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FIRST DAY—Wednesday, Oct. 3.

THE ELEVENTH Annual Meeting of the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, convened in the First Church, Los Angeles, Cal., Wednesday morning, Oct. 3, 1906, at 9:30. Rev. P. F. Bresee, D.D., General Superintendent, presiding.

Dr. Bresee opened the session of the Assembly by calling upon Rev. A. B. Riggs, of the Pentecostal Churches of America, to lead the Assembly in prayer, which was a gracious season of blessing. Rev. John N. Short, of the same church, read the precious Word from John 17, commenting briefly with much help to the hearers.

After a few appropriate opening words from the presiding Superintendent, Rev. R. Pierce was re-elected as Secretary of the Assembly, who nominated as his assistants Rev. P. G. Linaweaver and Percy Girvin.

The Secretary called the roll of the Elders and Lay Delegates, which was as follows:

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Bro. E. A. Girvin was appointed to prepare a report of the Assembly for the NAZARENE MESSENGER.

The first eight rows of seats between the pillars were assigned as the bar of the Assembly.

The time of the Assembly sessions was fixed at 9:30 to 12 noon, with fifteen minutes for devotional services.

It was voted that the advertised program of Anniversaries be adopted as the program of the Assembly.

Bro. La Fontaine and Bro. C. McKee were appointed as a committee on Public Worship.

It was ordered that the list of Standing Committees be the same as that of last year.

Dr. Bresee then spoke briefly in reference to the providential leadings of God in bringing to us our dear brethren of the Pentecostal Churches of America, whom he then introduced.

Rev. John N. Short, of Cambridge, Mass., among other good things said:

"I feel very much at home with this people for I have fell in love with you, and where love leads we have to go. We hope to give as much as we receive. I am sure the time has come when holiness ought to mean holiness. I have been delighted with the spirit of perfect love and unity which I have found among you. I like to hear a man say, 'I am a member of the Church of the Nazarene.' I belonged to the Nazarenes years ago. I am in the concern in one sense, and if I should be swallowed up entirely, I shall not be disappointed."

"Blest be the tie that binds" was here sung with enthusiasm and much feeling.

Rev. H. N. Brown, of New England, was next presented to the Assembly, and spoke briefly. He said:

"I feel we are one in heart. I feel we are in

the presence of the King, and are of the royal family. When the suggestion for union came from Bro. Ruth it found an echo in my soul. If we keep at the feet of Jesus, there will be no danger in numbers. I am in love with the crucified One, and I will follow where He leads."

Rev. A. B. Riggs, of Lowell, Mass., also spoke with great earnestness as follows:

"I know when I come in contact with the perfume of the Rose of Sharon. It has been on my heart that the precious little bands scattered over this continent, without shepherds, might be brought into this movement in the East and the West, so that they may be conserved for Jesus. I believe God is in this movement to do it. We bring you the greeting of those who are like you. I pray that God's sweet will may be done. God bless you all."

A spirit of enthusiasm here broke loose, as the Assembly sang "We shall win the day," which lasted for some minutes.

Bro. H. D. Brown here offered the following resolutions, which were adopted item by item:

Resolved—First, That it has given us great pleasure to greet our brethren, J. N. Short, H. N. Brown and A. B. Riggs of the East, and especially so as they come representing the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America and are authorized to confer with us on the important subject of the consolidation of the church which they represent with the Church of the Nazarene.

Resolved—Second, In order to more fully express our appreciation of their visit, we will hold a special meeting of the Assembly on Thursday evening, Oct. 4th, at which these brethren may be heard more at length and a fuller expression of our cordial welcome and such addresses may be made as shall seem fitting for that occasion.

Resolved—Third, That a committee of nine be appointed by the chair to confer with these brethren on the subject of the organic union of our two churches.

Dr. Bresee, Rev. C. W. Ruth and Rev. W. C. Wilson were appointed to represent the Church of the Nazarene at that meeting.

Dr. Bresee said that the Church of the Nazarene was as glad to meet these brethren as they were to meet us, and spoke of the great need of organized holiness. "God has led us and we have never desired to build up a great ecclesiasticism."

The General Superintendent then read his annual report which was as follows:

Report of the General Superintendent.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:-

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

That God in the manifestation of His infinite compassion has permitted us to occupy a place and to labor on for another year is to us a matter of thanksgiving. That none of our ministers have been called from us by death, seems such a special providence as to call forth special praise to God. We rejoice also that so few of our dearly beloved brothers and sisters of the laity have been called away from us, and especially that those who have been thus called have ascended with such triumph. We recognize as an immense privilege that the Lord Jesus permits us to be workers together with Him in this most blessed of all work—the spreading of scriptural holiness over these lands. That our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has called us into this work, has given us another year of victory, calls forth our highest adoration. That He is placing before us so many open doors, and that He is calling so many devoted and gifted men and women to join hands with us and help to enter these open doors, fills our hearts with gratitude and joy. And yet as we lift our eyes—according to the Master's com-

mand—and see the fields white for the harvest, it is but to find that the laborers are few, and we find our place upon our knees and our hearts going out to the Lord almost to the breaking, that He send forth more laborers into His harvest.

We rejoice that in spite of the onsets of the enemy, and that though the world, the flesh and the devil are violently over against us, and that though we are attacked on one side by formal ceremonial and wordliness, and on the other by fads and fanaticism, that our churches and people have steadily held on their way in truth and righteousness and have been generally able to push the battle on to victory.

We rejoice to believe that the holy fire which God has given to our people, in which this precious work was born and has been carried out, has not burned low, but abides in deepening power and glory in the older churches, and is found in great blessedness in the new fields as they have been opened and that this gives everywhere a continued tide of salvation. While fanaticism in ever-changing form continues to break out in different parts of the land, we rejoice that its attacks upon us have been from without. That we have not suffered from its inroads, would be too much to say, but it is a matter of great thanksgiving that our pastors and influential members have stood true to the truth of God and have enquired diligently for the old paths and have walked therein.

We are thankful to recognize that there has been—during the year—a general strengthening of our stakes and lengthening of our cords and that this pavilion of organized holiness stands with broader arches and stronger pillars than ever before. The Churches are generally well manned, some new churches have been organized, and the demand for the work is constantly increasing. Some strong workers—preachers of the word and laymen—who have been anxious to have a place to preach and labor for full salvation, have found a home with us; and others are also anxious to do so. We are more and more impressed with the great necessity of this work of organized holiness, and with the great diffi-

culties with which it is beset. A great door is opened unto us and there are many adversaries. The work calls for the greatest unity of faith and effort, as well as the greatest devotion, sacrifice and heroism. The difficulties are not new; the enemies are not such as the saints have not known in the past, but they come with peculiar force in these last days, and especially against a work of holiness that is not simply a skirmish line, nor a flying battalion, but a conquering and possessing force, who propose to fortify and hold every position won. Against this work of the Son of Man, as of old, Pontius Pilate and Herod have made friends—the enemies of holiness have united their power. The greatness of the work and our littleness and lack of resources, make the advance less rapid than we wish, but evidently it is as fast as it can be healthily done. There must be homogeneity, and the spirit and step and swing of the movement maintained. Too rapid an amalgamation of elements might prevent this and defeat the movement. We are sure that "Our Father knows." We rejoice that it moves steadily, and for such a work, rapidly on, with ever-widening influence.

SUPERINTENDENCY.

I have been able to give to the different parts and departments of the work considerable supervision. The country is large and our work is widely scattered which makes it difficult for a General Superintendent to give to the different parts of the work that close and constant attention which the work needs. It becomes more and more evident that we have been providentially led in this matter, by the formation of Districts with District Superintendents who can give more minute and constant care to the work in their Districts. It also makes it possible for them to co-operate with our evangelists, and assist in the organization of the results of their work. It seems evident that this arm of the service promises very great efficiency.

I have been permitted during the year to visit the different parts of the field, consult with the District Superintendents, hold three District Assem-

olica, visit many of the churches, and keep in touch by correspondence with most of the ministers and churches, look after to some extent our missionary, educational and publishing interests; as well as to help in some measure, in the pastoral duties of the First Church of this city. In all of these various departments I have been ably assisted by my associate pastor of the First Church, Rev. C. V. Lafontaine, and each department by able and efficient workers.

MISSIONS.

Our church is pre-eminently a missionary church. It knows no difference between Home and Foreign fields in these days all fields are near. It only hears the Master say: "Go ye." Its first and special field has seemed to be the Jerusalem of our own land, to do what is possible to preach holiness, and to so organize the results of our work as to create centers of fire in all our cities, and pour their streams through all the land: thus helping to Christianize Christianity, and to give new impulse to Christian service everywhere. If it is faithful to its mission this must be, for sometime, its first and great purpose, and in this God is leading us forth.

But while we have been but beginning in this primary work, God has laid upon our hearts and given into our hands, some work more directly affecting or looking towards other lands. First came in a most providential way our Spanish work. With prepared agencies He thrust it upon us, and from the first has crowned it with success pouring out of His Spirit in the conversion and sanctification of these neglected people, who are heathens at our doors; and through whom it is practicable to preach the gospel to the Spanish people in Mexico and South America. The last year, taken as a whole, has been the most successful. Its success multiplies its needs, and intensifies its cry for greater possibilities.

