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"The Disciples Were Filled With Joy and With the Holy Ghost"

THERE were perhaps many other things which might have been said concerning that gathering of early Christians, but the inspired writer mentioned only the central fact and that was that "The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost." This was both the cause of their meeting and the ultimate result of it. It was the explanation of all that was remarkable about the whole matter.

There will be many things said about the Sixth General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, but it is a pleasure to be able to say that the one outstanding characteristic of this notable gathering has been the unusual joy, unction and power which have marked this assembly of the people of God. Sometimes it has seemed that the progress of the business sessions was slow indeed, but finally when the mind of God seemed to have been discerned, the debating has been instantly concluded and the Assembly has moved on in its even course. The reports from preaching services remind one of a camp meeting writeup. The devout spirit of the people and the manifest presence of the Spirit of God are the most noticeable features of the whole gathering.

Our duty is not entirely fulfilled when we have preached the doctrine of Christian perfection to men, a testimony to having received the blessing of sanctification does not end the matter; holiness is a life to be lived and it is the glory of our holy religion that it will stand the practical test. And by this I do not mean simply that grace will keep us from crime and out-broken sin—and thank God that it will do this—but I mean that the epoch making crisis through which we pass when we die out to sin and are sanctified wholly is to result in an abiding glory that will fill our lives with the fruit of the Spirit and give us power for the service of God.

The glory of the Church of the Nazarene is not in her wealth, her worldly standing or in the superior learning of her leaders and people, but in the fact that "The Holy One of Israel" is in the midst of her. Order and organization are all right in their place, but only the presence and power of the Holy Ghost upon us can make us the people God designs us to be.

We are filling nearly all of our thirty-two pages this week with news from the General Assembly and with reports from the General Interests of the church, but in this editorial note we desire to emphasize the fact that we are by no means deceived into the belief that church machinery or any sort of human accomplishments are to be depended upon for one moment; but just as the "Shekinah" glory filled the temple of old and gave purpose to all the appointments of that magnificent "House of God," so that the Holy Ghost abiding in the hearts of the people of God cleansing and filling them continually is what gives purpose to every form and every service in the "House of God" today.

The Sixth General Assembly

Reported by Rev. D. Rand Pierce

THOUGH not wholly a novice at the task of reporting synods, conferences and assemblies, yet the writer was tempted to lay aside his pen in despair when faced with the responsibility of trying to convey to the great HERALD family something approximating even a small taste of the indescribable "feast of fat things" provided for all those who were privileged to attend the Sixth General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, held at Kansas City, Missouri, September 20th to October 2nd, 1923. No kinetograph camera could have reproduced the scenes, nor language be found in the vocabularies of Webster, Worcester and Johnson which could convey to those not present but a faint conception of the tides of divine glory and ecstasies of holy joy that again and again swept over the Assembly in uncontrollable fullness. It would indeed be trying to "describe the indescribable."

All had prayed that such a manifestation of genuine pentecostal power and glory should attend this General Assembly as would send a new thrill of faith and fervor to the remotest bend in our far-flung battle line. We are confident that that prayer has been graciously answered, both in spiritual power and wiser planning for the carrying forward of the great work God has committed to the people called "Nazarenes."

Expectantly, joyfully, triumphantly they came to the seat of the assembly from the East and the West, the North and the South, and from across the seas, like the Mohammedan to his Mecca and the Jew to his holy City, till we found ourselves singing:

"And now from where Atlantic tosses up her billows grand,
To the West where old Pacific gently laves her golden strand,
God is raising up an army that shall compass sea and land—
Jesus Christ is marching on!"

There they came, the young and buoyant, the middle-aged and mature, the hoary-haired and battle-scarred, headed by a trio of as heroic, consecrated and Spirit-filled leaders as God ever gave to His church militant, Reynolds, Goodwin and Williams, our beloved General Superintendents.

PRELIMINARY SERVICE

On Wednesday evening, September 19th, a wonderful preliminary service was held in First Church, where the General Assembly was to convene the day following. E. F. Wilde of Los Angeles, of whose fame in the world of sacred song our church may justly feel proud, conducted the singing and also furnished a delightful solo. General Superintendent R. T. Williams of Dallas, Texas, presided over the service and delivered a brief address. At the close of this Rev. E. E. Angell of the Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Mass. poured out his soul in a fervent petition for the guidance of the Almighty and that the reign of fellowship and harmony might characterize all of the deliberations of the General Assembly.

After a special song by Mrs. E. G. Anderson, Rev. C. H. Babcock of First Church, Los Angeles, California, brought a most in-

spiring message from 2 Cor. 3:5, 6, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the New Testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

His discourse was unctuous, eloquent and at times lifted his audience to heights of great holy fervor. The heart of his theme was the necessity of the Spirit's presence, power and leadership in every life and every undertaking. All present felt that this service foretold an Assembly that would be marked by a wonderful sense of the divine presence.

The service closed with the doxology and the benediction by Dr. C. B. Widmeyer, President of Pasadena University.

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

Dr. H. F. Reynolds, Senior General Superintendent, called the first session of the great quadrennial to order promptly at 9 A. M. Rev. D. S. Corlett of Southern Cal-

ifornia was then called, pages elected and the seating of alternates begun.

AFTERNOON SESSION

General Superintendent J. W. Goodwin presided at the afternoon session, Rev. W. B. Tait of Manitoba-Saskatchewan District conducted the devotions. It was observable that delegates and visitors were arriving on every train. One of the gratifying features was that representatives were present from every foreign mission field except Cape Verde Islands. Rev. George Sharpe, tried warrior of the cross, and Charles Hunter had crossed the rolling Atlantic to represent Bonnie Scotland.

The Assembly completed its organization by electing C. A. Kinder, Journal Secretary; D. S. Corlett, Reading Secretary; C. Warren Jones, Fraternal Correspondence, letters and telegrams; Harry Messenger, votes, tellers and ballot sheets; T. W. Willingham, Reference Secretary; M. E. Campbell, Calendar Secretary; Miss Vera Eggleston and Mrs. Irene Bell, Official Stenographers; D. Rand Pierce, R. J. Kunze and C. J. Quinn, official reporters; E. G. Anderson, Assembly Treasurer; A. F. Balsmeier, Sergeant-at-Arms; Mrs. D. J. Smith, Mrs. Ralph Herstein, and Miss Gladys Beers, pianists; Vert Anglin, Postal Clerk and E. F. Wilde, Musical Director.

The infirm were allowed to sit near the rostrum and messages of greeting were sent to a number of afflicted or sorrowing absentees.

EVENING SERVICE

This was the welcome service, presided over by Rev. A. M. Bowes, the entertaining pastor. Brother Bowes spoke very felicitously in an effort to make everybody at home during their stay in Kansas City. He certainly succeeded well. Other speakers were Dr. Charles R. Nesbit, Presbyterian, representing the Ministerial Alliance of Greater Kansas City, and Dr. Ralph McAfee of the Kansas City Council of Churches. Both spoke hearty words of welcome to which General Superintendent Goodwin replied on behalf of the General Assembly in an address marked by both courtesy and candor. Many regretted that these pungent utterances could not have been preserved for a wider diffusion.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY SEPT. 21

General Superintendent Williams presided at the morning session. E. F. Wilde led the song service and Rev. J. E. Aycok, Eastern Oklahoma, conducted the devotions. M. G. Jobe led in prayer; Psalm 34 was then read.

The secretary was instructed to insert excerpts of set Addresses in the Journal at his discretion. Dr. Goodwin moved that the four points in the opening address of Dr. Williams be added to the Journal. The courtesies of the floor were granted the wives of the General Superintendents together with seats within the Assembly bar. Dr. B. F. Haynes, former editor of HERALD OF HOLINESS, was made, though absent, a member of the Assembly. Miss Olive Winchester was then

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORTER

The General Assembly appointed three press reporters. Two of them occupied with the daily papers. One was appointed to the HERALD OF HOLINESS and we take pleasure in introducing him as the writer of "Doings of the General Assembly" which makes up many interesting pages in this issue and which will be continued next week.

Rev. D. Rand Pierce is pastor of our First Church in Portland, Oregon, is fifty-four years old and is an experienced newspaper man and reporter. He has been in the ministry many years and writes from the standpoint of one who fully understands and appreciates the scenes and sayings which he records. We are fortunate to have this man to give our readers these "Printed pictures" of the General Assembly. Brother Pierce is the author of a number of fine poems and his contributions always find many interested readers—EDITOR.

ifornia led the Assembly in singing, "Precious Name" and "Under the Blood." Rev. A. B. Riggs of New England, Rev. S. B. Rhoads of Northern California and Rev. H. D. Brown of North Pacific led in fervent prayer. Dr. Reynolds then called several elders to the platform and proceeded with the sacramental service. Space forbids a completely detailed account of this blessed season of remembering the death and passion of the world's Redeemer. Prayer and spontaneous singing broke out frequently. It was a sacred hour.

General Superintendent R. T. Williams then read Phil. 2:1-5 and delivered the opening address. It was one of those brilliant, scintillating classics for which this speaker is truly famous. His kaleidoscopic utterances all revolved around one center—the objective of all our living, giving, planning and service should be "the evangelization of the world." Rev. W. G. Schurman of Chicago Central followed with prayer. The roll

seated as an alternate in the place of Dr. Haynes, representing the Committee on Manuscripts. (As the names of all delegates will be printed in the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, we are omitting the tedious details of the seating of alternates).

Rev. E. A. Girvin, chairman of the Committee on Manual Revision one of whose duties was to prepare Rules of Order to govern the conduct of business in the General Assembly, reported that the task had been accomplished and presented copies of the same to the Assembly. In so doing he gave the chief credit for the production of the same to General Secretary E. J. Fleming. Other members of the Commission were Dr. J. E. L. Moore and Rev. J. E. Bates. The rules were then adopted without being read.

General Superintendent Reynolds moved that the General Superintendents' address be made the special order of the day for 3 P. M. It was so ordered. A Committee on Sanitarium and Hospital work was also created to be composed of several members.

Rev. C. Warren Jones closed the session with the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

This was called to order at 2 P. M. by Dr. Goodwin, who presided. E. F. Wilde led an inspiring song service, after which W. A. Eckel of Japan conducted the devotional service. Following prayer by several, he read the 19th Psalm and enlarged upon the "meditations of my heart." He reminded his hearers of the sad fact that we fail to take the time necessary to get into close touch with God when we pray. It was a helpful talk.

Requests from the American Bible Society and the Near East Relief to address the Assembly was referred to committee. It was voted that the General Assembly have its photograph taken. Also that the General Superintendents and their wives be taken in a separate group.

A recess was now taken in order to allow the committees to complete their organization.

The Assembly was called to order again at 3:05 P. M. Miss Lulu Barnard of New England rendered a solo.

Rev. H. B. Wallin of the Northwest moved that the families of the General Superintendents take seats on the platform before the General Superintendents' address was read. Dr. Reynolds, senior General Superintendent, then proceeded to read their quadrennial address to the General Assembly. From the first word to the last the attention of the whole assembly was focussed on the reader. Again and again the reading was punctuated with applause. On and on for more than an hour, he was followed with almost breathless attention as he reviewed the struggles and victories of the past four years, and then turned his face to the difficult problems and gathering battles awaiting us in the oncoming future. The language of the address grew more and more eloquent. It soared higher and higher on the wings of faith and prophecy till battles and struggles and sacrifice were all lost sight of in the glorious prospect of a sweeping victory through the mighty power of a resurrected ever-living, all-conquering Christ.

Who could picture, the scene, or transcribe

the feeling that overflowed all barriers as the last thrilling sentence passed the lips of the reader. Like a pent-up torrent, shouting and laughter and tears of joy broke loose from every section of that vast throng, and swept on like the surging waters of the sea for nearly an half hour.

This address will go down in history as one of the most remarkable ever delivered to the church.

The address was accepted by a rising vote in which the visitors were invited to join. It was further voted that the address be spread in the journal of the General Assembly, and also be printed in the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*.

The Assembly by a standing vote expressed its appreciation of the fidelity and sacrifice of the wives of the General Superintendents.

The following resolutions, moved by E. G. Anderson, were heartily adopted, viz:

Whereas—the reception accorded the quadrennial address, read by our beloved senior General Superintendent, proved anew the high regard in which these servants of the Lord in the Church of the Nazarene are held; and

Whereas—A knowledge of the contents of this address could have been obtained only as a result of painstaking care and exact effort involving continuous travel, separation from home, and all that godly concern for the welfare of the entire church comprehends: therefore be it

Resolved—that the Church of the Nazarene, convened in its sixth General Assembly, convey to our beloved General Superintendents its appreciation of their labors, and its confidence in their oversight of the church.

The session adjourned after prayer by Rev. Paul Hill of New York.

EVENING SERVICE

This was a high night of blessing. A. H. Johnston, of Ohio led a thrilling song service. Miss Johnnie Jernigan, Western Oklahoma, rendered a most exquisite violin solo. She is a rare artist. Mrs. H. Barbour, Kansas, sang wonderfully, "He Rescued Me." Formerly an opera singer, she was so blessed with the recollection of her own rescue that her song was frequently punctuated with tears and holy laughter which ignited the hearts of the audience till the "noise" of the shouting was heard afar off. Evangelist I. M. Ellis prayed.

When C. W. Ruth, Indiana, arose to bring the message of the hour he faced an audience that taxed the auditorium to its capacity. Many were turned away as on the previous night. He spoke from Eph. 4:17-32, contrasting "true and counterfeit holiness." The sermon was poignant and pithy, scintillating and searching, characteristic of this God-honored evangelist. Seekers were at the altar and victory crowned the service.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

Dr. Williams, General Superintendent, presiding called the session to order at 9 A. M. L. A. Reed, Northern California, was in charge of the devotions. James L. Campbell, Indiana, led in song. C. A. McConnell prayed fervently: The roll was called. Over three hundred delegates were in attendance and as many visitors. What a splendid body, the cream of the denomination, yet with thousands just as consecrated and dynamic at home. Thank God for a church that is mostly cream, spiritually speaking. We are not in

the skimmed-milk nor the sour milk business.

The Sergeant-At-Arms, A. F. Balsmeier announced his assistants as Orla Montgomery, S. H. Irwin, C. B. Archer and N. J. Hepburn.

The doors of the main auditorium were ordered closed during scripture reading and prayer.

A resolution presented by E. E. Angell, New England, was adopted by the Assembly, giving the Court of Appeals, the Commission on Manual Revision, the Committee on Manuscripts and the Woman's Missionary Society the status of General Boards throughout the sessions of the Assembly.

D. E. Higgs, Washington-Philadelphia, moved that this Assembly elect a special Committee of not less than seven nor more than nine members to be known as the Committee on Ways and Means, whose duty it shall be to draft and recommend to this Assembly a financial plan for our church, reporting in part, at least, not later than Tuesday. It was signed by the district ministerial delegation, namely: J. N. Neilson, J. T. Maybury, D. E. Higgs and R. E. Bower. Similar resolutions were offered by J. N. Speakes for the representatives of the General Boards, and by J. F. Sanders for the Southern California delegation.

Then began one of the most prolonged debates held thus far, filling the air with motions, amendments, substitutes, and all sorts of question. Dr. Williams' recognized parliamentary was put to the test, but, as usual, he came off with flying colors. At the close of the morning session the special committee was still unsettled.

Dr. H. Orton Wiley, president Northwest Nazarene College, pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order at 3 P. M. by Dr. Reynolds. C. Warren Jones, of Pittsburgh, conducted the devotions.

A communication from our African missionaries was then read containing their warm greetings to the General Assembly, and praying God's blessing upon all the deliberations, and that "the spirit of power and glory" might rest upon it. It was signed by Ora B. Lovelace, secretary.

The letter was accepted and returned greetings ordered.

Brother and Sister Shirley who were representing Africa in the Assembly were requested to stand. They were heartily greeted. Greetings of the Assembly were ordered sent to DeLance Wallace and Mrs. Alice M. Scott, an afflicted saint of Georgia. The chairman requested W. R. Hanson, Georgia, to offer prayer in her behalf. F. M. Messenger also prayed fervently for her bodily healing. Mrs. Stella B. Crooks was allowed to sit with the Chicago Central delegation.

The presence of Dr. J. G. Morrison, Dakota, was announced and at Dr. Reynolds' suggestion, Dr. Goodwin escorted him to the front. H. O. Jacobson, Superintendent of the new Scandinavian District and W. G. Bennett, Superintendent of the Montana District were also introduced to the Assembly.

At the suggestion of General Superintendent Williams large numbers of new members and assembly visitors were introduced by General Superintendents Goodwin and Williams.

Rev. A. T. Rucker of Omaha, Nebraska

representing the work of Rev. C. P. Jones, the famous colored hymn writer of the south, was introduced, spoke briefly from the platform and was granted the privilege of the floor. A committee of three was appointed to confer with the brother in regard to affiliation with C. P. Jones' work.

At this juncture C. A. McConnell, Western Oklahoma, escorted C. B. Jernigan to the front as one of the pioneers of the holiness work in the southland. While the assembly stood and praised God, other southern pioneers, J. P. Roberts, Mrs. E. H. Sheeks, and Joseph N. Speakes, who were part of the delegation from the South that came to the Chicago Assembly in 1907, joined Brother Jernigan. Mrs. Ada Bresee, daughter of the lamented Dr. P. F. Bresee, and Rev. Mayberry were also introduced.

The election of the Committee on Ways and Means was again taken up but failed of a vote before adjournment.

N. B. Herrell, Ohio, pronounced the benediction.

EVENING SERVICE

S. W. Beers, New England, was in charge. God poured out His blessing from the first. Haldor Lillenas, pastor First Church Indianapolis, our most prolific and greatly gifted song writer, conducted the song service and, with his accomplished wife, rendered a most beautiful duet.

L. N. Fogg, pastor First Church, Columbus, Ohio, invoked the divine blessing with great fervency.

A delightful trombone solo by Kenneth Wells was also a notable feature of a wonderful musical program.

Dr. J. B. Chapman, editor of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, was the preacher of the hour and spoke to an overflowing house. His text was Isa 65:1-3, "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah?" etc. He portrayed Jesus as the fulfillment of every symbol of loveliness that has been suggested to the mind of Jew or Gentile, till our hearts were possessed with a new and deeper craving to appropriate more of his immeasurable fullness, and many needy souls found their way weeping to the altar.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SERVICE

On Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock the Women's General Missionary Committee conducted a fine service in the M. E. Church South Troost Avenue.

Mrs. S. N. Fitkin, New York, presided and gave a report of the work in America. Mrs. Jeanie B. Sharpe reported for Scotland.

Representatives of different sections of the country gave more local reports. Mrs. E. G. Anderson and Mrs. E. G. Roberts sang, after which addresses were made by Mrs. W. A. Eckel of Japan and Mrs. Etta Innis Shirley of Africa. They greatly inspired their hearers with new missionary zeal.

FOURTH DAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

While the Assembly services continued over the Sabbath in the First Church, there were services held in several other churches of the city during the day, in some of which God came in power and souls found their way to the altar for prayer.

MORNING SERVICE, FIRST CHURCH

The Sunday school held its regular session at the close of which Professor Kenneth Wells led the hosts in a rousing song service and C.

B. Jernigan led in unctuous prayer. An offering was then lifted to care for the General Assembly expenses of \$3050.00. E. G. Anderson officiated.

After a duet by Brother and Sister Kenneth Wells, Dr. C. E. Hardy, president of Trevecca College delivered a strong sermon from Luke 12:32. "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." This message on suffering with Him left a profound impression on every one who heard it.

AFTERNOON SERVICE

J. W. Short, Indiana, was in charge of the preliminary service putting his forceful personality into the fight for God and souls. Dr. J. G. Morrison, Minneapolis District prayed feelingly, following some stirring singing led by R. A. Shanks. A. E. Sanner, Idaho-Oregon District, also prayed. Five of the Roberts brothers sang "Marching On!"

"Uncle Buddie" Robinson was the preacher. He took for his text "Preach the word," 2 Tim. 4:2. It would be useless for the writer to try to reproduce the scenes, or to impart to the souls of those not present, the unspeakable emotions that tossed in the bosoms of the great audience which crowded every available space to hear this most unique of all the unique preachers on the platform of today. It was truly an unforgettable season.

EVENING SERVICE

There was a spirited praise service at 6:30 P. M. in charge of C. E. Roberts. A. H. Johnston, for so many years a foremost leader in song in the great holiness movement, stirred the vast throng to its musical best.

A. G. Crockett of Denver, Colorado and N. J. Hepburn of Yakima, Washington, led in mighty prayer. Special songs were sung by Professor and Mrs. Kenneth Wells, and by the Pittsburgh District quartet, composed of Dr. J. H. and Carrie Crowe Sloan, and Professor and Mrs. A. H. Johnston.

All rose and sang heartily, "All Hail the power of Jesus' name!" after which Dr. C. H. Babcock, pastor of First Church, Los Angeles, delivered one of his heaven-opening, heart-melting messages such as are seldom heard and never forgotten. Many thronged the altar and numbers prayed through to triumphant victory.

SERVICES IN OTHER CHURCHES

At Grace Church of the Nazarene, Rev. J. A. Kring, Montana, spoke in the morning and Bud Robinson in the evening.

At the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Dr. C. B. Widmeyer, President of Pasadena University, was the morning preacher, Dr. E. P. Ellyson of Bresee Theological School, Hutchinson, Kansas, brought the afternoon message and Evangelist I. M. Ellis of Oklahoma brought the evening message. God set His seal on these services, especially the last when twelve seeking souls bowed before God and nearly every one prayed through to victory.

At Mellier Place Presbyterian Church Evangelist F. R. Morgan's message was owned by one seeker.

To Rev. B. H. Haynie fell the happiest lot of all the visiting preachers when he was allotted to supply the African Baptist Church. One hundred hands were raised for prayer at the close of his morning sermon, and an urgent request was made that he be the preacher also of the evening. This was acceded to

and another time of victory resulted with seven earnest seekers at the altar. Though Baptists, these people surely were not far behind the Nazarenes on the shouting line. Thus closed a "high day in Zion." Many trophies had been won for the Master and some had plunged into the fountain that "cleanseth us from all sin."

FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, SEPT. 24

Dr. Goodwin presided. Dr. Thos. E. Mangum, Idaho-Oregon, was in charge of devotions. H. B. Wallin, Northwest, led the singing and George J. Franklin, missionary, offered prayer.

N. W. Sanford, President of Olivet College, was granted the privileges of the floor after being introduced to the Assembly.

