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An Inescapable Conclusion

By G. B. Williamson, D.D.

FOR THE CHURCH of the Nazarene to be consistent it must demonstrate an intense zeal for missions.

We believe there is one God, spiritual, eternal, and unchangeable. We also believe that Jesus Christ is His only begotten Son, who came into the world to disclose to all men the knowledge of the only true God. We believe in the inspiration of the holy Scriptures and that they contain a full and adequate revelation of God and declare a universal atonement by which all men may be saved through faith in Christ. We contend that without Christ all men are lost eternally. The unmistakable inference of our doctrinal position, then, is that every Christian is duty-bound to do all in his power to carry out the demands of the Great Commission.

In the realm of Christian experience we believe in entire sanctification. Complete consecration is a condition for obtaining this blessing. This full and eternal commitment to do all God's will must be maintained if the cleansing power of the blood of Christ is to be retained. Consecration cannot be passive; it requires active obedience to all of the unfolding will of God for our lives. Consecration is for purification, but it is also for service according to God's holy purpose. God has made it plain that it is His will that all men shall be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Therefore, every Christian enjoying the experience of holiness is to engage in a soul-saving ministry until the last man on earth has heard the gospel or until Christ comes again.

Unless our deeds belie our words, every member of the Church of the Nazarene accepts his full share of responsibility for the evangelization of the world. The discharge of that obligation includes maintaining a radiant testimony, devoted service according to the opportunity and ability God giveth, and sacrificial giving to the cause of missions.

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And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring. John 10:16.

A MONTHLY JOURNAL DEVOTED TO THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY INTERESTS OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE—
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It Was a Thrill!

FIVE THOUSAND MILES of missionary travel affording contacts with our workers in three countries presented a picture of missionary activity which was truly thrilling.

Under the jurisdiction of Dr. G. B. Williamson and the leadership of District Superintendent Rev. Enrique Rosales and Rev. David Sol, two splendid mission districts of the Church of the Nazarene are operating in Mexico, a country with 25,000,000 people.

Eight states were represented by the 104 delegates who gathered in Guadalajara for the Ninth Annual Assembly of the North Mexican District, November 26 through 28.

From the mountain villages and centers of population they journeyed many weary miles to conduct the business of the Kingdom. What a thrill to hear gospel songs from a people so recently removed from superstition and idolatry!

Approximately four hundred people crowded into Guadalajara First Church. Every seat was occupied and people were standing along the walls to enjoy the preaching of the Word. Rev. Enrique Rosales and his fifty-six national workers are to be congratulated for the orderly manner in which the business of the assembly was conducted. To realize that in nine years such a change could be wrought in a people was abundant proof of the value of missions.

All of the seven states where Nazarene missions are being operated in South Mexico were represented in the assembly at Veracruz, December 1-3.

Reports of the national pastors indicated that gratifying progress has been made. Oftentimes great persecution accompanied their efforts. Brother Daniel Perez, working in the village of Tecomaxusco near the mountains, suffered a severe machete wound for the gospel's sake. In Apalpan, Puebla, Brother Rogelio Rodriquez be-

gan a new work last September. There was intense opposition, but many of the people who persecuted him were converted, and some were present for the assembly. Brother Valentino Dorantes was called to a certain village, only to discover that they did not want Bibles as pretended, but that they had called him there to kill him because of his previous work among the inhabitants. His grave had been dug before he arrived. Kneeling beside the open grave, he prayed for his persecutors. The prayer gave evidence of the fact that he knew it was his last. The persecutors were so impressed that they decided the counsel which they had followed was wrong. Christianity has won a major victory in that village. What a thrill it was to hear such reports!

The contacts in Cuba were very limited, since they were confined to a five-hour period. However, Rev. and Mrs. Prescott and Rev. and Mrs. Hall made them precious hours. The Bible school property recently purchased near Havana is conservatively nice—adequate and simple, but substantial and beautiful. The work is encouraging from every standpoint.

It was a pleasure to meet Dr. Samuel Young in Miami for a trip to Puerto Rico. Our visit lasted one week and included services in Barceloneta, Ponce, Carolina, and San Juan. The fellowship was rich and the mission contacts were inspiring. Rev. J. R. Lebron-Velazquez and his workers are making steady progress toward self-support.

A district radio broadcast, "The March of Faith," is carried over a network of twenty stations. The Sunday following the assembly was rally day in the two San Juan Sunday schools. The total attendance was 821, First Church having 547, and Second Church 274.

It was a thrill to visit Mexico, Cuba, and Puerto Rico. The work is substantial and effective. Your dollars are being transformed into the salvation of souls.

February Prayer Items

Call unto me, and I will answer thee . . . (Jer. 33:3).

1. Pray for our mission in Africa. Evangelistic, educational, and medical activities comprise the work of the district, which has sixty-four missionaries and is divided into three subdistricts. This is Miss Mary Cooper's birthday. Remember these faithful workers.

2. Pray that the new mission started on St. Vincent, one of the Cape Verde Islands, will be able to meet its demands. Already a peak Sunday-school attendance of 809 has been recorded. Mrs. Everette Howard is celebrating a birthday today, also Miss Elizabeth Clark in Africa.

3. Pray for the work at the Bible school in San Antonio, Texas. Students are trained for service in Spanish-speaking areas. The staff has a very significant task. Miss Lydia Wilke, in Cape Verde, celebrates a birthday today.

4. India needs prayer. With 480,000,000 people to be influenced, she offers one of the greatest opportunities for evangelism in the world. Twenty-five missionaries are stationed there and seventy-five national preachers assist them. Pray for these workers.

5. Pray for the new work in Haiti. Remember Rev. and Mrs. Paul Orjala as they pioneer this work. Their duties are strenuous and they need special strength and grace.

6. Twenty-five Nazarene missions have been opened in Cuba during the past five years. A Bible training school was recently opened. Such growth necessitates rapid adjustments. Pray for wisdom to be given to the missionaries in every decision.

7. "The March of Faith," a Nazarene radio broadcast on the island of Puerto Rico, is carried on twenty stations. Pray for this radio ministry, which reaches the Caribbean area.

8. Pray for the work in our four Mexican districts. Two are on this side of the border, and the others are in Mexico. Approximately five thousand members work under the leadership of one hundred and twenty national preachers. Millions need to be won to Christ.

9. This is World Day of Prayer. Pray for a world-wide revival which will bring peace to the nations of the earth. Pray that the church may not fail her Lord in the program of world evangelism.

"The devil may fence us around, but he cannot roof us in. We can always look up."—J. HUDSON TAYLOR.

10. Pray for the important work of the Indian Bible Training School at Lindrieth, New Mexico. Only twelve national preachers are ministering to their people on the North American Indian District. The need is great for more national workers.

11. The missionaries in the Philippine Islands are searching for a suitable and reasonable location for a Fitkin Memorial Bible School. Pray for divine guidance in this vital decision. A new work was started in September on the island of Mindoro. The workers need your prayers.

12. The Denton family in Montevideo, Uruguay, should have a large place in your prayers. Mrs. Denton is suffering from a heart ailment, and Rev. Denton is establishing a new work in this capital city. All workers in Argentina should be remembered.

13. China is in Communist hands. The missionaries were forced to withdraw in July, 1949. The national workers are carrying on alone. Pray that God will stay

the forces of Communism and prosper the efforts of the national church.