Then came such providential open doors for us in India, that to have failed to enter would have been recreant to the call of God. This call thrilled the whole church, and we believe intensified its reli-

gious life. There seems to be general thanksgiving that the Lord Himself has so signally called us over to this land and given us such a promising opportunity.

EDUCATION.

I am glad to be able to report to you a successful year, with very substantial advance in the work of the Deets Pacific Bible College. The last year closed with a very promising class of graduates; and this year opens with the largest enrollment at the opening, of any year in its history, and with a class of students which promise much to the church and the work of God.

I desire to express my gratification at the excellent class of teachers it has been possible to secure, and the good work which is being done. It is also a matter of thanksgiving that the work done in the school has been such as to arouse an interest in the hearts of those who are seeking to build up the kingdom of God, in the use of the money of which God has made them stewards. First among whom are Mr and Mrs. Jackson Deets, of Upland, California, who have not only given largely towards current expenses, but who have so munificently provided a large and beautiful campus of about nine acres, at a cost of \$30,000. Others also have very generously assisted the work.

Large amounts of money are needed for new buildings and for the prosecution of the work; but we believe that the work so commends itself, that in the good providence of God it will be provided. Above all, the blessing and glory of the Lord continues upon the work.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

It has been a year of prosperity in our Publishing House. Our equipment has been still further added to, and the volume of business has been largely increased.

The Publishing House exists largely for the publication of the church paper—The NAZARENE MESSENGER and other such literature, books, tracts and papers, as shall tend directly to the advancement of the work of organized holiness, through the Church

of the Nazarene. We are glad to say that our new song book—*Waves of Glory*—has met with an enthusiastic reception, and is now used in most of our churches, and in many other places, among which are some churches of other denominations, with strong expressions of favor. A second and improved edition is now on the press. Rev. C. J. Kinne, the Manager of our Publishing interests, is a man specially called and peculiarly fitted and endowed for this work, who entered it at large sacrifice to his personal financial interests, and who, we believe, backed by our faith and co-operation, will make it one of the great Publishing Houses of the country, sending forth to the ends of the earth streams of holy literature for the healing of the nations. The work of the NAZARENE MESSENGER, and its absolute necessity to the church cannot be too greatly emphasized. I commend it to you for a wider circulation, together with its need of your most enthusiastic support in every way, especially for enlargement and enrichment, until it shall, in the most complete way represent this work for which it stands, and so efficiently helps to further. The *By-Way Evangelist* is a paper, the publication of which has been but just entered upon. It is to be published monthly, at the low price of 25 cents a year, with the hope to specially put it into the out-of-the-way places, and places where the NAZARENE MESSENGER does not go; also to put it in the Sunday Schools; and thus make it the forerunner of, what we trust will not be long delayed—a Sabbath School literature.

Of all of these departments of work, you will learn from the reports to you of the various Boards.

I would congratulate you, and the whole church on the advance made during the past year and the wide and promising outlook for the work to which we are called.

Bro. Leslie F. Gay read the report of the Missionary Society of the Church of the Nazarene, which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

It was voted to extend the time to listen to the

report of the Educational Board, which was read by Sister Maris, Principal of the Deets Pacific Bible College.

Dr. Bresee then read the names of those forming the Standing Committees, which were as follows:

Committees of the Assembly.

State of the Church—Geo. Newton, T. A. Asbridge, Mrs. M. Bisbee, W. S. Knott, E. I. Ames, D. J. Loomis, Thomas Fluck, J. G. Darrington, Mrs. M. C. Allinson.

Sabbath Schools—G. W. Glover, Mrs. M. E. Bresee, Mrs. L. B. Love, Mrs. Ruth P. Horton, Mrs. P. G. Linaweaver, Mrs. E. Davis, R. E. Shaw, H. N. Elliott, Mrs. O. M. Grant.

Missions—J. M. Goodwin, L. F. Gay, Mrs. L. P. Knott, Mrs. M. McReynolds, Mrs. C. V. La Fontaine, Mrs. Reed, F. C. Edwards, W. Sharples, Mrs. S. T. Whipple, F. W. Haag, Miss Edith King.

Publishing Interests—C. E. Cornell, C. J. Kinne, C. E. McKee, Mrs. E. C. Sevier, DeLance Wallace, J. A. White, Mrs. H. D. Brown, Mrs. L. L. Ernest.

Young People's Societies—Mrs. DeLance Wallace, Mrs. A. T. Armour, Mrs. Hattie Lockhart, C. H. Hurd, W. V. Pember-ton, Mrs. H. O. Wiley, C. E. Cornell, Mrs. H. D. Brown, Mrs. J. B. Moores, C. B. Langdon.

Educational—J. B. Creighton, Mrs. A. T. Armour, Leora Maris, Lily D. Bothwell, H. A. Irish, S. S. Chafe, E. A. Girvin, J. H. McIrtzyre, A. N. Clark.

Prohibition—Steven Bowers, B. H. Kenady, Stuart Noble, A. W. Wood, H. M. Carpenter, Mrs. Mary Post, Mrs. Harshman, W. C. Wilson, C. E. Cornell, J. C. Kinne, L. F. Gay.

Resolutions—F. C. Epperson, H. A. Clarry, W. W. Fitch, Mrs. Plummer, H. O. Wiley, Mrs. A. E. Kenady, Mrs. E. I. Ames, Mrs. Tait.

Orders—P. G. Linaweaver, C. V. LaFontaine, W. C. Wil-son, J. W. Goodwin, J. P. Coleman, A. O. Henricks, C. W. Raymond.

Legislation—H. D. Brown, P. F. Bresee, C. V. LaFun-taine, J. B. Creighton, L. B. Kent, Mrs. Lucy P. Knott, J. P. Coleman, Mrs. A. T. Armour, E. A. Girvin, W. C. Wilson.

Statistics—C. H. Hurd, W. C. McClain.

Church Union—Dr. P. F. Bresee, H. D. Brown, J. W.

Goodwin, C. W. Ruth, W. C. Wilson, E. A. Girvin, J. B. Creighton, C. V. LaFontaine, L. B. Kent.

Deacons' Wives—C. E. Cornell, W. C. Wilson, R. Pierce, Mrs. A. T. Armour, Mrs. M. McReynolds.

After the calling of Committees, and a few other announcements made, Dr. Bresee introduced the following brethren to the Assembly: Bro. and Sister Wheeler, of Santa Ana; Bro. L. H. Humphrey, of Michigan; Bro. Blackwell, of Upland; Rev. H. O. Wiley, of Berkeley; Bro. Garrett and Bro. Langdon, of San Francisco; Bro. F. C. Edwards, of Long Beach; Bro. Glover, of Ontario; Bro. Paul Hubbard, of Portland; Bro. R. S. Dwaggin; Bro. DeLance Wallace, of Spokane; Bro. and Sister Ames, of Chicago; Bro. and Sister Horton, of Santa Ana. Also Sisters Epperson, King, Short, Allen, Shultz, Grant, Plummer and Evans.

The Assembly then adjourned with singing at 12:30.

SECOND DAY—Thursday, October 4.

Dr. Bresee called the Assembly to order at 9:30 a. m.

Rev. Thomas Fluck led the fifteen minutes of devotional service, and surely it was a gracious season of preparation for the meetings of the day.

The Secretary called the roll, after which the minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved as corrected.

It was voted that the further calling of the roll be dispensed with.

By vote Rev. L. B. Kent was added to the Committee on Church Union.

Bro. C. W. Ruth was here introduced to the Assembly, and said "Hallelujah!"

Bro. and Sister Sharples, of Long Beach, were also introduced.

Communications from the Chicago Central District Assembly, and the Northwest District Assembly, were read and referred to the Legislative Committee.

Bro. H. D. Brown read a recommendation in reference to Preachers and Churches, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

A communication on "Young People" was referred to the Committee on Young People's Societies.

A statement in reference to Baptism, from Bro. Kent, was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Bro. Goodwin offered a memorial from the church at Pasadena on Missions, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Bro. Ruth brought the news that a holiness church at Seymour, Ind., desiring to unite with this body, has taken steps to turn over its fine church property and membership to the Church of the Nazarene.

The following persons were added to the Standing Committees: Mrs. A. E. Kenady, Mrs. Tait and Mrs. C. I. Ames to the Committee on Resolutions; Mrs. M. C. Allinson to the Committee on the State of the Church; Miss Edith King to the Committee on Missions.

Bro. C. J. Kinne, of the Publishing House, read the report on the Publishing Interests, which was referred to the Publishing Committee. Bro. Kinne also gave a very interesting, enthusiastic and profitable exhortation in reference to the duties of the preachers to the NAZARENE MESSENGER.

Bro. Brown and Dr. Bresee also spoke on the publishing interests.

Reports from the District Superintendents and Pastors were then taken up.

