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## Our Home Missionary Interests

*"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6*

By REV. J. T LITTLE

When I take my pen to write on this subject I feel a thrill go through me something like what I imagine the old laid-off fire horse feels when he hears the fire gong sound. I feel perfectly at home in this field. I have given it much study and careful thought and I believe one of the first, if not the first man that wrote definitely along this line in the Herald of Holiness. I am still a strong Home Missionary man, and ever expect to be, for I firmly believe that the future success of all the interests of the church rests entirely upon the success of this one interest of the church.

If we fail here and do not make progress along this line, then every other phase of our work must suffer, and progress along all lines must cease.

Years ago I wrote and pled and did all that any little man could do to direct the attention of the people in our church to the fact that we would soon become top heavy unless we gave more attention to the building up of the Home Base. I received letters from different parts of the country, some commending me upon the stand I had taken, others crying out alarmist; but time and experience has vindicated me in the stand taken; at last all of us have awakened to the fact that the Home Base is loaded to the limit and there can be no more advancement along any other phase of our work until the home field is greatly strengthened. I am sure that if we had paid as much attention to Home Missions in the last eight years, as we have to Foreign Missions, we would now have 50,000 or 60,000 Nazarenes instead of the same old familiar number of 40,000, and our Foreign Missionary work would be a third stronger than it is now. Why is it that our people are so blind? Is it wrong to use business sense in religion? Our Foreign Missionary work never will be self-supporting, it always will be a dead expense to us. Are we going to cease work in Foreign fields because of this? No! a thousand times, No! We are willing to spend and be spent and gladly obey our Lord's command to go into all the world; but beloved, where is this expense money coming from? From no other place than the Home Base.

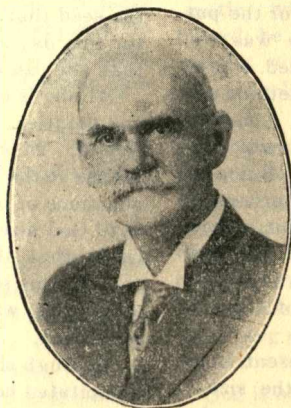
But what if you have no Home Base! Then the work must cease. Some had to learn this lesson by experience, and we are learning it at last. Every true Nazarene has been standing by our publishing interests, and expects to continue, for we all know we must have our publications; some have declared it is the heart of our whole church life; perhaps it is. I will not try to dispute it. I only say that the success of our publishing interests depends entirely upon the success of our Home Missionary work. If we had 80,000 Nazarenes it would only be half the job that it is now to raise the necessary \$100,000 for the indebtedness on the plant.

If we take up another phase of our church work, a phase which I am greatly interested in at this time, namely, our school work, we are driven to the same conclusion when we look for the source of its support. We must fall back upon the Home Base; the stronger it is, the stronger will be the School. There can be no school without the loyal support of a goodly number of Nazarenes, hence the General Board of Education has cut down somewhat the number of our Colleges and then allotted to each remaining College a certain territory known as their Educational District and this territory was not allotted according to the number of Nazarenes dwelling in it, hence no College should encroach upon the territory of another. It would not be difficult for anyone to see that the proper way for any of our Educational Institutions to build up a strong

plant is to throw themselves heart and soul into spreading scriptural holiness all over their District and making Nazarenes by the hundreds and thousands.

By way of illustration I wish to write of an experience I had on the North Pacific District. A little over one year ago I held a meeting in Alsea, Oregon; this meeting was backed by the Home Missionary fund to the extent of \$100 or near that figure. We had a splendid meeting and a good Nazarene Church was organized. Soon after this I was called to do work for the Northwest Nazarene College; feeling that God required it at my hand, I accepted the work. After accepting the

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**Rev. C. Howard Davis**  
District Superintendent of the  
Idaho-Oregon-Montana District,  
Church of the Nazarene





Lota E. Channel  
President of Home Mission  
Band of N. N. C.

In the fall of 1916, Lota E. Channel, a young Kansas farmer, entered the Academy of N. N. C. God had saved and sanctified, and called him, and with the fire burning in his soul, he began to forge ahead in his determination to make the best of every opportunity that God threw across his pathway. In 1919 he graduated from the Academy, and entered College. Mr. Channel has now completed his Junior year, and after he graduates he expects to enter his life work as a preacher of the gospel.