The much discussed Ways and Means Committee having been ordered the Committee on Nomination submitted eighteen names, which were placed on the bulletin board and balloting ordered. Before the report of the tellers adjournment was taken to 1:45 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The adjourned session opened at 1:45 P. M. After singing "A charge to keep I have" and prayer by E. G. Roberts, Arizona, the Board of Tellers reported and the following were declared elected as members of the Ways and Means Committee, namely: F. M. Messenger, L. D. Peavey, J. T. Benson, J. F. Sanders, H. R. Beegle, Dr. Edwin Burke, E. L. Hawkes, and E. G. Anderson. E. G. Anderson considered it wise for him to decline to serve and was permitted to resign. J. C. Henson, having received the next highest number of votes, was declared by the chair the ninth member of the committee. L. Milton Williams, Southern California, after a lengthy preamble, offered the following resolutions:

Resolved—that this General Assembly elect three or five persons for each of the following General Boards, namely: Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Home Missions, Board of Church Extension, and Board of Publication. And that these shall be correlated into one General Board, to which the General Superintendents will be, by virtue of their office, ex-officio members and chairmen of this General Correlated Board.

The author of this resolution also offered extended recommendations along financial lines which space and time forbids the transcription of.

That the church at large realize the need of an extensive reorganization is evident on every hand as one converses with the representatives of widely separated fields. Before the adjournment of the session, Rev. E. A. Girvin, Southern California, presented a report of the Commission on Revision, submitted a draft of the constitution ordered by the Fifth General Assembly held at Kansas City four years ago. It was referred to the Committee on Revision.

Dr. H. F. Reynolds pronounced the benediction.

EVENING SERVICE

At 6 P. M. Rev. A. T. Rucker representing a colored religious organization in the South, was speaker. Dr. H. F. Reynolds presided. W. E. Albea, Indiana, led in song and S. W. Beers, New England, offered prayer. Three special songs were sung by Rev. Rucker, and Mrs. S. J. Adams, a colored visiting sister. Brother Rucker spoke from John 17th chap-

ter and reached some points of oratorical inspiration.

L. N. Fogg closed this service with prayer.

Next on the program was Rev. William Joseph Owen, an Armenian, who spoke in behalf of the Near East Relief.

After singing by James L. Campbell and Brother and Sister Davis and prayer by I. M. Ellis, Rev. E. E. Angell of New England gave a clarion call to the Nazarenes to seek the simplicity and piety of former days. God helped the preacher along lines not popular with the worldly minded, but pleasing to the lowly Nazarene.

SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, SEPT. 25.

Opened as usual at 9 A. M., Dr. R. T. Williams presiding. Rev. A. B. Riggs, eighty-year-old veteran of New England led the devotions and Professor Kenneth Wells the singing. Sister Carrie Crow Sloan, Pittsburgh District, led in prayer. Brother Riggs read I John 4:7-17 and made stirring comments.

After reading of the journal and roll call, it was voted to require fifteen members of committees present to transact business. W. K. Twyeffort, president of Central Nazarene College was granted the privileges of the floor and of sitting with the Hamlin delegation.

A resolution designing a budget form for the benevolences of the church at large was referred to committee.

The following resolution was read and adopted.

Whereas, we have learned from a reliable source that the city authorities of Kansas City, Missouri, are going to permit special features of Sabbath desecration by a circus and aerial display and automobile races, during October; and

Whereas, we believe this thing to be of more than local importance, affecting every city in our nation, and being subversive of the highest interest of the home, the church, and the state; therefore be it

Resolved—that we, the members of the Sixth General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, now in session in Kansas City, do hereby declared our strongest condemnation of such defiance of the law of God and man, and do also express our heartiest sympathy with the Ministerial Alliance of Greater Kansas City in any measure it may adopt to secure a more reverent observance of the Sabbath day in this city.

SIGNED, *George Sharpe,*
W. E. Smith,
C. B. Widmeyer.

Another resolution following the above was also excepted, namely:

Whereas, it has seemed good to the Church of Christ, Holiness, to send three representatives to convey fraternal greetings to the Church of the Nazarene, convened in its Sixth General Assembly; and

Whereas, the fraternal greetings of Rev. A. T. Rucker, the representative of this church present, have caused the Sixth General Assembly to rejoice in the sufficiency of God regardless of race; and

Whereas, the cause our brother represents is one laying near to the hearts of many of our people; therefore, be it

Resolved, that this sixth General Assembly create a commission of three one of whom shall be a General Superintendent, to confer,

with power to act, with a similar commission of the Church of Christ, Holiness, to discuss the possibility of affiliation in the work of the Lord. The acts of the commission of this Assembly to be approved by the Board of General Superintendents.

SIGNED, *H. A. Hooker*
J. T. Little,
J. W. Short

A communication was then read, conveying the greetings of the president of the National Holiness Association, Rev. George J. Kunze of Syracuse, New York.

The Secretary read the following from Dr. B. F. Haynes, former editor of the HERALD OF HOLINESS

"Dear Fathers and Brethren, greeting:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ our Lord. May power infinite gird you one and all in all conclusions you reach. May brotherly love prevail, and may the Church of the Nazarene feel and realize in all the sweep of coming years the benign results and holy influence of the deliverations and legislations of your great body now assembled in Kansas City, Missouri."

Rev. Arthur F. Ragata, D. D. spoke ten minutes on behalf of the American Bible Society. It was voted that the report of the Publishing House and General Board of Foreign Missions should be Wednesday morning, following the reading of the journal.

A committee representing the interests of the young people's societies requested the General Assembly to authorize the organization of a national Young Peoples Society. By a vote of 161 for, and 100 against, the organization was authorized.

A message of congratulations was authorized to be sent to Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Haynes on the occasion of their golden Wedding anniversary. A golden expression of the love of the church amounted to one hundred dollars.

There was no afternoon session, W. E. Riley, New York, dismissed the Assembly.

EVENING SERVICE, TUESDAY

This was a night much to be remembered. How the heavens were opened and the glory of the upper world displayed.

Rev. A. M. Bowes, local pastor presided.

John Moore, chorister of First Church of Los Angeles, was song leader. From the very first, a remarkable sense of God's presence was felt.

While "The Old Book and the Old Faith" was being sung the effect was wonderful. The air became electric. A mighty Pentecost seemed imminent. The singing of "My Anchor Holds" did not lower the elevated feelings of the people.

At this junction General Superintendent Reynolds led in mighty prayer. Again the great congregation rolled up in a mighty volume of harmony, "We'll Work till Jesus Comes."

"Amazing Grace" was sung by Brother John Moore by special request. While the singer soared high enough, it seemed to have almost touched Gabriel's strings, the overhanging clouds of glory seemed at last to have reached the point of condensation, and a veritable spiritual cloud burst followed that drenched everybody. It looked like some were well-nigh drowned. One brother took a real oldfashioned spell of leaping for joy. Others

scarce knew what to do to give vent to the pent-up feelings they could restrain no longer. The "lid" was off and the "new wine of the kingdom" flowed freely.

The choir of the African Baptist Church was the specially announced musical feature of the evening. Decked in white robes, and numbering around forty they made an interesting company. Their selections were chiefly those characteristic of their race, and were greatly enjoyed.

Professor R. A. Shanks rendered a cornet solo while the offering was being lifted.

Evangelist B. F. Neely, Oklahoma, was the God-anointed preacher of the evening. Brother Bud Robinson introduced him as his old time friend. His wonderful message will appear elsewhere in the columns of the HERALD OF HOLINESS, so we will not attempt to report it here.

At the close of this great effort a number of seeking souls sought earnestly at the altar, and God came in power.

SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26

This remarkable session opened promptly at 9 A. M. with Rev. Reynolds in the chair. Devotions were conducted by Evangelist E. Arthur Lewis. C. Warren Jones offered prayer.

After the Journal had been read and approved, the special order of the day was taken up, which was the report of the Publishing House.

Great interest was manifest and seats were at a premium. To add to the impressiveness of the occasion, the employees of the Publishing House and Board of Foreign Missions marched into the auditorium and took seats near the platform, the Assembly and visitors in the meantime saluting them with a standing greeting.

J. F. Sanders read the report which called particular attention to the Reorganization Committee which, in conjunction with the Board of General Superintendents, had undertaken to save our publishing interests to the church.

Following him, E. G. Anderson then read the report of the Reorganization Committee. Before reading he requested that F. M. Messenger and J. T. Benson, the other members of the committee take seats on the platform. Also Brother M. Lunn the manager of the Publishing House was seated on the platform. Brother E. G. Anderson then proceeded to read a report that not only amazed and overjoyed those who heard it, but the contents of which sent a thrill to the remotest mission station in our great movement. We will omit any statements of the surprising figures given, as they may be found elsewhere in this issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS.

When the announcement was made that our Publishing House of the Church of the Nazarene was entirely out of debt and that it had been run to a good profit during the past year, a spontaneous outburst of suppressed emotions took place. Then one of those unreportable scenes occurred for which this great Assembly will go in history. It was "better felt than told." People shouted and laughed and waved handkerchiefs, the whole Assembly having sprung to its feet.

A new look of confidence lighted every countenance. Fears of impending failure that for long had haunted many loyal hearts during

the "dark days" of our Publishing House history had fled, we trust, forever. "The Publishing House is out of debt and on a paying basis!" re-echoed in everybody's ears. It seemed too good to be true. No wonder the demonstration was prolonged. No wonder they laughed and shouted, and that some shed tears of joy. What had looked, not long ago, like a Waterloo of defeat, had been turned into, perhaps, the greatest victory thus far in our church history.

A standing vote of thanks was gladly accorded those who had wrought so wonderfully in achieving this splendid triumph.

Manager Lunn then read the financial statement of the Publishing House itself, giving further light on its gratifying achievements which stirred anew the joyful applause of the Assembly. He, too, was accorded a rising vote of thanks.

At this juncture "Uncle Buddie" Robinson arose and stated that he had personally turned in \$6,672.20 for subscriptions to the HERALD OF HOLINESS during the quadrennium. This was greeted with great enthusiasm and a special vote of thanks was accorded him. He heads the list of the big army of HERALD OF HOLINESS "boosters."

Next on the program, as the special order of the day, was the report of the General Board of Foreign Missions. This too was read by the secretary-treasurer, E. G. Anderson. It was a voluminous survey of the four years' work along missionary lines. He narrated the struggles attending the carrying out of the Master's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature", and hearts were touched and tears filled eyes as he told of the many who now wait to go and fulfill the "call" God has given them, but who have waited so long in vain that they have lost hope of ever filling the place to which they had been called.

The climax of interest was reached when Brother Anderson informed the Assembly that the missionary deficit had all been wiped out and that there was six hundred dollars in the treasury at that moment.

Again the Assembly broke out into rejoicing and the members of the missionary board were requested to stand while the Assembly accorded them a love salute. It was a morning never to be forgotten.

Rev. Cecil Troxel, National Association Missionary to China was then introduced and spoke briefly.

At the close of the session the Assembly and visitors were photographed. There was no afternoon session.

EVENING SERVICE

At 6:15 Rev. George Sharpe, Superintendent of the British Isles District delivered a very helpful message from John 14:31. His theme was the importance, the necessity of purity of heart to insure a victorious life personally and to prepare us for the sacrifice required of a real follower of the Lord.

The singing was led by Lawson Brown of North Little Rock District, he also furnished a solo, "He will not let me fall."

The regular 7:30 service was in charge of the pastor, A. M. Bowes. Professor Kenneth Wells conducted the song service and the large audience swelled enthusiastically the notes of praise.

Rev. J. T. Little, Idaho-Oregon District, led the way to the throne.

Special songs were rendered by Sister Williamson and by Professor and Mrs. A. H. Johnston of Akron, Ohio.

W. E. Shepard one of our most widely known evangelists was the evening preacher. He spoke from I Timothy 6:17. The sermon was characteristic of this thoughtful messenger, and many wonderful things were brought out to show how lavishly God has provided for the blessing and enjoyment of His people, both in nature and grace.

Nine souls sought God at the close of the sermon. Thus closed another remarkable day in the annals of our church history.

EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

Dr. Goodwin, General Superintendent, opened the session at 9:00 A. M.

Devotions were in charge of Rev. A. F. Balsmeier. Evangelist Allie Irick offered prayer.

After reading of the Journal the special order of the day was taken up, which was the report of the Committee on Superintendency.

J. E. Bates, Southern California, as secretary, presented the report of the committee. The interest in this anticipated report brought together a full house, all seats being occupied both in the gallery and on the floor. Standing room was also in demand.

Several important memorials and resolutions were known to have been under consideration in the committee, some of which were quite revolutionary in character.

The first came up in the form of a recommendation that one General Superintendent be elected for the foreign missionary fields. Then the battle was on. What a scramble to be the first to secure the eye of the presiding officer. Substitutes and amendments and questions and points of order filled the air.

Only those who have attended a General Assembly, or some similar body (and there is said to be no other just like ours), can visualize the scene that ensued. There was some speaking that bordered upon oratory, but, in the main, it was of quite a different stamp. Some rather amusing questions were asked and ungermane remarks made.

L. Milton Williams, Southern California, speaking in favor of the election of three missionary Superintendents, who should work under the Board of General Superintendents with clearly defined authority and duties, swayed the sentiment of the Assembly, especially when he declared that he would personally give one thousand dollars each for every superintendent that should be elected, three being the limit under consideration at the time.

After prolonged discussion pro and con, the previous question was ordered and the Assembly proceeded to vote on this new departure in the polity of our denomination.

The proposition to elect three missionary superintendents, one probably for India and Africa, one for China, Japan and adjacent countries, and one for the Latin countries, Mexico, Central and South America.

That the new venture was popular with the Assembly could not be doubted, judged by the demonstration of shouting and hand clapping that was renewed several times before quiet could be restored and business again resumed.

During the demonstration in question, a joy-filled missionary started, "I'll Go Where you want Me to Go," which was caught up by the great audience and sung with enthusiasm.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session opened at 2:00 P. M. with Dr. R. T. Williams in the chair. The business of the morning was resumed. The first item was to settle the number of General Superintendents to be elected for the next quadrennium. After considerable discussion, it was voted to elect the same number as at the last General Assembly, which was three.

Their salaries were increased from three thousand to four thousand dollars per year with their expenses paid additionally. Another important proposition was that of whether the United States and Canada should be divided into zones with one General Superintendent allotted to each zone.

This was voted down unanimously.

The session was then adjourned.

NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

Dr. H. F. Reynolds was in the chair and called the Assembly to order at 8:30 A. M.

S. H. Owens, Eastern Oklahoma, led the devotions. F. R. Morgan of Ada, Okla., led in prayer. After remarks by Dr. Reynolds, preparatory to voting for General Superintendents, he called upon T. H. Agnew to seek special help from above for this important occasion.

The Assembly proceeded to ballot, tellers having been appointed by the chair. After the vote and while the tellers were out Prof. A. Holtwick, A.M., of Greenville College, Greenville, Ill., of the Free Methodist General Conference to this General Assembly, was introduced and proceeded to deliver an address that for felicity of language, brilliancy of thought and outspoken courage in the face of opposing forces, religious and educational, in the land today, brought a most hearty demonstration of approval from the whole Assembly.

Dr. Goodwin was requested by the chair to respond for the Assembly to Prof. Holtwick's greetings. This he did with his usual appropriateness and warm fraternal spirit.

The Tellers having returned the result of the informal ballot was announced which stood as follows: H. F. Reynolds, 258; J. W. Goodwin, 237; R. T. Williams, 273. There were a few scattering votes for favorite sons, or possible General Superintendents in embryo, but so splendidly large had been the votes for these noble and beloved servants of the church that the informal ballot was made immediately and unanimously the formal ballot and their election to the high office of General Superintendents of the Church of the Nazarene was officially declared.

The pent up feelings of the Assembly once more broke loose and a prolonged and jubilant time of shouting, hand-clapping and singing ensued.

The wives of the newly elected General Superintendents were then escorted to the platform and seated by their husbands.

In turn, beginning with Dr. Reynolds, then Dr. Goodwin and last, but not least, Dr. Williams, made addresses in which they humbly accepted the great honor and weighty responsibility conferred. Following each speaker his better half spoke briefly and appreciative-

ly. These in turn were also heartily applauded.

A sense of relief and of great satisfaction was expressed on every hand, when the question had at last been finally settled that the church was to be blessed for another quadrennium with the same wise, unselfish and untiring men of God who have guided its

destinies for so many years and led it on to its present heights of prosperity and success.

All sang gratefully, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!"

The reporter desires to acknowledge the courtesy of Rev. C. A. Kinder, Journal Secretary of the General Assembly, who kindly placed at his disposal his excellent notes of the proceedings.

"Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness Against Thy Neighbor" Ex. 20:16

By EVANGELIST A. G. JEFFRIES

AFTER three hundred thousand miles travel and twenty-five years of incessant labor, I am forced to the conclusion that the violation of the 9th commandment is the greatest sin of today.

The violation of this commandment has cost the great holiness movement barrels of tears, broken hearts, wrecked schools, destroyed orphanages, ruined homes, and has weakened every branch of our great work.

Vile and slimy tongues have tainted the reputation of hundreds of God's ministers, that years of godly living could not wholly overcome.

I know a man and his wife who have with their vile tongues, ruined a strong Nazarene institution, caused a strong church to shrink to a mere fragment, and caused some of the best members to be expelled from the church, and yet these vile persons are wearing the garb of holiness.

Two things are dear to mankind—character and reputation. Civil Government offers to its citizens its largest immunities and its highest honors.

In the moral government of God, full liberty is given to rise to greatness. He woos us by His promises, and comforts us by His injunctions. "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me," "Go on to perfection."

We are commanded to "Covet the best gifts." The scholar may aspire to all knowledge, the business man to all attainable wealth, the citizen to the highest honors, and the Christian to the nine spiritual gifts.

The desire for pre-eminence is perfectly lawful when rightly ordered.

Men must have leaders. Moses was a leader, Joshua was a leader, David was a leader, Paul was a leader and led well.

The whole thing is this: who are you leading for, yourself, government or your God?

God looks at the ulterior motives, and not at the precipitated act.

Let it be borne in mind, however, that vanity begets hypocrisy, pride, haughtiness, jealousy, hatred, envy, murder. Some men attain to greatness but it is the greatness of infamy.

This commandment was given for the protection of human character.

Slanderees are generally low, mean, ignorant persons, who feel their disadvantage in society. They clearly feel the ascendancy of their superiors and knowing their own degradation, they seem to think that slander will in some way soften their own miserable lives.

The only weapon of a snake lies in his mouth. How many human snakes there are all over the country, ready to send their awful venom into the vitals of pure men and women, which will cause suffering for years.

The greatest burdens I have ever carried, have been placed upon me by these snakes.

He used it in the day of Moses. Socrates died from this venom, Jesus died at the instigation of slanderers and the criminal so-called Catholic Church put to death fifty-five millions of God's saints by the testimony of slanderers.

It is an old, yet strong weapon of the Devil.

Ask the Devil what he got out of slander (accusing of the brethren) he will answer "Hell." Ask the angels "who kept not their first estate" what they received and they will answer "Tartarus." Ask Korah and Dathan what they received for slandering Moses and they will answer "Hell." Ask leprous Miriam the cause of her leprosy, she will answer slander. Ask Absalom the cause of his early death, he will answer slander. Ask the ten spies the cause of their instant death (Num. 14: 37), they will answer "slander."

The Greek for character is: *Charasso* or *Charatto*, which signifies to scrape, cut, or engrave.

Character as relates to the world, is born in man and as relates to religion, is given in regeneration. There is a vast difference between character and reputation, character is what we are, reputation is what the world thinks we are. Reputation may be lost and the world may restore it to us, but God only can restore character. Bearing false witness means a great deal more than offering false evidence in cases of litigation.

To disparage our fellow man in any way is to bear false witness against him. To too lightly estimate his virtues, to underrate his ability, to thwart him in his righteous designs, to traduce his family, to counteract his influence (when it is for good) is to bear false witness against him.

Character is all there is of a man. The slanderer is a thousand times meaner than the robber, because you can sometimes find the stolen property on the robber but never on the slanderer.

Facts are false when out of their logical and historical connection. A man may bear false witness against his neighbor by quoting him *verbatim*.

The quotation may be so colored by a look, or shaded by the voice or the tone in which it is told, until the hearer will be forced to a poor opinion of him of whom it is related when no harm whatever was meant.

A man's character may be injured through his reputation; for when reputation is tarnished, character though it may yet be a beautiful vessel within, the world will only see it through the tarnished reputation.

When God saves a man He gives him a

character and offers him an opportunity to make a reputation. "Go ye into my vineyard and work," "The works that I do shall he do also," "If any man serve me him will my Father honor."

A man has a right to his character and his reputation and he who robs him of them commits a crime against society and rightly deserves the last arrow from the quiver of divine justice in his infamous soul.

A life has been wrecked by a look, a reputation tarnished by a smile. A wink has blighted many a beautiful blossoming life and left a withering soul for angels to weep over and the devils to laugh at.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against his good name, against his work, against his influence, against his family, against his property, against his writings, against his teachings: By word, letter, insinuation, look, smile, wink, nod, a shake of the head. "Thou shalt not bear false witness."

DENIEL, TEXAS.

THE REWARDS OF CHRISTIANS NO. 1

By REV. B. W. MILLER

FOR OCTOBER 10

- I. OUR REWARDS ARE FROM GOD. Rom. 2:7; Heb. 11:6.
- II. THEY ARE RECEIVED THROUGH GRACE BY FAITH. Rom. 11:6.
- III. THEY ARE PREPARED BY CHRIST. John 14:2.
- IV. OUR REWARDS SHALL BE:
 1. Being with Christ. John 14:3; 1 Thess. 4:13.
 2. Beholding the glory of Christ. John 17:24.
 3. Seeing God. Matt. 5:8; Rev. 22:4.
 4. Being glorified with Christ. Rom. 8:17, 18.
 5. Reigning with Christ. 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 5:10.
 6. Reigning forevermore. Rev. 22:5.
 7. A house eternal in the heavens. 2 Cor. 5:2.
 8. A city builded by God. Heb. 11:10.
 9. Entering into the joy of the Lord. Matt. 25:21, with Heb. 4:9.
 10. Rest. Heb. 4:9.
 11. Fullness of joy. Psalm 16:11.
 12. Treasure in heaven. Matt. 10:21.
- V. OUR REWARD.
 1. Is great. Matt. 5:12.
 2. Is full. 2 John 8.
 3. Is sure. Proverbs 11:18.
- VI. WE ARE CONFIDENT OF OUR REWARD. 2 Cor. 5:1; 2 Tim. 4:8.

"Great is your reward in heaven."