Rev. H. D. Brown, Superintendent of the North-

west District, read a very comprehensive report of the work on that district, and spoke encouragingly of the outlook for greater things in the great Northwest. He was followed by Sister Brown, who gave some of her experience in the work during the year.

Sister Wallace reported for Spokane, saying that the last year had been the best of all. The revival is still on, and people are getting through to God. "We have erected a new church, and whereas we had not a dollar last year, we now have a property valued at \$3500, with only \$700 debt. We have had difficulties as well as others, but they have only sent us to our knees, and victory has been the outcome. Through tests and trials God has got us there." This gracious message, in the unction and power of the Spirit, was a great inspiration to the Assembly.

Bro. Wallace also spoke in reference to the work at Spokane.

Bro. Creighton, of N. Yakima, said that he loved the work of the Lord. "I am a Nazarene by divine conviction, which has dated back for some years in reference to organized Holiness. I was rebuked by the wise heads, when young, when speaking on this subject, but we have seen what we have seen. The Lord is blessing at N. Yakima, and the people are feeling after God, and they are going forward. We need to keep ourselves where our influence will be felt by our children and the people around us. My vision of organized Holiness has become a fact. God has raised up the Church of the Nazarene to lead on in the middle of the road." This address stirred the people with much enthusiasm.

The time was extended to finish the reports from the Northwest District.

Sister Edith King, of Ashland, Ore., gave a brief testimony as to her salvation and also a report of the

work at that place, where they expect to move right on. Lots have been bought for a church site, which are expected to be paid for in the near future.

After the announcement of Committees the Assembly adjourned with singing, to meet at 7:30 p. m.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

A glorious service of song preceded the evening meeting, which was not only enjoyed by all, but participated in by all as only Nazarenes can. The service was a special session of the Assembly, and devoted to the welcome and reception of the brethren of the Pentecostal Churches of America: Rev. John N. Short, Rev. H. N. Brown and Rev. A. B. Riggs.

Dr. Bresee opened the service by giving out the hymn, "I am anchored in Jesus," which was sung with enthusiasm, after which Rev. W. C. Wilson led the Assembly to the throne of grace.

Sister Brown sang an original piece written for the occasion, entitled "The Victorious Host."

Dr. Bresee in speaking of the object of this meeting said that it was to take the three "Wise men from the East" to our hearts. It is peculiarly appropriate that Bro. Ruth should be with us to welcome these dear brethren as well as Bro. Wilson. The speaker gave a history of the providential leading of God during the history of the Church of the Nazarene, with which Nazarenes are well acquainted. About the same time as the organization of the Church of the Nazarene, God was raising up in the East a similar movement called the Pentecostal Churches of America. Now we are meeting with hands across the continent.

Dr. Bresee then introduced Rev. W. C. Wilson, who said: "I praise God for this hour. In my experience, I have not received anything from the

Lord, but what it has cost me something." Bro. Wilson related how God had led him out of the Church of his youth, and led him to the Church of the Nazarene, and how he rejoiced that God had fit him up to fit these people. "I thank God for having met these brethren from the East, and pray that God will let us flow together."

Bro. Ruth said: "Jesus prayed that the Church might be one. Why? That the world may believe God's method for saving the world is through sanctified Church. Last year I was invited to hold a camp meeting with the Pentecostal Churches of New England, and on the way to the meeting I had a vision. God said to me, 'Why not try to bring about the unity of the Holiness people, and why not have a Holiness church from Maine to California?' I met the president of that meeting and spoke to him about my desire, and he thought well of it. I met the Missionary Committee and spoke to them of the matter, showing them how similar are the two churches. They became enthused, and the brethren who are here were chosen to visit this Assembly. Now mark, it will not be long before we shall have a mighty host marching on from ocean to ocean. We must pray this thing through. I bespeak a most cordial welcome to these brethren on the part of all Nazarenes."

A great salute of white handkerchiefs and glad praise here welcomed the Fraternal brethren from New England.

Bro. John N. Short, on being introduced, said: "What Bro. Ruth has said, some of it is true and some is not. When he began to talk about union, I thought that was all right, but when he began to want a committee I began to tremble. I was really afraid to come, as I don't like to be away from home. It seems to be like a dream that I find myself here. But I am very serious in my soul. If the Methodist church had maintained her first principles there would never have been any need for any other holiness church. We are living under the new covenant, and ought to have the new cove-

nant experience of holiness. If you haven't got this you haven't got the New Testament experience. I believe holiness with intensity. People can live together if they have holiness, but not if they have holiness and something else. If you die out to sin and get a revelation of divine glory, you won't get over it soon. I never preached a sermon that I am afraid to meet at the judgment. I simply load and fire. Now, if you want to get married, I don't see why we shouldn't. If we believe in holiness we have no ecclesiasticism to consult. We had better not go on if we are going into that business. We must go on to conquer in Jesus. If orthodoxy is conserved, holiness has got to do it. Jesus Christ is being laid aside by many churches. Beloved, something is going to come of this movement. There is no use living if you are not useful. It will mean added responsibility. May the Lord fill us with a holy recklessness for Him. Well, brethren, we have come to represent our Missionary Committee, but if anything comes of this you may blame Bro. Ruth and praise God. If we have holiness we can work together. There is something we have not which you have, and that is the reason we want to marry you. If we go with God, God will go with us. May God consummate this blessed movement."

Rev. A. B. Riggs, another of the brethren, said: "I believe Jesus sees the travail of His soul and is satisfied as He sees this blessed union to spread scriptural holiness over the lands. This union will be blessed because the touch of God is upon it. Oh, for a movement that shall go on forever. The Eastern movement is like this movement, and the brethren of the East are in earnest about this matter. We have come to see something grander than this country, and that was to see a company of blood washed saints. There is a great multitude between the two coasts that are waiting for this union. This union is on my heart, and if we keep humble, God will bless. The answer of our hearts is 'yes.'"

Rev. H. N. Brown said "My soul says 'Amen' to what these brethren have said. We were born about the same time, eleven years ago, and we are one in

spirit. Three things are necessary for a successful holiness movement, and that is a foreign missionary society, a school and a paper." Bro. Brown gave a very interesting report of the foreign mission work of the Pentecostal churches. He also said:

"We number forty-five churches in ten States. I feel that neither of us need to be ashamed of each other. We shall have to keep humble if we are to succeed, and God will lead on and bless the union if consummated. I expect to live to see the grandest revival that the world has ever seen."

Dr. Bresee said that it cannot be expected that any more than preliminary things can be accomplished at this Assembly. God demands all we have for this work. He addressed the meeting in his earnest and inspiring way, and all hearts were aglow with holy enthusiasm and hope of the union of the two great bodies of organized holiness.

The Assembly adjourned at 10 p. m.

THIRD DAY--Friday, October 5th.

The third day's session of the Assembly was opened by the General Superintendent at 9:30 a. m., who called upon Rev. Geo. Newton to lead the devotional services.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous day's session, which were approved as read.

Bro. C. E. Cornell and Sister Cornell were here introduced to the Assembly.

It was voted to approve the action of the General Superintendent in reference to the Holiness Church at Seymour, Ind., which has resolved to affiliate with the Church of the Nazarene.

A memorial of the First Church of Chicago, in reference to some changes in the Manual, was referred to the Legislative Committee.

The Committee on Orders rendered their report, and recommended that the credentials of the following persons be recognized as elders: B. G. Blackwell,

J. G. Rogers, G. W. Glover, E. W. Wheeler, Florence B. Wheeler, C. T. Dilley, B. H. Kenady, Levi H. Humphrey, T. S. Mashburn, F. C. Edwards and R. L. Blackman.

The Committee also recommended the following for Elders' orders, which were granted: H. O. Wiley, Mrs. Phoebe J. Epperson, Herbert Bullum, Mrs. M. McReynolds and W. L. Garrett.

Reports from Districts were again taken up.

Bro. Linaweaver, Superintendent of the San Francisco District, gave a brief and interesting report of the work done on the district during the year. He said: "We have four preaching places, all located around the Bay. I visited Bakersfield, Fresno and Santa Rosa during the year. All our preachers believe in and preach holiness as a second blessing. The work is encouraging, with prospects of reaching out to other points."

Bro. Girvin, of Berkeley, Cal., reported for the work at that place. He spoke of the influence of the Church of the Nazarene on his own family, in bringing them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

Bro. H. O. Wiley also gave a brief report of his work since he commenced his pastorate on the same field, stating that a number of souls had been saved, and that the finances were in a good condition.

Bro. Langdon reported for San Francisco, and sang "Grace and Courage," which was received with great enthusiasm. Our dear brother's report was filled with many happy remarks and illustrations given in his own peculiar but happy way. He stated that he had been in love with the Nazarenes for six years, and "Since I have been in San Francisco, God has given us over 100 souls at the altar. The fire comes down when we get on our knees. We are

better off now than before the fire. We have raised about a thousand dollars for the year."