Under his leadership the Home Mission Band has made great progress; with his zeal and energy, and above all, with his love for the cause of home missions, he has been an inspiration to the members of the band and to all who know him.

### The Home Mission Band

LOTA CHANNEL, President

When the Northwest Nazarene College was organized six years ago there were not enough students preparing for the home field to hold a platform meeting. But with numbers the vision of the home field began to grow in the hearts of those who felt the call of God to preach the gospel in the home land. And as a result of this desire a prayer band was soon organized and a few of this number went out to hold week-end meetings. But for the lack of workers and means of getting out to the various places it was not long until this organization lost its force.

Two years ago Miss Winchester called a bunch of restless preachers together and advised them to organize for the purpose of holding week-end meetings. Her advice was well taken and in a few days a constitution was adopted, a president and other officers were elected. This was something new to most of us and of course we met many problems. About the first one of great importance was a means by which we could go to the different places to hold meetings. But in the midst of our difficulty we had the privilege to purchase a Dodge truck. This looked like quite a problem for a band no larger than ours was at that time, to attempt. But feeling God was in our organizing and that we could depend on Him, we purchased the truck. And by the aid of some of our dear friends we have it nearly paid for.

On another page of this issue is a cut of our present Home Mission Band. This picture gives some idea of the size of our band at the present time. We have not only grown, but it seems to me that every one has made great advancement in spiritual things. The privilege of going out to hold these week-end meetings has been a great source of blessing to all. It is giving each one some practical work that cannot be given by books. However it is not just our aim to practice as some might think, but our chief aim is the salvation of souls. Quite a number of penitent seekers have bowed at the altar in these meetings and best of all some have been finders,

Each week as we meet for prayer the Lord has blessed us in a wonderful way. I believe whatever success that the band has attained is due to the unity of the workers and prevailing prayer. Every one has done his part without murmuring or complaining in the least. I believe there is a bright future ahead for us if we will only keep true to God and let Him have His way.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

### The Sphere of the Deaconess

LIDA CHISM

The patient loving woman who is so easily distinguished from all others by her characteristic dress and odd little bonnet has countless opportunities for service. Her place in Home Mission work is indeed a large and significant one; her duties, various and many.

Let us follow the faithful deaconess on one of her busy days. We see her as she starts on her way with that winning smile on her face and her Bible under her arm. She is on her way to the rescue home to tell the precious young people of a Saviour who can save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him. She finds at least some fertile soil for the seed that is sown. She would tarry longer but her hours for this day are planned most carefully as she has more calls than she can answer.

Off she is on another errand, carrying a basket of fruits and dainties, to bring cheer and comfort to the sick and afflicted. In one of these homes she finds the greatest response to the gospel and lingers longer to answer the earnest questions of one who is really seeking God. They hold on until God meets their souls. Little does the ardent worker think that this will be the last opportunity she will have to help this soul to Jesus for that very night she slips away to be with Him who so sweetly lifts the burden while they pray.

Although she is weary yet her duties lead her to a large delapidated house in the slums where four motherless children were left to make their way in the world. The tactful deaconess has learned to adapt herself to every condition. Here, as so often is the case, the house is first put in order, then the children too, need her tender care. This done, she prepares a wholesome and dainty meal, just such an one as the neglected children need. As they are tired and sleepy the deaconess sends them to bed while she puts the kitchen in order. It is not long before she kneels by the bedside of the little ones, commending them to God's care. And then the guardian angel, not forgetting her little God-given charges, quietly slips out into the cold midnight air to her own humble dwelling.

How easily the din of this old world deadens the call to the smaller tasks and we pray that God will give us a call to some special work. God forgive us; let us open our eyes and see the field of opportunities; at our very doors are neglected souls to be helped. Each one of us who really has a burden for others, can give "cups of cold water." Should not Christianity take on a more practical aspect if we are daily to grow more like our Christ? And WOMAN'S work for the helpless no human guage can measure.



**Upon Them Hath Light Shined**

MASAMOTO NISHIMURA

"The people that walked in the darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath light shined," said Isaiah the prophet.