14. Pray for the missionaries who are home on furlough and in deputation work. The church needs to face its world responsibility and, in order to do so effectively, the vision must be given.

15. This is Miss Leona Youngblood's birthday. Let us pray for her dispensary work in Portuguese East Africa and for all nurses and doctors engaged in the ministry of healing. This work often opens the door for the preaching of the gospel.

16. The Spanish Department is sending literature to twenty-four countries. Pray that this holiness ministry by the printed page will result in a harvest of souls.

17. Pray for the work in Central America. The missions in Guatemala, British Honduras, and Nicaragua are prospering. Other areas are open to the gospel.

"Satan fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion."—SAMUEL CHADWICK.

18. Japan is a challenging opportunity. As in other fields, the great need is more trained national preachers. Pray that the Lord will direct in the construction of the Fitkin Memorial Bible School at Oyamadai.

19. Pray for success in the 10 per cent plan of giving. Many churches have caught the vision. We should not rest until all churches are participating.

20. Remember the young men and women in Nazarene colleges who are preparing for the mission field. Pray that the church will match in gifts and sacrifice their devotion to Christ. This is Miss Lois Drake's birthday.

21. Pray for the 989 national preachers on our foreign fields: that wisdom, grace, and strength may be theirs.

22. South America's challenge is tremendous. Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, and British Guiana have Nazarene missions. However, this is only a beginning. Pray for the millions who need the gospel.

23. Remember King Sobhuza, II, Paramount Chief in Swaziland, South Africa, in your prayers. Brother W. C. Esselstyn requested the church to pray for this influential man, who has been in close contact with Christianity.

24. Pray for our native Christians in outlying areas from the mission stations. Those in distant villages face severe opposition. Rev. Ira Taylor celebrates his birthday today.

25. One of the British West Indies missionaries recently wrote that it was difficult to sleep. A new island had been visited, and the eagerness of the people for the truth had robbed this worker of ease and complacency. Pray for this area and our workers there.

26. Can we fail the helpless and homeless people of Korea? Remember the 809 members of our mission and thousands of others who have suffered so much. Pray earnestly!

27. Pray for the educational phases of our missionary endeavor. Bible schools and day schools are important. Miss Neva Flood, in the Nicaraguan Bible school, is enjoying a birthday today; and Miss Esther Crain, who supervises the day schools there, celebrates tomorrow. Pray for these young ladies in their work.

28. The Near East cradled Christianity. We must pray for the people in Syria, Israel, and the Hashemite Jordan Kingdom. Opposition is intense, but progress is being made. This is the birthday of M. A. Thahabiyah of Damascus, Syria.

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession (Ps. 2:8).

Faraway Places



.... God who giveth
songs in the night (Job 35:
10).

DR. WILLIAM CHISHOLM, a Korean missionary, tells how at the outbreak of the Korean conflict, when the American military authorities took charge of the prison at Seoul, they felt that they should provide the 600 criminals with some chaplains. A vote was taken to determine the religious preferences of the prisoners, and they were offered a choice of the Buddhist, Confucianist, Roman Catholic, and Protestant religions. Much to the amazement of the authorities, 594 voted for a Protestant chaplain. Upon inquiry as to the reason for this overwhelming choice, the reply was given, "We want religion with the Jesus song!"

"The way of the transgressor is hard," and the lot of these men had been one of gall and bitterness—without a song. Buddha has no personal God; Confucius has only beautiful ethics; Romanism has a ritual; but the Protestants have a Deliverer—a song of deliverance.

In another prison, some nineteen hundred years ago, Paul and Silas were given a song in the night. It was a song of rejoicing following severe punishment, but had such a true ring that it reached the ears of all the prisoners. It even reached the ears of the keeper of the prison, and conviction settled upon his heart to such an extent that he came trembling and cried out, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

And the "Jesus song" is not only for those bound by prison chains, but for ALL who are bound by the shackles of sin.

(Adapted from the *Prairie Overcomer*)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Miss Dorothy Bevill is being transferred to Acornhoek to relieve Miss Schultz for furlough. The address for Miss Bevill will be Acornhoek, East Transvaal, South Africa.

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The World Day of Prayer

Friday

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Prayer

If radio's slim fingers
Can pluck a melody
From night and toss it over
Continent and sea;
If the petaled white notes
Of a violin
Are blown across the mountains
Or the city's din;
If songs like crimson roses
Are culled from thin, blue air,
Why should mortals wonder
If God hears prayer?

—ETHEL ROMIG FULLER

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"Prayer Changes Things"



RADIO LUXEMBOURG

EUROPE'S MOST POWERFUL COMMERCIAL RADIO STATION

now brings

"Showers of Blessing"

to the

British Isles and all of Europe

ANOTHER great step of faith has been taken by the Nazarene Radio League in purchasing air time on the large 200,000-watt radio station in Luxembourg to bring "Showers of Blessing," with its messages of hope with songs that cheer, to the waiting millions in the British Isles and old war-torn, sin-sick Europe.

Eighty-two per cent of all Europe's radio homes are within the primary coverage area of Radio Luxembourg. Its regular listening audience is greater than the combined audiences of all other commercial stations. Surveys reveal that at the maximum listening period 35 per cent of all the listening radios in Great Britain are tuned to Radio Luxembourg.

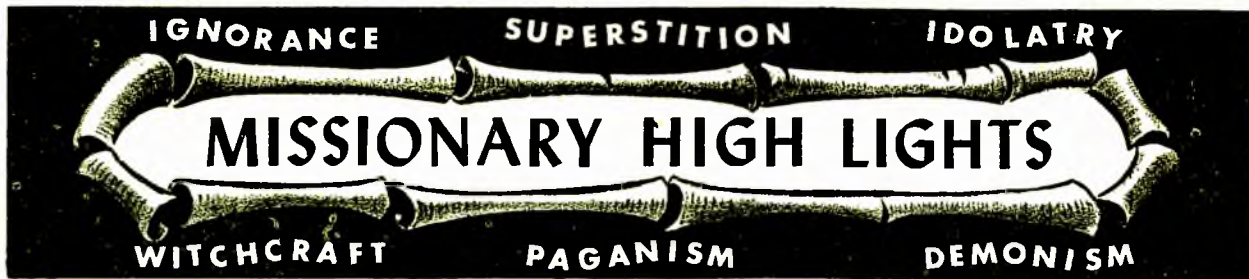
What a wonderful opportunity!! What a great challenge!! Let us all pray that many hearts and doors may be opened to the gospel and many souls won to the Master.

Nazarene Radio League
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Kansas City, Mo.



A TEEN-AGE MISSIONARY CHOIR

This choir of fifty-six voices belongs to the Akron Zone on the Akron District. In eight churches of the zone there are 135 teen-age members of the missionary chapters. Last year this group gave \$2,300 to missions. Mrs. Mildred Prather is the zone chairman; and Rev. Carl Hanks, the district N.Y.P.S. president, is the choir leader. Recently we were in a missionary zone rally at the Kenmore Church in Akron and had the privilege of having this fine choir present to sing. It is proof of what can be done by our teen-agers with efficient and enthusiastic leadership.



