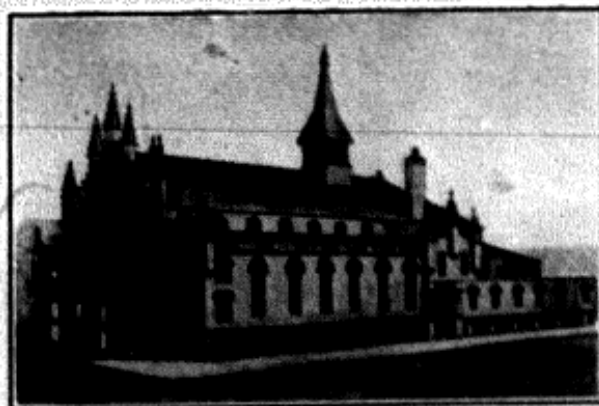






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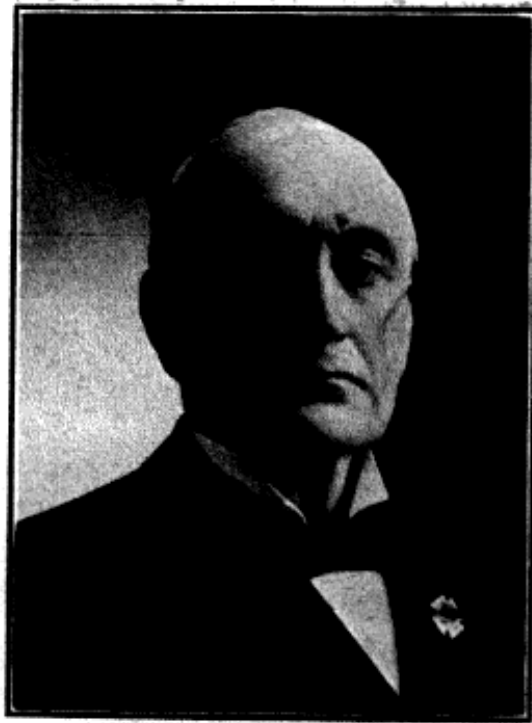


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Proceedings

Of The Ninth Annual Assembly.

FIRST DAY—Tuesday, Nov. 2nd.

THE NINTH Annual Meeting of the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene convened in the First Church of the Nazarene, Los Angeles, Wednesday morning, November 2, 1904, under the presidency of Rev. P. F. Bresee, D.D., General Superintendent.

A precious season of devotion was led by Rev. R. Pierce, when surely the windows of heaven were opened upon the bowing Assembly, God putting His seal upon the hearts of the people, fitting them for the victory of the coming days.

Just at 9 a. m. the General Superintendent called the Assembly to order, when the Secretary of last year's Assembly called the following roll of elders and lay delegates:

Revs. P. F. Bresee, W. M. Allison, G. W. Archer, Stephen Bowers, E. N. Brooks, E. A. Burlison, S. S. Chafe, J. P. Coleman, M. L. Custer, M. Clark, Mrs. M. J. Clark, H. Cromwell, J. H. Crowell, B. A. Chapman, J. A. Dean, J. A. Dooley, Mrs. H. M. Dooley, M. M. Deitz, Thos. Fluck, E. A. Girvin, W. B. Golden, T. F. Hallowell, W. P. Hathaway, B. A. Hill, F. E. Hill, P. C. Hogle, L. B. Kent, Mrs. L. P. Knott, Michael Knopf, B. H. Kennedy, C. V. La Fontaine, I. G. Martin, J. K. Mayberry, John Mertins, Geo. Newton, Stuart Noble, C. W. Pattee, R. Pierce, C. W. Raymond, W. J. Rogers, C. W. Ruth, G. L. Shepardson, B. E. Sherwin, Wm. Sloan, J. A. Smith, C. A. Snelling, G. S. Stubblefield, N. P. Steves, Filmore Tanner, Mrs. S. E. Taylor, R. L. Vickers, Mrs. D. Wallace, D. Williams, E. G. Woodward, W. C. Wilson.

Local Preachers in Charge: W. J. Gibbs, J. A. Jaynes, J. H. McIntyre, S. B. Rhodes, G. L. Carr.

The following was the list of lay delegates:

FIRST CHURCH, LOS ANGELES.

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Mateo Street—Mrs. Petra Peterson, I. B. Dutton.

Vernon—Mrs. S. E. Snelling, Eva Darr.

Elysian Heights—H. N. Elliott, D. J. Loomis.

Pasadena—D. H. Ely, G. A. Darling.

Ocean Park—J. A. White, J. E. Pearsal.

Cucamonga, Cal.—G. P. Ledig, Miss Eva Smith.

Berkeley, Cal.—Mrs. E. Mitchell, Mrs. C. C. Cornwall.

Oakland, Cal.—Mrs. F. A. Reed, August Nilson.

Boise, Idaho—Mrs. R. Pierce.

Chicago, Ill.—Rev. L. B. Kent.

Spokane, Wash.—G. A. Dieble, D. Wallace.

Rev. R. Pierce, of Boise, Idaho, was elected Secretary of the Assembly, and Bro. W. J. Gibbs as his assistant.

S. B. Rhodes was elected as Statistical Secretary.

The bar of the Assembly was fixed at the first four rows between the pillars.

J. P. Coleman, C. V. La Fontaine and J. H. McIntyre were elected as a Committee to nominate members of the several Committees.

Rev. L. B. Kent, of Chicago, Ill., was introduced to the Assembly and spoke a few words of greeting from the Chicago Church. Revs. Nathan P. Steves, C. V. La Fontaine, Sister S. E. Taylor and Brother Gilleland were also introduced and were greeted by the Assembly rising.

The General Superintendent, Rev. P. F. Bresee, D.D., then read his annual report, which was as follows:

Report of the General Superintendent.

Report of the General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene to the General Assembly, held at Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 2, 1904.

Dear Brothers and Sisters—

"Now to Him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according

to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, but now is made manifest, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: to God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen."

I greet you again with unspeakable thanksgiving to God who has so mercifully spared our lives, and so lovingly breathed the inspiration of His Spirit upon our faith and hope and love, enabling us to see this day and look into each other's faces and out upon the work to which He has called us "In the fullness of the blessing of Christ."

We come from fields of conflict and victory. We have not been without tribulation and persecution and suffering; but we rejoice that in all conditions our Christ causeth us to triumph. We praise God that we have proved again and again the sufficiency of His grace, and the greatness of His power to usward, and that the God of all grace who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus is stabilizing, strengthening, settling us. To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen." We rejoice that, as in the days of the early Church, though "there are many adversaries," yet also that "the Lord hath set before us an open door." The attacks of the adversary upon this work, to which the Lord has called us, and our brethren, have been greater this year than any previous year, but amid it all God has vindicated His own cause. Through the grace of God, by the power of the Holy Ghost, our cords have been lengthened, and our stakes strengthened. While we have continued the same general course which we have followed in the past years, of opening new work only where it seemed clearly providential to so do and agencies were raised up to carry it forward, deeming it worse than useless to plant unless the work could be cared for, still there has been a good advance. A promising church has been organized at Vernon, in this city, which has just completed a new church building. A Spanish Mission has also been opened in this city, which has already been the means of much good—the report of Sister McReynolds in reference to which you will be glad to hear. Through her anointed ministry a goodly number have been saved and sanctified. This is a very fruitful and promising field, cultivated largely by our devoted missionary, Sister McReynolds, materially aided by our Brother Trumbower. But

this work must be better housed and more amply provided for.