Topics for Discussion

1. God demands our best, our complete surrender, all abilities, all talents used for His glory; but *He pays well* in return.
2. God may be a hard task-master in that we must have no other one for whom we labor and none else that we love above Him; but for this our reward is sure and complete and final. He gives us eternal rest for our labor in His kingdom. For sacrificing the riches of the world He gives us the true riches that are eternal. Though we may sacrifice homes and lands on earth for His sake but in glory He will give us a heavenly home, a mansion made of gold. If we do not fail Him, He will not fail in giving the rewards.
3. He says, "Come unto me," "surrender," "follow me;" but for doing this He will give us all that makes life worth living. He gives the peace for which all the world is seeking, that can not be found in riches, or abundance of friends or in accomplishments or in worldly wisdom. He gives the true joy, true pleasure, that all seek for in the form of worldly amusements. He fully satisfies the soul. Not one want remains unfulfilled. Not one desire unsatisfied.
4. He rewards with purity and power. We labor in *time* and we need power and purity *now*. This He affords us. Power for service; power for right living; power for trials and battles; power for right living and carrying His message. He rewards the consecrated soul with purity. Purity in thinking; purity in ideals; purity in conversation; purity in daily life—purity all along the way is the reward of God.
5. He shall reward us finally by allowing the pure to see Him in all His glory and splendor.

MANY readers may wonder at this strange title, but the student at the boarding school, or the evangelist from the campmeeting field, will doubtless "catch on" very quickly and anticipate what is coming.

It is not the object of this article to cast any reflection upon the faithful old bean or the lovely sweet and healthful prune. Surely they are faithful servants, have served long and well, always at their post, and can be depended on everywhere; all the time, under all circumstances.

But even if they are good and healthful, why should they come so regularly, so often and so sure. A horse may not require much of a variety in its pabulum, is quite content to get its hay and grain every day, will thrive and look forward to the end of its day's toil, when it can rest and eat and eat and eat, yes, eat the same kind that it has been eating all its life. But it seems that the human system either has been endowed by Nature or else has contracted a habit of needing a variety in its menu, and when that variety fails, there is a shrinkage from the sameness of the meals. I have often wondered why the manager of the meals could not bring into requisition some department of his or her gray matter and discover some different "ways and means" by which to keep that faithful gastronomic friend tickled and pleasant over the fact of not knowing what is coming next. It is true that beans are dry, and prunes are dried, but are there not other things just as dry that might take their place, and form a pleasing variety for the disappointed eater who complains of "the same old thing"? Do we not have dried peas and dried corn, and then look at the dried apples, pears, peaches, plums and apricots. Why prunes so much when other dry things (if they have to be dry) might take their place more often.

I was once invited to a camp meeting held on the Chautauqua grounds. A certain lady had charge of the dining hall. The meals were simple, but how we all did relish them! I could not help but wonder as the bell would ring, what is coming next? It was the talk of the workers and everybody seemed so pleased and satisfied. I was told that this lady who had charge of the meals, had held the same position at a certain school and throughout the year never duplicated a meal. This did not mean that she never had the same article twice, but it meant that she always changed the meals somewhat, so that they were never the same. Now if *one* can do this, why could not *others* do the same?

But the object of this article is not to round up boarding schools and campmeetings, but to help some preachers. The preacher is supposed to prepare the spiritual meals for God's people, and give them something that they will not only relish, but be of great benefit to them. The variety of food to be found in the Word of God is such that any man called of God to preach, ought to select a beautifully balanced ration for his flock, such that will stimulate their appetite and also give them the proper amount of spiritual proteids, fats, carbo-hydrates and mineral salts, and produce well-rounded saints who will be examples of Christianity, and which will delight God in putting them on exhibition before the world.

With such a variety of preaching methods

Beans and Prunes

By REV. W. E. SHEPARD

—textual, exegetical, topical, typical, illustrative, and all the other homiletical plans which one might observe with a little study, it seems that one ought never to allow himself to fall back on the old "beans and prunes" method, till the poor, half-starved mortals almost drag themselves to their meals.

One morning hash was served for breakfast at a certain home, and some being left over, it made its appearance at the dinner hour. A visitor in the home was asked to return thanks at the noon meal. Bowing her head, the visitor unthoughtedly, at the beginning of the grace said, "We thank Thee again, Lord, for this food." Yes, it had come again. How often we have had to thank the Lord again and again for the same sort of dish, over and over again, from the pulpit! But is this necessary from the standpoint of the preacher? One time a minister arose to preach on a steamer. He prefaced his message with these words: "I am going to tell you something that you do not know." And why not? Is it not the business and duty of the one who handles the sacred Word, so to study it, that he may be able to bring out "things both new and old" and tell his hearers something that they never knew? This does not mean that he should plan to give them some new and startling line of thought, just to interest and please them; but to lead the hungry flock on to new pastures, down into deeper truths, and up into higher heights in the things of God and spiritual life.

Scientists are giving out much truth these days on the importance of the proper amount of calories in our food, in order to produce the necessary heat for our bodies. Oh, that preachers would study messages that would produce spiritual calories for his hearers and warm their hearts and fire their souls with divine energy!

Hear the inspired prophet of old: "My people perish for lack of knowledge." But where is the preacher to get the knowledge that will save the people from perishing? Jesus is the

"bread of life," preach Him. He will feed their souls and make "fat their bones," in place of the cry of Isaiah, "My leanness, my leanness!"

In the awful siege of Samaria, food got so scarce, "until an ass's head was sold for four-score pieces of silver" (2 Kings 6:25). Is not this a fair picture of some places of famine these days? Look at the scarcity of spiritual food. See the starving multitudes. Observe the "high cost of living." Four-score pieces of silver were paid in Samaria for an ass's head; but that was nothing compared with what people are paying now for some asses' heads. Thousands of dollars per year for the contents of an ass head! Poor deluded famine stricken souls! Poor deluded asses!

But to come down to our own practical side of the question: Are we giving them a sufficient variety that whets their appetites on healthy lines and makes them want to hear more, and be led on to deeper places in the Word? Have we just one method of preaching, so that when we take a text, the people expect the same old style of beans and prunes? Ritualism and ritualism are cursing the church. What right have I, as God's minister to dole out the same dry meals month in and month out? No wonder their gastronomical department revolts. Give them something else for a change and see their spiritual stomachs laugh.

It is so easy to drop into one line of preaching. A little study of simple homiletics ought to show any minister a great realm of methods of dispensing spiritual pabulum to his hearers. And are we guiltless if we do not "study to show ourselves approved unto God"? Why not surprise your audience? Give them one method this time and another the next, till they will wonder as we did at the campmeeting, "What is coming next?"

Why not put enough spice in the message to keep the people awake, to say the least? Illustrations clinch the truth in a wonderful manner. One must be a preacher of no ordinary ability who can hold a congregation's attention during a whole sermon without illustrations. In all my acquaintance, I can remember only one or two who were considered great preachers, who used exceedingly few illustrations. Dr. Bresee was not an illustrative preacher; yet he was a success. The most of us must illustrate our messages in order to make them stick. And yet this is scriptural, for the "Model Preacher" did most of His preaching along these lines.

Who has not heard a sermon that sounded well enough at the time, but it was practically impossible to carry much away? It was so jumbled together that one could not tell where one main thought ended and another began. It was a one-course meal, everything in the course, a sort of present day plate dinner, not much line of demarcation between the beans and the prunes. On the other hand, did we not hear some sermon twenty years ago, and can tell to this day what the preacher said? Why do we forget the one so soon, yet remember the other so long? Let the reader answer. Let the preacher "sit up and take notice."

Please pass the grapes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON REFERENCE

September 30. REVIEW: Great men and women of the Old Testament.

GOLDEN TEXT: Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Heb. 12:1.

Devotional Reading: Hebrews 11:13-16, 39, 40.

October 7. ABRAHAM A BLESSING TO THE WHOLE WORLD. Lesson: Gen. 12:1-4; 18:17, 18; 22:1-18; Heb. 11:8-10; 17-19.

GOLDEN TEXT: In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.—Gen. 12:3.

Devotional Reading: Psalm 47.

October 14. ISRAEL, A MISSIONARY NATION. Lesson: Ex. 19:1-6; Isa. 43:9-11; 45:20-22.

GOLDEN TEXT: Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation—Exodus 19:6.

Devotional Reading: Psalm 100.

Address of the General Superintendents

To the Sixth General Assembly, Church of the Nazarene

IT has been our custom from the beginning to receive an address from the Board of General Superintendents in the first session of our General Assemblies. Upon this occasion the church will doubtless expect the General Superintendents to present a review of the quadrennium closing, bring to your attention the problems we face as an organization and make some recommendations for the consideration of this Body at this time. It would be difficult to over-estimate the importance of this present occasion in the history and development of our church. We stand today as the product of the past and also the material that will enter into the making of our future history and of our future development. It is impossible to detach the present either from the past or the future. We stand today both in retrospection and in prospect.

In retrospection we could profitably review the past. We acknowledge and deplore any mistakes we might have made and pray that we may avoid them in the future. We feel that it is possible to make our past experiences assets that can be carried into our future work as resources and means of inspiration and progress. While we regret any mistakes we might have made that have retarded the progress of our movement, we rejoice to know that our efforts have not been in vain. We believe that we can present at this time the greatest evidences of real progress and success our movement has ever been able to show at any quadrennial gathering. There may be places in the connection where our progress has been very small, at other places we have advanced very rapidly. We could not judge our progress by a single section of the church, as it would not be fair to judge a man by a single act or phase of his life. We judge one by the trend of his life and the aggregate of his choices, his acts, his deeds. We are to judge the progress of the church not by one single act of the church, or by our success in one particular section, but we must judge our progress by the trend of the movement, the aggregate of our deeds and the progress we have made as an average throughout the world.

There was a time in our history when our work was localized. There were interests in the East, interests in the West, interests in the North and those in the South. Many of our people cared little for the work outside the local community, but the time has come when we have a view of the world wide situation and our interest is increasing in all phases of the work and in all parts of the world. The sorrow of one church is the sorrow of all. The joy and success of one is the joy and success of every one. We claim every interest and feel that we are a part of all phases of our work throughout the connection.

Our success has not only been in local centers, but the general interests of the

church have made progress and we have reasons to think that as a whole our movement is in the best condition today it has been in within our history. We would call your attention as an evidence of this first, to our *spiritual life*. Occasionally one may hear the statement made by some radical speaker that our people are backslidden, but this statement could not be substantiated, as there is every evidence to believe that the spiritual life of our church has deepened; the piety of our people is more noticeable; the devotion is unexcelled and the character of the people is unimpeachable. The shout of victory can be heard in every part of the connection and there is a deep heart cry in the bosom of our people everywhere for greater manifestations of God.

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could be heard from every nation beneath the burdens and sorrows and heartaches incident to the reconstruction after the bloodiest war the world has ever known. There has passed over this nation, as well as other nations, a feeling of depression, uneasiness and discouragement. This spirit has made itself felt in the church, as well as in every phase of national life, but our people have met this spirit of discouragement in a heroic manner and we feel that it is marvelous the way they have kept hope survived and have fought with increasing courage for victory through Jesus Christ in carrying on the work to which God has called us. We feel that our success in this matter has been due to the spiritual life of our people, and may this life yet deepen and be enriched by the presence and smiles of God.

The church has had revivals throughout the quadrennium. Our church was born in revivals. Men have gone out as pioneers; stretched tents, built brush arbors and placed lights in dingy halls and proclaimed the gospel of full salvation and awakened communities, filling the altars with seekers and turn-

ing the hearts of men toward God. This spirit of heroism; this spirit of evangelism, has given birth to every institution of our church and of every local organization. To maintain ourselves as a church we must continue to live in this revival spirit. The simultaneous revival held during the quadrennium was not without great results. It was a sublime feeling to realize that every Church of the Nazarene and all members of the church at one time were praying and working for the conversion of sinners, the reclamation of backsliders and the sanctification of believers. During this effort many members were added to the church and the great majority of our people were deepened in their spirituality. Thousands upon thousands of seekers knelt at our altars; perhaps fifty thousand during this month. So far as we are able to tell, every church within the connection has enjoyed gracious revivals some time during the four years.

So vitally connected with revivals is the work of home missions. At our last General Assembly there was a great agitation started for the work of home missions and evangelism throughout the world. At that time we created a Board of Home Missions. This Board, with a great desire to meet the expectations of the people and of the Lord, launched enterprises unselfishly, which they hoped would accomplish great results in the organization of new churches and the strengthening of the weaker ones. The plans adopted were never quite acceptable to the general church and therefore did not accomplish the results we hoped to see accomplished. Our Secretaries did their best and labored unselfishly at great sacrifice and as a result much agitation was created and movements started that resulted in many new churches. The work was not a failure. The districts have carried on strenuously, home missionary work within their bounds. We believe that the results will show the organization of many churches and the adding several thousand members to our roll. The work of home missions has only begun. We can expect great results in the future from this effort.

Church Extension is another interest of the church that was really just begun at the last General Assembly. Some work had been accomplished through our Secretary before that time, but he had given only partial time to the work of Church Extension, serving as a pastor of some church, in the meantime. His report will doubtless show great progress in the work of Church Extension. This interest we recognize as fundamental and our Church Extension Board has been able to inspire and help to build new churches; save churches deeply in debt and to give courage to many to undertake the construction of houses adequate for public worship. Doubtless a complete report will be given by Brother Speakes, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, bearing on all of these items.

Your attention should be called briefly to Social Welfare work and to our Rescue Homes. In a general way we have not accomplished a great deal in rescue work, that is outside of the individual rescue homes located in different parts of the country. There has been no extensive plan executed throughout the connection. We have some wonderful homes, doing efficient work and under very wise and efficient management. Our rescue work has not been any great burden to the church. So far as we know, those homes that are owned by the denomination are out of debt and are meeting their operating expenses without any great agitation or pressure upon the people. We commend this phase of our work heartily.

Our Orphanage work has met with a degree of success, though it has suffered some drawbacks during the quadrennium. The Orphanage Board has purchased some valuable property and has it practically out of debt. Many of the children, we understand, have been placed in homes and the work is now being carried on satisfactorily. We feel that we should not overlook the importance of properly supporting the orphans committed to our care. At the same time we feel that this work should be kept on a very conservative basis and continued in a limited way.

The members of the General Assembly are quite familiar, doubtless, with our publishing interests and the great debt paying campaign of the last two years. Our publishing interests have passed through a desperate struggle, but we are glad to report that the outlook today is very bright indeed. Our attention was called to the fact a few months ago that our Publishing House was in debt an amount of over a hundred thousand dollars and that the outlook was anything but bright. This situation developed, perhaps, because of the following facts:

First, the Publishing House was organized without capital with which to do business.

Second, our House was so lenient with the people out of the kindness of its heart as to involve it in debt because of unpaid bills. At one time the people of the church owed the Publishing House more than forty thousand dollars in open accounts.

Third, the HERALD OF HOLINESS has always been published at a loss. This fact is well known to our people.

Fourth, during the war and the time of high prices our Publishing House developed too much overhead expense and reorganization seemed to be necessary to overcome this situation. A campaign was begun to raise a hundred thousand dollars to liquidate our indebtedness against the Publishing House. This campaign has resulted in glorious success and for this success we give God glory and we thank the people of our church for their loyalty and their great sacrifice. A full report will be given later by the Reorganization Committee.

We would not overlook the great cause of education and our much loved educational institutions. Our schools during the quadrennium have made progress along several lines. So far as we know they all have larger student bodies than ever in their history. The curriculum has been strengthened in all the schools and some of them are now accredited

institutions, their graduates being recognized by state schools and other institutions in their territory. The spiritual condition of our schools is usually satisfactory. They have all had great revivals and the majority of the boys and girls sent to them have been returned home saved and sanctified and built up in genuine, holy Christian character. We appreciate the products of our schools—the graduates sent out by them to serve the church and the world. The products of our schools have more to do with our present progress and development than perhaps the most of us realize. We thank God for our own boys and girls, trained in our own institutions, having our own ideals and carrying the passion in their hearts for lost mankind, going out not to be served, but to serve; not to be helped, but to help. The financial struggles of our schools are sad. This has been the hardest quadrennium, financially, the schools have ever faced. We feel for them and shall recommend at another time some enactments in behalf of the schools that will relieve them in their present financial difficulties. The sacrifice by faculty and students will go down in history as one of the great assets of our movement.

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Another great interest of our church, one that lies very near our hearts and one that has grown up with the church from the beginning, is that of foreign missions. This has been a peculiar quadrennium in the work of foreign missions. We have had four years of unparalleled difficulties in continuing our foreign missionary work. It has been more difficult to raise money for foreign missions than at any other time in our history. This may be due to several reasons; one doubtless is the agitation that has been so general throughout the connection in behalf of home missions. Unconsciously many in urging the importance of home missionary work have created a spirit of antagonism toward the work of foreign missions. This we think has been unintentional, but it has been a factor nevertheless. Financially, we have had most glorious success in spite of the many hindrances and hardships in raising money. We deplore the drives we have had in the church to bring up deficits on two or three different occasions, but our Foreign Missionary Board felt it would be better to do this than to leave the church hopelessly in debt and try to change the plans of foreign missionary

work under the handicap of great financial embarrassment and heavy deficits. We are glad to report at this time that the financial success of the foreign missionary work has been marked and for this we give God glory and express appreciation for the untiring labors and efforts of our General Secretary, Brother Anderson. Our success on the foreign fields has been far above that of any other quadrennium. The reports will show hundreds of persons converted and sanctified and many additions to our church in the various fields of un-Christian countries. In this our people will all rejoice.

Our Future

We have spent, perhaps, more time than necessary giving a brief review of our past. We rejoice in the progress that has been made in our spiritual life, our revival work, home missions, Sunday schools, young people's societies, church extension, social welfare, orphanage work, publishing interests education, foreign missions and in all features of our work, but we must now look forward to the future and bravely and courageously undertake to accomplish more in the future than we have in the past, making our past experiences and history resources for our operations through the tomorrows. There are some very hopeful indications to which we call your attention briefly.

FIRST, our people seem to have a sane vision. We use the word sane in connection with vision, as we fear we have talked of vision sometimes without careful thought. A sane vision is like a bridge spanning a river, connecting two bodies of land. This bridge to be a success must have two essentials: There must be a pillar under the one end and a like pillar under the other end. No bridge can stand without these two great supports.

A vision must have two essentials also; first, there must be a proper conception of the world's needs and, second, our ability to supply those needs. We believe that we see the needs of the world and we are beginning to see that God expects us to supply those needs to the extent of our ability. We cannot do everything that ought to be done, but we can do all that God demands of us.

SECOND, there is a spirit of unity throughout the church and this is remarkable when we stop to realize the elements that enter into our church. We represent many shadows of belief along the line of non-essentials, and, we believe, we have representatives of every orthodox creed known to man. There are differences of opinions among us but, thank God, we are united on the essentials. When we see the banner "Holiness unto the Lord" we forget the creeds from which we have come and the non-essentials that have come into our thinking and with one accord we rise to our feet and shout, "Glory to God, in the name of Jesus Christ, who came to the world to restore man to a state of holiness." As a movement we are a unit, we have no divisions.

THIRD, we have to a very large degree the spirit of co-operation. Co-operation is unity in action. Unity of itself might be negative and useless, but when unity becomes crystallized in conduct we then have co-operation and co-operation means success. In every great struggle of our church in the last four

years we have had remarkable co-operation and a continuation of this element means the defeat of sin and the devil and the success of the kingdom of God.

Again, our church is blessed with a spirit of unselfishness and self-sacrifice. We seem to feel intuitively that the sacrificial element must be in every Christian life. Self-sacrifice comes from Latin words meaning to make sacred, to shed blood, to offer sacrifice to God for a sacred purpose. This element of sacrifice and self-denial has been in our movement from the beginning, and as long as Christ is our Captain and as long as He lives in our hearts we are ready to sacrifice every personal interest or desire for the glory of God and the salvation of men, the propagation of the truth and the progress of the church. Again, our people have a passion for souls. This is born in the heart of God and the first evidence of Christianity in an individual is a desire to see others saved and to have the same joy as he himself has. This passion is characteristic of holy men and women. The loss of a burden for souls is the first mark of spiritual degeneracy. Our people have this passion. We take this as a glorious indication. Again, we have absolute solidarity in doctrine. What one Nazarene believes as to fundamentals and essentials, every Nazarene in the world believes the same thing. As to our standards, our doctrines, our fundamental principles, we stand solid, with an unbroken front and therefore invincible.

Again, we might mention briefly our spirituality. We have good people, but goodness might be useless unless put into action. Spirituality makes dormant goodness impossible. Our people are not only good, but they are spiritual. Perhaps we could be more spiritual than we are, but the note of spirituality is marked and glorious throughout the church.

We have called your attention to our hopeful indications, but we are not without problems. We have always faced problems since we came into the world and we will continue to meet them until the end, but problems are not to discourage us but to call our attention to the fact that we are men and women led of God, full of hope and courage, ready to fight and to solve our problems. Problems are not to be feared, but to be solved. Difficulties are not to be bowed to but to be overcome. We call your attention to a few of our problems, with a feeling that we will meet them bravely and solve them effectively. To these problems we invite your very careful and thoughtful attention.

FIRST, we rejoice in repeating a statement that we face no doctrinal problems, nor divisions over fundamentals; on the subject of doctrine we have nothing to dread. Perhaps most of the ecclesiastical bodies face the sorrow of division over the fundamentals for which the movement is supposed to stand, but in this body today on the great fundamental truths of God's Word and of the church we stand solid without a single exception. This is a fact over which we can rejoice and thank God. If we were divided on doctrines and fundamentals our situation would be hopeless, but, thank God, we do not face this hopeless sorrow.

SECOND, we urge upon your attention the

danger of over-institutionalism and excessive machinery in the operation of our church. We are called to propagate the truth, to get man to God and conserve the work accomplished in initial salvation. We organize and found institutions and operate machinery to aid us in the accomplishment of these ends, but we must be careful that the by-products of our movement do not absorb our attention and energy and weaken our efforts in reaching the goal to which God has called us. Every effort should be made to keep down institutionalism and excessive machinery.

THIRD, we invite your attention to the pastoral problem we face. The greatest problem of our church is getting the right man in the right place at the right time. Our greatest need is not money, but men. If we can find the right man and find him at the right time and get him into the right place,

WITH THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT "The General Assembly"

Hebrews 12:23.

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The writer of the letter to the Hebrews, in the passage from which these three words are taken, is reminding those to whom he writes of the many glorious things to which they have come. In the Greek "The General Assembly" is one word, *panegurei*, the dative case of *paneguris*. Its real meaning, as Weymouth translates it is, "the great festal gathering."