Out of the Storm

Pioneering

By A. O. and Mamie Hendricks

Barbados

SHORTLY after we arrived on Barbados the island experienced its worst storm in over fifty years. It was really a tornado and flood combined. Wind blew at hurricane velocity, lightning flashed, thunder rolled, and rain fell ten inches in eight hours that night. Many homes were swept away. Others were unroofed or partly demolished. Many lives were lost, livestock perished, grocery stores with provisions were swept into the sea. Thousands were left homeless and destitute.

Out of that storm have come some great lessons and good. One man, whose wife was converted in our services and who wanted to attend but was forbidden by her ungodly husband, was sent into eternity by that storm, and his little wife has come to church faithfully ever since.

As we looked upon the ruined homes and saw the destitute and homeless people, our hearts were stirred, and we asked God what we could do. He seemed to whisper softly, "Ask the government for permission to have used clothing for free distribution sent to Barbados without duty." This we did, appealing directly to the governor and legislature. They took quick action and made us one of the societies that can receive used clothing for free distribution.

Immediately we appealed to our homeland people through *THE OTHER SHEEP* and *Herald of Holiness*, and soon the parcels and boxes came rolling in. The boxes are brought to Washington House, where they are emptied, sorted, repacked, and sent to the various churches or pastors' homes, from which they are distributed to the destitute and needy of that community.

Our dear people in the homeland will never know how much good these used articles are doing to help our good pastors win the poor and destitute people and children in the communities of our churches.

ON THE ISLAND of Barbados we have some real live pioneers, Eloise Christopher, a member of Collymore Rock, and Thomas Walker, a member of Newbury. These two are getting well along in years but are still on fire for God and the salvation of a lost world. Both are licensed ministers.

Thomas Walker loves to go into a village where there is no Church of the Nazarene or holiness work, to start an open-air meeting. Soon he will find someone in the group attending the service who will open his home to a prayer meeting. Then he will ask if he may gather in the children on the Sabbath and teach them the Word of God. After that, he usually arranges for one or more prayer meetings during the week and the Sunday school on Sunday afternoons. Then he looks around for a small hall, or a nice spot where we may erect a small church, and before long there is another Church of the Nazarene.

Eloise Christopher is known as our Sunday-school pioneer. After the awful storm and flood last fall, when many lost their homes and some lost their lives, the government had to step in to provide housing for the homeless. One housing scheme was started near Collymore Rock, where Sister Christopher worships. Soon she saw the need of these poor, homeless children; so she went up there and gathered them together in the open air for a Sunday school. Soon she had a large group of poor, ragged children studying the Word of God on Sundays; and now she has applied to the Housing Board for a room where she may house her children, and they are considering it favorably. We venture it will not be long until Eloise Christopher will have a nice room or place in which to house her growing Sunday school. This may later develop into a Church of the Nazarene. God bless our faithful pioneers. We have others besides these two.

“Rapelela Kxosi ya Rena”

(Pray for Our Chief)

By George Hayse

WHEN BROTHER MISCHKE and Umfundisi Umgwenya came into this great north country of Chief Moleboho, to “spy out the land,” they met with a very cold reception at the kraal of the Paramount Chief! He informed them that he was not interested in schools for his people, did not want churches, and, in fact, had no use for white people; for they had stolen his land, taken his cattle, and practically made slaves of the people. He refused the gift Brother Mischke had brought to him.

When I came to Blaauwberg to start missionary work, I knew that it would be difficult to advance if the chief were against us. I vowed in my heart and to the Lord that, by His help, we must see this man saved, that he might help us win his people. For, even as in olden times, the people do as the king says. And I determined to do all in my power to win his confidence in our church and, ultimately, in God.

Prayer had been offered consistently for him, and I believed God would save him. I have talked in favor of him at every opportunity. The word is going back to him that the missionary is not trying to destroy his control, but is strengthening it. Then to create a more friendly feeling, I sent a messenger to him to take greetings, and explain our work and invite him to the station.

Within a few weeks he was at the mission. He was greatly surprised and pleased when I asked him to come into my house (a European home) and eat at my table. Our native evangelist happened to be present also. My wife served American corn, baked beans, and peaches. These were treats hardly known to him and very delicious. I asked God to help me be as wise as a serpent, that somehow I might win his confidence. We carried on a constant conversation, that we might become better acquainted. When he left, I presented him with a fine American coach whip for his horses. This made a deep impression on him. He left with a good spirit, having given me an invitation to his kraal to preach to all of his people.

Last week planting season started. The custom calls for every native to send seed to the king before planting. I too sent my gifts of bags of peanuts and beans, a large bag of onions (of which he is very fond), several guava and mango

Africa

trees, and a few small pines. Soon he called at my house again, and told us of his great pleasure in receiving our gifts. He went to the dispensary for minor treatment, and expressed his deep approval for all of our work being done for his people.

Thank God, there is a great change in his attitude! God is working! This time I gave him a Bible in his own language, and encouraged him to build a school at his kraal. He promised to have the Bible read to him, and to build the school. He is to speak at the opening and dedication of our church in January. Pray that God will save him then! He wants to apologize to Brother Mischke for his cold manner, but this is not enough! May God help us to encompass his salvation!! Pray for “Chief Moleboho.”

A Prayer and Fasting Meeting

By Velma Mischke

Africa

I HAVE just come out of the women’s weekly prayer and fasting meeting. My heart is blessed and thrilled. It is one of these quiet, scorching-hot days that we have so many of down here in the low-veldt summer. It is a busy season for the women, because it is their work to keep the weeds out of the gardens; so our attendance usually drops during the summer months. The women (bless their hearts!) would like to leave the gardens long enough to come to prayer meeting; but when they are slaves of heathen husbands, they cannot always do what they would like to do. So today there were only six of us in the prayer meeting.

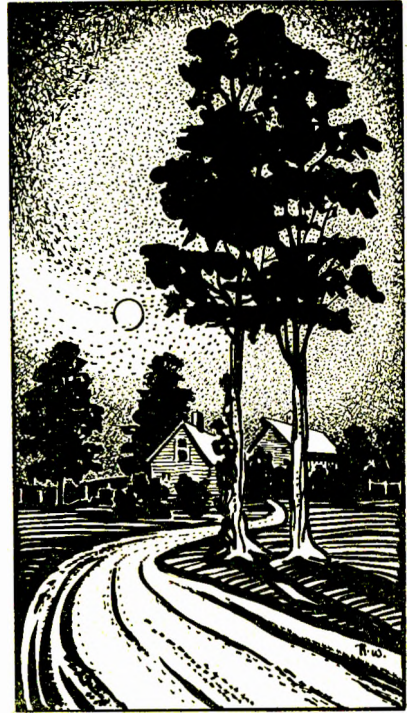
The small room where we met was so close and stifling that I thought for a while I would have to leave. Then I looked at these five little African women, some of whom had walked several miles to get to the meeting, and decided I would stay with them and we would pray together until God blessed and rewarded them for the effort they had put forth to gather and pray for His work among their people. We didn’t take turns praying. We just all poured our hearts out before God at the same time. At first there was a spirit of intercession for unsaved children, husbands, and friends. We knew that God was there and taking note of every tear and burdened

heart. Soon a spirit of thankfulness was noted in the praying, for a kind Heavenly Father who had heard and answered our prayers in the past; and finally a spirit of praise for what God had done in our own individual hearts and lives. Of course, you will know that by this time the hot day was forgotten.