Bro. Linaweaver reported for Alameda saying that it was organized one year ago with twenty members. "For a time we met in the home of Sister Plummer, and through the liberality of Sister Plummer and Bro. Folsom we now have a neat little church. We expect to see a revival that will shake Alameda. We are now only a small band, many of the members having moved away."

Our brother also reported for Oakland: "After many vicissitudes we obtained a lot and built a church, and since then we have seen some salvation. Over 100 souls have been at the altar, so the Lord has been blessing us. Our property is worth \$8000, which cost us \$5300. We have paid about \$2300, and we have received during the year over \$3300."

Sister Reed, of the same Church, also spoke briefly of the way the Lord had led them.

Sister Plummer gave a brief testimony, and thanked God for the way "He had answered prayer, and given them a Church of the Nazarene in Alameda. He surely has opened the windows of heaven upon us."

Sister Wiley also gave a blessed testimony to full salvation, and made reference to the work at Berkeley.

Bro. Ciprico and Sisters Grant and Shultz spoke encouragingly of the work at San Francisco, and of the great blessing that Bro. Langdon had been to them.

Sister Linaweaver said that God had something new for us whenever we were called to go through hard places.

Bro. Percy Girvin said he thanked God for

Godly parents, and praised Him for the privilege of being called out into the work.

The time was extended to hear the Report of the Committee on Prohibition, which was read by Dr. Stephen Bowers. The report elicited considerable discussion on some points which had reference to persons and denominations. The report was referred back to the Committee for revision.

Rev. A. B. Riggs was announced to preach at the evening service.

The Assembly adjourned with the benediction by Sister Knott.

FOURTH DAY Saturday, Oct. 6.

The General Superintendent called the Assembly to order at 9:30 a. m.

Rev. J. B. Creighton led the devotional exercises, and spoke briefly on the necessity of getting new things from God.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved as corrected.

Dr. Stephen Bowers rendered the corrected report of the Committee on Prohibition, which was adopted as a whole.

On motion, the report of the Missionary treasurer was referred to the Committee on Missions without reading.

The Committee on the State of the Church rendered their report. This excellent report was adopted. (See report.)

Rev. C. V. La Fontaine read the report of the Committee on Church Union. The report was adopted by a rising vote, and was as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNION.

Your committee to whom was given the pleasurable duty of conferring with the delegates to this

Assembly from the Pentecostal Association of Churches of America, on the matter of the union of that Church with the Church of the Nazarene, would most respectfully report:

That we have been in session with these delegates, sitting as one body, and have carefully and prayerfully gone over the matters that would be most essential to consider, bearing upon such a movement; we have unanimously agreed upon the following conclusions, viz:

I. The two Churches are so at one in doctrine, basis of church membership, general superintendency, basis of ownership of church property, and especially in the all embracing purpose to spread scriptural holiness over the land, that we are convinced that by union of organization this purpose can be much more rapidly and efficiently accomplished and Christ more fully glorified. We are therefore convinced that it may and should be accomplished.

II. We are agreed, that in order that there may be no misunderstanding of this report by this Assembly, that it be stated to you, that the basis of our understanding of the unity existing in the two churches upon the above stated essential elements of our organizations, viz: doctrine, basis of church membership, general superintendency and basis of ownership of property, has been the manual of the Church of the Nazarene. (It being understood that in cases in the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America, where property is held by individual churches, the best possible adjustments are to be made with them for the carrying on of the work.)

III. That there is much material harmony between the two churches in matters pertaining to the ministry, orders, etc., as well as Christian advices and ritual, that these can safely be left to the united church to legislate upon and regulate.

IV. The connectional interests, viz: Missions, Publishing interests and Education are so similar and so nearly balanced in their advancement and work

and are necessarily so under corporate boards already formed, that the united church can be adjusted to them, with probably mutual helpfulness in every way. Your committee further report to you with recommendation of adoption, the following resolutions:

Resolved:

1—This General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene for the purpose of more effectively carrying on the work of God in the earth and hastening the triumph of the Redeemer's kingdom, most heartily favor the union of the Church of the Nazarene and the Association of Pentecostal Churches in America, into one organic Church.

Resolved:

2—That when the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America shall have taken such formal and legal action by their churches and annual meeting, as is necessary under their laws, declaring their willingness and purpose to unite with the Church of the Nazarene in organic union, the General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene is hereby authorized to join with the proper authorized officer, or officers of the Pentecostal Churches of America in declaring and publishing the completion of this union; and to call a united General Assembly to meet at such time and place as they shall designate, which shall be constituted of such ministers and lay delegates as now constitute the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene and the Annual Meeting of the Association of the Pentecostal Churches of America; which Assembly shall meet and perfect the provisions, arrangements and governments of the united church which shall merge this assembly and the church which it represents into the new organization.

The reading and adoption of this report aroused great enthusiasm in the Assembly, and set the saints singing

"Its coming, its coming,
The morn for which we pray;
We'll take the world for Christ's own kingdom.
Some glad day."

Rev. H. N. Brown, one of the visiting brethren, spoke feelingly of the way in which the report had been received, and said he felt that this action will never be regretted.

Dr. Bresee spoke with great inspiration, and said that God had just as clearly led us as He ever led His own people across the Red sea. We are not here accidentally, but it is of God. He is bringing this work to another epoch, and we stretch our hands to these brethren to push this work of God until it fills the earth.

Rev. A. B. Riggs here led the Assembly in an earnest prayer of thanksgiving and praise.

Time after time the Assembly burst forth in glad song, such was the intense feeling.

Bro. E. A. Girvin read the following additional resolution in reference to the Union, which on motion was adopted:

WHEREAS, Revs. John N. Short, H. N. Brown and A. B. Riggs, fraternal delegates from the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America, have been with us during this session of the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, and have won our hearts by their sweet Christian spirit, holy zeal and unction, and heart loyalty to God and His great purpose of spreading scriptural holiness throughout the world, and we have been edified by their utterances and inspired by their testimonies; and, have also found these brethren to be at one with us in doctrine, experience and methods: therefore be it

Resolved, That their coming has given us great gladness, and that we hereby express our high esteem and tender love for each and all of them and wish them God-speed all through the journey of life.

A fraternal delegation of five brethren were elected to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America, for the

purpose of consummating the union of the two bodies. They are: Revs. Dr. Bresee, E. A. Girvin, C. W. Ruth, J. W. Goodwin and H. D. Brown.

It was voted that Revs. J. N. Short, H. N. Brown and A. B. Riggs be invited to sit as advisory members of the Assembly, with the privilege of debate.

The report of the Committee on Legislation was read by C. V. La Fontaine.

Rev. H. D. Brown spoke in reference to this report and as to the importance of its adoption.

Dr. Bresee spoke of the necessity of having men to fill the charges, and keep every church in active work.

Rev. C. E. Cornell spoke earnestly of the necessity of guarding the door of the Church in reference to ministers coming to us.

The report was referred back to the Committee for revision.

Rev. E. A. Girvin presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That our presiding officer be authorized and directed to appoint a Legislative Commission of seven members, of which he shall be one, with the understanding that such Commission shall act in concert with a similar Commission to be appointed by the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America, at the annual meeting of such Association in April, 1907, in case they decide on organic unity, and that such Commission be instructed and empowered to consider and formulate such legislation as may be required to perfect the organic union of the Church of the Nazarene and the Pentecostal Association, and to report the results of its work to the next General Assembly of this Church.

After the announcement of committees the Assembly adjourned with prayer by C. E. Cornell, to meet at 7 p.m.

FOURTH DAY—Evening.

Rev. S. S. Chafe led a thirty minute service of devotion, which put every heart in tune for the business of the Assembly session.

The Assembly was called to order at 7:30 p. m., by Dr. Bresee.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as corrected.

The Committee on Missions rendered their report.

Sister L. D. Bothwell read the financial report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions.

Dr. Bresee and Bro. La Fontaine spoke in reference to these great missionary works and the necessity of great liberality for them.

Bros. Goodwin, Ruth, Cornell, Brown, Sisters Bothwell, McReynolds and others made stirring addresses on Missionary work which elicited great enthusiasm on the subject.

The report was adopted as corrected.

It was voted that Bro. Paul Hubbard be recognized as a delegate for Portland.

Bro. Epperson offered the following resolution which was adopted with a rising vote:

WHEREAS our dear brother, Rev. C. W. Ruth, being led of God to the Atlantic Coast among the Churches of the Pentecostal Association of America, and he, by his exhortations and earnest efforts has been directly instrumental in bringing to our Assembly three delegates from that body, which has resulted in the taking of steps by which the union of our Church and the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America may be consummated, therefore be it

Resolved. That we earnestly commend him for his faithful and efficient labors, and that we extend to him this expression of our love, appreciation and thanks.

Reports from the Churches were again taken up, and Rev. C. V. La Fontaine read his report for the First Church of Los Angeles, which showed a year of great prosperity in the salvation and sanctification of many souls, with a corresponding liberality in responding to financial calls for all the activities of the church, amounting to \$13,160.