Truly this well expresses our Christian experience after we have passed through a long struggling life without God. This also became true to many of our Japanese friends in this state. They are far removed from their own country to where the language and customs are altogether different from theirs and they seem to feel that no one really is interested in them. This feeling of loneliness especially increased since the last session of State Legislature, in which Anti-Japanese measure was proposed. Now they began to feel their helplessness and weakness. But their help never came from their own Government nor American politicians but it came from brave ladies of the W. C. T. U. and others. A Sunday School is now started where the Bible is taught. It was begun first in Boise but at the present time, under our supervision with the help of many devoted American friends, we have five Sunday Schools besides that one in Boise; namely Nampa, Ontario, Nyssa, Middleton and Caldwell whose total membership is about a hundred and twenty, including children. This number included almost a half of the Japanese population in this part of the state. Among them we have twenty-five who have been baptized.

Besides this organization, we have just organized a Y. M. C. A. The purpose of this organization shall be: a promotion of Christian atmosphere among our people through the influence of young people, an education of young people through instruction in English and in public meetings, and a promotion of friendly feeling between the American and Japanese people.

Truly retrospecting the past, we can say with the Psalmist, "the Lord has done a great thing for us; whereof we are glad."

The blessing of the Lord is on the Idaho-Oregon-Montana District. The coming of Sister Crooks and Carpenter have been a great blessing to our people. Sister Crooks' sermons were manifestly in the power of the Holy Spirit. Sister Carpenter's graphic descriptions of the life of a Missionary in Western India opened the eyes of her hearers. Nearly \$2000.00 was pledged for Home and Foreign Missions, to be paid by the first day of June. This amount was absolutely needed to close

up the Assembly year. We are grateful to the pastors and churches for their hearty reception. It is certain that all the churches felt the blessing of the Lord.

Good revivals have been reported by most of our pastors, for which we thank God and take courage. Our field is white to harvest, more helpers is the great need. Opportunities are before us, which we ought to embrace; money and men are needed. There are towns where we ought to have churches; such as Pocatello, Twin Falls, Shoshone, Weiser and many other places.

Just as truly as it takes money to open a work in China, India and Japan so also in the home land. We give our sons and daughters to go across the sea, and support them there. Why not plan some of our money for the opening of a Church of the Nazarene in some of the many towns where the full gospel of Jesus is not preached. Men and money will do it. We have some good men in sight, but so far we do not see the money, except for one town. There a godly man is moved to invest some of his earnings to get the work started. How soon Jesus may come, none of us know. Be it near or far, we should be at our work with willing hearts, hands or talents—seeking to save the lost ones.

*C. Howard Davis, District Superintendent*

**A Teacher's View Point**

DORA HON, Intermediate Grades

In teaching—not especially reading, writing, and arithmetic, but children—my aim and purpose is, "Preach the Word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." To me, teaching-school is being a Home Missionary to "some of His little ones."

Is it not as Scriptural, to, "Train up the child in the way he should go," as, "To seek and save that which is lost?" Then why not begin with the foundation part of the "character house?" How often we hear someone bemoaning the fact they did not have an opportunity for Christian training early in life. I feel that the Lord is calling some of us to be Home Missionaries in the school room so that we may do for the rising generation what so many older people wish had been done for them.

God is so helping us that some, at least, may feel that they have been:—"Taught for a price, not of silver or gold; Taught ways of life, of a value yet untold."

**Home Mission Work among the Japanese of America**



Masamoto Nishimura

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature is the command of our Lord, and we as a church have been doing our best to answer to the call. Our missionaries are going into every land, but as great as the need is abroad there is, as it were, a Macedonian cry coming up from a people in our very midst. During the last few years there have come to our land many of the Japanese people and what have they found? Much of sin, greed, and vice. What have we as christians done for them? Not as much as we might. But there is a forward movement; missions and schools are being opened, and the gospel is being brought to them.