Lois, our district elder's wife, was really having a wonderful time. I opened my eyes and began to watch and pray at the same time. You can always feel it when Lois is about to get really blessed, and it pays to open your eyes and look then, because you will never see anything more beautiful and blessed this side of heaven! With both hands raised to heaven she began to sing: "I Choose Jesus. Others may choose the world if they will, but I choose Jesus." All faces were turned towards heaven, and with tears and perspiration mingled, pouring down careworn cheeks, we sang the chorus over and over again. Oh, it was wonderful! God himself was in our midst.

Soon Ludia, another real soldier of the Cross, began to sing "When We All Get to Heaven." She couldn't stay on her knees. She got right up on her feet and marched 'round and 'round the little room, while the rest of us kept moving our feet from one place to another to make room for her. As I watched Ludia through my tears that day, her face shining like the stars, and her hands upraised singing about getting to heaven, I thought that surely nobody on earth will enjoy heaven more than she will and nobody will deserve heaven more either. She has gone through real persecution to be a Christian. Her husband is a very mean heathen man and a terrible drunkard. Not a few times she has been whipped unmercifully because she refused to take part in some of his heathen practices. It is very hard to get her to tell of the persecutions she has suffered in her home, but we know they have been fierce and many. In spite of it all, she has stood firm for God and the church for many years now. She is a wonderful little Christian and fights her battles and the battles of many others on her knees. Although all of the women who were in the prayer meeting are not as outstanding (in our sight) as Lois and Ludia, yet they are outstanding enough in God's sight that He came to our prayer meeting today, and everyone present received a very special blessing from Him. Instead of cutting the meeting a bit short, as we thought we might do because of the hot day and small crowd, we stayed much longer than usual.

The routine duties of the day that somehow had seemed a bit cumbersome before going to prayer meeting had a touch of glory to them after the prayer meeting. Truly, there is nothing in this whole world that can compare with a prayer meeting when God himself is present!



Each Full Moon Night

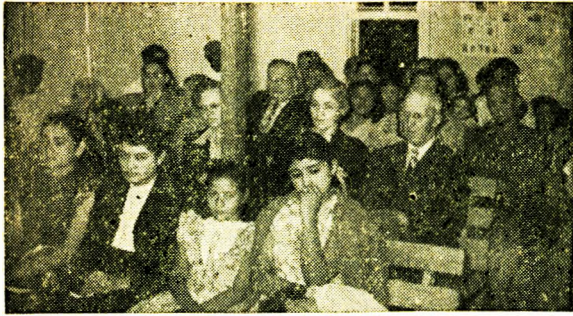
By Lyle Prescott

Cuba

*When you see the moon
All full and clear,
Shining like a tear,
And gliding silent through some midnight sky,
Remember us in Cuba
Where we kneel and pray
Until the day;
And blend your meditation with our cry.*

*Let that silver light,
So rich and still,
Your memory fill
With thoughts of intercessory prayer,
Till each full moon
You find a trysting place
To seek His grace,
And hearts lift Godward everywhere.*

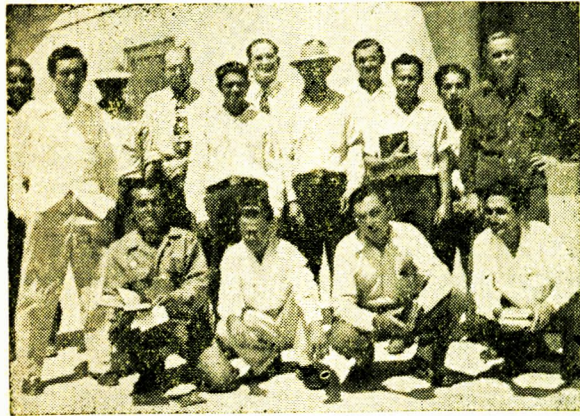
*Who knows what fort of sin,
What dreadful powers
Would fall before those hours
Of midnight cry and daybreak might!
Who knows what evil mount
Would move into the sea
Because we wait on bended knee
Before Almighty God each full-moon night!*



Group from the new Nazarene mission in Laredo, Texas

From Here:

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Edward G. Wyman, doing evangelistic work among Puerto Ricans in Princeton, Florida



Students of the Bible Training



The N.Y.P.S. Zone Rally, El Peten, Guatemala

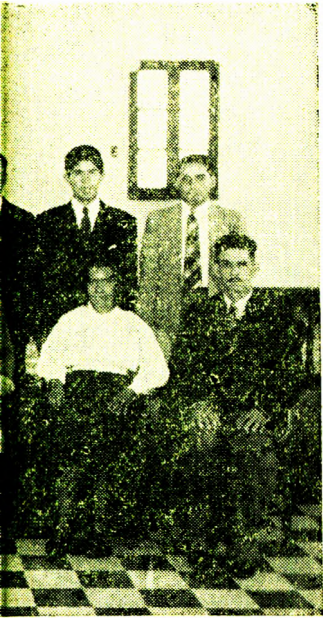


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Indian Training School

By A. H. Eggleston

American Indian District

THE C. Warren Jones Indian Bible and Training School is now moving well into its third year as a Bible and training school for the youth of our North American Indians.

We have represented in the school this year young men and young women from the states of New York, Michigan, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Montana, and California. Seven tribes are represented among us as follows: Seneca, Chippewa, Comanche, Navajo, Pima, Sioux, and Cocopah.

Of course, coming from such widely scattered sections of the country, as well as from different tribes and vastly different environments, the training school becomes a genuine "melting pot" for these young people. East meets West, while North and South mingle one with the other. The resulting exchange of ideas and outlook among these young people is of itself a major factor in their development and the unfolding of their personalities. Barriers become broken down, while in their place comes a blending or fusing of the highest in Christian ideals, a goal well worthy of their highest endeavors.

From a scholastic standpoint, our aim is to give of the best for the education of these young people. We are more or less directly under the supervision of the State Department of Education in New Mexico, and we believe that the standard of the work offered to our students will compare favorably with that offered students in any of the schools of the state. Our aim continually is to keep the standard of the work offered here on a par with the best offered in the state. We have students both in the grades and in high school, some of whom are in each of the four high school grades.

In addition to this, we have classes following the Minister's Course of Study as outlined by the Church of the Nazarene for training ministerial students. These young people are carrying a genuine, heavy soul burden for "my own people."

We rejoice in the fact that the students are getting their feet down spiritually and are showing evidences of a real growth in grace. Their testimonies ring out to the saving and sanctifying grace of Christ in their hearts, while their lives give witness to the truthfulness of their profession. In the hearts of all there is manifest an eager desire to know and to experience the fullness of the Christ. For "the people that walked in darkness

have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined" (Isa. 9:2). They are glimpsing this Light, and they are reaching out after this Light. For them a new day is dawning. Pray for them and pray for the faculty here, as we would lead them into the fullness of this Light, and lay them down, one by one, at the feet of the Christ.

Mojave Mission



The three women shown in this picture were all at the altar to be sanctified during our last revival. Also the boy and girl were saved in the same meeting. These dear women suffer persecution and do not have an easy time serving their Master, but they are standing true and have a real testimony.