Bro. Dilley, Supt. of the Fifth Street Mission, said that it had been a year of great victory. He reported that there have been over 500 seekers, and 300 professions of salvation and many sanctified; \$428 has been given without collections to pay the expenses of the Mission; also \$440 for the missionary cause. "We have now also a successful Sunday school of nearly 100, which has cost us about \$75."

Bro. Fluck reported for Vernon, and said that the church has had a good deal to pass through, but were encouraged to go forward, and the preacher and people are getting blessed.

The Assembly adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Monday.

FIFTH DAY—Monday, Oct. 8.

Dr. Bresee called the Assembly to order at 9 a. m., and appointed Rev. C. W. Raymond to lead the devotional exercises.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved.

Bro. Cornell spoke in reference to the Deaconesses, of our church and a Standing Committee on Deaconess Work was constituted composed of the following: C. E. Cornell, W. C. Wilson, R. Pierce, Mrs. A. T. Armour and Mrs. M. McReynolds.

Reports from Churches was taken up.

Bro. W. S. Knott reported for Mateo St. Church, which was replete with facts of a very live and

spiritual body. The membership is ninety-eight, who enjoy a sweet spirit of unity. There is a growing spirit of Missions, and a deepening of the spiritual life. The Church has raised for all purposes during eleven months, \$1984.62. Of this, \$850 was for Home and Foreign Missions.

It was voted that the special business at 11 o'clock today be the election of a General Supt.

The Committee on Legislation gave their amended report, which was read by C. V. La Fontaine. Report was adopted item by item. (See Report.)

It was voted that three papers in the hands of the Legislative Committee on the subjects of orders and baptism, be placed in the hands of the Secretary to be placed on file and held for the action of the united Church when consummated.

It was voted to reconsider that part of the report of the Committee on Legislation which referred to the election of delegates to the General Assembly.

It was moved that the report, be amended by eliminating the word "Board," so as to read "Church" instead of "Church Board." After considerable discussion, in which Bros. Ruth, Wallace, Girvin, Cornell, Brown, Kinnie, Wilson and Goodwin took part, the amendment was laid on the table by a vote of 52 against 23.

The order of the day was then taken up and Rev. P. F. Bresee, D. D., was nominated for the office of General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, and re-elected by enthusiastic acclamation.

Dr. Bresee, in a brief and feeling address, thanked the Assembly for the kind and unanimous confidence reposed in him, by their selection of him

for another year. He spoke of the many duties which the office entailed on him, which fact nearly overwhelmed him, and of the assistance which the District Superintendents would be to him in the work of oversight. "We are going on to larger things; and if the union which is expected becomes a fact, there will be need very likely of a larger general superintendency than can be given by any one person."

It was voted that a call be made to the General Church for \$300 for the year for the purpose of providing a private secretary for the General Supt.

It was voted that the Secretary be appointed to edit and publish the minutes of the Assembly, using his discretion with reference to the Reports.

It was voted to reconsider the Report of the Committee on Prohibition. After considerable discussion the report was referred back to the Committee for further revision, and W. C. Wilson, C. E. Cornell, J. C. Kinne and L. F. Gay were added to the Committee.

The time was extended to listen to the report of Evangelist C. W. Ruth, which was as follows:

I beg to report that during the last Assembly year God has continued to bless me and make my way prosperous. During the year I have labored in California, Oregon, Washington, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Indian Territory, Alaska and Washington, D. C., having conducted seventeen revivals, and labored in nine Camp and Tabernacle meetings. During this time I delivered three hundred and ninety sermons and Bible Readings, and assisted in one hundred and fifty-three services where I did not preach, making a total of five hundred and forty-three services for the year. To do this I travelled twenty thousand, seven hundred and twelve miles. While no exact count was kept as to

the number of professions, I would regard it as a censervative estimate to say I have seen perhaps two thousand seekers at the altars for pardon, reclamation and sanctification. God has given victory on every battlefield, and beautifully supplied all my needs. Hallelujah! Respectfully submitted.

On motion the Assembly adjourned to meet Tuesday at 9 a. m.

SIXTH DAY—Tuesday, Oct. 9.

The presiding officer called the Assembly to order at 9 a.m.

Rev. H. D. Brown led the devotional service which was a season of uplifting blessing.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read by the Secretary and approved as corrected.

It was voted that the reports and speeches be confined to five minutes.

It was moved and carried that the nomination of the Advisory Board be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Bro. Geo. Newton read the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS: The great demand of money in the various departments of our Church requires special prayer and consideration, therefore

Resolved, That our pastors and preachers, are earnestly requested to carefully and strongly keep before our people the great privilege and necessity of making their bequests and donations while living, and not defer their gifts to the uncertainties of wills.

GEO. NEWTON.

C. E. MCKEE.

The Committee on Young People's Societies rendered their report. The report was spoken to by Bros. Kent, Cornell, Coleman, Percy Girvin, Edwards, Wallace, LaFontaine, Henricks, Sister Knott and others. The report was not adopted.

It was voted that the whole matter of young People's Societies be referred to a Commission of seven, who shall report to the next General Assembly, the General Superintendent to appoint the Commission.

The Committee on Legislation submitted a further report on the election of Trustees and Stewards, and also in reference to Missions.

Report was adopted.

The Assembly here bowed in prayer for God's blessing upon the evangelistic services of the day.

The Committee on Publishing Interests rendered its report, which was read by Bro. C. J. Kinne. (See Report.)

The report was adopted.

Several of the brethren spoke to the report and said wise words in reference to the NAZARENE MESSENGER, and urged a greater interest in its behalf on the part of all the Churches.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools gave their report, which was adopted. (See Report.)

Rev. Dr. McIntyre was introduced to the Assembly, and spoke a few words of greeting from the First Methodist Church of Los Angeles.

Sister Armour offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, that we hail with delight and great thanksgiving the growth of the spirit of unity among God's holy people and that we as a Church are anticipating a happy union with the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America in the near future; also be it

Resolved, that the Church of the Nazarene continue to foster the spirit of unity and to increase and abound more and more towards all the people of God, especially those who teach the doctrine of scriptural holiness, and who by life and testimony witness to the same.

Reports from Churches were again taken up.

Bro. A. O. Henricks reported for Elysian Heights, stating that there was a membership of thirty-four, with finances in good condition, prospects for future services good, and unity prevails among the membership. The Sunday school is in a good and growing condition.

Bro. R. Pierce, in reporting for Cucamonga said that he had spent a blessed year with the Church at that place. It had not been a year of gathering of fruit so much as a year of pruning. Quite a number had been dropped from the roll of membership at the commencement of the year, not being in the community, and not being in spiritual relations with the Church. The finances had been doubled during the year.

Bro. Kenady gave a history of the work at Erwin Heights. He also reported for Ocean Park, which had a membership of forty-five, with a Sabbath school of forty-five. The Church had given \$156 for Missions.

In reporting for Long Beach, Bro. F. C. Edwards said that the Lord's blessing had been upon the Church from the first. April 29th a new church was dedicated, the property costing \$9000, on which there was a debt of \$5000. They had a membership of 106, with a S. S. of 170. Two hundred souls had been at the altar during the year.

Ontario was reported for by Bro. Glover, who stated that he had been pastor for two months. Membership sixty-six; S. S. sixty-five; value of Church property \$3500, with a debt of \$1400. They had a noble band of people, and victory is looked for.

Bro. Goodwin said that the blessing of the Lord had been on the Church at Pasadena. The Lord had

wonderfully led, especially in securing the Church property, which was valued at \$14,000.

Time was extended.

Bro. Noble gave a promising report for Pomona.

Upland was reported for by Bro. W. C. Wilson, who said that God had led in all the work. A goodly number were converted and sanctified, and the new church is completed and ready for dedication. Finances good, prospects glorious.

Under the call for reports from the Chicago Central District, Bro. C. E. Cornell reported for Chicago First Church. They had nearly 500 members. He spoke of the unique way they have in receiving members into the Church. They had purchased a lot for a new church for \$10,000 on easy terms. They had a continual revival in which nearly 1000 people had been at the altar during the year. Bro. Cornell reported also the Swedish Work and Missions, in connection with the First Church, which were doing a glorious work.

The Secretary read the list of Churches not represented by delegates. Rev. L. B. Kent, former District Supt., reported for these places, which were as follows: Canton, Maples Mills, Auburn, Dunfirmline, Kewanee, Peoria and Stockton, all in Illinois; Howard, Kansas; Rochester, Ind., and Flint, Mich.

The report of the Committee on Deaconess Work, as read by Sister Armour, was adopted. (See Report.)

The Assembly adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m., Wednesday.

SEVENTH DAY—Wednesday, Oct. 10.

The General Superintendent called upon Rev. S. B. Rhoads to open the Assembly with devotional

service, which was an inspiration to all hearts.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous session, which were approved as corrected.

Dr. Bresee then asked Rev. John N. Short to speak to the Assembly, who made a very touching and gracious address, advising all to make sure that all were fully yielded to God and to desire nothing but the will of God.

Rev. H. N. Brown also addressed a few words of inspiration, and said their hearts had been melted by the tender and kind manner in which they had been received. He was glad that when the subject of the union was spoken of, the Divine sanction seemed to be upon it.