## The Responsibility of the Home Missionary

EDWARD KLINDWORTH

Every commission carries with it responsibility. Especially is this true in the spiritual world. God has ordained that the gospel of full salvation should be propagated by human means. If, therefore, some do not hear the glad news, it becomes the fault of those who already know the truth. If, since the time of Christ, everyone who has himself accepted the gospel had worked with all his might and main to bring that gospel to others, it is doubtful whether there would be any in the world today, who have not had at least an opportunity to find our Christ. As it is, not only those in heathen lands, but also multiplied millions in our own country have ever had an adequate opportunity to accept or reject salvation. It is for those that the home missionary is peculiarly responsible.

We often lightly assume that our nation is a nation of Christ rejectors. While that may be true in a large number of instances, still I believe there are more who have never followed our Saviour simply because they have never known the possibility of salvation. One cannot truly be said to reject a matter when he has not become familiar with it. Our country is indeed an enlightened nation in an intellectual sense, but where a knowledge of vital salvation is concerned, the great majority are still in the densest ignorance. I believe that it would be a perfectly safe venture to assert that four-fifths of the people do not even know that we exist, as far as we as Nazarenes are concerned. Of the remainder, the great majority have an entirely mistaken notion of our doctrines and of the principal reason for our existence. Many associate us with various questionable new cults. All these cannot properly be said to have had a chance to seek and find salvation.

As home missionaries we will be held responsible if we do not do all in our power to see that all of our neighbors in this great nation of ours get an adequate opportunity to either accept or reject the gospel. We must break over the narrow limits often unknowingly prescribed by our local churches, and somehow or other, get the glad news to the people at large. John Wesley preached the gospel from his father's tombstone, out in the open fields, in deserted factory buildings, and wherever he had an opportunity. As a result the Methodist church largely sprang up among those whom the established church of his day had never reached. It is said that he preached on an average of three times a day. Today we have largely become fossilized in our twice-on-Sunday preaching to our own little group, while the great crowds rush madly on entirely oblivious of the claims of the gospel. With our present day advantages we as Nazarenes should manifest a greater zeal and ardor than the early Methodists. We profess that we are interested in the salvation of others, but our actions often belie our words. In fact, we are more interested in our farms and business enterprises, and in our petty personal affairs than we are in the avowedly supreme purpose of our lives.

There are abandoned churches and schoolhouses that are open to us and if we cannot find enough of them there is plenty of standing room in the open air. If John Wesley and St. Paul had waited for a nicely appointed church and a fixed comfortable salary for their services, how far-reaching would their work have been? The Lord has promised to see us through; that should be enough. The commission to preach the gospel is a glorious privilege. Let us not betray our trust.

### To the Churches

GUY SHARP

"Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up, putting you in remembrance." St. Peter saw fit, in his day, to go about stirring up the churches. In fact, he said, that as long as he lived in a mortal body he felt it necessary to keep the vision ever before the people. And so the home mission band of the College, with this in view deem it a duty as well as a privilege to visit as many churches as pos-



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sible and further a spirit of closer unity between the churches and College, and also between the churches and people at large.

The band has the vision; now if the churches all over the district get the vision and pull every wire that terminates in heaven, there is no reason why there cannot be a great stir in this western country with the establishment of a great and permanent work all over the district.

We greatly desire the cooperation of all the churches and appreciate the unselfish reception that is given us every where. We love the cause, believe the Lord, and have great faith in our people everywhere.

So we covet a proper portion of your time and money. Give us a chance by a good advertisement and a good offering. Pray, sing, shout, and talk home missions.

Northwest Nazarene College is indeed a missionary school. Due emphasis is laid upon both Home and Foreign Missions, and both are alike well represented by the different bands. The thing that is made of paramount importance, however, is that we be missionary in spirit. Dr. Wiley makes it clear that everyone who has a real experience of salvation, whatever his call, be it to the home or foreign field, as long as we are here, ought to be Home Missionaries. Through the Home Missionary Band in its work throughout the adjoining districts and churches many of us have opportunity to make ourselves useful, whether to preach, to sing, to play some instrument, or to testify. We are gaining practical experience which we feel will be invaluable to us in future years.

Ira Taylor, College '24





SION BAND

### Our Weekly Meetings

PERCY BARTRAM

The motto "Prayer changes things" avails in our Home Mission meetings as elsewhere. On account of our number, we are not all able to visit the churches as we would like and thereby coming into immediate contact with the needs of the field; nevertheless our weekly meetings prove a blessing both in keeping the vision on our own souls and in bringing profitable results on the field through prayer.