Shown left to right—Hazel Hough, Isabel Daugherty, missionary, Frances Stillman, Mina Reynolds and her two grandchildren.

—THE DAUGHERTYS, Needles, California

We must go forward on our knees.

—J. HUDSON TAYLOR

The sun has never risen upon China without finding me in prayer.

—J. HUDSON TAYLOR

Nothing matters but the kingdom of God.

—DAVID LIVINGSTONE

We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure that we have received it.

—P. F. BRESEE

THE OTHER SHEEP

Living with a Margin

By Geraldine Chappell

India

NOT LONG AGO a missionary ready to leave Basim for Akola, a railroad center where he was to get his train about 8:30 p.m., inquired of the bus timings. A Nazarene missionary said, "There is one at 2:00, one at 3:00, and one at 5:00 p.m."

The experienced traveler said, "Buy me a ticket for the three o'clock bus. This will give me plenty of time for any emergency that might happen. I have learned to allow plenty of time, and then I am much happier."

This statement was made by one who has learned to live a graceful life in a land that could drain him of all reserve. What the man could have said is that he is living with a margin. I have now been in India about four years and feel that I have just begun to learn to live. Since I have come to Basim to work in the hospital, I have come to the conclusion that if one is going to be at his best for the kingdom he must have a proper evaluation of people, time, circumstances, and of self.

Living with a margin is first looking ahead for the possible demands of tomorrow. If these are before one, he may be able to do something about them ahead of time and prevent too many coming at once. Doing just this will help one to live a relaxed, comfortable life in the midst of an influx of requests. To my way of thinking, one of the outstanding and most necessary requisites of a missionary is the ability to look ahead for the needs of others and of self. I might sum this definition of living with a margin as adjusting to life in such a way that one has time, money, energy, and grace for the emergencies of life.

To live with a margin, one must first have the proper evaluation of self. One cannot understand nor help others if he is continually casting the inward look toward the failures of self. Everyone is full of those imperfections that aren't measuring sticks for one's motives, nor do they determine the set of the sails. Happy and wise is the one who can forget himself and see His face in view. True humility is seeing great things through Christ in the human. With all sincerity, God of late has shown me that my talents are not to be belittled before anyone. To undervalue would be to insult the Holy Spirit, who has taken His abode in my life.

God has not called anyone to put on the actions of others, to do the same things, nor to accomplish the same purpose. Rather, He has called us to open our hearts daily to the needs around us in

such an understanding way that others shall hear a Voice. If they can hear the voice of God in the fire, then we shall accomplish His purpose. Has not He said, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit"?

Living with a margin helps one to have a better understanding of people. Why? Because he will have more time for them. How often have the Indian people thought, if not voiced, "I would have come, but you were so busy. I wanted to talk it over with you, but I knew you wouldn't have time for me. Yes, I thought of doing that, but I didn't feel free to come to you."

Can we as messengers of the Cross afford to live such extravagant lives that we are in the red on energy and time for those to whom we have come to give the Living Water? Are we not fooling ourselves when we have more time for the work than we have for the Source of the Fountain? How can we understand if we do not know them? How can we know if we have no margin for them?

Living with a margin gives one time to hear God's secrets. How the Holy Spirit must be grieved at our hustle and improper use of time! Watching our strained lives must be tiring to One who has a better way. "How oft would I have . . . but ye would not!" We are too busy meeting the daily onslaught of demands with no margin.

If one does not live with a margin, he will not have time for his appointed task wherever he may be. He will shut out both people and God, thus projecting His likeness further from him. In the end shall result a warped, strained, unfruitful vessel unfit for the Master's use.

As I write this article, I bow at His feet for wisdom to live great, to toil economically, and to love much.



Demon-possessed

By Catharine Burchfield

Peru

SEÑORA, would your husband please come to pray for my niece who is very ill?" pleaded the voice of a stranger who knocked at our door one night. My husband was not at home, and I could smell liquor on the stranger's breath. For a moment I was frightened. How could I help the man at that hour of the night? It was imperative that someone go and lend a helping hand. Fortunately our pastor was in town; so I directed the stranger to his house, and he was able to go with him to see the sick woman.

The patient was the daughter of one of our faithful Christian mothers who is a great believer in prayer, for God has answered prayer on behalf of members of her family many times; and even though her sons are not Christians, they recognize that their mother's God has power to heal the sick. Rose had been a Christian but fell in love with a godless, wealthy man whom she married in spite of her mother's protests. She had drifted away from the Lord. Rose knew that she had done wrong and was not happy. She lived in constant fear of being bewitched by the husband's other women, and finally one day she lost her mind. She was brought to Chiclayo for medical help and was given the best in medical care that can be obtained here, but she became worse. When the relatives saw that the doctors were not helping her, they sent for the missionary to come to pray with her.

Our pastor found her in a most deplorable condition. She did not recognize him. Mrs. Julca and I went to call on her the next day, but she did not recognize us either. We prayed for her in the presence of her ungodly husband, who was very much broken up over her condition, but we were not satisfied. The heavens were as brass. While we were trying to pray for her, she would be reciting crazy poetry or singing worldly songs. Sometimes she would quote Scripture and sing hymns, but then she would start singing a worldly dance song and would clap her hands to the rhythm of weird tunes. She would then call for wine to be passed around, as if she were in a heathen ballroom. At times she would talk like herself, but then she would act as if she were being choked by some inner force and would then start talking in a gruff voice as if someone else were speaking through her. I have read accounts of demon-possessed people and their actions, and on some occasions I have thought I have seen people who were demon-possessed; but never before have I seen anyone who was more so than Rose. With a heavy heart we left her, but continued to pray for God to undertake for her, to free her from

the bondage of Satan and to make her a witness to her relatives and friends of the power of God.

Our pastor visited her often, and she seemed to recognize him at times. One day when he went to visit her, she seemed much better and was up walking around in her room. She met him at the door and said, "O Brother Julca, I am glad to see you. Wait a minute. This room is filthy. I'll get it cleaned out before you enter." Then she spoke to the demons and evil spirits and said, "All you demons and evil spirits, go out of the room. It must be clean for my pastor to enter. Go out! Go out [motioning for them to go out by the door]! Now the rest of you go out by the window! Now, Brother Julca, you may come into the room. It is clean now, but I—I feel so dirty!"

Many Christians were praying for Rose. The brothers had taken her to many doctors, and they apparently could do nothing for her. They then took her to the witch doctors, but she grew worse. They had not told the mother about her condition; but when they saw her getting worse and more violent, they took her to Lima to the hospital. There our pastor, Brother Rubio, visited her, and news of her condition finally reached the mother. Much prayer was offered on her behalf. On New Year's Day she was released from the hospital in her right mind. The doctors cannot understand how she was cured, but we know that God answered prayer! Praise His name!

I saw Rose while in Lima last week. She was at the services every night with her mother and her two little ones. She gave a glowing testimony in words such as these: "I have much to thank the Lord for tonight. You are all witnesses of the fact that once I had a good Christian experience but, because of not being faithful to the Lord, I strayed away from Him and let the things of the world take first place in my life. I then found myself possessed by the devil to such an extent that I went crazy. I was not able to pray for myself, but the Christians prayed for me and I was delivered from the bondage of Satan and healed by our Great Physician. I want to be true to Him, for He has done so much for me."