The *paneguris* of the Greeks was a great coming together for the purpose of joyous celebration, a kind of Thanksgiving day and Fourth of July rolled into one occasion. At such a festal time an oration was pronounced. Our English word *panegyric*, which is a discourse spoken in praise of a person or event, comes from *paneguris*.

In the Hebrew passage referred to "the apostle is setting forth the communion of the Church on earth with the Church triumphant in heaven, of the Church toiling and suffering here with that Church from which all weariness and toil have forever passed away."

As the Nazarene hosts are assembled at Kansas City this week, they have come together as warriors of God, representative of the Church militant.

"Amid the tribulation
And tumult of her war
She seeks the consummation
Of peace forevermore."

What a time of rejoicing it is, recounting the victorious four years just closed and exulting in the rich, free grace of God whereby power is received for the ensuing quadrennium. Now are heard the shoutings of

"The happy glorious people,
All bright with glory's sheen,
Who made the cross their watchword
Of Jesus Nazarene."

Since "the way to heaven is heaven all the way", those members of the Church Militant now gathered together at Kansas City must know some of the rapturous bliss of the Church Triumphant. As we are now, so once were they; as they are now, so we shall be in heaven, "When God's great church victorious shall be the church at rest." "I heard a great voice of much people in heaven saying, Alleluia, salvation and glory, and honor, and power unto the Lord our God. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, saying, Alleluia. Let us be glad and rejoice." This sounds like the General Assembly.

If there is such joy at Kansas City these days, what must be the *paneguris* of the New Jerusalem? May we receive from our Lord then that *panegyric*, "Well done"

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we can succeed wherever there are people to lead to God. Any enactment that can accomplish the end of securing efficient men and getting them into places of opportunity will mean much in the progress of our church. This is a problem that must not be overlooked, for herein lies our success or our ultimate defeat.

FOURTH, our school problems. The problems of education in our church are unsolved. This seems sad, when we realize that the schools were in existence before the Church of the Nazarene was organized in solid form throughout the nation. We have inherited our schools and with them the problems they involve. It would seem that institutions so long with us would have found a way to meet their difficulties, but such is not the case. The school problem is an unsolved problem in the Church of the Nazarene. First, the public demands that our schools be accredited. Scarcely any parent will send a child to a Nazarene institution unless assured that the credits received by this child will be recognized by other institutions. Standardization is not optional with our school authorities, the public demands that the schools have standards that will be recognized by other institutions. Again, the most of the schools are in debt; some of them almost hopelessly in debt; some of them, thank God, owe very little. These schools will report their condition to the General Assembly in time. Then again, we have not made provision to support our schools in their operation. No school can be self-supporting and no school can present standards that will make it possible to be accredited without a permanent endowment fund, or a temporary endowment, provided through the budget of the church. These matters must be considered by the General Assembly.

FIFTH, we face the most colossal problem of our church in properly supporting all the interests of the church financially, eliminating and preventing all apparent competition between different institutions and boards. Settle this one problem, the problem of financing the various interests of the church, adequately taking care of all and neglecting none, and our progress for the future is assured. This is our one outstanding problem and must be met bravely by the General Assembly and solved. What can be done ought to be done and by the grace of God we will do it.

Our Recommendations

Here we would not have the General Assembly feel that your Board of General Superintendents wish to present our views as superior to those entertained by other members of this Honorable Body. We humbly submit to you recommendations and trust they will be given attention and careful and prayerful consideration by the General Assembly. We feel we would not do our duty unless we should present to you some recommendations in definite form, after four years of experience in the capacity of General Superintendents and after careful consideration of matters with which we are now confronted.

FIRST, we recommend that something be done in the way of legislation, if possible, to prevent the danger of division in local churches in the recall of pastors. We recog-

nize that it will be difficult and probably impossible for us to find any system of calling of pastors that will be perfect, so as to eliminate all defects. Our people have felt they did not want extreme Episcopacy in the appointment of pastors, neither did they want extreme Congregationalism. In the past we have tried to find a middle ground, so as to respect the spirit of democracy and at the same time retain a degree of efficiency. We do not find any great difficulty under our present polity in the calling of pastors. Our real problem is in the recall. In some cases divisions have occurred in local churches when the time came to vote on the recall of the pastor. We do not feel that we should suggest the form of legislation to our General Assembly to be enacted to prevent this danger at our annual meetings, but we do suggest that you give the matter careful thought and consideration and if any way can be found to prevent or to remedy this one defect we should welcome such enactment. We feel also that authority should be given to the District and General Superintendents to fill vacancies in churches not calling pastors before the convening of the District Assemblies. It would seem to us that if a local church will not or can not secure a pastor before the convening of the District Assembly, authority should be given the District Superintendent to fill such vacancies. This, at least, will strengthen us in keeping our preachers employed and our churches with shepherds and overseers.

SECOND, we recommend greater care in the licensing of preachers. It would seem advisable for any young man or young woman feeling called of God to preach to be required to carry local preachers' license at least one year, if not two, and to complete one year of the Course of Study before being given license by the District Assembly. This is a matter, doubtless, that will be presented in memorials by various Districts and we trust these memorials will find a place in your deliberations. We must guard the church at the door of the ministry. We would advise that the church be strict and positive in the licensing and ordination of ministers. Churches always degenerate first in the pulpit and then in the pew.

THIRD, we recommend the consolidation of boards and the elimination of unnecessary expense, as far as possible, without destroying efficiency. Let economy and efficiency be our watchword. We want both and we want the two united. We must have efficiency and the people expect economy and have a right to demand that we shall make every dollar given by the self-sacrificing people of our church accomplish the greatest possible good.

FOURTH, we recommend that special attention be given to our school problems. It would seem that the number of our schools should not be increased but, if possible, decreased by consolidation. It seems to us that the Department of Education should be given supervision of all educational interests and of all educational institutions, first, as to their teachings, their doctrines, as to whether they are in harmony with the beliefs and usages of the church; again, as to their standardization. Also the Department of Educa-

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tion should have a voice in the creation of the budgets and debts of our schools where such budgets and debts involve the honor and standing of the supporting Districts adjacent to the educational institutions. Schools should not be allowed to involve themselves heavily in debt and consequently bring disrepute and dishonor upon the church-at-large, without the consent of the general church. We do not believe that the schools will object to this supervision on the part of the Department of Education. Again, some means should be found to extricate the schools from debt and then urge them or require them to stay out of debt. We must get out of debt and we must stay out of debt. It is better for us to do what we can and do it with honor than to undertake the impossible and end in disgrace. Again, a budget should be provided to give the schools recognized by the church help in addition to the income from their tuition and fees. We repeat a statement made heretofore, that we cannot hope to have our schools self-supporting. They must have some endowment, either permanent or temporary. This matter should be given careful consideration by this present General Assembly.

FIFTH, we recommend the elimination of all machinery and institutionalism that will not contribute to the fulfillment of our divine commission. We must always do some charity work, support some eleemosynary institutions, but this must be considered a side issue, our by-product and not our main business. Our one objective is the evangelization of the world, and no machinery and no institutionalism must be allowed in the operation of our church that will interfere with this one end.

SIXTH, as to the future of the Publishing House, we make the following recommendation: First, that the General Assembly provide a small body of men or commission to operate it, as we do not feel it is necessary to go to a heavy expense in getting a large number of men together once or twice a year to consider the problems of our publishing interests. A few men could do the work at very small expense, and they should have direct supervision over the House and be lo-

cated near enough to Kansas City to meet often and make their supervision effective. Again, we recommend that careful precaution be taken to prevent the recurrence of the financial condition in which we found ourselves as a Publishing House during this quadrennium. We feel that there should be a great agitation throughout the church, arousing our people to the necessity of buying our products and selling them in every local community where we have work. It is possible, we believe, with sufficient inspiration and interest and personal effort on the part of our people to buy and to sell the products of our Publishing House, to build up a business sufficiently large to support the Publishing House adequately and at the same time create a fund that would greatly help in the endowment of our educational interests and in aiding our wornout preachers. The General Assembly will rejoice to know that the House is now practically out of debt and supporting itself, and in addition to this making some money. For this we thank God and trust and pray that the House may ever be an asset to us and never a liability.

SEVENTH, financing the church. We have stated already that our main problem is to adequately finance all the interests of the church, giving sufficient support to every phase of our work and neglecting none. The budget has been advocated more or less in all districts of the church for the past four years. We are made to believe that the universal budget might be the ideal plan for financing and operating the church. We might look forward to the time when we could adopt a universal budget and adopt it throughout the connection. We question, however, that at the present time our people are sufficiently educated to give to all interests to make a universal budget a success, unless all interests should be cut down to a marked degree, which is doubtless unwise. Some interests of the church have grown up with the church and have found a large place in the affections of our people; other interests are comparatively new. With proper education, by stirring the interests of the people on the various lines of church operation it might become possible in time to get them to give into a common budget, the funds to be divided among all interests without the personal participation in the division by the givers. However, that is a matter for the General Assembly to decide for itself. In any case we must respect the personal liberties of the people in giving as they feel led of God or impelled by the duties of stewardship.

In making recommendations toward a solution of our financial problems we do not wish to go too much into detail, but we would call your attention specifically to the interests of home missions and foreign missions. We recommend that home and foreign missions be so related as to eliminate the seeming competition between these two interests and at the same time prevent foreign missions outgrowing home missions and prevent home missions becoming selfish in refusing to support foreign missions. In other words, both interests will suffer or succeed equally. If one grows both will grow, but one cannot grow to the exclusion or neglect of the other.

In whatever financial scheme that might be

adopted by the General Assembly we urge that special attention be given to providing for the weak or missionary districts of our church unable to support themselves. We are suffering in places because of churches organized prematurely and consequently unable to provide for a pastor or to pay other local expenses, not mentioning the general interests of the Church; but there is another case more serious than this one, viz., the creation of districts unable to support themselves or to promote the work committed to their care. We have a number of such districts in the church. The situation in these districts is very serious, and something must be done to save our honor and to promote our work in such sections. We feel that it is an extraordinary case and a feature that must not be overlooked by the General Assembly. It is impossible to build up a district unless the District Superintendent of such district can be adequately supported so as to give his time and energies to the promotion of the church in his district. It is unthinkable for a District Superintendent to act as a pastor or to be forced into secular life for livelihood while he fills this very important and sacred office. The result means the breaking down of his morale, the dwarfing of his district and the impossibility of advancing the work. We are face to face with a situation that must be dealt with in the supporting of such districts. We recommend that the General Assembly provide funds to be administered in such missionary districts and that laws be passed so that the money thus appropriated for such districts shall be so safeguarded and used as to produce desired results. Some authority should be placed in the hands of the General Superintendents or some other body in the church to have a voice in the election or appointment of District Superintendents over missionary districts where money is appropriated from the general church to support such superintendents and such districts. The reason for this is that competent, aggressive and successful men might be secured in all cases where general funds are used.

ΕΙΣΗΓΗ, some financial scheme should be adopted by the church so that all interests of the church can be cared for without the neglect of any. Under our present plans the departments of the church present apparent competition, each contending and struggling for a place and for a hearing and for proper support. Some fair and equal distribution should be made of all funds without destroying the individual rights of the stewards of God in handling and giving their money. We feel that the financial burdens or responsibilities placed upon our people in supporting the church should not be increased to such an extent as to break down the morale of the people and prevent aggressive evangelism in the local communities where our churches are located. We believe there should be an increase of giving on all lines. We do not wish to do less than we have done, but more, but the increase of responsibility should not be so great or heavy as to prevent expansion of home work and break down the spirit of salvation and aggressive evangelism, which constitutes the very heart and spirit of our movement.

Again we urge that legislation be consid-

Our commission is the conversion of sinners, the reclamation of backsliders, the sanctification of believers and then to conserve the work done at the altars by furnishing church homes for the building up of Christian character and the training of holy men and women to further the work of Jesus Christ in the earth. Our machinery and our organization and all of our institutions are to serve one end.

ered that will absolutely forbid the mixing of district and general funds. Districts should not be allowed to borrow or to use general funds to pay district expenses or to carry on district work. This should not be allowed in the church, for it would demoralize our district organization, break down the spirit of giving and lay great temptations at the door of the men who handle the money and bear the burdens of the church. Their temptation would be to borrow the money from general funds to pay local expenses, and if this money should never be returned the general funds would suffer the loss and the people who gave the money would feel that their money had gone to the object for which they gave it, though in fact such would not be the case. Theoretically they had given to all interests of the church, but actually had given to only a few. If this should once be known by the laymen who give, the spirit of their giving would be destroyed.

Again, we recommend that apportionments be made to local churches not according to membership, but according to the ability of local churches to pay, saving us the danger of driving large and poor families from our doors. In some cases pastors have not reported their full membership in order to hold down their apportionments. In some cases men and women of large families have stayed out of the church because they were not able to pay the amount apportioned to them and their children. Something should be done by the General Assembly to prevent this danger and also the danger of keeping down the membership of our church when, in fact, in many cases we have more members than are actually reported.

Finally, we recommend that strenuous effort be made in every conceivable way to keep the church evangelistic in every department and that all legislation or enactments by the General Assembly be made remembering our one object—the salvation of a lost world. Our commission is the conversion of sinners, the reclamation of backsliders, the sanctification of believers and then to conserve the work done at the altars by furnishing church homes for the building up of Christian character and the training of holy men and women to further the work of Jesus Christ in the earth. Our machinery and our organization and all of our institutions are to serve one end. Our General Superintendents, our District Superintendents, our pas-

tors, our evangelists, our deaconesses, our missionary auxiliary leaders, our Sunday school superintendents, the presidents of our young people's societies, the teachers and officers in the local churches, the laity, the object of every dollar we spend and of every breath we breathe, it all points to the salvation of men and the edification of believers, the building of Christian character, the furthering of God's work to the ends of the earth. Our business is the evangelization of the world. If institutions contribute to that end, support them; if they do not, they are not worthy of our support. Machinery and organization that will help us to accomplish our end and fulfill our divine commission and meet the expectations of God Almighty in being workers together with Christ in saving the world are to be instituted and supported. But nothing must interfere with our one business, the salvation of men. Everything must contribute to the one end, the salvation of men. The object of every officer, every department of the church and of every organization in the church is the salvation of sinners, the sanctification of believers, the edification of the body of Christ. To this end let us work. To this end let us pray. To this end let us bend every effort and make every necessary sacrifice that some day we may stand before God and hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many."

In conclusion, we thank God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost for His watchful care over the ministry and laity of our church for four years; for His protection of our workers at home and abroad; for the self-sacrificing support of our people in every call and emergency. Our hearts are filled with hope. Our souls are full of courage and we feel like following the Man with the drawn sword. Our Captain has never been defeated; our banner has never trailed in the dust. We should fight sin and preach holiness. We should serve our generation and lay the foundation for a glorious future.

The Church of the Nazarene is a movement peculiar to itself. It has a step and movement which those coming to us must learn. The radical gospel which we preach has separated us from the world and worldly ideals. We have bidden worldly ambitions adieu and have stepped forth into the limelight with intense loyalty to the holy principles as set forth by Jesus Christ. We have seen the King. We have heard the majesty of His voice. Our hearts made white by His atoning blood have felt the thrill of His mighty passion. The very atmosphere which we breathe is laden with freedom. This young church, like David of old, cannot work in an ironclad ecclesiastical armor. It must have liberty to swing its arms in holy unction, then with the pebbles of truth and the sling of faith to fight its way to certain victory. This is no time to compromise, much less surrender or fall back into retrenchment. Rather this is the time above all times in our history when we must undergird ourselves with mightier faith, and with undaunted courage move out into the will of God to undertake and do greater things for the kingdom

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Quadrennial Report of the General Statistical Secretary

Comparative Quadrennial Growth

ITEMS	CLOSING QUADRENNIAL YEARS			ENTIRE QUADRENNIUM		
	1922	1918	Increase	1915-16-17-18	1919-20-21-22	Increase
Number of Churches	1208	967	341	* Denotes decrease.		
Number Church Members	48118	34306	13812	† Following the General Assembly of 1919		
Number Members Y. P. Societies	10864	5025	5839	items marked † were added to the Statistical		
Number Members Sunday School	74481	41277	34304	Chart, these items first appearing in the Re-		
Number S. S. Officers and Teachers	9320	6340	2980	ports for the years 1921 and 1922.		
Number Members W. M. Society	5329	.....	†5329	The increase shown in the tables, both for		
Number Elders	1028	811	217	the closing quadrennial years for the full		
Number Licensed Ministers	1004	822	182	number of items and for the two quadren-		
Number Consecrated Deaconesses	220	.....	†220	niums as shown for the gifts for various		
Number Licensed Deaconesses	152	360	*208	items and for all purposes, mark a decided		
Number S. S. Superintendents	1112	824	288	advance in the activities of the Church of		
Number Presidents Y. P. Societies	445	.....	†445	the Nazarene. The benevolences, as well as		
Number Commissioned Evangelists	252	231	21	all other monetary gifts, not only kept pace		
Number Elected Delegates	2281	1631	650	with the growth in members but greatly ex-		
Number Members of Assemblies	5668	4363	1305	ceeded it, as the membership growth shows a		
Number Church Buildings	841	608	233	40.2 per cent gain while the gifts for all pur-		
Number Parsonages	345	176	169	poses shows the remarkable gain of 133.33		
Value of Church Property	\$4655982	\$2205144	\$2450830	per cent. To God be all the praise for this		
Indebtedness on Church Property	960480	472515	487965	good record in the work of the Kingdom!		
Raised for—						
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 438761	\$ 182824	\$ 255937	\$ 671823	\$1534593	\$ 862770
General Superintendents	11410	6439	4971	19957	40647	20690
District Superintendents	55896	27036	28860	84238	183795	99557
Pastors (Inc. Asst. Pastors)	667562	316818	350744	959848	2210739	1250891
Deaconesses	8471	4889	3782	15721	31334	15613
Evangelists	184135	87937	96198	258920	606063	347143
Home Missions	55350	23245	32105	53794	236720	182926
Foreign Missions (Church)	162756	78956	83800	232337	663082	430745
Foreign Missions (W. M. Society)	20765	.....	†20765	.....	38197	38197
Church Extension	11043	3755	7288	6859	39959	33100
Education	82759	64802	17957	121819	391810	269991
Social Welfare	8826	7364	1462	30432	38320	7888
Orphanage	12118	.....	†12118	.....	32721	32721
Nazarene Tract Society	293	.....	† 293	.....	868	868
Ministerial Relief	3289	.....	† 3289	.....	5542	5542
Contingent Fund	4258	.....	† 4258	.....	7454	7454
Other Benevolences	65969	34267	31702	106607	264285	157678
Rent	44664	23546	21318	78885	128619	49734
Church Expenses	222462	112818	109644	355596	713348	357752
Sunday School Expenses	80529	36596	44233	119552	252158	132606
Miscellaneous	6441	.....	6441	.....	7189	7189
Total for All Purposes	\$2148057	\$1010892	\$1137165	\$3116388	\$7427443	\$4311055

Statistics for the Double Quadrennium, 1915-1922

	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922
Number of Churches	792	923	942	967	978	1044	1145	1208
Number of Church Members	31600	33267	35040	34306	34928	37478	43708	48118
Number Members Y. P. Societies	3162	4226	5137	5025	5371	6762	8661	10864
Number Members Sunday School	31599	39421	39793	41277	43787	49824	64738	74481
Number S. S. Officers, Teachers	4362	5742	5909	6340	6610	7052	8015	9320
Number Members W. M. Society .....	† ...	...	...	...	...	...	3637	5329
Number Elders	638	774	739	811	852	893	945	1028
Number Licensed Ministers	885	889	809	822	781	776	866	1004
Number Consecrated Deaconesses .....	† ...	...	...	...	...	...	178	220
Number Licensed Deaconesses	529	512	363	360	369	328	175	152
Number S. S. Superintendents	587	775	795	824	879	918	1040	1112
Number Presidents Y. P. Societies .....	† ...	...	...	...	...	...	335	445
Number Commissioned Evangelists	229	253	215	231	248	237	279	252
Number Elected Delegates	1230	1555	1646	1631	1723	1887	2109	2281
Number Members of Assemblies	3789	4535	4307	4363	4605	4835	5037	5668
Number Church Buildings	389	528	582	608	644	697	768	841
Number Parsonages	97	118	148	176	196	263	323	345
Value of Church Property	\$1395275	\$1670585	\$1951163	\$2205144	\$2606722	\$3450328	\$3868855	\$4655982
Indebtedness on Church Property	353331	396949	427286	472515	507080	582531	722123	906480
Raised for—								
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 129456	\$ 149439	\$ 210104	\$ 182824	\$ 263581	\$ 396560	\$ 435691	\$ 438761
General Superintendents	3886	4250	5382	6439	6822	8833	13582	11410
District Superintendents	14407	19303	23492	27036	35489	41915	50495	55896
Pastors (Inc. Asst. Pastors)	165773	222149	255108	316818	388035	517957	637185	667562
Deaconesses	2545	3954	4533	4689	4725	7739	10399	8471
Evangelists	45586	56563	68834	87937	95501	147665	178762	184135
Home Missions	7141	9190	14218	23245	34242	69894	77234	55350
Foreign Missions (Church)	34814	47561	71006	78956	122548	192066	185712	162712
Foreign Missions (W. M. Society) .....	† ...	...	...	...	...	...	17432	20765
Church Extension	948	1205	951	3755	4735	10300	13881	11043
Education	16182	24083	16752	64802	112624	104013	92414	82759
Social Welfare	6830	7205	9033	7364	9600	10914	8980	8826
Orphanage .....	† ...	...	...	...	...	...	20603	12118
Nazarene Tract Society .....	† ...	...	...	...	...	...	575	293

Ministerial Relief .....	† ...	...	...	...	...	...	2253	3280
Contingent Fund .....	†	...	...	...	...	...	3196	4258
Other Benevolences	13466	21047	37827	34267	57617	75784	64915	65969
Rent	14461	20934	20144	23346	23188	24699	36088	44664
Church Expenses	73501	76544	92733	112818	120948	169294	200644	222462
Sunday School Expenses	24898	28172	29886	36596	41541	59003	70785	80829
Miscellaneous .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	748	6441
Total for All Purposes	\$ 553894	\$ 691599	\$ 860003	\$1010892	\$1321196	\$1836636	\$2121554	\$2149057

There was raised for all purposes in the last eight years, shown by two quadrenniums, the following sums: 1915-1918, a total of \$3,116,388, and for 1919-1922, a total of \$7,427,443. The value of church property at the close of the year 1918 was \$2,205,144, and four years later, at the close of 1922, was \$4,655,082, an increase of \$2,450,838, or more than double in value. The gain in gifts for all purposes was \$4,311,055, or in excess of 138 per cent for the quadrennium over the previous like period. These increases are visualized to the reader in terms of increase daily for a period of four years, or 1460 days:

Daily for four years the value of church property increased \$1.678.65. Each Nazarene now has a per capita investment of \$96.70 in church property of the denomination, as shown by the value at the close of 1922.