Our weekly meetings are held every Monday at twelvethirty and take, in general, two phases—short addresses and united prayer. Our hearts have been stirred by messages from those who have been through many Home Mission battles, as Rev. C. Howard Davis, Mrs. Whitesides, Mrs. W.P. Jay and Mrs. Stella Crooks. We also have from time to time, brief talks by our students, treating the different phases of our home work.

Having, in a measure at least, a knowledge of the needs we are then able to go to our knees and pray intelligently and know that we have heard from heaven in behalf of a lost and dying world.

In brief, while the classroom affords intellectual preparation, the band meetings are times when we are constrained to work and pray just a little harder for God's cause at home.

### The Truck

ROY SWIM

It was a big step of faith when nearly a year ago the Home Missionary Band purchased a truck and threw itself several hundred dollars in debt. But God has honored that faith, for the truck is now nearly paid for.

Some may wonder why a truck is necessary to our work. It would not be, if we were content to stay at home and do nothing. But the main purpose of our organization is to do something, to spread the gospel into needy places. Since calls come to us any where from ten to one hundred and fifty miles away, we must get there in some way. To borrow cars for the occasion has proven uncertain and unsatisfactory; and walking is no better, for miles are as long in Idaho as anywhere else. So the only way out of the difficulty was a truck of our own, which, thank God we have. Our field of usefulness has thus greatly enlarged, and we trust that many more souls will be saved as a result.

### Summer Activities

It would seem that the summer months would be a time of inactivity for the Home Mission Band, but before the close of the spring term, Mr. Frischknecht was appointed to fill the vacancy which would result from the absence of the president, Mr. Channel, during the summer. Since that time much has been accomplished in spite of the many difficulties which have confronted the few students who remain in Nampa. Almost every Sunday a band has gone out in answer to calls from various places and the Lord has blessed every effort. The street meetings have also been continued under the supervision of the band with Miss Evelyn Hutton in charge of arrangements.

A permanent appointment has now been opened near Caldwell in a Presbyterian church, and good interest is being shown.

### Home Missions in Brief

J. R. HUNTER

If we cannot keep the fire burning at home we shall surely fail elsewhere.

I have been told by some that there is no use to try to convert people in certain localities, because there are other religions there. If this is the case why go to the foreign fields?

If we have something to offer the world in the way of religion that is better than what they have, we must prove it by our works of love and faith.

If there ever was a time when it was difficult for home mission workers to find a place of welcome, in a schoolhouse or church, to preach the gospel and sing the songs of Zion, that time is surely past. We, as a Home Mission Band at the college, have indeed found this to be true. Wherever we have gone, whether far or near, we have always been received most royally, and the people have given us full charge of the services. Our entertainment was also the very best, for we were made to feel perfectly at home. The people out in the rural districts are certainly hungry to know more about God and salvation, and they gladly welcome any Christian workers who come to them. Our only regret is that we cannot visit these places more frequently, and reach more places in this great work of spreading the gospel. Our greatest need at the present time is a means of travel for the workers, and we ask that you will unite your prayers with ours that God will help us in getting the gospel to the needy.

Carl W. Mischke, Academy '22

There are many who want others to go into the sagebrush to pull and plow, burn and grub in order to get a work started and then they are ready to come and help.



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### The Mission of America

*"It would be a misfortune of lasting consequence, if the missionary program of the world should be interrupted. That the work should be continued seems to me of capital necessity. I hope there may be no recession or slackening of any kind."*

*Woodrow Wilson*

These words of Mr. Wilson regarding the missionary program during the war, are quoted from Flora L. Wilson's article in the North American Student, and are significant as voicing the great mission of America in the Christian world program. Israel was a people with a message. The apostle makes it clear that Israel was elected to a work, was given a mission, and enjoyed certain privileges in order to fulfil the mission which God had given them.

