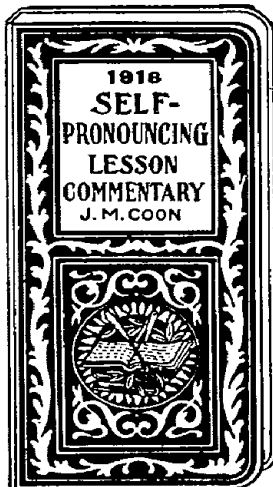
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TELEGRAM

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HERALD OF HOLINESS:

Sixteen days' meeting in Pentecostal Nazarene church here conducted by Evangelist Stephen B. Williams closed last night, with church unable to hold the people. Some were saved and sanctified. New members received. The Word preached in its fulness. Church spiritually refreshed, strengthened, and built up. Splendid offering raised without emphasis or embarrassment. We are looking up.

AGNES FRYE, Pastor.

was built by the Disciple people in the year of 1875, and yet it stands a model of good workmanship, only two squares south of the public square, handy and convenient to be attended by every person in the city. November 4th a revival effort was begun, which closed Sabbath night, December 2d. After four weeks of battling and praying it ended in a glorious and successful meeting. Forty precious souls found their way to God. Eighty new members were added to the church during the meeting.—J. H. WILLIAMS, Reporter.

First Church, Los Angeles, Cal.

The revival, announced some time ago, started on schedule time, Thanksgiving day. Brother Fisher, of San Antonio, Texas, a new man to us, has come in the fulness of the blessing; and already has won our hearts and confidence. The Wilde-Knight evangelistic quartette, so well known to us, is giving out the message of salvation in songs filled with the Spirit, and touches hearts in melting conviction. Sunday, December 2d, was a great day. Brother Fisher had the three services. We were blessed and fed in our souls. The morning was but a taste, for the table spread at the afternoon and evening services consisted of the same quality of food. Neither service was without seekers. We are in this revival with all our soul, mind, and strength to make it count for time and eternity.—Mrs. S. P. RICHARDS, Reporter.

Ellendale, Okla.

We are in the midst of our revival here at this place. When we came here to take the pastorate the people were like sheep without a shepherd, but were willing to sacrifice anything to see the good work go on. They had all agreed to tithes, so that they could meet their church expenses promptly. Last Sunday we had a great time bringing the tithes into the Lord's house. We have somewhere between thirty and forty good members we can depend on, and when we all got through bringing in the tithes we had \$100.00 in our treasury, despite the fact that last year the people had almost a crop failure. We are expecting great things from the Lord this year. We are expecting to commence building our new church soon. Pray for us, brethren, that we will always keep humble and prayerful.—IRA McNEW, Pastor.

DEATHS

Spelcher — Frederick A. Spelcher was born at Urbana, Ind., May 16, 1881, and died at his home, Los Angeles, Cal., on Sunday, November 11, 1917. As a member of the Grand Avenue Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, he was for eight years an indefatigable worker. As superintendent of the Sunday school he endeared himself to all. The local church feels great sorrow at his loss. He was married October 8, 1903, to Gertrude E. Priny. His widow and three daughters, Orpha, Grace, and Muriel, survive him. Funeral services were held in the Grand Avenue church, the pastor officiating.—F. W. Nease, Pastor.

Hinton — Rev. W. W. Hinton died November 20, 1917. His body was laid to rest at Arbala cemetery November 23d. The writer conducted the funeral services. He was 64 years, 8 months, and 22 days old. He was married to Miss Georgia McFall, September 11, 1876. To this union ten children were born, five boys and five girls. He professed religion at the age of twenty, and sought and obtained the experience of entire sanctification about seven years ago. He cast his lot with the Pentecostal Nazarene church and was a consistent member at the time of his death.—J. R. Radican.

Hargrove — Mrs. Amanda Hargrove left this world December 4th and went to live with Jesus. Sister Hargrove was a member of Hill Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, and was a devoted Christian, being converted at an early age and sanctified wholly a few years later. She leaves to mourn her departure, sisters, brothers, four children, husband, also a host of relatives and friends, but we look up rejoicing, and say, "Thy will be done." Our loss is her gain. She could truly say, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21). The writer conducted the funeral service.—Wade L. Nelson, Pastor.

Dawson — On Sunday afternoon, December 3d, our Shiloh church, near Eldon, Kan., was called to mourn the sudden homegoing of one of our best faithful and beloved workers, Miss Mayme Dawson. She was born December 20, 1884, in Illinois, converted at sixteen, and sanctified in November, 1916, at the time this church was organized. She was first to join. She was president of our Young People's Society and teacher of the young women's Sunday school class.

We all miss her, but have not one word of complaint, for the Master said, "I have need of her."—Frank Maybaw, Pastor.