There has also been opened up a Chinese Mission in Chinatown, of this city, where a commodious building has been erected on leased ground, and Rev. Ko Chow, assisted by a band of devoted workers, has begun what promises to be a very successful mission among these people. Rev. Ko Chow is a man of experience, with gifts and graces, and has an efficient corps of helpers. This is a field where Holy Ghost baptized laborers are not only needed, but where they find, as we believe, a rich harvest for the Master's garner.

While we believe that most of our churches will be found to have maintained their ground, and to have made very satisfactory advance in the real elements of strength, we have found that testings of the work, which prove what is wood, hay and stubble, sometimes, in a work like this lessen numbers, while at the same time it strengthens the work and prepares the way for greater victories. It often occurs in a new movement, that hobbyists, cranks and fanatics—more or less—come to it for the purpose of advancing their own peculiar notions; and when they find that this is the embodiment of the old Gospel of salvation to the uttermost, without side tracks, they usually disembark at the first station to the great relief of the crew and through passengers. It seems to be a necessity that most of our churches from time to time be subject to this ordeal. We are grateful that hitherto so little harm has been done to the work. The pressure from fanaticism on the outside has also been especially brought to bear upon some of our churches during the last year, but that it has been allowed to harm us so little, either in spirit or the wrecking of so few souls is a matter of thanksgiving. While most of the churches have done well, the work in some parts has notably advanced. This is true especially in Illinois, where, in the City of Chicago, a most prosperous work has been opened, which already has a good membership and a very promising outlook. Church property has been purchased, an additional mission has been opened and many souls have already been gathered to the cross. We believe that the successful opening of the work in that great center means for this organized work of holiness very great things. Work has also been successfully opened at Canton, Ill., under the leadership of Rev.

W. B. Golden, who has charge of the contiguous work in Fulton county. The work in Canton has been peculiarly successful and seems to me—from the reports—to be very promising. A class has also been organized in Oakland, Cal., which is as yet, allied with the church at Berkeley, but is anxious to put on the strength and maturity of an individual church.

Advance has been made in other places, notably in Eastern Washington, which will doubtless appear in the reports. I had hoped to have visited that country again during the year, but have not been able to do so, but trust, the General Superintendent may be able to do so in the not distant future. The churches generally have earnestly and vigorously pushed the work of full salvation to which we are called. While it has been a year of severe conflict yet the churches have held manfully on their way and I believe the reports will show substantial progress. In answer to the prayers of His people, God has poured out His Spirit and continuously souls have been saved and sanctified at the altars of the Church of the Nazarene wherever she has gone.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

I am glad to be able to report substantial advance in our Publishing interests. The subscription list of the NAZARENE MESSENGER has been considerably increased, and as the Church has lengthened her cords and strengthened her stakes, every added church or mission has added new interest to the paper, as every member is deeply interested in all of the work which this church is doing. There has been a large improvement in the equipment of the Publishing House by added machinery and the business in the job department has been much increased. Altogether the business is much nearer a paying basis than a year ago. A thousand more subscribers would not only put the business on a paying basis, but would enable the publishers to do what they are so anxious to do, enlarge the paper and increase its capacity for usefulness. I am glad to say that it has been greatly owned of the Lord in the salvation of souls, and the upbuilding of the church; and the general reports from the people show how greatly it is prized. I call your attention to the necessity of special and continuous effort to make this arm of the service all that it ought to be. There is every reason why—as soon as

possible—the NAZARENE MESSENGER should be as large as any and the full peer of any holiness paper in this country, beside being of superior interest in that it represents and reports an aggressive, organized work. It not only brings desultory news, but each item of news is a burnished block in the rising temple which stands to shine with the light of the Shechinah.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL.

I am glad to be able to report that we have entered upon the third year of our school—The Pacific Bible College. This work was entered upon with some misgivings. We recognize that we are a young and small people and that the line of teaching being confined to the Bible and collateral studies—it being especially for the training of Christian workers—the attendance could not be expected to be large, and that the maintenance of the School with an efficient corps of teachers would probably be difficult. I am glad to report that we have been able, through the generous earnestness of noble, interested and capable Christian workers to secure and maintain an excellent faculty and the class of teaching both in the breadth of curriculum and the ability of teachers has been more than could have been reasonably expected. Also that the results have been gratifying. We have now a class who are making good progress. The School is greatly blest with outpourings of the Holy Spirit, and the class-room is often the ante-chamber to heaven. If the excellent work that is being done in this School was fully known I believe that—even from our limited numbers—there would be many more, who even at great sacrifice, would seek its culturing help. I commend to your prayerful thought both our paper—THE NAZARENE MESSENGER—and the Pacific Bible College.

As to my own time and strength and possibilities of labor, I am thankful to say that while my time has been necessarily largely devoted to the pastoral work of the First Church of this city, together with editorial work on the paper, and teaching in the Bible College, yet through the forbearance and generosity of this First Church, I have been able to make two quite extensive trips; one to the East as far as Omaha, Neb., and north as far as Boise, Idaho, taking in Salt Lake City, Utah; and the other as far south as Southern Kansas and as far east as Chicago. The first was made possible by the church here providing the services of Rev. C. W. Ruth, who very efficiently

labored during my absence. I was accompanied and greatly assisted in my work by Bro. C. E. McKee of this city, who generously took the time and bore his own expense in this extended trip. The other was made possible by the good fortune of the church here in securing the services of Rev. C. V. LaFontaine as my associate pastor. These two trips took me nearly four months of the year, most of the expense of which, outside of traveling expenses, was borne by the First Church here—in itself a considerable contribution to the general work. It is more and more evident that God has called us to a great work and that He is leading us forth as the way is prepared—and we are prepared—towards its accomplishment. The growth and development of all life that is to be abiding is at first slow. A gourd may spring up in a night, but not so an oak. In a marvelous way God prepared the way for this work, and in no less marvelous way has He brought it on. Slowly but surely it has taken root, and begun to spread its life abroad. The evidences of divine guidance and over-ruling providences have been beyond questioning and the constant glory of the pillar of cloud by day and the burning, shining fire by night upon its dwelling-places and assemblies has been a marvel and joy. Converted and sanctified souls are its crowning and rejoicing. Let us walk carefully before Him. Let us have but one desire and aim—that He shall lead us all the way. Let us have but one passion—to glorify Jesus Christ. Ready to be counted as the off-scouring of the earth, only so that the glory of the Lord shall go forth as brightness. Denominational success is not our aim, but that souls may be saved and sanctified. To this end we not only have, but are ready to continue to suffer the loss of all things. There is not among us and we trust there never will be either honor or preferment other than that of toil and burden-bearing. We have heard the Master call and we are here to say again

“Where He leads we will follow.”

Committees of The Assembly.

The committee on Nomination of Committees rendered their report, which was adopted as follows:

State of the Church—Mrs. L. L. Ernest, C. W. Raymond, D. J. Loomis, J. E. Pearsal, Mrs. P. Peterson.

Sabbath Schools—M. M. Dietz, V. J. Jacques, G. P. Ledig, J. A. White, Mrs. M. E. Bresee.

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Young People—Mrs. DeLance Wallace, J. H. McIntyre, Will J. Gibbs, Mrs. L. F. Gay, Mrs. F. A. Reed.

Educational—Mrs. Lucy P. Knott, Leora Maris, Mrs. F. A. Law, Mrs. Lillie D. Bothwell, C. J. Kinney.