America likewise has a place in the prophetic history of the world. When the Pilgrim Fathers started on that memorable journey across the Atlantic to the bleak New England shores, they held first, a service of consecration in their church and then in solemn procession marched to the sea, led by their pastor John Robinson, who as they marched read from the Bible the great commission which God gave to Abraham. "Now Jehovah said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country; and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will show thee; and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Gen. 12: 1-3.

So striking is the parallel that the Christian world, especially the student class is beginning to catch the vision of God's great plan in the founding of this country—to evangelize the world. A recent writer has said of this parallel, "It was a summons across the centuries to a new and profound application of the principles of religion to nation building. The conviction burned in their hearts that God was sending them out on a divine mission and that they were to found on this side the sea, a nation which should bear an important part in the world plans of Christianity."

That America was to be a center for world evangelization is very evident from the writings of the founders of the Republic. The opening words of the Mayflower compact are "In the name of God, Amen," while the closing words of this historic document are, "For the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith." There can be no true Americanism, without a recognition of the great purposes of this country which were in the minds of the founders of this great Republic.

That God has a great Christian world plan for America is further shown by the fact that this country has largely been explored and developed by the home missionaries. A recent writer has said that "The march of our civilization is to the music of our religion," and another with profound recognition of the importance of the early missionaries has said, "The home missionary was a founder of schools, a builder of churches, a maker of states, a signer of treaties, an unfurler of flags, and always and everywhere a genuine American."

### Life, a Career or a Mission

My subject is not found in the body of the Scripture in just these words, but its spirit breathes on every page and from every line. These words I found written on the fly leaf of the Bible of a young lady who was at one time a member of my parish, and one upon whom I could depend. To me these words seemed to be written, not only in ink in her Bible but to have been graven into her heart and life.

Is my life to be a mission or a career? This is a question which confronts us all. The mystics loved to picture spiritual truth under the imagery of Scripture narrative.

The word career is from the word meaning a race course. The mission is also a runner or a race. In this they seem to be identical. So there are times in human life when it is difficult to distinguish the one from the other. There are times when of necessity we are forced to consider present issues. Principles are often closely bound up with personalities. Had we no other method we should indeed be at a loss to know whether our contention is for ourselves or for the principles of righteousness.

The word career carries with it the idea of a chariot race and carries with it the idea of being carried. The word mission is a foot runner. The one means to be carried, the other to carry. Here the distinction becomes clearer. If we are to make life a career, we expect to be carried. Ourself is to be supreme. Everything must be made to minister to us. We are to be carried on the shoulders of others. We are to reap their labor. We rise by oppression, we profit by the wounds of others. The life blood of others flows in our veins.

The word mission carries with it the idea of service and labor. He is not carried, he runs. He runs not even on a mission of his own, he is the property of another. He runs on an errand.

The earliest religion of the world was fellowship with God. The second great principle was that man was his brother's keeper. A career is actuated by the spirit of the world. A mission by the spirit of God. Change the figure. A career marks a worldly view-point. A mission is the Christian view-point. "He came not into the world to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many."

### A Revival at Caldwell, Idaho

A good tent meeting is in progress at Caldwell. Rev. John Nolt, of Buhl, is the evangelist and the Jay Band is furnishing the special music. Brother Jay reports that the attendance from the town is splendid and the people are showing great interest. They are holding on in prayer and faith expecting a harvest of souls and covet the prayers of God's people that He will help them to lead many from darkness to light.



### The Home Mission Band in Burns.

L. S. TRACY, Pastor

They came the first time last fall. A truck load and a car load of them—a round dozen in all. They came over the mountains and through the valleys two hundred miles from Nampa just to be with us over Sunday, and in coming that distance they rose two hundred feet in altitude.

Truly, that was a Sunday that not many will forget. The three great services filled with burning testimonies and rousing messages. The singing of the double quartet, the praying, and with-all, the presence of the blessed Holy Ghost made a day that the people are talking about yet.

Sometimes people manifest one spirit in meeting and another in the homes where they are entertained. Not so with these young people. The only criticism I have heard of them is that there were not enough to go around. When the people found out what they were, they all wanted to entertain them. Every pastor knows that that is an indication that speaks volumes.