Will you join us in prayer for Rose's husband and for her brothers, that God may have first place in their lives? Their god is the riches of this world. They recognize their need, but are not yet willing to get right with God and put their lives in His hand. They tithe and help the church in a financial way, but have not as yet given God their hearts. Please remember this family in your prayers.



MRS. LULA SCHMELZENBACH

It was June, 1907, that two young people set sail for Africa along with a group of outgoing missionaries to that dark continent. Harmon F. Schmelzenbach was born September 27, 1882, in Ohio. Bereft of both parents when eleven years of age, he was on his own, first living on a farm and later going to work in a pottery in East Liverpool. He was industrious, capable, and energetic and prospered, being quite attracted by the things of the world. However, at the age of twenty-three he was saved after a period of resisting the Holy Spirit. Three weeks later he was sanctified and called to the ministry. Realizing his need of education, he attended the Bible school at Peniel, Texas, but the call became so strong that he left before the end of the term.

Lula Glatzel was born September 30, 1886, at Baltimore, Maryland, and was brought up in a godly home, and at the age of sixteen she was sweetly converted. A year later she was sanctified. Like Harmon, her call became so strong that she left Bible school after two years, to answer that call.

Arriving in Africa June 18, 1907, it was just one year later, on June 19, 1908, that Harmon and Lula were united in marriage at the home of one of the missionaries.

Through years of hardship, privation, testing, and victory they worked side by side among the Swazi people, bringing together a nucleus of believers upon which our work in that section of the country has been built. It was only twenty-one years later that Harmon was called home to be with the Master, for whom he had labored those years. Lula is still on the field, having carried on after his death, even with the burden of a family to care for. From this godly home two boys have returned to missionary service in their beloved Africa—Elmer and Paul. Four others—David, Ruth, Dorothy, and Naomi—came to bless this home, besides four infants that lie buried in Swaziland.

Who's Who

JESSIE SKINNER RENNIE

Jessie was born at Paisley, Scotland, on January 22, 1910. At the age of twelve she was saved and sanctified, and at a very early age had a desire to become a missionary. It was during the farewell address of Dr. David Hynd, when leaving for Africa, that she felt a definite call to the mission field.

Her training was received from the Southern General Hospital at Govan, Glasgow, and the Bellshill Maternity Hospital.

In speaking of her call, Jessie wrote: "When I was fifteen years of age God definitely called me for missionary service, and I have kept the vision before me during the years of training. My motive in seeking missionary service is to be right in the center of God's will, and my one desire is to serve my Master and to be used for the furtherance of His kingdom in other lands."

Jessie left Scotland for her first term on June 16, 1939; returned to her native Scotland in July, 1944, for furlough; and left again on May 28, 1946, for her second term of service.

At the present time she is stationed at Acornhoek in the Transvaal, where she is now the only nurse. This year she has seen over thirteen thousand patients.



MRS. BESSIE GROSE

It was in December of 1940, while crossing a treacherous river after a visit to the leper colony in Africa, that Glenn Everett Grose laid down his life for the people he loved and whom he had come to serve. The boat overturned, and in the turbulent waters it was impossible for him to swim and no one was able to reach him in time.

It was in Virginia, Illinois, on October 1, 1903, that Glenn came to bless the home of his parents. At the age of eighteen he was converted, and was sanctified a year later. He received a Bible College diploma from Olivet College in 1932, and his A.B. degree from the University of Illinois in 1935.

Bessie Lenore Preston was born August 27, 1902, at Lewistown, Illinois; was converted in October of 1914; and was sanctified eleven years later. Bessie received her A.B. degree from Olivet in 1930. But it was on December 3, 1923, at Canton, Illinois, that Glenn and Bessie were united in marriage.

One daughter, Jane Adelle, born at Bremersdorp on October 18, 1940, came to bless this union. After the tragic death of Glenn, Bessie continued on the field until October, 1945. She asked to be returned to the field after a year of furlough to continue her ministry of education among those people to whom she had been called years before. And on October 31, 1946, she, together with Jane and a number of other missionaries, left New York by plane to continue in the educational work in Gazaland, Portuguese East Africa. Although his time of service to them was short, Glenn endeared himself to the natives and they loved him devotedly.

The W.F.M.S.

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EMPHASIS FOR MARCH EASTER OFFERING

Paying and Praying

*I paid for my hat and I paid for my gown,
And I paid for the coat that I purchased downtown;
And when I returned and looked at the boxes
That stood on the shelf, one so large, one so small,
The contrast was grim. It was plain as could be—
A mite box for Him and a handbox for me.
I tossed in a dime but it didn't seem right,
And I couldn't be proud of the curious sight;
So I took out my checkbook and tried to be square,
For I wanted my gift to look like my prayer.*

ANON

In the face of world needs and in view of open doors everywhere, let us bring an Easter offering which will be pleasing to Him who gave us the commission to go—and tell all nations

DISTRICT CONVENTION BRIEFS

Western Ohio—August 29

The Western Ohio W.F.M.S. Convention was a time of spiritual inspiration and blessing. Dr. Orpha Speicher, convention speaker, was loved and appreciated by the entire district.

Two missionaries from the district, Lawrence and Eunice Bryant, have gone to the field this year. Statistics show that five new societies were organized this year and 256 new members joined the ranks. Mrs. W. E. Albea was re-elected for the coming year.—Mrs. H. COLE, *Superintendent of Publicity*.

Louisiana—September 6

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Louisiana W.F.M.S. was held September 6 on the district campgrounds, Alexandria, Louisiana. God's presence was in our midst as the reports from various departments and local societies were given, and as plans were laid for the new year.

Mrs. Elbert Dodd, who has served the W.F.M.S. so capably as district president, was re-elected by an overwhelming majority. Reports showed advances in all lines of the

THANK YOU

Thank you for your wonderful co-operation in the "emergency" OTHER SHEEP campaign. By actual count 113,454 copies of the December issue were sent out. Thanks, pastors, district superintendents, laymen, and W.F.M.S. If you have not reached your goal of 50 per cent of your church membership, keep working.

missionary work. Nine new societies were organized.

Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, in his stirring messages, gave us a greater insight of the foreign mission need. As we left the convention it was with a greater determination to work a little harder and sacrifice more, that the gospel may be preached to all nations.—Mrs. THOS. B. OSTEEN, *Superintendent of Publicity*.

Arkansas—September 18 and 19

The Arkansas District W.F.M.S. Convention opened with "The March of Nations" preceding the regular evening service. Each person participating was dressed in the costume of the country she represented. When each had taken her place on the platform, all joined in singing the W.F.M.S. theme song, "That They Might Know Him." In the church basement were booths in which were displayed items of interest from and about the different countries in which we have mission work.

Dr. Lauren I. Seaman gave some very challenging messages. Dr. Samuel Young, General Superintendent, closed the convention with a wonderful message, telling of his recent visit to the Cape Verde Islands.—Mrs. M. W. KEMPER, *Recording Secretary*.

Florida—October 17

It was our great and happy privilege to have with us at our convention Sister Chapman, our general president. Just to have her in our midst was indeed a blessing, and her messages were inspiring, encouraging us to go on, increase our knowledge of the missionary work and our zeal to carry out the entire program as laid down by our general officers.