Prohibition—H. N. Elliott, G. A. Darling, August Nilson, D. H. Ely, Stuart Noble.

Resolutions—Leslie F. Gay, S. B. Rhodes, J. C. Andrews, R. L. Vickers, Mrs. S. E. Taylor.

Orders—C. V. LaFontaine, J. P. Coleman, L. B. Kent, C. A. Snelling, B. H. Kennedy.

General Legislation—P. F. Bresee, L. B. Kent, J. P. Coleman, C. V. LaFontaine, S. S. Chafe, chairman.

Wm. P. Trumbower read the report of the Publishing House which was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Bro. L. F. Gay read the Financial Report of the Missionary Society, which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

C. V. LaFontaine moved the Assembly meet at 9 a. m., the first half hour to be occupied with devotional services. Time of closing to be 12 m. It was so ordered.

It was voted to publish the Minutes of the General Assembly in pamphlet form.

Assembly then adjourned with the benediction by J. P. Coleman.

SECOND DAY—Thursday, Nov. 3rd.

Dr. Bresee called the Assembly to order at 9 a. m. Rev. J. P. Coleman led the half-hour of devotional services

which was a gracious preparation for the business of the morning.

The Assembly roll was then called and the minutes of the preceding session read and approved.

The name of G. C. Campbell was substituted for that of Stuart Noble on the Committee on Prohibition.

The credentials of the following brethren were received and referred to the Committee on Orders: Nathan P. Steves from the West Wisconsin Conference of the M. E. Church; C. V. LaFontaine, and P. G. Linaweaver from the Rock River Conference of the M. E. Church; L. B. Kent, from the Central Illinois Conference of the M. E. Church; R. L. Vickers, from the M. E. Church; M. H. Nichols, of Oakland, Cal.; Wm. B. Golden and Mrs. S. E. Taylor.

The following were recommended for election to orders and referred to the Committee on Orders: S. B. Rhodes, C. J. Kinney, Herbert Starkey, Herbert Buffum and Mrs. Lillie Buffum, J. H. McIntyre.

Rev. J. F. C. Hill was introduced to the Assembly and suitably responded to the greeting.

Reports From Churches.

Reports from the churches were then listened to, which showed that the different fields were in a healthy condition.

Rev. Chas. V. La Fontaine reported for the First Church of Los Angeles, as follows:

On May 1, 1904, it was my privilege, on the invitation of the Official Board, to become one of the pastors of this First Church of the Nazarene, of Los Angeles, California.

Accordingly on that date I surrendered my parchments, as deacon and elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, to the Conference Secretary, Rev. J. A. Matlack, and sent my letter of withdrawal from the ministry and membership of that church, to my former presiding elder, and with my family took up my residence in this city and entered immediately upon the work of the Lord.

1. *Membership* The membership of this church is now numbered at 1700, which includes those members who are in attendance at the various missions that are not yet organized as separate churches. The personnel of this membership for real earnest, hearty and self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of Christ will take first rank. While the membership is placed at the above number, yet there are a considerable number of them who have gone or removed from the city, and as there is not any Church of the Nazarene in the places to which they have gone, they have left their membership here and consequently a goodly number are not present with us. Their names are on the roll of the church and they are entitled to membership if they should return, or a letter of dismissal whenever they ask for them. The church membership is continually increasing, yet many of them are transients, and desire to have their names recorded here until such time as a Church of the Nazarene may be organized in their community.

2. *Services.* The services of the church are many and varied, and yet always have in view the conversion and sanctification of the people by the power of God through the operation of the Holy Spirit.

The Sabbath morning service, generally conducted by Dr. P. F. Bresee, is always very largely attended by the hosts of people from far and near, as but two of the outer appointments, up to this time, have held services at the morning hour. With the freshness of physical strength and a keen desire for the pure Word of God, the people are always graciously blessed, and the sermon, delivered with blessings and unction, brings power and victory. It is the usual custom and privilege at this service to receive the new members into the church as they gladly come to unite with us in holy fellowship and battle.

The evening service, usually in charge of Rev. Charles V. La Fontaine, partakes more generally of an evangelistic nature, and longer time is permitted for the altar service than is convenient at the morning hour, on account of other pressing service in the midst of the day.

The mass holiness meeting at 3 p. m. on the Sabbath is always a great gathering for prayer, a short message, victorious testimonies from the saints, and usually results in seekers finding the blessings of salvation.

The Tuesday afternoon holiness meeting is a largely attended gathering of saints and seekers. Victory and blessing are as regular as the meeting, and many precious souls will ever remember this meeting as the birth place of spiritual life and the fountain of cleansing from all sin.

The mid-week prayer and praise service held on Wednesday evening is after the usual order of gatherings of the Church of the Nazarene. To be appreciated they need to be attended.

The work among the young people is encouraging and bids fair to be much more a gracious blessing to the church than ever before. The Sabbath meetings are divided between the young ladies at the meeting of Company E and the young men at the Brotherhood of St. Stephen.

Both of these meetings are largely attended and are under the direction of competent leaders, who guide them forth victoriously in the way of salvation.

The Friday evening service is devoted especially to the young people. It is large, victorious and successful.

The Sabbath School is efficiently officered at the present time with a splendid superintendent and a very fine corps of teachers and helpers. The attendance while good and growing, ought to be very materially increased.

3. *The Missions.* As you all know, this Church stands as the head and mother of all the churches, and as is natural in a family there are some children to look after.

There is Mateo Street doing good work and growing like a cedar in Lebanon and is being carefully and prayerfully guarded by our sister, Mrs. Lucy P. Knott who will report more fully.

The Mission at Pasadena is under the charge of Rev. S. B. Rhodes. They need at the present, a little encouragement to set up housekeeping for themselves and to rise up and build. The pastor will tell us more fully about this important field.

The work at Ocean Park, with an efficient pastor, Rev. B. H. Kennedy, is being blessed of the Lord.

The Elysian Heights are situated near our own beautiful city on the foot hills where our brothers, J. H. McIntyre and J. A. Jaynes have for some years led the people in the Heights Elysian and many have found the fullness of the blessing.

Vernon has grown and recently become of age. Like all people who are large enough to do so she has thought

that she could keep house all by herself. While she loves the mother church no less dearly, she loves the people about her more earnestly and has begun to keep open house for the saving of the people. Recently a church was organized and a house of worship has been built.

Not only has this Church stood as sponser for the various missions around about, but it has had to stand as the backbone of other great interests.

The Nazarene Messenger, the Pacific Bible College, the Spanish and Chinese Missions in this city have been necessarily, hitherto, largely dependent upon this church which has generously striven to make provision for them.

There is but one method of raising money employed by the First Church of the Nazarene, and that is simply putting it freely on the altar of the church for use as seems best. The free-will offerings of the people have been the only source of income.

The great object of all the services and work is to so preach Christ and to so lift Him up as to draw all men unto Him, and to point sinners to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

Rev. Lucy P. Knott's report of the Mateo Street Church was as follows:

The mission is situated in the lower part of the city near the river. Perhaps there can be found in no other vicinity the peculiar oppositions which the work there has encountered. The Catholic element is very large and directly because of the influence of the mission, a Catholic church has just been completed about a block away. Just before its erection the Catholic priest visited one of our members—a converted Catholic—and tried to wrest her Bible from her hand, saying he would burn it.

In house to house visiting we find an alarming amount of Infidel and Christian Science opposition to the truth.