Daily for four years the Church of the Nazarene expended \$5.087.27 in carrying the Glad Tidings to lost humanity the whole world round, and exceeded its daily offerings for the quadrennium 1915-1918 by the goodly sum of \$2,052.09.

There was added daily for the four years \$500.03 in the erection and improvement of church property, the daily expenditure for this purpose being \$1.051.00.

The Pastors received a daily increase of \$556.70, the Evangelists \$237.76, the District Superintendent \$68.10, General Superintendents \$14.71, and the Deaconesses \$10.69—every penny increasing the remuneration of these faithful servants of God in preaching and ministering full salvation.

The Church of the Nazarene increased its gifts to carry the Good News to those in heathen darkness \$205.03 each day, and the devoted women of the Women's Missionary Society (who appear in the report for the first time) gave daily for two years \$52.32 for the same purpose. The unoccupied fields of the homeland as well as the unoccupied territory of organized Districts, received an increased

daily benefit of \$125.28. And to properly house the increasing activities of the church as well as give aid to those already existing the worthy work of Church Extension received an increased daily offering of \$22.67.

For our schools there was an increased offering each day of \$184.92, the total daily offering for this absolute essential of the church endeavor being \$268.38.

Other Benevolences increased \$108 daily for the four years, which means that for each day that sum was expended to help the needy, above what was expended for the previous like period.

It cost the church \$245.03 each day more to operate its church enterprises, and the Sunday schools were required to expend daily \$90.82 in excess of the daily requirements for the four years 1915-1918.

Rented quarters cost the church \$34.06 more each day, and for Social Welfare and Miscellaneous giving an increase each twenty-four hours of \$5.40 and \$4.02 respectively, is revealed. In these days of worldliness the great work of Social Welfare should receive more and more of the gifts of the church.

Four other new items (showing in the reports for but two years each, 1920 and 1921) had daily expenditures as follows: Orphanage, \$44.82; Nazarene Tract Society, \$1.18; Ministerial Relief, \$7.60; and Contingent Fund, \$10.20.

Every member of the Church of the Nazarene has just cause to praise God for His love and mercy and that indication of His presence which finds expression in the constantly increasing gifts to carry the Glad Tidings to the lost of earth. Never a year for the last two quadrenniums but has shown an increased offering to carry on His work in the Church of the Nazarene, and we are sure that a knowledge of this truth will but serve to increase our gifts, that there may be added to His kingdom an ever enlarging number of redeemed souls.

Quadrennial Report, General Board of

GENERAL Ministerial Relief was instituted by the Fifth General Assembly in response to memorials received from several districts urging that something be done to provide for old, wornout, and disabled ministers and their dependents. The last General Assembly elected a Board of five members, consisting of Revs. F. M. Messenger, A. H. Kauffman, E. J. Fleming, Mr. David Anderson, and Dr. Charles E. West. In the summer of 1920 Brother Kauffman resigned and Rev. C. L. Bradley was appointed by the Board of General Superintendents to fill the vacancy. Dr. Charles E. West resigned when he went to Africa, and Mr. Mervel Lunn was appointed to fill the vacancy. The Board met at Chicago October 10, 1919 and organized and adopted a constitution in harmony with the order of the General Assembly. Rev. E. J. Fleming was elected Secretary-Treasurer and immediately entered upon the duty of creating a Ministerial Relief work.

The first need presented was the creation of suitable literature to educate our ministry and laity to a proper knowledge of the worth, the necessity, and the duty of ministerial relief. The ultimate success of any department of the work of the church is largely dependent upon propaganda. We have succeeded in printing ten different leaflets and pamphlets on this subject. We herewith acknowledge indebtedness to Rev. B. F. Haynes, Rev. J. B.

Ministerial Relief

By Rev. E. J. Fleming

Chapman, and Rev. W. D. Shelor for contributions to our literature. We acknowledge appreciation to Charles Scribner's Sons Co., for courteous permission to print "The Shepherd that Watched in the Night." We would have hesitated in printing so much as we have had it not been for the godly generosity of President F. M. Messenger of our Board in donating \$556 worth of printing thereby supplying us over one and half-million pages of matter. Brother Messenger has our most heartfelt appreciation for this very timely assistance.

A careful perusal of the standing committee reports adopted generally by our District Assemblies reveals that our church gives ready assent to the importance of this cause. "The church's recognition that the right to a comfortable support inheres in the gospel ministry, the demands made on it, and the service it renders; and calls for an adequate retiring competency for the old age of ministers of Christ." (From "The Retired Minister.")

During the first year of the quadrennium a start was made financially and one application was received for assistance. During the year 1921 the Board approved seventeen ap-

plications, ten of which were for temporary relief and seven for permanent. During 1922, seven additional applications were approved, one of which was temporary. So far in 1923, six permanent applications have been approved and two temporary. Thus during the quadrennium thirty-three persons have been assisted, fourteen in a temporary and nineteen in a permanent manner. Of the total number eighteen have been men, ten women ministers, five widows. Two men have died during the time of this assistance. At the present time we are assisting seventeen persons. The amounts range from \$5.00 per month to \$25.00 per month.

There is always a way if we desire it and seek it. This generation of Nazarenes should raise an Endowment Fund of not less than \$100,000 during the next quadrennium. That would mean only 50 cents per year from each member with no account taken of the expected increase. Undoubtedly a larger part of this should be secured by personal gifts. This General Assembly should unanimously endorse the project and vote to do it. To neglect it will entail unnecessary privation and suffering upon the aged brothers in the days to come. To refuse to heed this call and make suitable provisions will bring a cloud of dire reproach upon the church. There is no more worthy object presented to this Assembly for its consideration than the cause of Ministerial Relief.



NAZARENE PUBLISHING HOUSE : FIN

Balance Sheet, June 30, 1923

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
CURRENT ASSETS —		CURRENT LIABILITIES —	
Cash on Hand and in Bank.....	\$ 526.66	Accounts Payable	\$ 2,854.67
Accounts Receivable	\$ 30,659.45	Notes Payable	20,025.00
Notes Receivable	8,125.17	Cashier	78.09
	\$ 38,784.62	Cash Orders Unfilled	76.10
Less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts.....	7,265.26	Total Current Liabilities.....	\$ 23,033.86
	31,519.36	RESERVES —	
Other Receivables	69.02	Annuity Bonds (E. G. Hardie)	\$ 12,500.00
Inventories —		Unearned Subscriptions —	
Merchandise Stock (Books, Etc.).....	\$ 16,150.61	Herald of Holiness	\$11,389.18
Sunday School Literature	103.19	Sunday School Literature.....	5,448.17
Work in Process of Manufacture.....	6,912.44	Manufacturing Reserve for Contingencies..	4,990.64
Material (Factory)	6,540.26	Total Reserves	\$ 34,327.99
Total Current Assets.....	\$ 61,821.54	ACCRUED CHARGES TO OPERATION —	
FIXED ASSETS —		Royalties	\$ 579.46
Plant and Equipment:		Publishing Contracts	284.35
Buildings	\$ 10,600.00	Interest — Annuities	942.06
Machinery	36,981.65	Interest — Loan	161.91
Equipment — Furniture and Fixtures.....	23,139.38	Total Accrued Charges.....	\$ 1,967.78
	\$ 70,721.03	TOTAL LIABILITIES	
Land — 2109-15 Troost Avenue	7,000.00	SURPLUS (NET WORTH)	
	\$ 77,721.03		\$ 59,329.61
Less Reserve for Depreciation.....	21,151.75		79,134.92
	\$ 56,569.28		
Outside Property (Texas)	12,500.00		
Total Fixed Assets.....	\$ 69,069.28		
DEFERRED CHARGES TO OPERATION —			
Car Tickets	\$ 27.16		
Supplies and Stationery	950.00		
Texas Farm Property	275.00		
P. O. Deposits	107.36		
Postage Stamps	172.40		
Unexpired Insurance	568.44		
Engravings, Etc. (Editorial)	473.37		
Total Deferred Charges	\$ 2,573.73		
INTANGIBLE ASSETS —			
Subscription Lists	5,000.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$138,464.55		
			\$138,464.55

Note: Contingent Liability amounting to \$31,385 Annuity Bonds issued, subject to cancellation on death of Annuitants. Interest being paid during their lifetime.

Supplementary Report September 25, 1923

The above correctly states our Assets (what we own) and Liabilities (what we owe and reserves), and is in accordance with our records of June 30, 1923.

Since that time we have paid all the outstanding notes in full and accounts which are due.

From donations received by the Reorganization Committee and the net profits and sale of merchandise the **ENTIRE INDEBTEDNESS** reported March 1, 1922 of \$104,515.74, together with all interest to date, which amounted to \$10,831.12, **HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL.**

Manager.

Treasurer.





FINANCIAL AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS

Operating Statement, July 1, 1919 - June 30, 1923

	1919-1920	1920-1921	1921-1922	1922-1923	1919-1923 Quadrennium
SALES (Receipts) —					
Books, Bibles, Etc. (Mdse.)	\$ 55,209.07	\$ 54,265.77	\$ 45,961.24	\$ 44,566.39	\$200,002.47
Sunday School Literature	29,614.91	46,317.89	58,508.26	61,906.88	196,347.94
Herald of Holiness	13,829.55	17,461.34	17,944.68	20,247.10	69,482.67
Religious Printing	11,373.28	19,783.59	19,783.65	18,934.44	69,874.96
Advertising	666.89	1,616.39	3,026.28	785.32	6,094.88
Advertising—Our Own	591.47	1,246.25	901.75	540.00	3,279.47
TOTAL SALES	\$111,285.17	\$140,691.23	\$146,125.86	\$146,980.13	\$545,082.39
COST —					
Production Cost	\$ 68,888.82	\$ 92,639.00	\$ 81,651.55	\$ 59,234.35	\$327,582.70
Editorial Cost			13,936.22	11,232.76	
Book Etc. Purchase	27,217.57	25,266.91	15,057.09	12,727.56	80,269.13
S. S. Periodical Purchase	34.90	2,136.10	5,269.15	3,511.85	10,952.00
Religious Printing Purchase		1,929.34	40.24	99.40	2,068.98
Inventory — Mdse.	4,963.93	8,511.37	431.63	6,357.07	7,549.86
Inventory — S. S. Literature	32.66	6.63	136.80	126.99	49.10
Drayage — Out	640.20	659.84	607.50	595.09	2,502.63
Freight and Express — In	694.85	642.66	711.77	483.41	2,532.69
Freight and Express — Out	570.16	428.42	245.34	146.71	1,390.63
Postage — Herald of Holiness	911.76	1,136.76	1,313.41	1,209.06	4,570.99
Postage — Books	1,620.17	2,061.12	2,035.55	2,161.94	7,878.78
Postage — S. S. Literature	1,130.32	1,541.10	1,685.75	1,804.81	6,161.98
TOTAL COST	\$ 96,712.16	\$119,923.25	\$121,985.14	\$ 99,691.00	\$438,311.55
	\$ 14,573.01	\$ 20,767.98	\$ 24,140.72	\$ 47,289.13	\$106,770.84
ADDITIONAL INCOME —					
Herald of Holiness Donation	1.50	10.50	2,232.58	761.77	3,006.35
Fire Loss — Insurance				318.94	318.94
GROSS PROFIT	\$ 14,574.51	\$ 20,778.48	\$ 26,373.30	\$ 48,369.84	\$110,096.13
EXPENSE —					
Administration and Expense	26,955.90	37,149.26	40,121.77	25,302.37	129,529.30
NET LOSS	\$ 12,381.39	\$ 16,370.78	\$ 13,748.47		\$ 19,433.17
NET PROFIT				\$ 23,067.47	

DEPARTMENTS

	Loss	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss	Gain
Books, Bibles, Etc. (Mdse.)		\$ 1,090.87	\$ 1,850.29	\$12,685.29			\$ 5,663.67	\$ 7,781.04		
Sunday School Literature	\$ 961.25		1,654.15		\$ 6,422.18		\$17,043.37		\$20,850.15	
Herald of Holiness	13,385.44		17,163.37		9,794.09		\$ 1,903.94		\$42,246.84	
Religious Printing		\$74.43	\$ 4,297.03		2,308.73		2,264.37		9,744.56	
TOTAL	\$14,346.69	\$ 1,965.30	\$20,667.81	\$ 4,297.03	\$22,479.38	\$ 8,730.91	\$ 1,903.94	\$24,971.41	\$50,027.88	\$30,594.71
NET LOSS OR GAIN	\$12,381.39		\$16,370.78		\$13,748.47		\$23,067.47		\$19,433.17	

Auditors' Certificate

We have examined the books of account of the Nazarene Publishing House for the twelve months ending June 30, 1923, and have checked them with their report. We found the books carefully and accurately kept and in splendid condition.

The cash receipts and disbursements were verified and we satisfied ourselves that all assets and liabilities are correctly stated and

WE CERTIFY that, in our opinion, the statements contained in the Annual Report correctly set forth the true financial condition of the Nazarene Publishing House at June 30, 1923.

JAS. E. SEAY, & Co., Public Accountants.



Report of the General Board of Foreign Missions

JOHAN R. MOTT'S definition of vision is: First, to see what others do not see.

Second, to see further than they see. Third, to see before they see. We believe the Church of the Nazarene has this kind of a vision. We see a world with millions of precious souls in darkness and despair, hopelessly lost without the gospel of Jesus Christ. Others see a world with its millions in degradation and poverty, with no Christ whose blood atoned for a lost world, offering reform and social service and civilization without Christianity. We see one billion souls in heathen lands calling to us for help, temporal and spiritual. Others see only a few millions living within the confines of the United States or in some cases in even smaller territories, such as states and communities. We have seen that the only hope for the world is the preaching of a full gospel that will save and sanctify lost humanity, whether it be in America or Africa. Our sainted founder, Dr. Bresee, under the inspiration of the Spirit, once said, "We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure as we have received it." And though he has gone on to his great reward, he left the Church of the Nazarene a legacy of holy enthusiasm and a compassion for the salvation of the perishing millions, and our missionaries have gone forth under the anointing of the Spirit, determined to know nothing except Christ and Him crucified; determined to have no affiliation that would in any way interfere with the great work to which God called them. During these years of beginning and foundation laying, some have given their life. They lie buried under the burning sands of India, the desolate interior of Africa, the forsaken lands of South America, awaiting the Resurrection Morning, when they with us will rejoice that they made the supreme sacrifice and gave their life in an humble effort to carry forward the work for which Christ hung on the cross two thousand years ago.

A small group of missionaries a few years ago pioneered the way in the various mission fields for the Church of the Nazarene without much human encouragement; but with problems and difficulties too numerous to mention they forged ahead, and today we are blessed with a splendid company of men and women who have taken up the work of the few who have the honor of being the pioneers. To their number have been added hundreds of native converts, who are devoting their lives to reaching their fellowmen and co-operating with our faithful missionaries in planting and establishing the banner of holiness in the uttermost parts of the earth. We have a history, which, though brief is glorious in triumphs and victories, which bespeaks great possibilities in the future and greater vic- ries if we stand united as a church to carry out the original plan of a full gospel for the whole world.

OUR PRESENT WORK

We have today well established mission stations in all of the large mission fields of the world. Africa, India, China, Japan, Central America, South America, Mexico, Cuba, Cape Verde Islands, Palestine and Syria are

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General Secretary

included in the sections of the world occupied by our missionaries. In many of these fields we have splendid equipment, such as churches, chapels, hospitals, missionary homes and other buildings necessary for conducting a successful mission work. The value of our foreign real estate at the present time is \$200,000.00. This represents money appropriated by our Board from time to time for buildings and equipment. What we have is not adequate for the work that we are endeavoring to do, but our missionaries are doing their best with the equipment given them, and under the blessing of the Lord they are succeeding in establishing churches and organizations in all of the fields mentioned.

We have eighty-five missionaries in active service. The number has been decreased during the past few months because of furloughs granted to some who have been in active service for many years. We have twenty-seven missionaries at home on furlough. The majority of them are anxious to return, and they should be sent back to their respective fields just as soon as possible. Many of them have acquired the language and have had years of experience that will be of untold help to them when they return to the field.

We have something over two hundred native preachers and workers, the majority of whom have been saved and sanctified at the altars of our mission stations. Among this company we have some remarkable preachers, some who a few years ago were steeped in sin and heathen idolatry, but today are shining and living examples of the saving and sanctifying power of the precious blood of Jesus. Some of these splendid native preachers and workers have been instrumental in bringing many of their countrymen to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus. They are able to go into the fever districts and live where a white person is not safe. They are fully acquainted with the customs of their people and will be admitted where a foreigner is unwelcome, and therefore they are able, under the blessing of the Lord, to accomplish in some sections of the field work that otherwise could not be done because of prejudice and dangers lurking in the way of the white missionary, even if he ventured to go into these untouched regions.

Our medical work and our educational work are two very interesting and important features in connection with our work on the foreign fields. Space will not permit to tell of the advantages to be gained if this line of work is carefully conducted. Our splendid doctors in Africa and China are using their skill to relieve hundreds if not thousands of pain and suffering, and using this agency as a means of giving the gospel to those poor people. Our work among the children makes

it possible for our missionaries to enter homes that otherwise would not be open to the missionary. This is a wonderful work and it is meeting with great success.

ADMINISTRATION

The financial statement will show that the actual administrative expense of the Board of Missions during the past quadrennium is 8 2-16 per cent. The actual publicity expense is 4 11-16 per cent. The total of these two is 12 13-16 per cent. Careful investigation of all of the larger mission boards will reveal the fact that our percentage is not unreasonable, but quite in harmony with the expense of boards that handle millions compared to our thousands.

There are several problems confronting the Board of Foreign Missions at this time. A few that we might mention are, first, What shall we do with a large company of experienced missionaries who are at home on furlough, waiting to return to their respective fields? They have a divine call; they have had experience for one or more terms on the field; the majority of them have acquired a foreign language; they have learned the customs of the people and, in some cases at least, they are now more suited for service in the regions beyond than in the homeland. All of them feel that it would be almost impossible to be reconciled to any other plan for the remainder of their life. If they were not needed on the foreign fields it would not be a problem; but every field that they represent is calling for their return, and in some fields the situation is indeed desperate. The missionaries who remain are working way beyond their strength, and we know if it were not for the protecting hand of God they could never endure the continuance of the great pressure and burden under which they are laboring. A solution of this problem must be found. Failure to find it will mean the loss of souls who might be saved. Failure to find it may also mean that lives dedicated to the Master's service will be wrecked, and efforts that might be put forth in rescuing perishing souls will be directed in other channels that may not result in much victory.

Second, what shall we do with the fields that have been opened to the missionaries of our church; fields that in some cases were untouched with the gospel before our missionaries reached them; fields with populations of precious souls for whom Jesus died, who have now heard the glad tidings that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by and He has power to save and power to sanctify and redeem them from a life of sin, degradation, poverty and darkness. We are tempted to think it would be far better had they never heard than to have learned of this Christ and learned something of the joy of a Christian life and then be told that the only ray of hope that has ever come into their dark life must be withdrawn; and those who have faithfully ministered unto them can no longer remain because those who were left to hold the ropes were failing and were seemingly unable to continue the support of these faithful men and women who have brought to them the light of the gospel. We have today several thousands of converts

in heathen lands. They look to the missionary for help and instruction. They have learned to believe that the missionary is their friend and though confronted with dangers and persecutions, yet they have left all to follow Jesus. To say to them now that we will withdraw from the field and leave them to the mercies of heathen darkness and superstition and the awful onslaughts of the Enemy, would well-nigh shake their confidence, wreck their faith and result in their eternal loss.

You ask, is there the possibility of retrenchment? We can only reply that the present force of missionaries can not hope to hold out much longer. Their line is already far-flung, very thin and growing thinner. In some cases they are doing the work of two and three persons. Some have been affected by the trying climate and awful conditions under which they have to live. They should soon be permitted to have a change and a period of rest. This will mean that the company grows smaller, and re-inforcements should be sent or the work must be discontinued. Thank God, in some fields it would not mean that the work would be closed, as we have been successful in training some native leaders who would no doubt succeed after a fashion in leading the people in the paths of righteousness and true holiness, but we must all know that these leaders are few, and it will be some time before we can hope for a native leadership with sufficient strength to take the place of any large company of missionaries. This is a serious problem.

We have encouraged our native brethren to believe that we could continue to support the work and the workers. In our recent appeals for help they have also learned of the need, and our missionaries tell us that our native Christians have put in hours and days of prayer and supplication, interceding with God that funds needed for the continuance of their work may be supplied and that they with others may be led on in the way that has already brought them so much hope. One of our missionaries wrote us recently about the native girls at her station. When they learned that for lack of funds there was a possibility of recalling missionaries they asked the missionary what they could do to help supply the funds. One of the girls remembered that once a month they were favored with a meal consisting of goat's meat. All of their other meals during the month consisted merely of a very simple grain diet. She suggested that the goat necessary to feed these girls once a month would cost a few dollars, and indicated they would all be willing to give up their goat meat once a month if that would help. The missionary retired for the night, but was awakened early in the morning by such groaning and agonizing prayer as she had seldom heard and she learned that these girls, who a few years ago were sunk in heathen darkness and superstition but who had been beautifully saved, had spent the entire night in agonizing prayer and supplication.

What shall we do with the work already established? What shall we say to our native Christians in Africa, India, China, Japan, Latin America and other fields? Shall we assure them of a continuance of the joy that they now know, or shall we say to them that we are no longer able to maintain the

work and will leave them to the mercies of a kind Providence, or to some contrary influence that may lead them astray? We must answer this question in the light of the coming judgment. If we have done our best, that is all that will be required of us. But if we have tried to evade the question and shirk the responsibility we shall no doubt have occasion for much regret.

Third. Another problem as serious and possibly more so than the one above referred to, because the number involved is larger, is the question of what we shall do with the two hundred young men and women who have filed their application with the Board of Foreign Missions for foreign service. We admit that possibly forty per cent of this number will not be able to meet the requirements of the Board, and even though funds were available could not secure an appointment; but the other sixty per cent we believe have a divine call, are in the enjoyment of the experience of holiness, and have secured an education that fits them for the work to which they feel called. They are pleading with the Church of the Nazarene to make it possible for them to give their life in sacrifice and service. Many of them have waited for years and a few have had their application on file until they have well-nigh given up hope of being able to carry out the plan of God for their life. It is indeed a serious problem.