The services left such a good taste in the mouth of the people that we had them back for a revival meeting later in the year—but we could secure only five as the rest had to be divided among other needy churches. How they sang and prayed and testified and how Brother Davis, the District Superintendent, preached! The people came like they had never come in years, and kept it up even though the thermometer stood at 20 below much of the time. And God honoured the singing, and preaching, and testimony, and prayer and the general bearing of the company; and came in unusual convicting power and a goodly number were saved or sanctified, most of whom are standing and growing now some months after the meeting has closed.

About the most comprehensive thing I could say about the Home Mission Band that visited my church during the year is that I could see no difference between the spirit of these Home Missionaries and the spirit of Foreign Missionaries—and this is as it should be.

### College Text Matt. 6:33

LEWIS E. HALL

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

The master has given us several reasons why we should look to God for all things. This passage is given as the *seventh* reason and it seems to stand out above all the others, it contains all that is in others and yet it points to a higher plane than all the rest. This verse is the climax of the discourse and the climax is to seek His kingdom and his righteousness. And to seek these two things points to a *holy life*.

First—if we ever reach a place where we will trust God fully it will be because we have sought His kingdom and His righteousness. God enthroned in our hearts and lives will cause us to have faith and believe in the one that sits on the throne. His kingdom and righteousness will be manifested to the world because it will be lived out in our lives. The unsaved are looking for a people that will live a holy life.

Second—if we want a revival, if we desire to see souls saved and sanctified, let us seek His Kingdom and His righteousness. What does the word say? “When He is come He will reprove the world of sin, righteousness and judgement.” When He is come, where? Into your heart and life. And He will set up a kingdom in your soul and cause you to live a life

that will convict the world of sin. Brother, Sister, if His kingdom and His righteousness reigns within; your very life will be a rebuke to sin. You won't need to wear a button or carry a Bible to show people you are a christian. If you want a revival use this text.

Third—if you need temporal things, seek His kingdom and His righteousness, when the billows of sin roll about us and the devil whispers defeat, and we are at the end of the rope. Don't go to the juniper tree like Elijah did, but flee to a secret chamber and seek His kingdom and His righteousness. Pray until you feel the kingdom set up anew, and until His love shines in your soul, and you will have courage like the apostle Paul had on the sinking ship—though defeat was all around he came out boldly with the statement, “I believe God.” The old ship may rock and pitch but if we have His kingdom and His righteousness aboard we will make the landing. If we need finances; if the flour barrel is empty; if there is no coal; use the text.

### Buhl Idaho

JOHN NOLT

The Northwest Nazarene College Home Mission Band gave the Buhl Church one of the treats of the year when they came over land with their Home Mission truck, eight in number, every one bubbling over with Holy joy and religious songs. They sang, preached, prayed and praised God until the old town rang with the echoes of salvation's joy.

Brother Davis, our big hearted District Superintendent, was with them and we all enjoyed his presence like all good folks do. The time spent was fruitful for God, as the altar was filled with seeking souls the last night of the service.

The night watch of our city met us on the street and congratulated us on the quartet, he said, “I will put that bunch up against any crowd for putting life, joy and harmony in religious song.”

The Buhl Church enjoyed their stay immensely, the only regret was that we could not furnish them with the means we would like to, to help them push this great needed and neglected cause.

We have just gotten back from a one hundred and ten mile trip in the last thirty-six hours preaching four times and praying with the sick and dying, and how the hungry souls do enjoy it. How glad we are that we are connected with a church whose young folks are filled with kindness, flaming, burning passion for a lost world. May God ever find us with no less Holy zeal than we have just now.

Yours in this Holy War

### Boise Idaho

EARL C. POUNDS

I am glad to write a few lines in regard to our Home Mission work on the District. As Pastor of the Boise church, I want to say that the Home Mission band under the leadership of Bro. Channel was a great blessing to our church. We are glad that some of our young men and women are getting the vision of the great possibilities that are open to us as christian workers. And that these opportunities are here in our own land, among the people of our own country who speak and understand our language. Paul, the Apostle said, “Brethren, my heart's desire for Israel is, that they might be saved.” I can say that my heart's desire is that we as a church might strengthen our home base. Let us not lessen our other activities, but let us increase our Home Mission efforts.