Rev. A. B. Riggs was called upon and spoke feelingly of the kindness shown the brethren of the east; and with great confidence spoke of the victories of the future which he saw by faith; "I expect to have great surprises when I get inside the pearly gate."

Glad songs of praise went up from the Assembly as these brethren took their seats.

Bro. Epperson read the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was approved. That part of the report in reference to the General Superintendent was adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee on Legislation presented the names of those who are to form the General Advisory Board, which were as follows: C. E. McKee, C. V. LaFontaine, J. P. Coleman, and Mrs. A. T. Armour.

The report was approved.

The Committee on Missions reported the names of the Missionary Board which is as follows:

Rev. P. F. Bresee, D. D., Pres; Rev. C. V. LaFontaine, V. Pres; Leslie F. Gay, Rec. Sec.; Mrs.

A. T. Armour, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. Lily D. Bothwell, Treas.; C. E. McKee, V. J. Jacques, Wm. P. Trumbower, Mrs. M. B. Hervey, W. C. Wilson, Mrs. L. P. Knott, Mrs. E. A. Hallowell, J. W. Goodwin, F. C. Edwards; Mrs. J. B. Moores, Ontario, Cal.; J. B. Creighton, N. Yakima, Wash; E. A. Girvin, Berkeley, Cal.; C. E. Cornell, Chicago.

It was voted that it was the sense of this meeting that the next General Assembly be held in Chicago.

The Committee on Prohibition rendered a new report, which was read by Bro. L. F. Gay, and adopted. (See Report.)

Bro. Epperson reported for the Statistical Committee, which was adopted as corrected. (See Report.)

Rev. E. A. Girvin, for the Committee on Church Union, offered an additional resolution, which was adopted: (See Report.)

The chairman then announced the following commission on Young Peoples' Societies: W. C. Wilson, C. E. Cornell, C. V. La Fontaine, A. O. Henricks, Mrs. L. P. Knott, Mrs. A. T. Armour, Mrs. DeLance Wallace.

A season of prayer was at this time engaged in.

Bro. L. B. Kent offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved—That in view of the conviction that no new Manual should be issued until after the next General Assembly, and that several matters of importance are by agreement referred to the next assembly, which matters must be in the care of our beloved and most excellent Secretary, Bro. R. Pierce, whose election as secretary if in attendance upon the assembly there can be no doubt whatever, we urge that he (the Lord permitting) be at the seat of the Assembly in advance of the hour of its convening for

business. We also advise that provision be made for his traveling expenses.

L. B. KENT,
C. J. KINNE,
P. G. LINAWEAVER.

The following names were announced by the chair for the joint commission to meet after the annual meeting of the Asso. of Pentecostal Churches: Dr. P. F. Bresee, E. A. Girvin, H. D. Brown, C. W. Ruth, L. B. Kent, G. C. Walker, C. E. Cornell.

Reports from several Evangelists in the field were received as follows: Herbert Buffum and wife, H. J. and Maud Starkey, C. S. and Ada Williams, G. L. Shepardson, J. A. Dooley and wife.

After the minutes had been read, corrected and approved, Rev. J. N. Short led in an earnest prayer and the congregation sang "There is a fountain filled with blood." Thus closed, with the benediction by the General Superintendent, the Eleventh and most harmonious and victorious General Assembly that the Church of the Nazarene ever held. Amen.

P. F. BRESEE, President.

ROBT. PIERCE, Secretary.

AFTERNOON AND EVENING MEETINGS.

The afternoon and evening meetings during the Assembly were given to the Missionary, Educational, Evangelistic and Young Peoples Anniversaries, and were season of gracious inspiration and light as to what these "Arms" of the Church are doing. Earnest addresses were made on the various subjects by visiting brethren, whose words cheered and instructed the hearts of all. The evening services were seasons of refreshing, when a number of souls were seekers at the altar. Whether a business or a preaching session, the great work of salvation was always the main thought.

Reports.

The following are Reports of Standing Committees, as reported to and adopted by the Eleventh Annual Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene:

Missions.

To the Eleventh General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene:

Your Committee on Missions respectfully make the following Report:

We stand in a position of responsibility so marvelous, at the side and door of the most wonderful opportunities that this world has ever seen. Mexico at our side with an open door; progressive Japan calling for advanced civilization, and our Christian teachers to mould the thinking and future of that vast empire. China is before us with its open doors on every side. Think of a Governor of a province in China of two and a half millions of people ordering the New Testament into the Public Schools and making laws for the observance of the Christian Sabbath. The signs of the times, the precious opportunities afforded by all modern improvements, the urgent calls from needy fields, should inspire us with new faith, self-sacrifice and heroism. With a world engrossed in selfishness all around us, and the nominal church seeking after pleasure, leaving but a form of Godliness, while the powers of darkness seem to be let loose upon us, we must quit ourselves like men and be strong. Our confidence in God and His eternal purposes must remain unshaken, for He has given unmistakable evidences that He is in and ordering this great movement for organized Holiness in all the lands. We are just entering the arena of one of the greatest movements in the history of the church. The weight of a groaning world, after something they know not what, is upon us, for *we* do know their real need is God and holiness. Brethren the most earnest enthusiasm you have ever had will not and can not keep up to God's mighty movements among the Nations of the earth. You may say we are traveling as fast as we can see the way. But we believe

God is calling for this church to go out where it cannot see the way. Not without God but with God. He who does not dare to step up to all the powers there are in him is recreant to God and humanity. Nay more, he who does not dare to step out beyond the powers there are in him cannot have his history and success recorded in the 11th chapter of Hebrews now being written. The end of this age is upon us and we believe that we ourselves have so little time left that we cannot now stop to daub with untempered mortar; and any one who cannot step bravely into God's all-conquering procession will be left hopelessly behind. This church must walk out in faith beyond its depth or it cannot be Abrahamic and hence unfit to be a father and mother to the faithful who are to have future histories. We may not be able to do all things but we can do the things to which God calls us. Let the Gideon army come to the front and lead on; *water lappers are in order.*

Let the timid stand back and rest till God sets the battle in order and wins, then let all help on. Are we up against a closed door? Pray it open. If God, with His command "Go" and a Holiness man, cannot with him accomplish the work God is calling for, then He will call for an Evan Roberts or even stocks and stones, the simple child heathen of India and the Orient to do his work—*It must be done on time.*

Some of our people are making pledges to various benevolences in our church where they do not at the time have the money in hand. We would respectfully remind our people that such pledges are offerings to God; vows that should be paid with all honor and fidelity, that failure to do it is likely to result in many things *detrimental* to the cause of God and the harmony of the church, but chiefly in a loss to the individual, possibly of favor and blessing of God. The Jew with his *tythe system* was always giving and always had something to give.

When we consider the money already raised from so limited a resource it may give satisfaction to many of us, yet it is a question if all the money given this past year by our people equalled the tenth which be-

longs to God, and if not we have given nothing. We would call attention to that clause in our Manual relative to tithe offering.

Recognizing that the fifty thousand Spanish speaking people in Southern California is a Foreign Work, a great open door and effectual, that God places great responsibility upon us in relation to them and has so signally owned our efforts in that already scores among them have accepted Jesus by a living Faith, not form and ceremony, and that our work has been greatly hindered for want of proper facilities for carrying on the work; an Industrial School is a great necessity to conserve our girls and prepare them for work among their own people. We urge the churches to lay this work more fully upon their heart in prayer, and arrange for regular and steady contributions for this the eldest missionary child of the church.

This missionary work needs from five to ten thousand dollars of the Lord's money to place it in a position where it can adequately do the work that ought to be done for this poor and needy people. Such accommodations in the way of suitable grounds and buildings would undoubtedly result in a work several times greater than the work of the past. Remember this work in your large gifts and bequests.

Our workers are already considering and planning to enter the open door of the Mexican Republic, and at present property has been given in that field for the establishment of a mission station there. We would urge the immediate attention of our people to the opportunities hereby offered.

In the providence of God, India has been opened to us, and already our work in this field under the leadership of Sister Banarjee calls for earnest prayers and strong financial support.

As we look out upon the fields at home, and in foreign lands, our interest is kindled anew, and we stretch forth our hand for mission stations, not only new ones in India but for missions in Japan and China.

That we may more definitely and intelligently conserve the missionary interest, we urge upon the

churches in the vicinity of a foreign population to put all possible missionary zeal into practice organizing and pushing missions among the nations represented in their locality.

Some one has said: "A church that is not a missionary church will soon be a missing church."

We recommend that the Legislative Committee be urged to prepare and present for the consideration of the Assembly a form of constitution or By-laws for the organization of a Local Missionary Society in each church as mentioned in our Manual, page 92. And that a course of reading for instruction along missionary lines be arranged.

We are convinced, and suggest that the time has come, or certainly is near at hand, when a General Secretary giving all his time under the Mission Board should be placed in the field.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LESLIE F. GAY.