These young people, at least many of them, have been trained in our institutions of learning. No doubt a majority of them heard the call while in our schools. They were urged by godly teachers to obey the Lord, and they were told that the supreme test of their life is obedience. They heard the call; they made the consecration and settled it for time and eternity to go through with God.

The letters that we receive from some of these young people would well-nigh break a stouter and more courageous heart than that possessed by any member of our Board. They have pleaded and pleaded until we have been compelled to turn a deaf ear to their pleadings and face them with the facts that the possibility of an appointment is very remote. Should this condition continue we shall not have much occasion to agitate the subject of missions in any of our schools. We have discontinued urging our students to offer themselves for foreign service. We are trying to get on without saying much about it. It would indeed be a tragedy if we come to the end of the journey and find that as a move-God intended to give us some of the choicest young men and women in all of our fair land for the work of rescuing perishing souls, but for lack of funds and for lack of a desire to give what we are able they are hindered from reaching their field and were compelled to follow some other occupation that was neither according to God's plan nor their wishes.

We desire to thank every member and friend of our church for the faithful co-operation and help. This alone, under the blessing of God, has enabled us to accomplish what little good has been done. We sincerely desire to continue the interests in your prayers. We are confident that if we will work together and believe God, we will still see great victories. Bless His name!

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of Christ. God has entrusted His glorious gospel in our hands and bidden us ask without limit. Our Lord has supplied us with every needed thing with which to succeed.

The Rubicon has been passed. We are well out on the battlefield. Every bridge has been burned behind us, making retreat impossible. We are compelled to march forward under command of the mighty Conqueror from Bozrah, who with His dyed garments, dipped with blood, bids us follow Him with unbroken ranks on to eternal conquests in the face of every foe. The conflicts may be many and the marches often long; the scorching heat of fiery trials may be poured upon us; the way may often seem rugged and steep, and the upward climb beset with many difficulties; yet there is only one thing for this movement to do, namely: listen to the voice of our great Commander and occupy advanced territory with every passing year. Conservation is only possible through aggressive conquests. We can never conserve our forces by ceasing our activities. True holiness can only live in a most aggressive campaign for greater conquests. It grows strong in the heat of battle and thrives in the warm atmosphere of revival passion. It lives upon the food gathered from the spoils of its victories. Holiness can never beat a retreat. Like the drummer boy, it does not know how. Retreat is out of harmony with its nature. The only watchword for this movement must ever be "forward march."

From the opportunities presented to us on every side it would seem that we are only in the very beginning of our possibilities. A few cities have been taken; a few fortifications have been raised; some foundations have been laid for larger developments. This gives promise of a greater future.

Our vision must encircle the world with centers of fire among all nations. Holy evangelism must ever be our battle cry. The fiery passion of burning love for a perishing world must move us to greater heroism and more daring undertakings for the salvation of men. Faith must be supreme. The untarnished shield of faith must quench every poisonous dart of doubt or fear, ward off every arrow of discouragement which would hinder the onward march of progress, and protect us from every shot and shell of worldly bombardments. The worthies of everlasting fame, whose glorious record is given us in the eleventh of Hebrews, never conquered by human reason, nor trusted in natural resources. They achieved their victories by faith, which is the heritage of every one of us.

As this gracious Assembly shall move forward with its problems, in most blessed unity, may our blessed Bridegroom, for whom we watch and wait, smile upon our every deliberation. And shall He not see in us, the object of His love, the church sanctified and all glorious, and be led to exclaim, "This is she that looketh forth as the morning with aggressive plans for larger service, as clear as the moon in her statements of truth, as bright as the sun in her radiant life of holiness, and as awe-inspiring as an army with banners in her conquests for righteousness."

Report of the General Board of Church Extension

Rev. J. N. Speakes, *General Secretary*

IT gives us peculiar pleasure to present to you the report of our Church Extension Department for the past four years. We believe we have held pace with all the other interests of the church, and from the standpoint of the percentage of growth possibly, have exceeded anything in the church, having surpassed the previous quadrennium by over 2800 per cent in the amount of money invested, and 1800 per cent in the number of loans made. At the Assembly of 1919 we were able to report only four loans aggregating \$1600.00. The past four years we have made 71 loans with a total investment of \$43,081.00. To date there have been 71 congregations aided, two of them having been given two loans each, and two loans have been made to Districts. Aid has been given to buy or build churches in all the American Districts except four, in both of the Canadian and in the British Isles. Assistance has been given to erect 27 new churches and to buy 20 others. The remainder of the loans aided in paying off debts for enlarging and otherwise giving help in connection with our buildings. Since the great financial stress has been on the country the Board has been called upon to help in saving much valuable property to the church. Some \$50,000.00 worth has been saved through the timely aid extended by the Board, or a sum equal to the whole amount invested by the church in this cause. If nothing more had been accomplished in the life of the Church Extension enterprise than to have saved this property, it would have been well worth all that it has cost. The new buildings that have been erected through the help extended by the Board are valued at about \$150,000.00, and the property purchased is worth an equal amount. The property that loans have been made on for one purpose or another is valued at over \$455,000.00, which gives a return of about 90 per cent on the investment made in this cause.

Another interesting feature of this work is seen in the financial returns from the congregations to which aid has been given. The past year they paid for all purposes somewhat over \$143,000.00, something near \$9,000.00 of this amount being for Missions alone. The latter item being about 20 per cent on the entire amount invested in this work.

But the value of the work done is measured more by the souls saved through the efforts of the congregations aided than by the value of the property or the financial returns to the various interests in which we are engaged. Gracious revivals have been reported from many of these churches, and some of them from those whose property would have been lost had it not been for the timely financial assistance given by the Board.

In carrying out the task assigned us we have sincerely sought to be fair with all sections of the church in the distributions of the funds committed to our care. The amount of help given has not been based on the amount received from the districts concerned, but every part of the country has been cov-

ered as far as our means would permit. However, we doubt that this method should be continued, for a district that is especially loyal to the cause should doubtless be given more consideration than one that is indifferent to the just claims of the work on their benevolences. But our thought has been that as we were more or less in the stage of advertising we should get help to every part of the church as fast as possible, believing that as our people saw the good work accomplished by the cause they would the more readily invest in it. This, we think, has proven a wise method for the present.

In preparing the plans and policies of the Board we have sought the godly advice of all our General and District Superintendents and Pastors, writing them of every arrangement that we contemplated making. This has been valuable in two respects; first, we have been able through the wise counsel of our brethren to come at the best plans for the successful carrying on of the work, and in the second place it has tended to give them a closer relation to the cause, and has made them feel that it was their work in reality as well as in theory.

We have not pressed the financial claims of the work unduly. Not that we have not needed the funds, but we have wished first of all to get the hearts of our people and let them see its great value and then they would contribute.

The fund being permanent, the capital is growing from year to year in spite of the fact that no very large amount of money has come in. When the capital shall have reached \$100,000.00 the interest alone will take care of the administration expense. This amount can easily be secured in the next quadrennium. The "turn over" of the fund will soon amount to a considerable item. Even though our loans have about all been made in the past four years, yet the reinvestments are becoming one of the strong assets of the cause. The money being loaned keeps the capital intact and the new money coming in from the churches and personal gifts and annuities gives us a constantly increasing amount to do business on.

Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand, and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited (Isa. 54: 2, 3).

We believe that definite plans should be made to secure a fund of at least a half million dollars as soon as may be possible. Nothing less than this amount will enable us to meet the great demands made on the Board by the fast growth of the church. Thus far we have been able to reach only about one in ten of the applicants. It has been very saddening not to be able to help all our needy people. Many times we have been made sick at heart when we have been compelled to say no, when crying appeals have come in. Every effort in the power of the Board has been exerted to give aid, and especially to save any of our congregations from losing their property. So far as we know none have been lost because of the lack of funds in our treasury.

It has been the desire of the Board that the General Secretary in connection with his field work conduct revival meetings and conventions as far as time would permit, and the proceeds from such labor be used to pay traveling expenses. While but limited time could be given to such work the returns were sufficient last year to pay over fifty per cent of the traveling expenses incurred in carrying on the work of the Board. The year just closing the returns were \$27.00 above all traveling expenses. The revival and convention work has not interfered with the regular duties of the Secretary. Many gracious revivals and fruitful conventions have resulted, and some good work done for the churches financially.

Also in visiting the assemblies and conducting revivals the Publishing House has been represented and some \$3000.00 worth of books sold in the past few years. The proceeds from this work have also been given to the cause.

The interest returns from the loans has been increasing about 100 per cent each year. The following figures will show how fast the income from this source is growing:

In 1920 we received	\$ 114.50
In 1921 we received	201.50
In 1922 we received	620.72
In 1923 we received	1127.10

The interest returns are used to help take care of administration expenses. And the year just closing it has covered about 25 per cent of it. As stated previously in this report, this item alone will cover all the overhead expenses as soon as the fund shall have reached \$100,000.00.

With thankfulness to our heavenly Father for His smiles and blessings and gratitude to our people for past interest and offerings, we look to the future with confident hope of still greater success than that which has crowned our efforts the past quadrennium.

Religion has never, in any period, sustained itself except by the instrumentality of the tongue of fire. Only where some men, more or less imbued with this primitive power, have spoken the words of the Lord, not with "the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth, have sinners been converted, and saints prompted to a saintlier life.—WILLIAM ARTHUR.

Report of the General Board of Home Missions

and Evangelism

By Rev. N. B. Herrell

IT is with deep gratitude to God that your General Board of Home Missions and Evangelism brings to you their first quadrennial report. It will be remembered that previous to the General Assembly of 1919 there was a growing sentiment among our people that as a church we should take a more aggressive position toward the work of pioneer evangelism in the United States and Canada. At the General Assembly in 1919 this sentiment crystallized in the election of a General Board of Home Missions and Evangelism, plans were adopted, and amidst great shouting one hundred thousand dollars was pledged for the support of this work.

At the close of the Fifth General Assembly your General Board of Home Missions and Evangelism properly organized and secured a charter of incorporation under the state laws of Missouri, with Kansas City as headquarters. The work was at once taken up and for the past four years your Board has endeavored to carry forward the work as opportunity and means would permit. The financial depression that has swept over our country, together with the financial crisis that our church has passed through, has made the work slow and difficult. However, much has been accomplished and the foundation of this branch of the work laid.

Nothing gives stability to a denomination like efficiency in equipment. With this idea in view we have tried to economize by turning the outlay of house rent to the credit of the Board and church-at-large.

We have purchased a property just one block from our church headquarters at the price of \$7250.00. The rent practically carries the payments on the property and through the increase of value in property in this section of the city it is now worth upwards of \$9000. We also have an efficient office equipment at General Headquarters, and this equipment is free from debt.

Thousands of pages of literature, setting forth the nature and worth of the work of Home Missions and Evangelism have been published and distributed over the country. A special issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS was gotten out. A page in the HERALD has been given to this interest, which we have endeavored to keep filled with stirring articles dealing with the various phases of the work. District Assemblies, ministerial conventions, rallies and other gatherings have been visited in the interest of this branch of our work. The co-operation of our General and District Superintendents, pastors, and evangelists, together with a host of laymen, helping to boost the work, have made it possible for us to get the work before our people as it is today.

It was the plan for this Board to enter centers of population and establish churches. A goodly number of campaigns have been put on. However, the financial crises through which our church has passed has made it practically impossible to undertake a more extensive work along this line, lest we plunge the church into a more serious financial condition. Your General Board has co-operated in the saving of other institutions to the church by calling off their own plans and throwing their strength and influence into the

saving of these institutions from total bankruptcy.

Your Board assisted in the establishing of a new church at Minneapolis, Minnesota, that now has more than 125 members; a live and growing Sunday school; with a church valued at \$25,000. Last year this church paid its pastor \$1970; District Superintendent \$285; evangelist \$716.37; foreign missions \$455.65; home missions \$62. The total raised by this church for all purposes was \$6,163.81. Your General Board invested \$250.00 in the blasting out of this church. Do Home Missions pay?

At Carthage, Missouri we assisted in organizing a new church. This church is about one year old. They now have more than 65 members, and a good Sunday school. They raised \$2,241.00 for all purposes. They have a property valued at \$5000. This church promises to become one of the strong churches of the Missouri District.

At Lamar, Missouri we put on a campaign with Rev. C. E. Roberts and wife, Rev. A. F. Balsmeier and wife. This campaign was a test campaign in pioneering new centers with a plan Brother Roberts and the General Secretary had drafted. This campaign was put on and when it was under headway the nearby churches were visited for funds to help defray the expenses of the meeting. As a result of the campaign a church was organized. This church is about six months old and they report 26 members, with \$827.00 raised for all purposes. They have property worth \$1,500. All the bills of the campaign were met and the work goes on to add its strength to the church at large, as a testimony that home missions pay.

We put on two evangelistic campaigns with our first church at Toledo, Ohio. This church was down to about nine members and was located badly for our work in that great center of population. Through the efforts of

the new pastor and these campaigns the work has gotten on its feet and is now settled in a property well located for our work valued at about \$25,000.

We assisted in placing our church on its feet at Detroit, Michigan. This church reports 117 members. Property which Home Missions and Church Extension assisted them in securing is valued at \$20,000. The assistance given this church is only an example of the great need and opportunity for the work of Home Missions and Evangelism.

We have assisted in strengthening a goodly number of small and weak churches, where we have campaigned in assisting District Superintendents.

We have assisted in a financial way ten District Superintendents serving districts that have been unable to adequately support them. While this help has by no means met the needs in full of these good faithful, sacrificing men, yet, it has greatly relieved the pinch that no one can appreciate just like these men who go out on the firing line in these small home missionary districts.

We have placed four tents on small missionary districts. These tents will be the means of blasting out a number of good churches. Also we have assisted District Superintendents in raising funds for tents and the work of home missions.

Your General Board put on a Coast to Coast convention with an evangelistic party. This band of workers consisted of Rev. C. W. Ruth, as Manager and chief, our dearly beloved Bud Robinson and a part of the time Rev. John Norberry, as preachers. The singing was in charge of Professor Wells and wife. The convention began in November, 1921, and closed May 8, 1922. Twenty-five conventions were held, in nineteen different states. This caused a travel of eleven thousand miles. There were 2284 seekers for pardon or purity; twelve hundred subscriptions were taken for holiness papers; seventy-two different denominations were represented in the services; ninety-three official calls were received for conventions. The free will offerings and pledges received paid for the enterprise and left a surplus for the work of Home Missions and Evangelism.

Your General Board in accordance with the directions of the Fifth General Assembly put on during the month of January, 1922, a simultaneous revival throughout our church. We received report cards from only 140 churches of the number that took part. We heard of others who conducted revivals but did not report. The churches at Indianapolis, Indiana reported one thousand seekers. Altogether the reports gave the number of professions of regeneration, 3748; professions of entire sanctification 1994; professions of divine healing 276; new members received into membership 1049. A number of churches of other denominations joined with us and reported that they too had good revivals.

We will say in conclusion that there are no unpaid bills, notes, rents, annuity interest, or deficits against this branch of our work. We want to thank one and all of our good people and friends who have had much to do with making this report to read free from debt.

OUR whole work is missionary. To raise up a people and create new centers of fire, with the general sentiment of so called Christian people against the work, and continued opposition from them to the central truth and experience of Christian holiness, which we teach, makes the work largely missionary, often as difficult, or more so, than in a heathen country. To do this has brought forth a degree of heroism and sacrifice on the part of ministers and the little bands of laymen, rarely excelled. So that our field of missionary work has been quite largely in the home land, to help as best we could, directly and indirectly, to Christianize Christianity, and let loose the tides of holy power to awaken and save America.

—P. F. BRESEE.

Report of the Committee On Re-organization and the Board of General Superintendents Representing the Publishing Interests

WE desire to submit a brief report setting forth the condition of our Publishing House at the time that it was placed in charge of the Board of General Superintendents by the General Board of Publication.

The Board of Publication elected by the last General Assembly assumed responsibility for the publishing interests of the church at a time when there was chaos and disorder in the industrial and financial world. In addition to this the Board was confronted with the fact that our Publishing House had never been supplied with sufficient capital to conduct the large and growing business. This was indeed a serious situation and after two years of strenuous effort the conclusion was reached that something must be done in order to relieve our Publishing House of the heavy debt that was against it.

This matter was carefully and prayerfully considered at a meeting of the Board of Publication, held in February, 1922. The General Superintendents were called into consultation. It was agreed that immediate steps must be taken to relieve the situation. The Board of Publication voted to give the Board of General Superintendents full authority in re-organizing and re-financing the Publishing House. The Board of General Superintendents took the matter under consideration and agreed to accept this responsibility with the understanding that they be permitted to appoint a special committee to be known as the Committee on Re-Organization and Re-Financing. They selected a committee of three, consisting of F. M. Messenger of Chicago, J. T. Benson of Nashville, and E. G. Anderson of Kansas City, Mo. This appointment was confirmed by the Board of Publication, with the hearty assurance of co-operation in every way possible. This co-operation has been given to the Committee and to the Board of General Superintendents, all of which has resulted in great victory.

Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Board of Publication, the Committee on Re-organization and the General Superintendents took active charge of the publishing interests. The committee met and made a careful investigation of conditions and found that the liabilities at that time amounted to \$104,000.00. They also found that the financial statement showed assets of something over \$100,000.00. These assets were of no immediate benefit when it came to paying the debts; it was agreed that immediate steps must be taken to secure at least \$100,000.00 to pay the debt against the Publishing House. At the time the above action was taken it was understood that the committee would remain in charge for at least one year, but at the expiration of the year it was found that the work of the committee had not been completed and the matter was referred to each member of the Board by correspondence and the majority agreed to a continuation of the arrangement, whereby the committee and the Board of General Superintendents remained

in charge of the affairs, it being understood that this plan would continue until the meeting of the General Assembly.

Statements have been published from time to time setting forth some of the reasons for the serious financial condition of the Publishing House. We do not feel that it is necessary to again go into detail. We believe that industrial and financial conditions had something to do with bringing on the serious situation. We also found, upon investigation, that the organization of the force employed was such that we were operating at almost a maximum operating cost, rather than a minimum. The organization was sufficient for a much larger volume of business than we were then doing or that we could hope to do for some time. We fully realized that the first step necessary would be a thorough re-organization of the entire institution. Brother Mervel Lunn, the Manager, was called into consultation and the situation was carefully and thoroughly considered. Too much cannot be said of the hearty co-operation given the Committee by Brother Lunn and the employees of the Publishing House. Brother Lunn, the Manager, and Brother E. G. Anderson, who had been elected treasurer of the Board of Publication, were given authority as a committee to make such readjustments in the working force as might be necessary to reduce expenses to the very minimum. It was not an easy task. We were confronted with the fact that some who were employed in the Publishing House had given years of faithful service and yet we knew that if we were to succeed in saving the Publishing House it would be necessary to dispense with their services and consolidate their work with other departments, thereby reducing expenses considerably. No hasty action was taken. Every readjustment made came as a result of careful and prayerful consideration. It required a few months to make the adjustment, but after it had been made we found that we had succeeded in reducing the overhead expense over \$20,000.00 a year.

We conferred with our bankers and with our lawyer and explained to them what we had done and they assured us that we were on the right track and that a continuation of this method would re-establish the confidence of the House in both business and banking circles. Other changes were made that reduced the overhead expense, so that in a few months after the affairs of the Publishing House had been placed in the hands of the special committee, a saving of at least \$25,000.00 a year was made possible. It was this statement to the church and the assurance of thorough and efficient management that helped to inspire our people with faith in the project, and, when we were able to say that we had every reason to believe that if the Publishing House were freed from debt it could be so operated as not to accumulate another debt, many sacrificed in order to give liberally in the special campaign.

In addition to re-organizing the working force it was necessary to get some immediate cash to meet obligations that were past due and to satisfy creditors who were threatening suit and foreclosure. It was impossible to secure further loans at the bank, or elsewhere, because our credit was entirely exhausted, and neither did we feel that it was right to ask for further credit, knowing as we did, our exact financial condition. In order to secure additional credit the Board of Foreign Missions exerted its influence and made an agreement with the bank whereby the bank would be fully protected in the event of ultimate failure of our publishing interests. This was done by the Board of Foreign Missions, as they had every reason to believe that the need, when presented, would result in gifts that would free the Publishing House from debt, and while it is natural that we could not inspire the banker with the same faith that we had in the project, yet we knew that the Publishing House must be saved at any cost or any sacrifice and we felt that it was a time when every institution of the church must, if necessary, set aside their own interests in order to save the publishing interests.

The Board of General Superintendents arranged a special campaign. This campaign has undoubtedly been one of the most successful in all of our history. The needs were presented in conventions, special meetings and through the paper, and as a result of this special effort our people have given, up to the present time, \$78,000.00 in cash. In addition to this there are still about \$37,000.00 in unpaid pledges.

We desire to take this occasion to express to all of our people and our friends, our sincere appreciation for their hearty co-operation in this special campaign. The interest taken in it by our District Superintendents, pastors and people was indeed a source of great encouragement and we have never seen such whole-hearted co-operation and loyalty as we saw during the months when the campaign was in progress. We believe the Lord will graciously bless and reward each one who has made the victory possible, either by their gifts or their prayers.

The financial statement of the Publishing House will be read to this Assembly. It will reveal the fact that every debt has been paid in full and that at the present time we have a publishing House free from debt, except for a few liabilities that are known as contingent liabilities. By this is meant liabilities represented in annuity bonds, advance subscriptions, etc. This will never have to be paid providing the annuity contracts are complied with, therefore they are known as contingent liabilities. We repeat that at the present time every direct obligation has been paid in full, giving us our property, equipment, stock of books and supplies absolutely free from debt. The financial statements will show that the present

worth of the Publishing House is \$100,000.00. The contingent liabilities amount to \$31,835.00; The actual debt, NOTHING. This is a most wonderful victory and should be occasion for great rejoicing. We give God the glory and press on, believing for greater things.

We have already stated that the debt of the Publishing House was \$104,000.00. During this period we have paid something over \$15,000.00 in interest on annuity funds and borrowed money, which would make the total debt almost \$119,000.00. This amount of \$119,000.00 has been paid in full. It has not all been paid out of the funds raised through the campaign. As already stated, the amount in cash raised from the campaign is about \$78,000.00 but in addition to the funds available from the campaign, we have been able to collect a very substantial amount of the accounts that were outstanding at the time the committee took charge of the Publishing House; and in addition to this it has been possible during the past year to pay a substantial sum out of the profits of the Publishing House. Thus you will see that the campaign contributed about \$78,000.00 and the remaining amount represents accounts collected and accrued profits during the past year.