We find our fruit must be hand-picked and God is blessing our efforts. "Holiness to the Lord is our motto," and the spirit of perfect unity among the members is one earnest of the Spirit for greater things.

We have a membership of 56, including the children. The majority of our members observe the tithing system of giving. The church also tithes all the basket collections. Many of the members contribute to First Church in the Sunday morning offering, and all our needs are richly supplied.

During the past year we have been permitted to contribute \$58.40 to missionary work, and through the church \$120.00 has been paid out for benevolences.

C. A. Snelling reported that the Vernon Church now had a membership of 50, and that souls were being saved and sanctified continually.

Elysian Heights was reported by Bro. J. H. McIntyre. He said that a constant stream of victory had been enjoyed. The field had been well visited by Sisters Jaynes and McIntyre.

S. B. Rhodes reported for Pasadena and in a very pleasing way spoke of how God had led them during the year.

Sister Cornwall brought greetings from the Church at Berkeley, saying that the work was going on with considerable degree of earnestness and blessedness. Berkeley is a difficult field but God is blessing the earnest band of saints there, both in the church work and also in the street meetings.

R. Pierce spoke for the work at Boise, Idaho, saying that much blessing as well as suffering had been the lot of the little band there. God had blessed the work, and the membership was now forty, with a Sabbath school of eighty. A Co. E had been recently formed for work among the girls and young women.

Rev. S. S. Chafe reported for Cucamonga a membership of forty-five. The Lord is greatly blessing this church and souls are being saved and sanctified wholly.

Bro. Chafe also brought a blessed report from Uplands, California, souls also being saved and sanctified there.

Bro. B. H. Kennedy reported for the Church at Ocean Park, Cal. The Lord is blessing and the membership increasing, and conviction is on the people.

Mrs. DeLance Wallace then reported for the work in Washington, great with victory at Spokane, as well as trial. Souls are being saved and sanctified wholly. The membership is 149, with all debts paid.

Sister Wallace also reported for Garfield, Wash., which has a membership of nineteen with a promising outlook at this point.

Sister E. L. Reid then brought in a report from Oakland, Cal., Membership thirty, with a promise of \$5,000 for a church building. Souls are being saved and sanctified.

Bro. Nilson also spoke a few words of encouragement from Oakland.

Sister McReynolds gave a report from the Spanish Mission. Many are being saved and sanctified.

The Secretary then read a report from Rev. I. G. Martin of our Chicago church which has a Sunday school membership of 125 and a church membership of 190. The finances are in excellent condition, the offerings average \$50 to \$60 per week. The past three months there have been 200 seekers at the altar.

Rev. L. B. Kent then spoke briefly on the Chicago Work. A report was read from Brother Herbert Starkey, pastor at Howard, Kansas, and a report from Rev. W. J. Rogers, of Berkeley.

A report from Rev. Wm. B. Golden, of Canton, Ill., was read, in connection with which Bro. Will J. Gibbs gave a brief report of the Maple's Mill charge as it was when he left Illinois.

A report was also read from C. W. Pattee, of Denver, Indiana.

Reports were then read from the following evangelists and workers in the field: W. C. Wilson, Dr. Stephen Bowers and Rev. M. L. Custer.

After Committee work was announced the Assembly adjourned.

THIRD DAY—Friday, Nov. 4.

The Assembly was called to order at 9 a. m. Brother August Nilson led the devotional services.

The minutes of the second day of the Assembly were read and approved.

C. V. La Fontaine moved that the Secretary be instructed to edit and publish the Minutes of the Assembly.

The Secretary was also instructed to appoint an assistant who is a resident of Los Angeles.

A report was read from Rev. C. W. Ruth, which stated that he had traveled over twenty thousand miles, conducted twenty-one revival and camp-meetings, in addition to several conventions of a few days. In these meeting about two thousand souls have been seekers.

A report was also read from John E. Mains, an evangelist to the prisons, as follows:

"About my work for the Lord, I have visited about 40 jails, workhouses and reform schools. On my trip east, so far as I could tell, about 100 souls were saved, men and women. About 1000 hands asked for prayer. My Temperance and Prohibition methods of carrying the Sandwich sign has reached at least 5,000,000 people, by the papers permitting accounts of it. I marched down a solid line of people Labor Day in St. Louis nearly seven miles long. At least 75,000 or 100,000 people saw my Sandwich sign."

Sister Colborn was introduced and spoke of the outlook for the work at Seattle, Wash. She was looking forward to the time when Seattle would have a live Church of the Nazarene.

A partial report was rendered from the Committee on General Legislation, which was adopted as follows:

"Your Committee on General Legislation report as follows—That all persons coming to us with parchments of Ordination as Deacons from regular established churches, which recognize two orders of ordination, as Deacons and Elders, be received into the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene as Elders."

The Committee on Orders rendered their report, which was approved as follows:

"We recommend that the credentials of the following

brethren be recognized and approved as Elders in the Church of the Nazarene: Chas. V. La Fontaine, L. B. Kent, Penrose G. Linewaaver, Robt. L. Vickers, Nathan P. Steves, Mrs. S. E. Taylor and W. B. Golden.

"We recommend that Herbert J. Starkey, Herbert Buffum, Mrs. Lillie Buffum, J. H. McIntyre, S. B. Rhodes and C. J. Kinney be elected to Elder's orders.

"We recommend that there be issued to Milton H. Nichols, parchments as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in the place of those reported to be lost.

S. S. CHAFE.

CHAS. V. LA FONTAINE, Sec'y.

It was arranged that the ordination of these brethren should take place at the afternoon service of the following Sabbath.

An Advisory Board was then elected, composed of C. V. La Fontaine and J. P. Coleman, elders, and C. E. McKee and Leslie F. Gay, layman.

Rev. P. F. Bresee, D.D., was re-elected as General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene by the Secretary being instructed to cast a ballot for his unanimous election.

It was voted that a committee of three be appointed to nominate a Missionary Board. The Chairman appointed C. V. La Fontaine, Leslie F. Gay and Mrs. A. T. Armour as this committee.

The students of the Pacific Bible College were then introduced to the Assembly, and sung a most precious song, to the edification of the saints present.

Miss Leora Maris read the report of the Educational Committee, which was adopted. (See report)

A report was then read from the Committee on Publishing Interests and adopted. (See report)

An interesting discussion was held in reference to the NAZARENE MESSENGER and a resolution was adopted approving the NAZARENE MESSENGER as the official organ of the church.

Bro. C. E. McKee was appointed to represent the interests of the Church at the meeting of the stockholders of the Nazarene Publishing Co.

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The Committee on Prohibition rendered their report, which was adopted. (See report)

Brother Gay brought in the report of the Committee on Missions, which was enthusiastically adopted. (See report)

Bro. M. Luchiga, a Spanish student in the Bible College, was introduced to the Assembly and spoke briefly of the Lord's leadings.

The Assembly then adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

FRIDAY, Nov. 4, Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session of the Assembly opened at 2:30, with a devotional service led by Bro. Steves.

The Secretary read the minutes of the morning session which were approved.

The Committee on Legislation rendered the balance of their report, which, after some minor corrections, was adopted. (See report)

Sister De Lance Wallace read the report from the Committee on Young People's Work, and also gave a brief account of the work among the young people of Spokane Church.