Lemley — On November 1, 1917, it pleased our heavenly Father to take from our midst our beloved sister in Christ, Mrs. Georgie Lemley. She was thirty-eight years of age, was the wife of Lee Lemley, living in the Paw Paw community, and leaves besides her husband, six boys and one girl, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Sister Lemley was converted at the age of fifteen and sanctified in August, 1911. She joined the Pentecostal Nazarene church at Paw Paw and lived a consecrated life until death. The funeral services were held at about 3 o'clock November 10th, the pastor, Rev. J. W. Dodd, officiating.—Rev. J. W. Dodd, Pastor.

PERSONALS

Rev. H. D. Warner, of Webberville, Mich., has entered the evangelistic field and would be glad to correspond with any church desiring his services.

Rev. J. W. Bost has recently moved from Ballinger, Texas, to Kingston, Okla., to take the pastorate of our church at that place.

Rev. Stephen B. Williams, editor of the *Holiness Advocate*, a new paper published at Bethany, Okla., in the interest of Oklahoma Holiness College, and the Oklahoma District, will devote a part of his time to evangelistic work. We wish for him the greatest usefulness in his undertaking.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Correction — In a recent article by Rev. W. R. Cain, on the subject of Elijah, the words, "when the hand of God is on a man it is for good, or evil," were by mistake left out of his comment on 1 Kings 18:46, and should read, "And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah and he girded up his loins and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel" (when the hand of God is on a man it is for good, or evil). Certainly in this case it was not evil. When the hand of the Lord is on a person he does the unusual.

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Missionary Book — "Sister Bertha," whose splendid article on "Answered Prayer" appears in this paper, has written a book on African missions, entitled "Leopard Spots, or God's Masterpiece, Which?" Price 50c and 75c, which can be obtained at her home address.—Miss Bertha C. Doering, 12000 In-gomar Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Oklahoma Holiness College — We are glad to announce that we have now begun work on our college building. A part of the money has already been paid in and the contract has been let. At the Western Oklahoma District Assembly the church pledged \$2,000 to finish paying the school debt. At the Eastern Oklahoma District Assembly the church pledged \$2,000, payable December 1st, to equip our new building with, and the people of Bethany have subscribed \$5,000 toward erecting the new building. Yet we lack about \$5,000. We are going to complete this building, which is to be of brick, 32 x 50 feet, two stories high, and dedicate it to the memory of our beloved P. F. Breese, and call this building the Breese Memorial building. We will put the name of each donor in the cornerstone of this building. When completed we will have a school almost entirely free from debt. This building will stand as a monument to the memory of our dear Brother Breese, and to propagate the doctrines of full salvation, which he loved and cherished so dearly. Will you help us make this possible? Here is a great opportunity to invest. It will pay large dividends in eternity. We are depending on you to help us. Send us your part today. May the Lord bless you.—Arthur Beaver, Treasurer.

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Gary, Ind.....January 22-February 10  
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B. H. Morse—  
Albany, Ore.....January 4-27  
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York, Neb.....December 2-23  
Near Caro, Mich.....January 4-20

est to their home relative to the books they wish to be examined on.—J. T. Maybury, Chairman.

Notice to Dallas District—The minutes of the Dallas District Assembly are now ready for distribution. Will the pastors please take notice and take up this matter with their churches, as instructed by the report of the committee on financial budget, and send in the money at once, as we can not get the minutes from the printer until they are paid for. Please do not delay the work by your failure to attend to this matter immediately, as it is important that the minutes be distributed and the clergy bureau gets a copy before the first of the year. Please let the evangelists take notice, and help us in bearing the expense of printing the minutes, as it is worth something to them to be commissioned by the Assembly and have their official appointment printed. You are aware of the advanced prices on everything, and all of our people will need to rally and help a little if we are to meet this bill. Soon after the Assembly a letter was sent to every pastor, asking that this matter be attended to at once. So far only four have responded. This is an important matter which concerns us individually, as members of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene. We must have our minutes printed, and somebody has to pay the bill. As members of the Dallas District, the responsibility is ours. Will you help? Will you be loyal Pentecostal Nazarene? We are depending upon you. Publishing Committee: E. G. Theus, District Superintendent; Mrs. E. J. Sheeks, District secretary; E. H. Sheeks, District treasurer.

To Whom It May Concern—We wish to announce to the public that we have withdrawn from the Pentecostal Nazarene church and have reunited with the Methodist church.—H. W. Galloway and Wife, Burr Oak, Kas.

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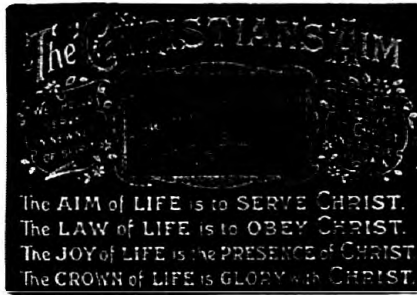
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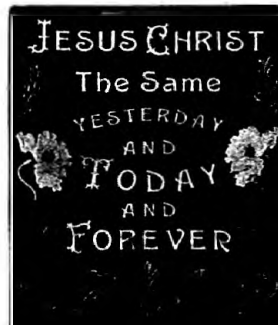
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