We regret that it was necessary to use the actual receipts of the Publishing House in paying the old liability. We had hoped that the full amount needed for the debt would be raised, so that any profits that might accrue during the year could be held in reserve as a capital fund for future needs, but since the campaign did not yield sufficient funds it was thought by the committee that all money available should be used, so that every cent of debt would actually be paid. We trust, however, that a good portion of the unpaid pledges will be paid. This will make it possible to re-imburse the Publishing House at least a part of the money that was taken out of the business during the past year to pay the old obligation. This should be done, since it will give to the Publishing House a plant and equipment free from debt and a small working capital that is so necessary if they are to avail themselves of opportunities for purchasing supplies and paper and other necessities at the lowest possible price.

It will be a source of great encouragement to this Assembly to know that at the close of our last fiscal year, June 30th, the report showed substantial profits for the year. Every department showed a reasonable profit, except in the publishing of the HERALD OF HOLINESS. The loss, however, in this department is very small compared to other years. It amounts to \$1900.00. We do not say that the record established last year can be continued, but we do believe that with continued careful management and no unusual industrial calamities, we should be able to operate our Publishing House at a substantial profit each year. It has been demonstrated that it could be done, even during a year when conditions were not the best, and we believe that this can be continued if this Assembly will take every precautionary step possible to safeguard the interests of our Publishing House, but if this important matter is given slight, if any, attention and handled in

a haphazard way, we might again be involved financially. It is the hope and the prayer and the belief of your committee that this Assembly will give special attention and consideration to our publishing interests and make plans that will forever do away with the possibility of another burden such as the Publishing House has been under during the past few years.

In closing may we again express to our people and our many friends, our sincere appreciation for the hearty co-operation given in lifting the tremendous debt against our Publishing House. We believe that what has been accomplished is in answer to prayer and an indication that God desires we shall have a Publishing House thoroughly

equipped and prepared for the greatest possible usefulness. There is no limit to what can be accomplished through this wonderful agency and we must all plan and pray for the future of our Publishing House and strive to make it a great asset to the Church of the Nazarene.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. MESSENGER,
J. T. BENSON,
E. G. ANDERSON,

Re-Organization Committee.

H. F. REYNOLDS,
J. W. GOODWIN,
R. T. WILLIAMS,
General Superintendents.

Doings of the National Young People's Convention

Reported by LOUIS A. REED

TERRITORY REPRESENTED

AT the call of the roll of the First National Convention of the Nazarene Young People's Society, the response showed that the following districts were represented by certain delegates the number placed beside the name of the district designating the proportions of the delegation.

Chicago Central	5
Florida	2
Idaho-Oregon	3
Kansas	4
Missouri	2
New England	3
New York	5
Northern California	6
North Pacific	1
Northwest	4
Pittsburgh	1
San Antonio	1
Southern California	8
Tennessee	1
Washington-Philadelphia	2
Western Oklahoma	7

With sixteen districts responding to the roll call for the first convention, and considering the thousands of miles that had to be traveled and considering that nearly every one had to his pay his own expense, it is really marvelous that such a fine delegation responded. This surely should show the general church that the Young People desire a national organization and in all probability their plans shall be ratified by the Sixth General Assembly by the time this issue goes to press.

OUR TWO EVENING SERVICES.

Monday

The opening hymn of the convention on Monday evening, Sept. 17, 1923, was "There is Sunshine in my Soul Today," and was led by Willard B. Davis of the Enid, Oklahoma Society. The pastor of the local church, Rev. Alpin Bowes, introduced the first Chairman of the first National Convention of the N. Y. P. S., Rev. Howard Rowe, pastor of the John Wesley Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., who spoke emphasizing the importance of the National Organization. A song of welcome followed being rendered by the choir of the local church. Brother Bowes then gave an in-

spiring address of welcome which was very ably responded to by Rev. D. J. Smith, of San Francisco, Calif.

Rev. L. A. Reed, Vice President of Pasadena University, Pasadena, California, read a paper entitled "The Pro and Con of a National Organization," the congregation responding in a very appreciative manner, simultaneously rising and singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Emphasis was laid on the danger of "Over Organization"; the necessity of sanity and economy in the plans for the future, and above all the need of a constant spiritual impetus in the life of young people. (This paper will be printed in the minutes.)

Rev. Basil W. Miller of San Diego, Calif., who has so efficiently for the past year written the outlines and suggestions for the young people's page of the HERALD OF HOLINESS and the OTHER SHEEP, also author of the book entitled "The Devil's Religion" and co-author of the book entitled "Evolution has Failed," gave a very stirring address on "The relation of the Young People's Society to the General Church." It was very enthusiastically received by the large congregation. He showed the important place the Young People's Society held in the church, and as he pictured what they were able to do, it stirred the heart of the convention as it realized the possibilities wrapped up in our organization.

The closing address was given by General Supt. Dr. J. W. Goodwin, in which he showed the opportunities offered by the Church of the Nazarene to the young people of today.

The session closed with a season of prayer around the altar, all the young people of the convention offering themselves anew to the work and the call of our God.

Second Evening

Any one who has had the privilege of hearing Rev. Earl Wilde of California lead the singing knows what a feast the convention had. All one has to do is to look at Brother Wilde and one gets blessed. He sang a solo for us in his own characteristic way entitled "On Calvary."

General Superintendent Dr. R. T. Williams, who is always a friend to young people, was the preacher of the evening. He chose his text from I Cor. 6:19-20, "Ye are not your

own, for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Such an inspirational sermon is rarely heard anywhere in the movement. Would that the thousands of Nazarene people could have heard this wonderful message. The front was crowded with a weeping and praying band of young men and women to the response of the preacher as he pled for a consecrated Nazarene youth. This service will long be remembered in the annals of the convention of the Church of the Nazarene.

ECHOES FROM THE BUSINESS SESSIONS

Too much credit cannot be given to our convention chairman, Rev. G. H. Rowe, whose activities made possible this national effort. He was appointed chairman of the first National Y. P. S. committee by the General Superintendents, and was elected at the preliminary meeting of the delegates to guide the convention through the intricate business which must necessarily come in a convention of organization. He demonstrated poise and wisdom and guided the convention in a very admirable manner.

Besides the recording secretary, Rev. D. Shelby Corbett, he had a very able assistant in the person of Rev. I. L. Flynn, of Austin, Texas.

Willard B. Davis of Oklahoma and D. S. Corlett were elected choristers, and Miss Johnie Jernigan of Oklahoma was elected pianist.

Mr. A. L. Crestinger, of Charles City, Iowa, interested in Young People's Work in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, spoke a few words after being introduced to the convention as an interested visitor watching our organization activities.

Because of the fact that this was the First National Convention and that Brother Rowe of New York was the first chairman, the convention presented him with a gavel, fittingly inscribed, in commemoration of this historic event in the annals of the Nazarene Young People's Societies.

To give an idea of the spiritual aspect of the convention, during the devotional service the first morning, one visiting young lady from Texas expressed a desire to be saved, and all business was dispensed with, and the chairman earnestly engaged in prayer, in order to see the salvation of this precious young soul.

On account of it being the first meeting of the organization, much time was taken up in the framing of the constitution, and many humorous things happened, which made the monotonous hours of routine work rather interesting.

If the convention had set an age limit, most of those arguing for an age limit in the local constitution, would not have been able to argue the question, because they were over age.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE REPORTS

Convention Committee.

It was urged that each district have at least one District Young People's Society Convention per year.

Missionary Committee.

It was urged that there be invited a National Financial Missionary Project toward which each district should subscribe, and im-

mediately do something definite and positive as an organization toward the salvation of lost and dying men. It was also urged that our activities for missions be under the direct supervision of the Y. P. S.

Social Committee.

The convention declared war on all jazz music. This miserable syncopation which stirs up and makes an abnormal appeal to the passions of young men and women, must absolutely not be indulged in by members of the N. Y. P. S. There seems to be a general laxity along this line and the organization was unreservedly opposed to letting down the bars. This is the ultimatum to the young people. They should stand together on this important issue.

Committee on Plans for Conducting Local Y. P. S. Services.

The report brought out the fact that each service has five elements. 1, Worship 2, Testimony 3, Instruction 4, Inspiration 5, Fellowship. Such a meeting will climax in the salvation of the unsaved and an enlarged vision and passion for souls, on the part of all.

A suggested motto.

"Good, Better, Best—

And may we never rest,
Until our good is better,
And our better best."

Literature

It was urged that a monthly periodical be published by the national organization. Plans are under way now for the consummation of this project.

EXTRACTS FROM THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

The National Convention of the Nazarene Young People's Society, shall convene immediately preceding each General Assembly.

At each district Y. P. S. convention preceding the General Assembly, two delegates shall be elected for the first 250 or less members and one delegate for each additional 250 members or major fraction thereof, to represent the N. Y. P. S. in the General Assembly.

The National Convention shall elect by ballot any Executive Committee of seven members. On said committee persons who shall be elected shall direct the following activities, Organization (directed by the President), Missionary, Evangelistic, Conventions and Literature. Also a secretary and a treasurer, are to be elected.

Members of the executive committee in charge of the several departments shall direct and supervise their work, but general policies and particular plans shall be initiated only in consultation with the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

INTRODUCING OUR PROPOSED NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The National Executive Committee is composed of seven members. The president and four others constitute the departmental heads. Besides these there is the secretary and the treasurer. We believe that the entire connection will be favorably impressed with the fine group of young people which the national convention elected to these very important offices, also that there will be sectional satisfaction, for about every section of our church is represented in a competent manner on this national committee.

The National President

Rev. Donnell J. Smith of San Francisco, California, from the Northern California District. Brother Smith has been the successful pastor of our First Church in the metropolis of the West for the past five years. He

will have charge of the department of organization. His work in the past with the young people is especially commendable and he represents the choice of the National Convention to lead our forces on for the coming quadrennium. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California, and has been Professor of History in Pasadena University. We predict great victory under his capable leadership.

The National Secretary

Rev. D. Shelby Corlett, of Upland, California. From the Southern California District. Brother Corlett was unanimously elected the convention secretary and through his able handling of the transcriptions of the business, so commended himself to the body that he received an overwhelming vote as the national secretary. Brother Corlett was one of our boys in the war and has a war record of mention. He is also a successful pastor having served Upland, California for the past four years and is considered one of Southern California's most progressive men. You will hear from him soon as he is a great scribe.

The National Treasurer

Miss Gladys Beers, Malden, Mass., New England District. Miss Gladys Beers is one of the prominent young women in our movement in the East. She is the daughter of our highly esteemed District Superintendent from New England, Rev. S. W. Beers. She has always been interested in the work of the Y. P. S. and her efficiency has been proved time and again. She is very capable of handling the finances of our national movement and our minds are set at rest for at least four years as far as the treasurer is concerned.

National Head of Department of Missions

Prof. S. S. White, Bethany, Oklahoma, Western Oklahoma District. Prof. White has been a member of our General Board of Education, and is a young man of prominence, being Prof. of Philosophy at Bethany Peniel College, Bethany, Okla. Brother White has been raised in the lap of the Church of the Nazarene and is vitally interested in the subject of Missions. We look to him for added and increased inspiration along the line of missions and expect that within the next four years he shall succeed in helping us do something definite, positive and far reaching for the salvation of mankind.

National Head of Department of Evangelism

Jarrette Aycock, Atwood, Oklahoma, Eastern Oklahoma District. Brother Aycock needs no introduction to the Church of the Nazarene. Any reader of the HERALD OF HOLINESS will recognize our brother as a successful evangelist and a great booster for the HERALD OF HOLINESS and the Church of the Nazarene. Among the young pastors and evangelists hardly one can be found who could more successfully handle the work of evangelism for the young people than Rev. Aycock. He is an eminent scriptorian. He is an eloquent preacher. He is a Holy Ghost filled evangelist. Young people of the connection will do well to secure our brother at their earliest convenience and all district conventions would be greatly blessed by his services if he can be secured. Let us go in for four years of salvation under our brother's leadership whether we accomplish anything else or not.

National Head Department of Literature

Mr. Harry Messenger, Chicago, Ill., Chicago Central District. Brother Messenger is one of our very successful young laymen in the church. He is the son of Rev. F. M. Messenger, Chicago publisher, who publishes the beautiful scripture calendar which nearly every Nazarene has hanging on the walls of his home. Our young brother is an associate in this great publishing enterprise and knows this problem from beginning to end. He is also a keen minded young man and is well able to organize any enterprise regarding the publishing of literature for the Y. P. S. He is also the associate editor of the *Christian Home Magazine* the first edition of which will appear late in November. If you have any suggestions that you are sure would be of national importance, write to our brother at 6400 Howard St., Chicago, Ill.

National Head of Department of Conventions

Rev. H. B. Macrory, Akron, Ohio, Pittsburgh District. Brother Macrory endeared

himself to the members of the convention in the opening hours of the first session. His great experience and wisdom made us all feel that his presence on the National Executive Committee was absolutely necessary. He has been the superintendent of over 4000 Christian Endeavor Societies having a membership of 200,000. Years spent in young people's work makes him especially valuable as our convention head. He is also a young man of deep piety. We can all surely look up to him as a godly example of the Christian virtues, and this is not in the least exaggerated. God bless him in his future endeavors is our prayer.

These brethren in conjunction with the General Superintendents, constitute our National Executive Committee, who will act in the interim of the General Assemblies. Let us all give them our hearty support. If they are in your territory, (of course they are not traveling executives) be sure to have them in your Society for they will give it a great boost. God bless them all.

ganization represented by the personnel of this Assembly. The future of the church is bright as long as God filled, fire baptized human leadership is at the helm.

HALDOR LILLENAS, *Indianapolis, Indiana.*

I am thanking God for the Church of the Nazarene of which I am a member. I had the greatest privilege of my life attending the General Assembly at Nashville, Tennessee, twelve years ago, also eight years ago at Kansas City, and am attending this year at Kansas City. The greatest of all I can see a marked increase on all lines, for which we do praise the Lord from the deep of our heart. Amen! If we mind God, and our own business, love everybody, keep humble, in our own sight, we will see greater results the next four years than we have seen in the past. Let us all say "Amen!"

LYMAN BROUGH, *Pottersville, Michigan*

For some months the Church of the Nazarene has looked forward to its Sixth General Assembly. We are now in the midst of the greatest Convention our movement has ever known. God is meeting with us in wave after wave of glory until we can feel the very presence of the Infinite. The singing by our great song leaders is of the highest type, and the preaching by the servants of the Most High carries far into the heavenlies. Indeed this Assembly shall never fade from our memory.

W. A. ECKEL, *Japan.*

The Assembly of 1923 to me is by far the best we have ever had. There is a beautiful spirit of faith and love among us that is really marked. In spite of every depressing thing around us, our people seem to look above all of them with a vision that is inspiring. We are sure if Jesus tarries for four years more we will hear less about money, and more about souls, and will double our membership. trusted to us, and power in all things to do His God will give us wisdom with all that is in will, and our last days will be the best.

L. N. FOGG, *Columbus, Ohio.*

I have been deeply impressed for several months that this Assembly would be one of the most important ever held in the church. At times it seemed to be fraught with almost staggering possibilities for the weal or woe of the future. Much prayer has doubtless been offered and God is here. We are making history. We are not here with the unbounded enthusiasm of four years ago, The "board" of Boards has cooled our ardor about taking in boarders. But more solid and lasting will be the results from this than any previous Assembly. Its spirit is beautiful, its harmony like heavenly music, and even in its disagreements wonderfully agreeable.

JOS. N. SPEAKES.

The General Assembly exceeds our anticipation. The intelligence and alertness of the personnel compares very favorably with the personnel of similar general gatherings of other denominations with which we have been acquainted. The chairmanship is every bit as splendid and the legislation is proving to be as thoughtful and far-reaching. When it comes to the spiritual side, there is no compari-

Impressions of the General Assembly

After traveling and working in the holiness movement for thirty-three years, attending a number of our General Assemblies and great camp meetings, I confess this is, to my mind one of the greatest gatherings that has ever been held in the United States. It is most far-reaching; the spiritual tide is the most beautiful. The companionship and the friendship and the fellowship are the most beautiful I have ever seen. The memory of this General Assembly will stay with the Nazarene people until they die with old age. We are expecting greater visions, greater determinations than ever before to succeed for God. It is our conviction that the Publishing House will go forward with leaps and bounds; that the Missionary Board will be able to send more missionaries and take better care of those we have after this General Assembly.

May ten thousand blessings rest upon the head of every delegate and of the dear ones that were left at home.

In love,

"UNCLE BUDDIE," *Pasadena, California.*

The Sixth General Assembly meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, now in session is absolutely indescribable. It is distinctively marked, by holy fervor, masterful messages, splendid singing that sounds like the voice of many waters and special selections that often result in the sweeping of holy gales from the upper world. The business sessions are characterized by occasional arguments, of course, but with all there is dominant the disposition "In honor preferring one another," which must ever abide with us. Best of all scores are finding the Lord.

HENRY B. WALLIN, *Spokane Washington.*

The Sixth General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene is no doubt one of the greatest gatherings of Holiness people ever held. The spirit of brotherly love is manifested throughout which bespeaks much for the advancement of the church.

The majority of the memorials sent in by the various districts and delegations, tend to progress and efficiency without compromise. The outlook for the church on every line was never greater, and we expect the next General Assembly to reveal great things accomplished in His name as a result of the legislation in this Assembly.

JARRETTE E. AYCOCK, *Evangelist, Bethany, Oklahoma.*

This General Assembly has stirred and fired my soul to return to Ft. Wayne and push the battle for God and the Church of the Nazarene as never before. It has showed to me anew that we have some of the most talented and godly ministers and singers in the world. Another outstanding feature is that while we have this great talent, yet the voice of the Assembly is to "stand in the old paths."

HOWARD PASCHAL, *Ft. Wayne, Indiana.*

The Sixth General Assembly? Big, virile, conservative, yet unafraid. Radical, so far as the fundamentals of our faith are concerned, yet liberal in interpretation of matters not affecting a holy life. Impetuosity of youth yoked harmoniously with ripe experience. Fiery earnestness in debate with sweet yielding, and wholehearted acceptance of final decision. The will of God definitely and honestly sought. The vision which led us out, undimmed, and leading us on and up!

CHAS. A. MCCONNELL, *Bethany, Okla.*

It has been my privilege to attend the last two General Assemblies of The Church of the Nazarene. The present Assembly is by far the greatest in point of attendance, enthusiasm and spiritual manifestation. The business sessions as well as the devotional services are well attended, in fact it is impossible to secure a seat unless one comes early, a much larger building is needed for this gathering.

I am thankful to be identified with the vigorous, spiritual, uncompromising religious or-

son whatsoever, only a very marked contrast. The fervor for, and devotion to the fundamentals of our holy Christianity, are splendid in the extreme. The emphasis on holiness as a second work of grace and the general testimony there-to is wonderful and greatly encouraging. Our estimation of our church has happily risen by our contact with the Sixth General Assembly.

J. G. MORRISON, *District Superintendent, Minneapolis District.*

It was noticable from the opening of the Sixth General Assembly that the delegates were thinking for themselves, and had a mind to express their convictions irrespective of criticism or public sentiment. This has given prominence to sane and mature expression. It is evident that the delegation desires no radical change in the manual and no additions to the General Superintendency; but that the ax be laid to the reduction and amalgamation of the General Boards. The evangelistic services seem to be one hundred per cent par, as compared to previous years. The key note seems to be evangelism. It seems to be the universal expression of the church for an easement or reorganization such as to alleviate our financial burden.

U. E. HARDING, *Pasadena, Calif.*

The Assembly! It is surely *the* Assembly in the history of the Church of the Nazarene. We miss the personnel of other Assemblies but the personnel of this, the greatest Assembly, is strong and striking. "Uncle Buddie" is the "beloved disciple" of the host. The General Superintendents show the grace of patience as they, day by day, in the business sessions seek to guide the debating brethren through the intricacies of motions, amendments and substitute motions with their attendant amendments. To the uninitiated the wonder is that anything is done. The zeal of all is at white heat. The visions of few are being realized. The joy of fellowship keeps the Assembly free from abnormalities common to worldly gatherings. The evening gatherings are cyclonic in demonstration and power. The singing, the praying and the preaching testify of Pentecost not as the unusual but the accepted experience of all the Nazarenes. Yes, we are having the greatest Assembly in the history of our beloved church.

GEORGE SHARPE, *Glasgow, Scotland..*

SOME NOTICEABLE FEATURES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

There are three outstanding features to the Sixth General Assembly now in session.

First—The great crowd in attendance. In the history of the Nazarene movement no General Assembly has been attended by as many interested people as the present one. Here they are from every part of the world it would seem.

Second—The spirit of conservation along the line of church machinery. While delegates are here from many corners of the earth yet all seem to be of one mind along the line, which they are free to give expression to in almost every discussion on the floor.

Third—Intensity of purpose. Retreat is unthinkable. "Forward" is the battle cry. While at times great discussion may precede

decision, yet in the end agreement is reached on that which will mean greater advance. Well may we express the feeling of all in one statement found in the report of the General Superintendents: "What ought to be done can be done and we will do it."

R. J. KUNZE, *Official Reporter, Spring Valley, N. Y.*

SIGNS OF A LIVING, OR GROWING CHRISTIAN

The Righteous shall flourish like a palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon (Psa. 92:12).

Sign 1. When your chief delight is with the saints, especially them that excel in virtue (Psa. 16:3).

2. When the smitings of the righteous are not a burden to you, and you can hear of your faults with affectionate attention (Psalm 141:5).

3. When Jesus Christ, in the midst of temptation, is more to you than all the world (Phil. 3:8).

4. When reproach for Christ makes you not ashamed of Christ (Mark 8:38; Heb. 11:26).

5. When wandering thoughts, in time of duty, find less entertainment than formerly (Psa. 139:23; 1 Cor. 13:14).

6. When length of standing in the profession of Christianity works increase of hatred to all sin (Psa. 119:104, 113).

7. When you carry about you a constant jealousy over your own heart, that it turn not aside from God and goodness (Prov. 28:1).

8. When every known new mercy begets new thankfulness, and that with delight (Psa. 145:2).

9. When known calamity in God's house begets deep sorrow in your heart (Neh. 1:4).

10. When God's afflicting you for your sins makes you love God the better (Psa. 119:75).

11. When the same care and travail you at first labored in to get Christ, is as much,

if not more, labored in to keep Christ (Heb. 6:11, 12).