After considerable discussion by several brethren on this subject, in which were given many helpful suggestions in reference to young people's work, the report was adopted. (See report)

C. W. Raymond read a report from the Committee on the State of the Church, which was adopted. (See report)

The Committee appointed to nominate the Mission Board presented the following names, which were ratified:

Rev. P. F. Bresee, Mrs. L. L. Ernest, Will J. Gibbs, C. E. McKee, Lilly D. Bothwell, Mrs. M. L. Seymour, Mrs. J. H. McIntyre, Leora Maris, Mrs. M. E. Hollowell, M. B. Hervey, Mrs. A. T. Armour, Mrs. L. P. Knott, Mrs. A. F. McReynolds, L. F. Gay, C. V. La Fontaine, Mrs.

M. E. Bresee, Mrs. LaFontaine, Mrs. Schollenberger.

An Executive Committee on Orders was appointed consisting of the General Superintendent, J. P. Coleman, C. V. La Fontaine and Mrs. Lucy P. Knott, to receive and recognize credentials from organized churches during the interim of the General Assembly.

The Committee on Sunday Schools rendered their report which was adopted.

Leslie F. Gay read the following report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted, as follows:

WHEREAS, God in His abundant mercy and kind providence has preserved the life and health of our beloved General Superintendent to us, we hope and pray that many years of continued and increasing health, blessing and victory may be his; therefore be it

Resolved, That we falter not in our efforts to substantially support and hold up his hands in this great and noble work in all its departments; also, that we hereby tender to him our heartfelt thanks for his wise, loving and tender administration in his rulings on all questions coming before this body.

Resolved, That this Assembly tender its thanks to those who have so generously tendered their hospitality in entertaining the delegates from afar during their attendance at this our annual Assembly.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the daily Press of the city for its kindness in so fully writing up the daily work of this Assembly.

Resolved, That we recognize the necessity of an Evangelist in the field to organize Churches of the Nazarene where so needed.

Resolved, That it is the judgment of the Assembly that our dear Brother, Rev. C. W. Ruth, should give more attention to the organizing of churches in the field of his evangelistic labors.

A report was then read from Rev. J. A. Smith of Omaha, Neb., concerning his labors as District Superintendent during the past year.

Sister Bothwell gave a very encouraging report of the work at Sawtelle.

A Committee on Church Records was elected, composed of C. V. La Fontaine, J. H. McIntyre and Mrs. A. T. Armour.

A Committee of seven, to form a Legislative Commission to whom is to be submitted all questions of law and advices, was elected, composed of the following: Dr. P. F. Bresee, C. V. La Fontaine, J. H. McIntyre, J. P. Coleman, Mrs. A. T. Armour, L. B. Kent and R. Pierce.

It was resolved that the Assembly recommend to the consideration of the Official Boards of our churches the setting aside of one-tenth of the collections for Mission work.

The Assembly instructed the Secretary to prepare a statistical report blank, to be supplied to all pastors of our Church.

The Secretary read the report of the Statistical Secretary which showed a very healthy condition of the Church at large.

Brother Kent recommended the tithing plan to our people.

It was voted that—provided an invitation be presented to hold the next session of the General Assembly East of the Rockies—the Executive Committee be instructed to consult with the General Superintendent.

There being no other business, the Secretary read the minutes, which were approved, and the Ninth Annual General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene adjourned with a season of thanksgiving and prayer.

Anniversaries.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

THE First Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society of the Church of the Nazarene was held on Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Bresee, President of the Board, presiding. After a glorious season of singing and prayer, he spoke on the relations of the Church of the Nazarene to the people of the world, saying that "one teacher baptized with the Holy Ghost is worth more than one hundred without it to bring men to God. Primarily it is our work to preach holiness. We have to plow and raise a crop before we can go out much in organizing the work in foreign fields."

Sister Leora Maris read a very interesting paper on the unequal use of the mean's God has given us, urging for the Mission cause a liberality equal to that which we allow ourselves.

Sister A. F. McReynolds, who has charge of the Spanish work in Los Angeles, said she was glad to have the privilege to tell the glorious story of salvation to the Spanish people. "It would be needful for you to see the crowded condition in which the Spanish live, to understand how subject they are to immoral surroundings." After three months' work there had been forty seekers. Two of the Spanish converts are making preparation to go out into the work. Sister McReynolds related many interesting incidents of God's gracious leadings in the work and how many were seeking the light of the Gospel; and she looked forward to the time when we should have a Spanish Church of the Nazarene in the midst of Mexico. The gracious address moved and inspired the audience to renewed giving.

Sister Hallowell, who is called the "Mother of the Chinese work," said that Jesus had been in the front of the work and she had just been following on. She related how the work was placed on her heart, and how the Lord had promised the means to erect a mission building, which is now opened and the work being carried on. Four Chinese boys gave their hearts to God on a recent night.

Bro. Ko Chow, the leader of the Chinese Mission, said he was so happy that God had opened this work. "I saw a Chinaman today who said he desired to unite with the Church on next Sunday. We teach the people that Jesus cleans up all—cleans the heart first." He gave a recital of how God had saved him and led him all the way, and for many years he had never asked any one for any money.

These inspiring Missionary addresses deeply impressed the people with the need of more earnest efforts in the work among the foreign people, especially at our doors.

COMPANY E.

Sister Wood read a very interesting report from Company E of the First Church which combined an historical statement of how the Company had been formed, and the purpose and rapid rise and progress of the work among young women.

The following is a brief report of this work among the young women: The number of members belonging to Co. E up to Nov. 1st, 1904, is 276, an increase of fifty members, of whom thirty-four are living in other places but retain their membership.

The dear Lord has helped us in the financial interests of Co. E. During the year beginning Nov. 1, 1903 and ending Oct. 16, 1904 we have paid out \$207.65 for benevolences. Of this sum \$56.25 was donated by outside friends. For Home and Foreign mission work we have collected \$110.92 through special collections and monthly offerings

and have paid out \$90.99 leaving a balance of \$19.33 in the treasury.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. STEPHEN.

Bro. Hendricks, who has the lead of the young men of the Brotherhood, said that the past year had been one of great blessing to the young men. It was organized about six years ago, with seven members, but soon grew until it now numbers 102 if all were present. All members must have a thorough conversion and be a member of some Church of the Nazarene. There are limitations upon the rapid increase of this band because of the tourist nature of this city. There are young men on the foreign field today, giving their lives for the cause of Christ from our band. There have been 49 seekers at the altars of our meetings; \$473 have been raised for our room as well as money for benevolences and mission work. This address of Bro. Hendricks was a very earnest and practical one.

Sister Gay followed by saying that young men and young women are the hope of the Church of the Nazarene and gave a very interesting talk as to how God had led her in the work among young men.

Bro. Will Gibbs said he loved young people's work, and surely God's blessing was upon it. He related his experience among the churches he had visited during his recent work in the East.

Sister Wallace, of Spokane, said they had both societies in the Spokane church, and they were pushing full salvation, for God. The purpose of their meetings is that young people should get a real, definite experience of heart purity.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Bro. Deitz, Superintendent of the Sabbath School of the

First Church, said that Sabbath School work was next to that of the Church itself. A Sabbath School is a necessity to a Church of the Nazarene. In much holiness work in the country, this work among the children has been very much neglected. We can reach many families only by way of the children.

Sister Clark made an earnest plea for parents to nurse their children for God and train them for eternal things.

Sister Schollenberger said there was a famine in the land for the Word of God, but thanked God her soul was satisfied this afternoon. She spoke of the need of teaching the Word of God to the young, and related how God had graciously dealt with her in her conversion and sanctification.

Reports.

Following are the reports of Standing Committees as reported to and adopted by the Ninth Annual Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene:

Educational Interests.