F. A. REED.

MRS. C. V. LAFONTAINE,

MRS. B. E. KING,

W. SHARPLES.

MRS. LUCY P. KNOTT.

MRS. M. McREYNOLDS,

F. W. HAAG.

FRANK C. EDWARDS.

J. W. GOODWIN.

Committee on Missions.

Educational.

To the Eleventh Annual Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, Greetings:

Your Committee on Educational Interests present the following report:

The province of education is to qualify the individual to preserve, sustain and protect himself in spirit, soul and body, to fit him for the proper procreation and care of children, to make him a useful member of society, to facilitate his eternal salvation, to increase his efficiency as a Christian and enable him to fit into the plan of God, and live up to his highest possibilities in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. This educational process should begin at the cradle, should be carried on continuously by wise and holy men and women, and should embrace all departments of learning.

A teacher exerts a profound influence upon his pupils and his influence should be utilized for the uplifting of our children and the glory of God. What ought to be done can be done.

Difficulties do not count when sacred human interests and God's glory are involved. The Bible having been ruled out of the public schools, and unconverted teachers being in the vast majority, the necessity is upon us of providing for the education of our own children. And yet we recognize that the public schools are exercising a humanizing and civilizing influence upon millions of children who are not being reached by the church of God. Still these schools fall short in many vital points of what is embraced in the true ideal of Christian education, and multitudes of other children who go to these schools from Christian homes, there unlearn the most precious lessons taught them by godly parents.

Each of our church buildings and places of meeting should be turned into a Christian school house, and holy, efficient teachers there employed. The entire curriculum from start to finish should be imbued and saturated with the principles of Christianity, as seen and understood from the standpoint of holiness unto the Lord. As soon as possible our Publishing House should prepare text books. Our Colleges should prepare teachers for these schools, which in turn would graduate pupils into the academies and colleges of our church. This will involve great expense, but that which is needful is possible and the Lord will provide. Such a system of true education would prove a powerful attraction to our holiness brethren at large and to Christian people generally, who are confronted by the embarrassment of being compelled to have their children educated by teachers and text-books that are indifferent or hostile to the claims of Christianity.

We are persuaded that God has these things in view, and is guiding us in this direction. Our Bible College is manifestly a child of His providence. Like THE MESSENGER and our Publishing House, it was practically forced upon us. For these reasons we predict for it a great and glowing future. It has a

warm spiritual, revival atmosphere, where young people flourish in their souls. It is a place of constant and prevailing prayer. It is a place where God's word is honored, and where every question is brought to the form of the holy scriptures. This condition of affairs is due, and can only be due to the fact that those who have the College in charge are men and women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. It may be considered as axiomatic that the spiritual atmosphere of any institution of learning will never rise higher than the inward spiritual vitality of its governing and teaching body.

In these times it is peculiarly true that the only safety of a Christian, young or old, lies in a thorough knowledge of the word of God, as interpreted by the Holy Spirit. This knowledge will plainly reveal the fact that there are many invisible and mysterious influences at work in the world which are radically distinct from, and in many cases antagonistic to, the operations of the Spirit of God. Subtle forces, physical, sexual, psychic, hypnotic and diabolic are in constant play and interplay around us, and must be carefully distinguished and differentiated from the real work of the Holy Ghost. Satan is employing these forces more actively than ever before in counterfeiting the gracious influences of God, and in seducing the disciples of Christ from the narrow way. All these things are explicitly set forth in the Bible. Hence, the vital importance of thoroughly knowing its teachings.

Brother and Sister Deets have been led of God to give to the College a tract of land within easy reach of the center of Los Angeles, which is admirably adapted in every way to the needs, not only of our Bible College, but of a great Christian University where in the years to come everything that enters into the symmetrical development of our three-fold being can be safely taught by scholarly men and women, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and anointed for this special work of God as it relates to the fuller Christian education of young men and women.

Prohibition.

To the Eleventh Annual Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene: Greetings.

Your Committee on Prohibition respectfully submit the following report:

Of all the forces for evil now existing in this land there are none that seem to bear any comparison to the Liquor traffic. It has so entrenched itself in the appetites of great numbers of our citizens, has so taken possession of the ruling powers in politics and in the official life of the nation, has aggregated to gather such wealth and influence, has so little regard for the law, for morality, for decency even, that the saloon, with its attendant evils, often under the same roof, is so far as we can see the vilest and most vicious of any of the evils that are eating at the heart of the National life and the liberties of its people.

This pirate on the high seas of our National prosperity is so bold and so strong, that it has captured the brains, the heart and the manhood of thousands on thousands of our citizens, and absorbed their business, their homes and their character.

The Standard Oil and kindred monopolies are angels in comparison to this black demon of the pit.

It has thrust its satanic hand into even Christian homes and taken often the brightest and the best. It long ago threw down the challenge to the Christian Church, laughing at its prayers and resolutions, cursing its ministers, conquering on its own chosen battle fields, making successful inroads into the very family of God, has captured many a man and woman who have sat in heavenly places in Christ Jesus and cast them down to hell. We cry out in the prayer of our hearts, "Oh God, how long, how long?"

As we believe that this country cannot long exist except in sobriety and righteousness, and as the saloon and all this drink traffic, including the manufacture and the sale of the same as bottled goods in groceries and drug stores, is the enemy of legitimate business, of the home, of the manhood and

womanhood of this country and of the Church of the living God; therefore we call on every friend of true business, of the home, of the churches of this land to join hands, to stand together against this common foe by word, prayer and ballot and this will we do by the grace of God.

This is not only a battle of the Christian Church against this great evil, but of vital interest to all lovers of humanity, for every home is in danger. When a nest of rattlesnakes is under the house, no one in the home could or should be safe. In this war of extermination there can be no compromise; therefore license of this gigantic evil for a financial consideration is so manifestly wrong, so contrary to God and His Word, that we can not at any time be other than Prohibitionists.

Therefore be it *resolved*, that as Holiness people, we will stand true to the principles of Prohibition at all times, giving aid, comfort and prayers to all who work for this desirable end: that as members in this holy relation that is found in the bonds of holiness, pure love to God and humanity, we pledge ourselves to use great care that we vote on the side of God against this great evil; that as Nazarene churches, from time to time we will hold such meetings, preach and teach such truths as will strengthen and establish our people in the principles of prohibition, securing thereby the blessings of God upon our churches and families:

Resolved, as duty to God includes the proper care of the children, we will give especial instruction to the children in the Sunday school against the twin evils of liquor and tobacco, and be careful in our homes that patent medicines, or even the physician, does not fasten the appetite for these things upon our children.

We hail with delight the growing sentiment against the saloon. The white on the map of the South is enlarging to such an extent as to attract the attention of the world and spread consternation among the whiskey forces. The forces of temperance in many of the states of the Union are so organized and persistent against the saloon that thou-

sands of these drunkard-making establishments have been forced out of business and the whiskey press almost universally is greatly alarmed, for which we thank Almighty God and take courage. All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. H. KENNEDY.

W. C. WILSON.

M. E. POST.

MRS. N. S. HARSHMAN.

STUART L. NORLE.

C. E. CORNELL.

LESLIE F. GAY.

C. J. KINNE.

H. M. CARPENTER.

Publishing Interests.

To the Eleventh General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene:

Your Committee on Publishing Interests respectfully submit the following report:

We have read with interest the report of the Nazarene Publishing Company. We have also compared this with the report given a year ago, and find The Nazarene Publishing Company have demonstrated the fact that it can not only pay its own way, but can *earn a profit* which would be more than sufficient to provide the free literature necessary for the establishing and strengthening of the Church in the many fields opening to us, if the burden of expense entailed by the NAZARENE MESSENGER can be lessened to any considerable degree. This can be accomplished by materially increasing the subscription list.

We therefore recommend first: That every Pastor-Evangelist and worker join in a united effort to secure one thousand new subscribers before the first of January, 1907.

Second: That, whereas OUR Publishing House has in stock the standard publications of other houses, and also many publications of its own, all our people be urged to order their literature from the Nazarene Publishing Co.

To meet the increased demands upon us for a greater variety of publications it is imperative that a

larger equipment be provided, thus necessitating larger working capital. We, therefore, advise our people to help us "Spread Scriptural Holiness over these lands" by *investing money* in this business which is as truly the "Master's Business" as is the work of the Missionary Society, the College or the Church, and without which none of these institutions can fulfil their mission.

We note with pleasure that other denominations are using our song book "Waves of Glory," and are highly pleased with it. We can heartily commend to our new churches or others in need of new song books, the "Waves of Glory."

C. E. CORNELL.	MRS. H. D. BROWN.
C. E. MCKEE.	DELANCE WALLACE.
MRS. M. L. ERNEST.	MRS. H. C. SEVIER.
C. J. KINNE.	J. A. WHITE.

State of the Church.

The Church of the Nazarene although comparatively young in years is developing unusual strength and vigor both in the principles of which it is composed and the territory over which it spreads.

There seem to be a disposition both among the Ministry and the Laity to keep in the middle of the path, avoiding fanaticism on the one side and formalism on the other, and attend strictly to our business of spreading scriptural Holiness over these lands by organized bands, saints baptized and filled with the Spirit and power of God.