12. When a feeling sense of the peace and edification of the church of God lies so near your heart, that you can prefer it above your chief concerns (Psa. 137:6; Rom. 14:19; 2 Cor. 11:9).

13. When, under deep distress or languishing, the word of God is precious to you (Psa. 119:92).

14. When any condition, though in itself mean, as it comes from God, is most welcome (Job 1:21; Hab. 3:17, 18).

15. When the peace of Christ's house begets chief joy in your heart (Psa. 122:7, 8, 9).

16. When chief care to avoid all sin is as truly occasioned through fear of dishonouring God, and in incurring his present displeasure as wrath to come (Neh. 5:15; Gen. 39:9).

17. When the least apprehension of God's withdrawing makes you seek Him more earnestly, in such ways wherein he will be found (Psa. 63:1).

18. When every company is burdensome to you, that is not designing your Father's glory, but derogating there from (Psa. 120:5; 2 Peter 2:7, 8).

19. When the sins of others come so near your heart, that you walk sadly to see such persons transgress God's commandments (Psa. 119:136).

20. When the light of your understanding grows more strong to your making judgment of spiritual things, according to God's word (Eph. 18).

21. When bitter things become sweet to you, when they are squared by, and founded on, the will of God (Matt. 26:38, 39; Acts 21:14).

22. When the path of the humble is so delightful, that you had rather be with them than in the tents of the ungodly (Acts 20:19; Psa. 84:10).

23. When your pity is such to perishing people, that you cannot but weep at the thoughts of their ruin (Luke 19:41; Jer. 9:1; Phil. 3:18, 19).

24. When the yoke of self-denial, as imposed by Christ Jesus, is not grievous, but pleasant, to you (Matt. 11:29, 30; Mark 10:28).

25. When the force of the resurrection and judgment to come, lies so close to your heart, that it makes you answer every call of Christ to do or suffer cheerfully (2 Cor. 5:9, 10; Acts 24:15, 16).

26. When increase of time in Christ's acquaintance, works increase of delight in communion with Christ (Psa. 92:12, 13, 14).

27. When in the walk of faith you are more frequent, and less depend upon walking by sense (2 Cor. 5:7; Gal. 2:20).

28. When the majesty of the great God, considering how visible you are in his sight, hath an awful prevalence upon your heart (Job 31:4).

29. When you are at open war and constant hostility with bosom sin, as displeasing to God, and forbidden by His law (Psa. 18:23).

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HARD AT WORK

We were greatly impressed with the swing of victory that has been manifested throughout of sessions of the General Assembly. Yet we were pleased to note that the delegates felt the seriousness of the occasion and have settled down to grapple with the problems of the church. Making laws and determining a policy for a church of 50,000 people is no small task. Then too it must be considered that we are legislating for the future and upon proper legislation will hinge our destiny.

The future of the Church of the Nazarene is assured, but we must determine the quality of the future. We must not merely exist as a denomination, but we must be a potent factor for spiritual life. We need a certain amount of organization, but should not be over organized. There is a certain loss of power in running the machinery, and if we consume all of our power in perpetuating our existence, then we have failed to serve our day and better conditions. The present General Assembly is considering some vital problems along the line of reorganization.

C. B. WIDMEYER,
President Pasadena University.

MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I have never been accused of being a very close observer, but to my mind for one to give his impression of such a meeting does not require hair-splitting distinctions or extra effort as an observer.

The first vocal expression that would have escaped from my lips, if I had spoken my feelings, would have been "How glad they are to see each other." This fellowship one could easily see, did not come from a political collegueship that is ordinarily seen among worldly organizations. Its fountain lay deeper and its stream ran wider than could be found in circles of worldly origin. To me the reason is to be found in the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

The next impression was that the Assembly was made up of optimistic people. It was evident that some hope dominated the fears so prevalent in the world today. Tottering thrones and sinking democracies did not seem to weigh heavily upon their minds. From their songs and testimonies one could readily see they were seeking a Heavenly City, New Jerusalem. It seemed that all fear of death, hardships, and future sorrows were relegated to the background, if not entirely obliterated by the overwhelming presence of the Redeemer.

Along with the forgetfulness of future sorrows and the presence of unseen sources of ecstasy, it was evident that wisdom and preference for others held their rightful place in all human interests and labors. A desire to do the best for the future work of the church, which is the salvation of the whole world, appeared to be the ultimate thing in the mind of every member who was heard; and the sanction of approval from those who did not speak always carried that thought with it.

To summarize briefly: My first impression was so favorable that I have no further apprehensions with regard to the future progress of the Church of the Nazarene both as to polity and doctrine. The Assembly stands out for justice to every man—big or little, for a

What Our School Men Say of the General Assembly

complete salvation for every living man, and an aggressive evangelism that will get the "Good tidings" to the ends of the earth without interruption or delay.

N. W. SANFORD, *President Olivet College, Olivet, Ill.*

LOVE PREVAILS

Again we have come together from East, West, North and South in our great General Assembly. We have come with a great diversity of thought upon many subjects and a number are free to express their thought as opportunity is given. As was the case in the first Assembly at Jerusalem, there is often "no small dissension and disputation." This is but natural. But as in the first Assembly there is a desire to finally discover the mind of the Holy Spirit. When decisions are finally reached there is a large spirit of concurrence and loyalty to the decision. This is Christian—freedom of discussion and submission to the decision. Love prevails. Holiness does not exclude discussions but it does insure love and love prevails. The advancement along all lines as shown by the reports indicate the Lord's presence with us. It is a great Assembly.

E. P. ELLYSON, *President of Bresce Bible College.*

STANDING BY THE OLD LAND MARKS

I have never seen a body of men and women, who have so connected with real spirituality, good sound judgment; men who can hold to exacting parliamentary rulings; men who can debate any question, take a defeat and then close with brotherly love and fellowship. To my mind this is one of the most important Assemblies ever held. We are here at a time when the masses are looking for a body of people who will stand by the old land marks. There is a great drifting away from these truths, but this does not satisfy the great mass of people. This body of men and women is heralding to the world that there is one organization, which is not moved from the "Faith of our Fathers."

C. E. HARDY, *President, Trevecca College, Nashville, Tenn.*

THIS ASSEMBLY IS IN ADVANCE OF THEM ALL

Having been present at the Chicago, Pilot Point, Nashville, and other Assemblies, I can state from real knowledge that this Assembly is in advance of them all. I am especially impressed with the improvement in personnel. In the former ones we had, it is true, some noble, wonderful spirits, but here the rank and file of the whole gathering is of a high general order.

What able men and women of God among our preachers, evangelists, singers and laymen! When Brother Bud says there is not a "scrub" among us, he states a great truth. Of course, not all are past masters in debate, and some are not wise in their floor operations, but they will learn. In spite of this,

however, once a vote is passed, harmony, glory and victory prevails. I have never seen greater joy and holy zeal in any gathering of God's people than in this Assembly. Let the great work go on!

L. D. PEAVEY, *Treasurer of Trustees, Eastern Nazarene College.*

NAZARENES ARE GOOD LOSERS

I have been to many gatherings, but never to one just like this General Assembly. It is a liberal education within itself. Being a visitor and sitting apart it has been my pleasure to watch those taking an active part in the debates. Not only have I enjoyed this but I have been greatly impressed with the beautiful spirit manifested by all.

All my life have I taught the doctrine of being a "good loser," but nowhere have I seen it better exemplified than in this Assembly where, no matter how hot the debate, the loser has always shown a beautiful Christian spirit. Thank God for a salvation which makes "good losers" out of us. Whenever you hear them singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds," you may know that the debate is over." I say glory.

W. K. TWYEFFORT, *President of Central Nazarene College, Hamlin, Texas.*

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS IN EARNEST

The Sixth General Assembly opened with a tide of enthusiasm. The divine glory has rested upon all its public services, and a remarkable degree of alertness and intensity has characterized the business sessions. One cannot but be impressed with the deep earnestness of the men and women composing the various delegations. To me this is the most outstanding characteristic. There seems to be a sincere desire to find the mind of God concerning any proposed legislation and a holy determination to carry into effect in an aggressive manner an evangelistic policy. We were never more encouraged to press the battle than at this time. It seems to us that we have only begun. May the Lord of the church make the coming quadrennium a time of holy conquest, if Jesus tarries.

H. ORTON WILEY, *President of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho.*

GREATER SOLIDARITY

As the General Assembly convenes and begins its labors I am impressed with the thought of the greater solidarity of our movement. As the years have passed our institutions have wrought, and wrought well. If they have made mistakes the great work they have done has overshadowed the mistakes, and we love our institutions as our very own.

The most able and inspiring address of our General Superintendent's seemed to crystallize the sentiment of our Assembly and set us to work to accomplish definite ends. This address surely met with such unanimous endorsement as would indicate a likemindedness among our people.

While there is every reason to see that we are radical as regards principles and essentials, there is not the slightest evidence of schism. We are united, we are one.

We love our church more for this quadrennium of progress. Her officers have shown themselves capable, clean and strong. Her institutions have inspired our affections, and God himself has been in our midst. Thank

God for our Zion! Like a mighty loyal army we will work and fight and pray.

A. K. BRACKEN, *President Bethany-Peniel College, Bethany, Oklahoma.*

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I have lately visited our churches in Madison, Wisconsin and while there I went down Sunday afternoon and met Evangelist C. H. (Jack) Linn and he and his good wife with other workers were engaged in a Camp Meeting. Brother Linn has a fine site of seven acres and has erected a beautiful wooden tabernacle at the cost of some two thousand dollars. It was a faith venture and he has had to shoulder the responsibility. God has undertaken for Brother Linn and there in his home town of Oregon he is planting a holiness camp meeting.

The Sunday afternoon I was there they had a fine crowd of people from the community and from neighboring cities and there was a fine spirit on the meeting and much conviction. Brother Linn preached under much burden for his home people and he told me that he was so anxious to see special workers called from his home country. As the meeting was to continue over another week I am pretty certain that the good Lord will give a break and there will be an ingathering of souls.

Will any who read these lines send up a special prayer for this new camp ground and Brother and Sister Linn. Also it was my good privilege to meet the father and mother of Brother Linn who also live in Oregon, Wis. It is really refreshing to go to the home of a holiness evangelist like Brother Linn and find that he not only preaches straight at towns and cities away from home, but in the home community he is living as he preaches. Will all who read these lines help Brother Linn every day they possibly can to plant holiness in southeastern Wisconsin.

E. O. CHALFANT, District Superintendent.

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Pasadena University opened her doors for the thirteenth year to welcome a large student body on September 4th and 5th. Our hearts are made to rejoice as we look upon this noble company of young men and young women who are eager to obtain a Christian education. We believe that the morale of the student body is the best in the history of the institution. An excellent spirit of unity prevails in the faculty as well as in the student body.

The enrollment in the College of Liberal Arts at the close of the second week registered 108 with a class of thirty seniors. The Bible College has an enrollment of 36 with four men who will complete the course leading to the Bachelor of Divinity degree. The enrollment in the Academy has reached the number of 133. Other departments have registered accordingly and we believe that the Lord's hand is upon us and that victory will be ours through the coming year.

C. B. WIDMEYER, President.

KENTUCKY DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The Fifteenth Annual Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, of the Kentucky District, convened at Louisville with the First Church September 5, at 9:00 o'clock a. m. with Dr. R. T. Williams in the chair. The chairman delivered the opening address using for his subject, "A Saner Vision." We were favorably impressed with Dr. Williams' close attention given to all of the details of the Assembly and to every local interest. His sermons were full of great truths and were delivered with power. There were several other speakers during the Assembly. Rev. J. W. Short, District Superintendent of Indiana, Brother Ashby from Louisiana, and J. A. Williams of Olive Hill, preached during the Assembly. Brother Miller from Indiana gave us a stirring message on Home Missions. Miss Alice McClellan, a returned missionary from India, delivered a unique missionary address. Dr. Hardy of Nashville, Tenn., represented Trevecca College.

Rev. J. W. Montgomery was re-elected District Superintendent, Rev. W. W. Stover was re-elected District secretary, and Rev. C. R. Pollard was elected treasurer of the District.

This was the largest Assembly ever held on this District. There were ninety-one members; the church membership of the District is 838. Three new churches and three missions have been organized this year. There was an increase of \$15,000 raised for all purposes; several hundreds of souls have professed to get saved or sanctified on the District. The District Superintendent has labored hard and done a great work.

During the Assembly the sermons were evangelistic, and several souls bowed at the altar and were either saved or sanctified. The singing was good and spiritual, several special songs were rendered.

Most members of the Assembly were of the opinion that a one budget system could not be worked satisfactorily at present. So the contingent fund and the salaries for the General and District Superintendent were put into one budget, and missions into another, etc.

The Assembly voted to go to Carthage, Kentucky, next year. Dr. Williams conducted an ordination service Sunday afternoon at which time C. C. Burton and A. T. Bennett received elder's orders.

I. T. STOVALL, Reporter.

INDIANA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The Ninth Indiana District Assembly has past and gone into history. There has been a delay in getting this report to the HERALD of HOLINESS on account of a misunderstanding between reporters. It was without a doubt the greatest Assembly of the District. The presence of God was in our midst from beginning to the end. Dr. H. F. Reynolds was with us for the first time and endeared himself to us by his executive ability and his determination to keep God in the midst.

Rev. J. W. Short was unanimously re-elected as District Superintendent on the first ballot. The District Superintendent's report showed substantial gains on all lines. Rev. I. G. Martin preached at the night services. His messages were in the Spirit and indeed searching. Rev. D. L. Speicher of the Cadle Taber-

nacle of Indianapolis invited us to hold our next Assembly in their tabernacle. Rev. J. W. Blansett of Newcastle was elected District secretary and Amos Griffin of Indianapolis was re-elected treasurer. (We now have eighty-three churches on the District, or double the number we had when Brother Short came to us less than four years ago. Great crowds were in attendance and the night services there were in the neighborhood of 1,500 present. Unity and harmony prevailed throughout the entire Assembly. To God be all the glory.

HOWARD PASCHAL Reporter.

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GENESIS, 22.

22 ¶ And it came to pass at that time, that A-bim'e-léch and Phi'chol the chief captain of his host spake unto A-brá-hám, saying, 'God is with thee in all that thou doest: 23 Now therefore 'swear unto me here by God 'that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned. 24 And A-brá-hám said, I will swear. 25 And A-brá-hám reproved A-bim'e-léch because of a well of water, which A-bim'e-léch's servants had violently 'taken away. 26 And A-bim'e-léch said, I wot not.

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x ch. 20, 2.
v ch. 26, 28.
Isa. 2, 10.
Joel. 2, 12.
1 Sam. 24, 21.
1 If thou shalt lie unto me.
e ch. 26, 15-22.

4 Then on the third day A-brá-hám lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. 5 And A-brá-hám said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. 6 And A-brá-hám took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac spake unto A-brá-hám his father, and said, My father: and he said, 'Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the 'lamb for a burnt offering?

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IOWA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The Lord wonderfully blessed the entire Eleventh Annual Assembly of the Iowa District, Church of the Nazarene, which convened at Sioux City, August 22 to 26, under the efficient and faithful leadership of our beloved Dr. J. W. Goodwin, General Superintendent. To Him be all the glory! Rev. R. R. Still and committees royally entertained the Assembly. The business sessions were held in the beautiful Grace M. E. Church and the dining hall in basement was used for the meals. Mrs. Kenoyer, the employed cook, furnished most excellent and efficient dining hall service. Brother Still and friends surely contributed abundantly to make their part of the Assembly a success.

The W. M. S. District Convention convened on Tuesday preceding the Assembly. Rev. Amy Dobson was re-elected District President. At the first Assembly roll call seventy-seven responded. Eighty-four members attended in all. About twelve were in attendance for the first time, and nearly thirty-six visitors. Over three hundred were served in the dining hall Sunday dinner. Among those visiting were: Rev. L. Milton Williams, Rev. E. G. Anderson, Miss Alice McClellan, Rev. C. H. Strong, Rev. B. H. Edwards, Rev. G. F. Jacobs and Esther Williamson.

Dr. Goodwin's sweet spirit, faithful advice, stirring and comforting messages were appreciated by all. The message on "Vision" was wonderfully owned of

the Holy Spirit. Brotherly love and remarkable unity were manifest in all the business sessions. One brother attending for the first time said, "Before he had dreaded to attend the conferences, but he could hardly leave the Assembly before its closing session." The blessed and faithful pastors reported good work done during the year. Reports disclosed new churches organized, new church buildings dedicated, one brother reported having made 1,421 calls and 15,000 miles traveled in his work, putting in seventeen and eighteen hours a day. Council Bluffs reported a new church built and dedicated, two revivals, 108 souls at the altar in the last meeting, tithing established, now ninety-four members, over \$10,000 raised for all purposes, and sixty-five subscriptions for the HERALD of HOLINESS. Brother H. L. Kinzie, our good District Superintendent, reported an excellent year's work, and often incited us to our present possibilities for spreading and establishing holiness in Iowa. He was re-elected on nominating ballot. This is his third year as our District Superintendent, and indications are favorable for a gracious year in the Lord under his leadership. God bless him. Rev. E. R. Borton was re-elected secretary, and D. Ray Campbell was elected treasurer.

About \$56,000 was raised for all purposes, with a new high mark in membership of 1,004. Will you pray that we shall be 1,500 ere the year closes? The "Assembly Apportionment Fund" plan was

adopted heartily for our financing; and a mighty forward moving in Home Missions in Iowa is anticipated for the year. One of the best features of the Assembly was the souls that were saved through the evangelistic services by Brother B. H. Edwards and others. About twenty were definitely helped in the Lord. Esther Williamson ably led the singing, assisted by many other efficient "songsters," among our ranks. We bow in humble thanksgiving to God for the manifest presence of His Spirit upon the Eleventh Iowa District Assembly.

THOMAS M. GRAVES, Reporter.

KANSAS DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The Fourteenth Annual Assembly of Kansas District met at Ottawa, Kansas, Sept. 5 to 9. All sessions were held in the big, new City Memorial Auditorium. The registration reached 325. Dr. H. F. Reynolds, senior General Superintendent, presided with great ability and tenderness. He brought two intensely practical and helpful messages, one at the opening service Tuesday evening and the other on Sunday morning. Other preachers who preached during the Assembly were Dr. E. P. Ellyson, of Hutchinson; Rev. Joseph N. Speakes of Kansas City; Rev. A. R. Bean of Dodge City; and Rev. B. H. Edwards of Lincoln, Neb. Friday night an interesting missionary service was held at which Peter Kiehn,

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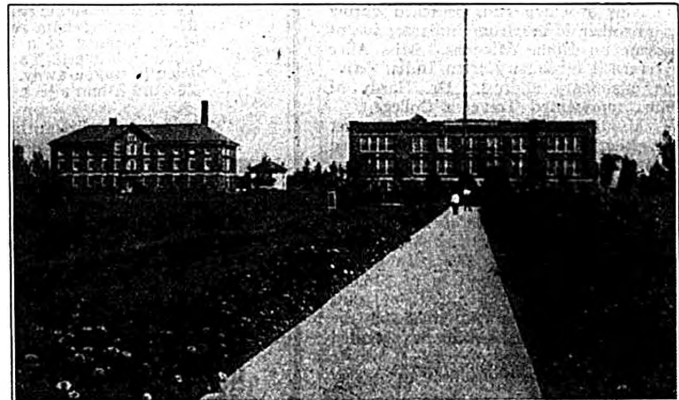
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returned missionary, Rev. E. G. Anderson and Rev. John Matthews spoke. An offering in cash and pledges of \$1,800 was taken for missions. At the educational rally held Wednesday evening \$3,500 in cash and pledges was raised for Bresee College.

Rev. A. C. Tunnell was re-elected for his third term as District Superintendent, and Rev. E. R. Shook was elected for his third term as secretary and seventh term as treasurer. Nine licensed preachers were graduated from the course of study and were ordained in a very impressive service Sunday afternoon. They were, H. O. Davis of Palco; F. R. McConnell, Covert; Elmer Poole, Hutchinson; August Brandes, Kingsdown; B. F. Griffith, Lyons; H. H. Davis, Eldorado; E. R. Shook, Ottawa; Chas. R. Dick, Hoxie and Lloyd Thomas, of Palco. Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges of Hutchinson, licensed deaconess, was consecrated at this service also.

The Methodist, Baptist, Christian and Lutheran churches opened their pulpits to Nazarene preachers the closing Sunday of the Assembly. A blessed spirit of harmony prevailed throughout all of the sessions. Wire pulling was unknown. God's glory was on us. General Assembly delegates were elected as follows: Ministerial, A. C. Tunnell, E. P. Ellyson, F. H. Bugh, and R. S. Ball, all of Hutchinson, and C. P. Clayton of Topeka. Lay delegates, Mrs. A. C. Tunnell of Hutchinson, W. S. Ball and Mrs. H. D. Barbour, of Wichita, F. E. Lang and Sam Snowbarger of Sylvia.

The next Assembly will be held at Wichita. All seemed to agree that we had a great Assembly, and one that will not soon be forgotten. **REPORTER.**

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT

Though we have not reported for the District for some time, we have all been busy spreading scriptural holiness over New Mexico. This has been a very busy summer for all our workers, yet it has been a most delightful summer for us in His glad service.

Good reports are coming in from our faithful pastors over the District. We shall not take time and space to write of each church and pastor separately, but suffice to say that God is blessing the churches and our good pastors are letting no grass grow under their feet. We do not believe a more beautiful spirit of harmony and love is to be found anywhere than among our people here.

Most of our churches are in god spiritual condition and are making progress in reaching the people, bringing them to Jesus and building up the local church. Many of our churches have witnessed gracious revivals since our Assembly in May, while revivals have been conducted in a number of new fields. Two new churches have been organized and we believe the foundation laid for others. The second annual District campmeeting held at Portales August 16 to 26 with Evangelists C. B. Jernigan and A. F. Daniels was surely a time of blessing and salvation. Plans are being made for a greater camp next year.

Financial conditions have been close for some time on this District, but our faith in God was never stronger, and our vision of what God wants to do for us as His people is growing. Surely there are great victories ahead for us. Amen!

C. W. DAVIS, District Superintendent.

TELEGRAMS

HERALD OF HOLINESS: Decatur, Ill.
Closed one week convention First Church of the Nazarene, Rev. I. G. Martin, F. M. Messenger prophetic lecturers afternoons. Evangelistic services evenings. Seventy-five seekers, twenty-five new members united tonight. Money came easy. Glory came down. Church oil fire for God. First Church Decatur a wonderful soul saving station.

F. M. MESSENGER

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