In connection with the great work of spreading Scriptural holiness, to which the Church of the Nazarene has been called of God, one of the paramount necessities is the education of our young people in the Word of God under the power and illumination of the Holy Ghost. As much of the denominational Church has largely departed from the faith once delivered to the saints, so the great majority of the Theological schools are more and more becoming honey-combed with so-called higher criticism concerning the Word itself, and "higher thought" is taking the place of that simple faith that can alone receive the revelation of God's thoughts through His Word.

False doctrine and fanaticism characterize the present day and the coming workmen of the Church of the Nazarene must be those who have studied to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. It was in the providence of God to meet this need by establishing the Pacific Bible College, and He called the Church of the Nazarene to organize an institution where the hundreds of its future workers shall be so taught in the Word that by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Bible doctrine of holiness through the Atonement shall be so burned into their intellects, and the experience into their hearts, that through the students who shall go out from it in the years which are to come, the Church of the Nazarene shall spread holiness to the ends of the earth.

The financial foundations of this institution were laid by Brother and Sister Herbert Johnson, Sister M. L. Seymour

and the Church of the Nazarene. Brother and Sister Johnson gave literally all they had except a roof over their heads. Sister Seymour gave gladly, but until she felt it keenly, and the Church of the Nazarene in faith assumed a financial burden of \$3,000, even while the new Tabernacle was yet unfinished. The foundation being thus laid, God has committed to the Church of the Nazarene a sacred trust to build upon these foundations a large and well equipped Bible institution for the teaching of Bible holiness that shall be nurtured and supported by the Church, until it shall have a capacity in the coming years for the training of sufficient workers to supply the demand of the rapidly growing work of the Church of the Nazarene.

The foundations God has laid are not small, already the Church owns a frontage of 200 feet on one of the best streets in the city, a fourth of a block from a street car line, and fifty feet more, with buildings, will in the providence of God, be added to this later on. The present buildings are sufficient for the accommodation of eighteen boarding students and about thirty outside students.

Already missionaries have gone out from the College to South America and to China, and others into the Home work. The faculty of the College and course of study is one that from an educational point of view would take front rank with any of the established Bible Schools in the land and from a holiness point of view is one, thank God, so radical it would scarcely be tolerated in any one of them. The College is now only in the beginning of its third year and already about one hundred students have taken its training for either a longer or shorter time, while two young men have taken the full course and received its diploma, one of whom is this year taking a post graduate course in the College, and the present Senior class now numbers three. Our Chinese brother, Ko Ghow, is now taking a part of the course, and our Spanish brother, Jaun attended the classes most of the last year, and arrangements are being made for our Spanish brother, Mariena, to be in the school during the present year.

The Board endeavored to place the expense of attending the College within the reach of all, charging only \$100 per year and two hours work per day, for board, room, lights, tuition and books. But even this amount has been found to be more than some of the students, who give every evidence of having God's call upon them, find it possible to

pay, and both last year and this year different persons with the interests of the work upon their hearts have paid the expenses of several students who could not otherwise have been in the College. The small charge made to boarding students does not nearly cover the expenses of the institution, although the president, vice president, principal, teachers and matron give their services without any charge whatever.

The Official Board of the First Church has assumed the taxes and interest on the mortgage of \$3,000 and has appropriated \$150 towards meeting the many expenses; while last year a collection of over \$100 was given by the First Church and other friends of the College gave over \$50.

We thank God for the wonderful spirit of harmony and deep love and devotion to its interest on the part of every student. The doctrine of entire sanctification seems to have reached both head and heart, and shines out in the daily home life of every student in the College family. The blessing of the Lord has rested upon the College from its beginning in a very abundant measure and in closing we can but continue to seek unto God, "unto God do we commit our cause, Who doeth great things and unsearchable; marvelous things without number, and He bringeth things to pass."

LUCY P. KNOTT, LEORA MARIS, L. D. BOTHWELL,
S. O. LAW. C. J. KINNEY.

Publishing Interests.

To the Ninth Annual Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene

GREETINGS:—The Board of Directors of the Nazarene Publishing Company are pleased to report to you a fair degree of advancement during the past year. The good hand of our God is upon us in much blessing. He has enabled us to send out our white-winged MESSENGER bearing the tidings of full salvation fifty-one times during the past year (having asked the indulgence of our friends for the first week in February to spare us the extra labor of getting out the paper, as we were moving our plant to new and more commodious quarters.) With this exception it has

gone forth to those who were in hard and difficult places, bringing them in touch with the very heart-throbs of the Home Church; it has gone to the isolated and lonely hearts, bringing inspiration and cheering them in the way; it has carried to many hungry ones the Word of Life, yea even the life more abundant. It is not only a necessity in this great work to which God has called us, but has come to be one of the greatest agencies in the work. It is, in a way, the forerunner of the Church of the Nazarene, visiting and giving weekly messages in many homes, going into forty-five States of the Union and six foreign countries. The following items, as compared with the exhibit of last year, may be of interest:

One year ago we had reached a circulation of about one thousand, now we are issuing weekly 1600 copies; we have received less for the advertising, not having pushed that part of the service, having received last year \$543.70, this year \$461.55. We have received for job printing \$3,144.08, as against \$2249.61 for last year; for subscriptions \$998.71, last year \$895.98. We have in stock in the form of books and merchandise, value \$425.00, last year \$150.00.

The expense of moving and fitting up the new quarters to carry on the work, necessitated an outlay of about \$240.00. We have paid for labor beside this, \$2912.48, as against last year \$2524.35; this increase is partially due to the extra amount of work done and partly to the increase in the price of labor. We have paid for merchandise \$1162.10, last year \$1065.83, all of which show a steady advance and prosperity truly gratifying, and we believe we have about reached the point of placing the business where it will pay its regular running expenses from its various sources of income.

For a long time we had labored at great disadvantage and loss for the lack of a proper machine to print the paper and about the first of March the publishing committee decided to lay the matter before its friends and ask for a special offering to help in the purchase of a new press. Dr. Bresee presented the matter to the congregation in the First Church, and also to the friends and readers of the Paper everywhere, which resulted in an offering for the press amounting to \$1302.25. A fine new cylinder press and other supplies were added to the plant, amounting in the past year to over \$1600.00.

Dr. Bresee and some other friends have continually stood

by this branch of the work by personal investments and donations, and the official board of the First Church of this city has each year generously subsidized the paper to the amount of several hundred dollars, until today we look out upon a bright prospect and for great usefulness for our Church paper.

We would not forget the pastors and evangelists and other agencies who have so helped us by securing and sending in subscriptions, by continual prayers and sympathy.

The editors and publishers of the paper would be glad to greatly enrich and enlarge the paper, which can be easily done by the hearty co-operation of every pastor, evangelist, yes, every Nazarene putting their shoulder to the wheel and "helping just a little."

God has called us to this work and has raised up this agency and expects of each and every one our very best. Shall we not join hearts and hands to make this the best and greatest evangel of full salvation that is possible for it?

WM. P. TRUMBOWER, Sec'y.

Your Committee on Publishing Interests report as follows, That we have read with interest and profit the report of W. P. Trumbower, Secretary of the Nazarene Publishing Company, showing substantial gain, and we are glad to report that, while it is not entirely self-supporting as yet, it is fast becoming so, and through an increase in business and subscriptions to the Nazarene MESSENGER it will soon reach that much desired place.