Through the untiring efforts of our district president, Mrs. Julia Eby, and the co-operation of local societies, gains have been made along all lines.—MYRTILLA W. TRIPP, *Superintendent of Publicity*.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S MAILBAG



MISS NEVA FLOOD:

In a recent letter Miss Neva Flood in Nicaragua writes: "I wish to request those of you who have sent me boxes since November 10, 1950, or intend to send me a box, to please advise me in advance of your plans, so that I can secure a permit to receive the box; otherwise, I am forced to pay a fine imposed by the government when the package arrives."

It seems logical to conclude that the same plan should be followed when sending a parcel to any one of our missionaries in Nicaragua.

A REQUEST:

When writing to the W.F.M.S. office, please mention the name of your church and district. This will save us much time, for we often need this information to answer your inquiries properly. This is especially important if there is more than one district in your state. Thank you.

COUNCIL TIDINGS:

If you are a local president or chapter chairman, you should be receiving the *Council Tidings*. If you have not yet received the current issue (January, February, March, 1951) please drop us a penny postal card telling us. Be sure you include your correct address, office (local president or chairman of what chapter), church, and district.

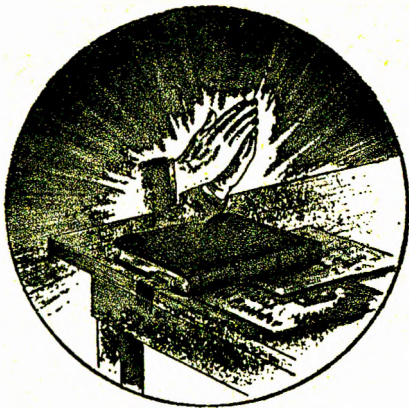
Junior Society Supervisors

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tors' reports for all the information regarding the district; so you really are the one responsible to help the pastor make his report regarding the membership and money raised by your Junior Society. *You are the key person*. Your district director and the general church are depending on you. Don't fail us!

"It is not 'How much can I do or give?' but 'What is the least I can hold back for myself while multitudes perish?'"—Lettie B. Cowman, in *Missionary Flame*.

CALL TO PRAYER



I sincerely hope that this reprinted article by V. H. Lewis will awaken each one of us to his individual responsibility in prayer.

I Heard a Missionary Speak

The missionary was speaking, pleading earnestly! "We go out among the heathen and tell them about Jesus. But what we say falls upon minds that do not comprehend. Our truths do not find their way into the minds and hearts of our listeners unless the Holy Spirit illuminates their minds. It is prayer that brings this to pass. When the Holy Spirit, as a result of your prayers, comes upon a service, then the heathen begin to learn. They receive and comprehend the wonderful truth of our Christ. Then they find God, and our work is successful. So won't you please pray for us, for foreign missions?"

I sat there in the audience listening. Her words struck my heart and mind. She had stripped away every excuse with her truth. I was face to face with my responsibility to a lost world, to the great missionary work of our church.

True, there is no time or space that limits the effect of sincere prayer! We stand shoulder to shoulder with the missionary out there on the foreign field! Together we must labor. We are our brother's keeper! The missionary is the mouthpiece of a mighty volume of prayer, talking with anointed lips to the darkened hearts and intellects of those who know Him not.

"O God, help those of us who live here at home to walk out onto the frontier of human need, with our prayers! May we use the great privilege that is ours to pray. May we pray, pray, pray! Then, our time, energy, and finance will bring full fruition in the salvation of the many, many people who need Thy great redemption! Amen!"

You will find the February prayer requests on page 2 of this issue.

TAKE TIME TO PRAY

*Have you been alone with Jesus
In communion sweet today?
Have you sought His blessed presence?
Have you taken time to pray?*

*Have you had a time of quiet
Where, by eyes of men unseen,
You could know and feel Him present,
Nothing coming in between?*

*He delights when thus we meet Him,
And His blessed Spirit given
Fills our hearts with peace and gladness
Till it seems 'tis almost heaven.*

*Do not, then, His heart be grieving
By not taking time to pray;
If you seek Him, He will meet you
And go with you all the day.*

—SELECTED

Remember the World Day Of Prayer

February 9

GENERAL PRESIDENT'S

NOTES

We Don't Have to Come Back



Many years ago a liner was wrecked on a reef on the American coast. There were some young, untrained men in the lifeboat crew which was preparing to go out to the wrecked vessel. One of these young men turned his white face to the old sailor who was captain of the lifeboat and said: "The wind's off shore, and the tide's running out, but what's the use? Against the wind and the tide we can't get back."

The old sailor looked at him and said: "Launch the boat! We have to go out, but we don't have to come back."

Such is the daring, adventuring, valiant spirit which the cause of Jesus Christ needs today.—From the *Christian Witness*.

IF I WERE A LOCAL PRESIDENT:

1. I would strive to be spiritual, lowly, but aggressive in my leadership.
2. I would start and stop the W.F.M.S. service on time.
3. I would always co-operate and work with my pastor. He can always help.
4. I would have an honor society. This is possible even in my church.
5. I would always co-operate with the general and district program. I know that this program is working toward one goal: evangelizing the world.
6. I would see that the treasurer looked out for the payment of every budget on time. It is fearful to get behind in payments.
7. I would answer all my mail and report monthly. It wouldn't be sinful to write a letter once in a while to the district president, letting her know how the society is progressing.
8. I would work everyone possible on the programs. Everyone likes to take part.
9. I would attend every zone rally and district gathering possible. This helps in so many ways.
10. I would try to keep sweet even when some did not co-operate and take part when asked. They will eventually follow someone who is sweet.

—Adapted from the "Mississippi Nazarene"

ALABASTER CORNER

Mrs. Berniece Hughes, superintendent of publicity of the Southern California W.F.M.S. reports: "The high point of the midyear W.F.M.S. convention was the Alabaster Box opening. The offering amounted to \$2,596.46."

Your Alabaster Boxes have brought in over \$125,000 for needed buildings on our mission fields (through December 18).

THIS is the month to open your Alabaster Boxes.

This is the way one Alabaster Box Secretary (Akron District) presented her report to the District Convention:

"The Alabaster Box secretary presented her report and an inspirational message by bringing in a large replica of the Alabaster Box. As she spoke she brought from the box missionaries' and native workers' homes, a school, a hospital, and a chapel and placed them on the altar. This was one of the high points of the convention. It gave to us the impetus we needed to go home and bring our love gifts to Jesus."



BOYS AND GIRLS PAGE

Edited by Miss Mary E. Cove, 124 Phillips St., Wollaston, Mass.

HELLO AGAIN, BOYS AND GIRLS!

Here is a picture of a Swazi boy which perhaps some of you have seen before. This very missionary, then Miss Cole, whom we mention in the story today, gave me this picture a long time ago. If the man who holds that stick with the knob on the end gets angry, sometimes that knob breaks the skull of another fellow. The shield is made of the prepared skin of a wild animal. The spear looks dangerous; doesn't it? The story is taken from a letter sent by Missionary Esselstyn.



When Brother and Sister Schmelzenbach first located at Endingeni in the mountains of northern Swaziland, they soon became acquainted with the people in a large and prosperous native kraal a few miles away, called Emvuma. Here lived one of the chiefs of this area. He had fifteen wives, and there were about seventy people living in his kraal, a little village of huts. This chief seemed to be interested in the gospel that our missionaries preached; and while he lived some in his kraal, mostly women and children, but some young men, were truly converted. Some of the others persecuted these new Christians and tried in every way to make them give up their faith in Jesus Christ, but many of them stood true in spite of hardships, and helped the missionaries in many ways.