## OUR HOME MISSIONARY INTERESTS

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work I went over to Alsea for a three days' vacation. The good people there insisted upon me taking a night service and telling them about the work I had taken up. At the close of the meeting they gave me over twice as much for the College as the Home Missionary authorities had invested to establish the work, besides later on sending a student to the School.

At this same ratio it would mean an income of \$40000 this year to our College if \$20000 could be had for Home Missionary work, also supplying the College with students. And thus it is all through our church life. Take away or cripple our Home Missionary work, and every phase of our work will be like Noah's dove; she found no place to rest her feet.

Beloved, let us arouse ourselves before it is too late, and put forth a mighty effort, a steadfast and definite effort to build up the Home Base. Our very life depends upon it. This phase of our work must be sound, solid and aggressive, if the other phases succeed at all. Hence this, (our Home Missionary work) to my mind is the very heart of our church life.

I trust that no one will accuse me of tearing down Foreign Missions to build up Home Missions, or tearing down our school interests to build up the Home Missionary work. If you feel this way you have not rightly read my article, for I have been trying to say all the time, that the way and the only way to build up Foreign Missions or any other interest of our work is to continually stress Home Missions, to be everlastingly at it, to establish a Nazarene Church in every city and town and country place around about us, to increase the membership in every church already established. If we can have a constant revival at home and establish new churches all over our Districts, the other interests of our work will be cared for, and that gladly and freely.

In conclusion let me say there is a way and the only proper way to successfully carry on Home Missionary work in the Church of the Nazarene, and that is to work through her original machinery. The Church of the Nazarene was built and equipped for this very purpose. The facts are that is about all we thought of in the beginning. We were to establish centers of holy fire in all of the large cities, and thence work out into the smaller places. It is true that we had a small paper so as to keep in touch with one another, and receiving the paper was like getting a letter from home. We had a Bible College to somewhat equip our prospective workers, and finally the Foreign Missionary work was "Put into a chute and chuted to us" but the one consuming desire was to build up churches where the people could worship God in the beauty of holiness. Our church machinery was built for this purpose, hence our Superintendency. Our District Superintendent was not to take the place of the Presiding Elder in the Methodist Church, for our government was more of a Congregational form than the Episcopal form of government, hence the Superintendent was to preside when necessary, but to push forward the work

continually. He was to be a man of evangelistic ability, a mighty passion for lost humanity, and enough of the executive about him to keep matters adjusted. Through him then we looked to see the forward movement of our work. He was to keep in touch with the open doors, keep in touch with the evangelists; the Home Missionary money was placed at his disposal, although it did not amount to very much in the beginning, still it was used judiciously and at the close of the year there was usually a very substantial increase in the membership of the District.

This then is the way to advance our Home Missionary work. Let us elect our very best men to the office of District Superintendent, godly men, men of zeal and evangelistic ability; then let us honor them by placing some money into their hands to carry on the work, encourage them in every way we can, stand by them to the very last, and then if they do not make good, make a change at the next Assembly, and put in some one else until you do find some one that makes it go good. I say this because I mean it. We can not, dare not, let friendship or love for one another enter here. We must have men that make good, for every other interest of the church rests here. We must have successful District Superintendents and then let us honor and respect them as we should.

This is to advise that I have made an audit covering all cash receipts and disbursements of the Northwest Nazarene College during the period July 1st, 1921 to the present date.

Carbon copies of each receipt issued was checked with cash book entry and all receipts have been taken into the cash account in the correct amounts. All cash disbursement entries were verified as correct by comparing the paid bank checks, receipts and paid bills with the disbursement entries. Verification was made as to correct computations of all totals and balances; Therefore, I hereby certify that the cash account is correct and not an error or discrepancy appears in same.

An examination was made of the monthly trial balances and statements of income and expenditures including an inspection of accounting records used to derive this information. These records indicate that all financial operations have been handled through a proper classification of accounts, that the General and Subsidiary Ledger accounts are in balance with the control accounts; also that the segregations maintained on Revenues and Expenditures is not only accurate in every manner, but the system reflects a high degree of thought and efficiency on the part of officials in charge of the accounting department.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD SNELL,

Public Accountant.

June 1st, 1922.