We recognize the NAZARENE MESSENGER as a clear exponent of holiness teaching and its clear-cut holiness editorials and communications are a rich blessing to all the readers. We regard it as the established organ of the Church of the Nazarene, and as such we most urgently ask every pastor, evangelist, leader, worker and member to do their utmost to secure as many new subscriptions as possible. In view of the fact that the Publishing House needs every bit of revenue from the paper, we advise against the usual custom of pastors and others claiming the commission from new subscriptions until self-support is assured.

We advise that the management and editors enlarge the paper to sixteen pages just as soon as new subscribers enough have been received to enable them to do so, and to this end urge a most strenuous campaign for subscriptions.

We heartily commend the business ability and strict Christian integrity and upright Christian character of the Business Manager, as well as her unselfish devotion to the good of the Publishing Interests.

We are glad to announce the completion and partial sale of the Book of Sermons by Dr. P. F. Bresce, and commend it to all as a safe, sound and thorough holiness book.

The Publishing Co. carries a considerable line of splendid holiness literature, and we urge all our people and workers to push the sale of holiness literature everywhere.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. P. TRUMBOWER, F. HOWLAND, MRS. H. C. SEVIER,
CHAS. V. LA FONTAINE H. A. IRISH.

Young People's Work.

The importance of reaching the young people and giving them experience, place and work in our Church cannot be rightfully over-estimated. The world, society at large, the churches at large, even the Devil himself is bidding for the young people. We live in an age of pleasure-getting and commercialism on the one hand and a lifeless, cold, formal tide of so-called religion on the other. Each of which are over against us. And we are called to a heroism and an earnest, aggressive campaign for the souls of young people. If we have nothing better to offer young people than what they are getting elsewhere, then it is not worth while to undertake this field of holy effort.

Many of those that gather to our ranks are veterans and such must soon pass on to reward. If we do not secure the young a drop will occur in our ranks and the work will lag.

While it is true that we are not all agreed as to best methods and it is true that the methods of one place will not work well in another, yet the Church of the Nazarene does not work by rule, but in the power and leadership of the Holy Ghost. "If God be for us, who can prevail against us?"

Young people naturally seek their own and whether in the country or city, but especially in the country places and small cities, the young people spontaneously fall into place under some stronger mind or naturally endowed leader, and

often the influence is so firm that it can hardly be broken into. Only God by the Holy Ghost can break into such a band. Now what that represents in the world, needs to exist in the Church. Young people should be given place and position in the social meetings and official work of the Church.

Too little attention is given to placing in positions of responsibility, and placing the responsibility of meetings on the young people. Young people naturally and politely sit back if older people do the leading.

Where we have two organizations at present in our Church, and already recognized as doing most efficient work—one for the young ladies and one for the young men—it is not necessary to multiply other organizations. Each church will be governed by the circumstances that surround it. But we recommend that some of the general meetings of the church be thrown utterly on the young people to officer and lead under the guidance of the pastor, and that we recognize the ability of our young people to fill official positions on our Church Boards.

MRS. D. WALLACE, J. H. McINTYRE, WILL J. GIBBS,
MRS. E. L. REED, MRS. L. F. GAY.

Prohibition.

Your Committee on Prohibition beg leave to submit the following report:

We desire to re-affirm the emphatic declaration already made by the Church of the Nazarene, namely:

"Total abstinence from all intoxicants is the Christian rule for the individual, and total prohibition of the traffic is the duty of civil government. It cannot be licensed without sin, and voters in a Republic are responsible for the acts of the government. No voter can vote for license, or for a party favoring it, without becoming a partaker of the crime against humanity."

AND, WHEREAS, Crime is rampant in our city, and drunkenness and vice are on the increase, and the laws against the running of saloons, especially on the Sabbath day, are openly and notoriously violated, we should as far as possible help by our prayers and influence those self-sacrificing brethren in the ministry, Rev. Sidney C. Kendall and Rev.

Wiley J. Phillips, who are again inaugurating a campaign to rouse Christian sentiment against the accursed liquor traffic and the "social evil;" and, whereas, we note with satisfaction that the secular press concedes that the Church of the Nazarene is a Prohibition Church,

Resolved, That we will not only pass resolutions against this accursed traffic, but we will do all in our power to overthrow it, by our votes, by our labor, by our influence, and by our prayers. Signed:

H. N. ELLIOTT, D. H. ELY, G. C. CAMPBELL,
G. A. DARLING, AUG. W. NILSON.

Missions.

Your Committee on Missions respectfully make the following report:

Every Church of the Nazarene is a missionary church. It is not an accident that it is so, it is the result of individual Pentecosts, and is born out of the necessity for a world wide Holy Ghost evangelism.

Born out of the divine heart of God, a love unparalleled, mingling with the life blood of His own Son, whom He took to His own right hand—He thrust out into the world His last and greatest dispensation of grace—even the dispensation of the Holy Ghost.

Pentecost, long promised of the Father, was a new era such as the world had not seen before, which must be experienced to be appreciated, which the devil hates, but whose powerful life of love and fire should not only make man immortally glorious, but fit him to go out in the power and love of the risen Christ, everywhere whither He Himself would come.

Such with an all-consuming fire and with holy yearnings are not satisfied with gifts of money only; they hardly stand still long enough to say "send me," but hasten away on their mission somewhere, may be near by or far off, often not stopping to say "by your leave."

In the Church of the Nazarene you never know what is going to happen. The Holy Ghost Pentecosts cannot be confined between banks, and as no limit can be set to its power and glory, so no limit can be set to the results in the hearts and lives He touches.

This is the spring of all missionary effort which always begins at Jerusalem. The church that has no conversions or sanctifications cannot be said to be a missionary church whatever else she may be called. The gifts of a true missionary church are the gifts of holy devotion and supreme love to our Saviour and these are measured by the sacrifice they represent and through such the salvation of the lowly Nazarene is, by holy Ghost power, to be brought to bear in its revolutionizing effects close at hand as well as far off.

The theory that American civilization is too great to be effected by the Gospel needs to be broken down, and if the notion shall prevail without let or hindrance in these lands that revivals are a thing of the past and we are getting too civilized for a Blood religion, then no amount of money sent to foreign nations can long avail to promote revivals there.

It seems hardly to be questioned by thoughtful people whether heaven does not consider the heathen of America worse off, in view of past light and an inefficient Church, than the heathen of India or Japan.

When Pentecost with all it means, the sanctifying power and presence of the Holy Ghost, is relegated to old-time, back-wood's campmeetings and such like places by the churches of this land, it is time for Pentecost to come again in power to Jerusalem and burn its way well into a few thousand from which it may then go to Samaria and on out to the uttermost parts of the earth.

It is a fact that we are on missionary ground vaster and more needy today than the most keen-eyed of us now see. As strange as it may seem to many, God is more anxious for a holy Church than He is for the conversion of the heathen, if the two could be possibly separated.

Brethren, the Church of the Nazarene has a mission to America; and America must be saved for the sake of the other parts of the world. If we ever lose sight of our call in this land we shall have no need to exist for any land—the Spirit of Pentecost did more in missionary effort than the money at Pentecost—and only the Spirit of Pentecost makes the money at Pentecost common for all the needy.

The planting of one hundred new churches in prominent centers this coming year would be the greatest line of missionary effort we could well give our attention to, and

would soon give us a basis for distinctively foreign work in the various fields that are so needy.

We learn that considerable thought and investigation of the work and openings in the various fields in India has been carried on during the last year by our Missionary Board and that they will undoubtedly be ready by the time our work has been strongly fixed in this country to establish at least one strong central headquarters for our work in India as later on in the other needy countries as the Lord by His Spirit shall direct.