But then there was Telangani, a lad who was one of the younger sons of the chief. He was only a herd boy. He, with other herd boys, had charge of the valuable cattle which belonged to the kraal. He took a liking to

our missionaries and went to work as Mr. Schmelzenbach's herd boy, to make a little extra money. Then he got acquainted with Miss Lillian Cole, now Mrs. Short, but then one of the young missionaries. God laid a great burden on Miss Cole's heart for this lad, Telangani. Before long he began to yield to the influences of the preaching and prayers. Now Telangani had been a very bad boy. So, though he professed that he had been saved, yet that natural wicked spirit that had held him by its power would get him down again and again. When it did, he would do dreadful things, and at the same time was a very bad influence over the other boys at the mission station. Time after time Brother Schmelzenbach and the other workers would say: "This is the last thing we can stand. Telangani must go away. He will ruin our whole work." But each time Miss Cole would pray more earnestly and plead with the others to give him just one more chance. And they would try him once more, only to find that the lad would get into some more and worse scrapes over and over. Most of the workers felt that he must leave now. Still Miss Cole, who seemed to feel a special interest in the boy, begged for one more chance.

Then God came, and Telangani was really and truly saved and sanctified. His life was all made over. When he was baptized, he took the new name, Phineas. God called him to preach, and he began to study. Then Mother Marshall, now in heaven, found that he had a fine tenor voice, and taught him music, until he became a beautiful gospel singer. Then he married a fine Christian Swazi girl, and went to be pastor of a church that was separated from any of the other Christians. But God helped him to do a great work.

Later he was ordained as a Nazarene minister by Dr. Powers. And later still, at the annual business meeting of Swazi Christians and preachers, he was chosen to be the district elder of that section.

This same thing is happening in many lands today. So work hard in the missionary classes of your Junior Society and in Sunday school. Today you may have helped reach another little Swazi herd boy.

Lots of love from your "Big Sister."

MARY E. COVE

Notice Junior Society Supervisors

No doubt your district director has already informed you that the money for the General Junior Society Project has been apportioned among the districts. Your director may have asked your society to raise a certain amount of this apportionment. Be sure when you give this money to your local treasurer that he keeps a record of it; and then, just before your assembly time when the pastor is making up his report, you report to the pastor personally to see that he has the money on his report blanks. Otherwise your Juniors will get no credit for having raised the money; and your district, as far as the statistical report is concerned, will fall short of having raised their general project money. The general church depends on the pas-

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THE OTHER SHEEP

Missionary Incentives

“I exhort therefore, that first of all supplications . . . be made . . .” (I Timothy 2:1).

Paul was a great missionary. He had been commissioned by his Lord to be “a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light . . .” (Acts 26:16-18).

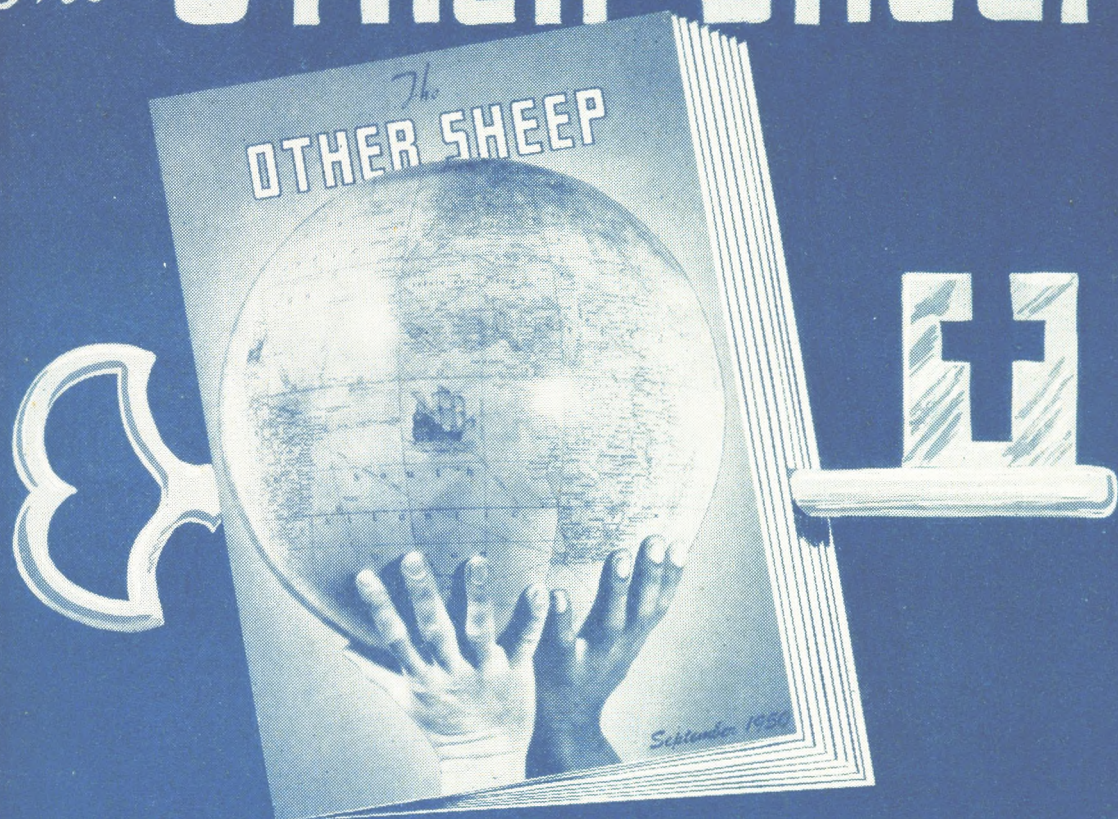
The epistles to Timothy were written from the city of Rome, where Paul had gone as a missionary and where he was held prisoner for the gospel’s sake. The darkness of paganism was such that he requested “first of all” that prayers be made by the “home” church. Prayer had priority in his program.

Our first duty always and everywhere is to pray. Faithfulness at this point will make all other duties easier. But it is far easier to give our substance to the missionary cause, or even to go in person, than it is to pray truly for the Kingdom. The real work of missions must be accomplished on our knees. The present world situation is “first of all” a summons to prayer. There were never so many open doors, nor so many doors that are closing. Atheistic Communism and pagan religions are aggressively active. Never such response to the gospel on the one hand and never such bitter opposition on the other.

Nothing but divine power can open men’s hearts for the entrance of the truth. Spiritual darkness is dense; superstition is gripping; and pagan customs are binding. The thing the missionary needs “first of all” is intercessory prayer.

Today we are hearing of a gospel without the supernatural. Some would advocate that the church be content without mighty answers to prayer. We must have none of it. It takes the miraculous touch of God to overcome the difficulties our missionaries encounter. Faith is the victory. Prayer is the sole dynamic. God has a way of breaking through barriers, and the unexpected is to be expected when He is leading on.

The OTHER SHEEP



IS THE KEY

TO *Information from the Fields
Prayer for the Workers
Vision of the Need*

USE IT!