Three thousand to five thousand dollars will some of these days be given, we trust, to place ourselves on a firm footing in India. We greatly rejoice that God has given us two missions in two foreign nations in this land—one in Mexico of this city, and the other in China of this city. The like of these two missions we believe does not exist elsewhere, in these modern days, certainly not if their age be considered. With no money in sight the Board has decided that Sister McReynolds shall have \$20 per month to pay the rent of the hall and all other expenses. If anything is left she shall have it. Such heroic sacrifice and such decided results as are seen in this mission is not often seen anywhere.

Forty-eight dollars is to be apportioned to the China Mission for the payment of rent and the living expenses of a most efficient Christian Chinaman, who gives all his time day and night to this work there, provided in both cases that the money comes into the treasury.

We respectfully recommend that these two foreign missions be the first two foreign children that we adopt, and that as far as possible each of our churches have a share in their future success—praying that God will save, sanctify, qualify by thoroughly imbuing with the Nazarene methods and spirit a goodly number from each of these nationalities to go out on the first train, after we are fully ready, to establish headquarters in their parent countries.

The NAZARENE MESSENGER is our own missionary child and has a place in our hearts and in the work that no other child can fill. We earnestly recommend that each local church seek to double its present subscription list, and our Publishers be urged to enlarge the paper as soon as practicable.

The Bible Schools springing up everywhere seems to indicate plainly that God does not expect to carry on His

Holiness work by men from anti-holiness schools. It looks as if our future leaders and teachers would have to be furnished from within our own borders, and that our own Bible School would be a most efficient arm of our Missionary work. We therefore recommend that our people everywhere pray for its success, aiding as far as practicable young people in entering the school and maintaining them there; these will make history for us after we have been in heaven many a year.

Too much money of the Holiness people is solicited by circular letters and lecturers going from place to place who themselves are anti-holiness people, or are the representatives of some organization that is. We therefore recommend that we build up through our own church board our own institutions, and so far as practicable send all contributions to them for distribution even though the donors choose the object for which it is contributed.

We also recommend that a Missionary meeting be held once a quarter in our Nazarene Sunday Schools, and at least twice yearly in our churches, when our own Missionary agencies and missions can be represented and our Bible School be brought to the attention of the parents and the young people of our church.

All of which is lovingly and prayerfully submitted.

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General Legislation.

That an Executive Committee of three Elders, together with the General Superintendent, be appointed, and authorized to receive and recognize credentials during the interim of the General Assembly.

Your committee believe that a more complete statement of doctrine and advices should be made, and they ask that they be permitted to suggest and publish revisional statements for the consideration of the General Church, and that a Commission of seven members be appointed by this Assembly to receive these statements, and complete the work and present it to the next General Assembly.

That the Secretary or other person, be appointed to prepare a Statistical Report blank, to be supplied to all pastors

or leaders previous to the next General Assembly, and that the reports received be tabulated and read to the Assembly and printed in the Assembly Minutes.

That a Committee of three pastors be appointed to prepare a uniform Church Record book, and that all pastors or official Boards supply themselves with a copy, and that proper official records be kept at every church and mission.

That one or more active and graciously qualified person may be elected from the membership to the office of Church Deacon for a term of two years.

State of The Church.

We feel in our hearts a deep sense of gratitude to our Allwise and loving Heavenly Father,

First: for His gracious providences in preserving and furthering the work of the Church of the Nazarene, so that in fulfillment of His promise no evil has befallen us nor any plague come nigh our dwelling, and in continuing to give us such able and faithful leadership in the persons of our dearly beloved General Superintendent and his chief assistants.

Secondly: For His peculiar guidance, and His special providences, keeping us from formality on the one hand and fanaticism and wildfire on the other. There has been no schism, but by the power of the Holy Ghost the Word has been preached with power sent down from heaven, has run and been glorified in the conversion and entire sanctification of multitudes of precious souls. We praise the thrice-blessed Trinity for the sun and shield and the shadow of the Almighty.

Our Responsibility. As we have heard the reports from the various fields, we are filled with holy awe and our hearts exclaim, "See what God hath wrought."

The achievements of the past are glorious, but bring us face to face with new problems such as have never yet been solved, save in the mind of God, whose mind we must earnestly seek to know. The responsibility upon us is the question of the hour. We hear the Macedonian call coming from everywhere. How shall we give answer? The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

We cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of planting our Church in the larger cities of this country, creating by the power of God great centers of fire which shall glow and burn until the river, the streams whereof make glad the city of our God, shall flow to the ends of the earth. The need of the hour is that the Gospel of full salvation be carried to the hungry multitudes. In the words of our Superintendent, "Christianity must be Christianized." Therefore, brethren in the ministry, "we charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom, preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time has come when many will not endure sound doctrine, but are heaping to themselves teachers having itching ears."

The Outlook. Beloved, God is marching on. The coming year should see us double ourselves, not simply in numbers nor essentially in ecclesiastical prestige, but in purity, piety and faith. The outlook is better than ever before in our history, and the uplook is now the essential thing. We do not especially need to seek for numbers, many are seeking a home with us; we only need to keep the fire burning that will segregate the chaff from the wheat. Keep out of the doldrum, with our sails unfurled to the heavenly breezes and the "rushing mighty wind" of the Holy Ghost will waft us on our way with much precious cargo for the port of glory.

Finally, the Lord says to us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day: "Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee, for behold the darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall rise upon thee and His glory shall be seen upon thee, and the Gentiles shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about and see, all they gather themselves together, they come to thee, thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see and flow together, and thine heart shall fear and be enlarged because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee."

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

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Sunday Schools.

To the Ninth Annual Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene.

GREETINGS:—We, your Sunday School Committee beg leave to report that we recommend that our Sunday schools avoid worldly entertainments, such as Santa Clause and church theatricals, also that we impress on the minds of the children the necessity of contributing to the Church and missionary cause.

The Sunday school is one of the most blessed and profitable fields for labor in the Church of the Nazarene. The study of the Bible in youth is often the basis of a Christian character in after years and ought to be made a powerful agency in all our churches. Too many suppose the Sunday school is a place only for the young and when they cease to be young that they have graduated from it by reason of years, but it is most blessed in its helpfulness in the lives of all who place themselves under its hallowed influences.

The Sunday Schools of our churches should command the first attention of the very best spiritual instructors that we can produce. No one that is inefficient or not filled with the Spirit of God and the spirit of the lesson, should be allowed to teach in our schools.

Our schools are not like many other schools, carried on simply to make children good after the ordinary meaning of that term, but with a constant expectation that souls will be saved or come under conviction of the Spirit, and when they do, all other work should immediately cease and that soul be brought to God. And the same should be true in expecting the sanctification of children.

A Sunday school that does not have more or less of conversions and sanctifications in the classes or in the school is hardening the hearts of those who attend. The Gospel must be accepted or its constant rejection hardens the heart. Teach children also to reverence the house of God and the fear of offending Jesus.

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Church Statistics.

The following is an incomplete report of the numerical and financial condition of the Church of the Nazarene:

No. of Churches and Missions	24
No. of Elders and Licensed Preachers	62
No. of Members	2,900
No. of Sunday School Teachers and Scholars	1,774
Value of church property	\$68,000
Debt on church property	14,665
Raised for ministerial support	6,500
Raised for missions and other benevolences	3,200