A close observation of the spiritual condition of the members of the Church of the Nazarene convinces your Committee that there is a deepening of spiritual life in a large majority, and that a Church conducted on our plan of operation meets a long felt need of multitudes of Holiness people throughout the length and breadth of the land, and also is a mighty agency to bring in many to the ranks of the Holy, who are kept back from making the necessary consecration by the fear of opposition that they will

have to encounter from members of formal churches; and then our condition enables our churches to furnish under God the necessary spiritual food for those who come among us, that they may become strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

We are thankful that from the reports already heard in the Assembly, we are able to gather the welcome information that the Church of the Nazarene is not in any wise disposed to change its position in reference to the Liquor curse, but stands firmly on the rock of total prohibition of the Liquor Traffic.

We find the state of the Church to be such that we have no hesitancy in giving a hearty invitation to all the Holy People to join our ranks and we believe they will find fields of labor which will be productive of great fruitfulness in bringing many sons to glory.

Our method of managing the finances meets with the approval of God and godly people, namely, the freewill offerings of the people, and we find that whenever things are managed as they should be and the people are informed of the needs of the work, the necessary funds are always forthcoming. We understand the tithe system to be the scriptural way of providing for the financial needs of the work of the Lord and societies adopting it report success.

The great need of the Church is that every Nazarene keep in a place where they have hold on God and by way of the throne bring things to pass and if we get this need supplied and God continues to work through us to the accomplishment of great good, the opposition encountered will only make us strong for the work committed to us.

We are glad to note the manner in which Nazarenes are learning to overcome opposition, namely, by being so busy about their work that they pay no attention to it, but go on as though it did not exist.

It is very encouraging to note that the Church of the Nazarene continues to be the joyful mother of children and the revival fires continue to burn on its altars and children are born into the family of God.

The condition of things in the large cities seems to demand that Missions be established in localities where large numbers of people congregate and street meetings can be held, that those who cannot be reached by the regular Church services may be gathered in. Great care should be taken that the proper persons be put at the head of such Missions and if properly managed they will become immense sources of good and be the means of the salvation of many souls that otherwise would not come under the influence of full salvation preaching, and such Missions would give employment to a large number of members who are looking for something to do in the Master's vineyard. Where Missions have been established among different nationalities as well as among English speaking people, they have proved a great blessing both to those who have been saved and to the workers engaged in them.

We rejoice in the condition of unity among us as a Church, a unity which exists only among Holy people.

The extended territory over which it has spread seems to us to be calling loudly for such changes in our administration as will prevent the very long journeys our people have to take to reach a General Assembly yearly and it seems to us that a large proportion of the business now brought to the General Assembly belongs to District Assemblies, and could be just as well done nearer home, and the General Assembly be called together once in three or four years when delegates from the entire field may come together for needed legislation.

We rejoice in the hold the Church of the Nazarene has upon the young people, and we find wherever their societies are properly superintended by persons called of God to that work they are productive of great good. Of course the future hope of the Church is in the young people and where proper attention is given to them they become a power in the Church and community and they themselves will grow in grace instead of being in the way of the spread of the work of the Lord. Our Sabbath

schools generally are in a prosperous condition.
Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS FLUCK.

T. A. ASBRIDGE.

W. S. KNOTT.

E. I. AMES.

GEORGE NEWTON.

MRS. M. BISBEE.

MRS. N. C. ALLISON.

D. J. LOOMIS.

I. G. DARRINGTON.

Sabbath Schools.

We, your Sabbath School Committee, respectfully report as follows:

In this God-dishonoring and pleasure-seeking age, with cold indifference towards divine things, manifest alike in the lives of both old and young, we have no more difficult problem than that of awakening an interest in the study of God's word sufficient to draw and hold the masses in the Sabbath School. But if the masses are to be evangelized and fitted to be servants in the kingdom of our Christ they must in some way be interested and instructed in the things of God revealed in His word.

The Sabbath School is one of the God-appointed and God-honored agencies in the evangelization of the unchurched masses of lost humanity. This being true the churches should be diligent to make the largest possible use of this agency by calling into service its best available teaching talent in the Sabbath School. Thoroughly trained teachers for this work is a thing to be very much desired. But a workable plan adapted alike to all localities has been hard to find. A plan that has worked well in many places is to maintain a teachers' class in the Sabbath School, who, in addition to the study of the Bible may have a course of collateral studies such as may be selected by the pastor and superintendent, and approved by the Sabbath School Board.

We know of no better plan to reach the careless and unconcerned than to have some competent person, or persons, appointed by the Sabbath School Board, being recommended by the pastor of the church and Sabbath School Superintendent, to visit

from house to house, to awaken parental interest, and secure the attendance of the children.

The Home Class has been found very helpful in many places in awakening an interest in Bible study among the shut-in classes. Your committee believes that there is a growing demand for a distinctively holiness literature to be used in all our schools and would commend this to you as a subject worthy of your earnest prayers to the great Head of the Church, that this need in His own way and time may be supplied.

G. W. GLOVER, Chairman.

MRS. E. T. DAVIS, Secretary.

MRS. P. G. LINAWEAVER. MRS. RUTH P. HORTON.

RICHARD E. SHAW.

MRS. O. M. GRANT.

H. N. ELLIOTT.

MRS. M. E. BRESEE.

MRS. L. B. LOVE.

Church Union.

The Committee on Church Union rendered a report that was a reproduction of that read by the Special Committee, which will be found on page 27 of the Minutes.

The Committee in addition rendered the following:

We, the Committee on Church Unity recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, we recognize the providential and increasing tendency toward union on the part of those who advocate and experience Bible Holiness, and, whereas, there is to be a joint session or assembly in the near future of delegated representatives of the Church of the Nazarene, and delegated representatives of the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America, for the purpose of arranging for and giving practical effect to the organic union of these two great bodies of sanctified believers, therefore be it

Resolved. That we extend a cordial invitation to the various independent Holiness Churches throughout America to send representatives to this joint session or assembly for the purpose of securing,

so far as possible, the organic unity of the Holiness people of this continent, and be it further

Resolved, That as soon as the date of such joint session or assembly is definitely fixed, these resolutions shall be published in the NAZARENE MESSENGER in conjunction with an announcement of the time and place where such joint session or assembly shall be held.

Deaconesses.

After due deliberation and prayer, your Committee desires to submit the following report:

We recognize the fact that the office of Deaconess is of vital importance to the efficiency and success of the work of the Church of the Nazarene. Its ministries are sacred and priceless as well as numberless. It is therefore an office the entrance to which cannot be too carefully guarded or due preparations for which too much emphasized. Its holy relations and services are second only to that of the ministry; hence if we cannot have the advantages of a Deaconess training home at present, the necessity of arranging for some adequate and careful initial examination is great, not alone on our accepted doctrines, but also on the line of Christian ethics characteristic of the highest ideal in conduct and nobility of character. Our Deaconesses are a body of marked women. Their attire at once suggests their Christly office, to every observer—saint and sinner—and it should always be an emblem of purity of heart and life as well as significant of ceaseless and loving service. It is not alone a great benefit to the Church that these requirements be made, but it dignifies the office, and is a manifest compliment to the candidates to this important position.

Your Committee feels it is but seemly that our Deaconesses should be recognized by the District Assemblies of our Church by virtue of their office and services and be entitled to report their work of the year, the same as active ministers of the Church.

We therefore recommend to the Assembly the recognition of these inestimable women in our Assemblies.

C. E. CORNELL.

MRS. M. MCREYNOLDS.

W. C. WILSON.

MRS. ANNIE T. ARMOUR.

ROBT. PIERCE.

Resolutions.

To the Eleventh Annual Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene: Greetings.

WHEREAS, Our beloved General Superintendent, Dr. P. F. Bresee, who has served us so faithfully in the past years, has been spared to us and has been enabled by the grace of God to give us another year of faithful and effective service, for which we sincerely thank God, and by his "work of faith and labor of love" guided us through a year of trial and victory; therefore be it

Resolved, That this General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene hereby expresses its hearty appreciation of his love, devotion and fidelity to the interests of our Church, that we rejoice with him in the victories he has gained through grace; that we do pledge ourselves to co-operate with him and assist him to the full extent of our ability in the fulfillment of his manifold duties, and that we pray continually to our heavenly Father that his life may be spared to us for many years to come.

WHEREAS, We have listened with pleasure to the reading of the Report of the Educational Board, therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Assembly thank the Faculty and Officers of the Deets Pacific Bible College for their year of self-sacrificing labor in the interest of our school, and

Resolved, That we are grateful to Bro. and Sister Johnson Deets and all others who have so generously aided in furthering the work of the Bible College, and

Resolved, That we commend this work to the whole Church as worthy of their most earnest prayers and faithful support.

WHEREAS, The Publishing Interests have made such marked advance in the past year and the needs of the NAZARENE MESSENGER are so constantly increasing with the enlargement of the Church, therefore be it

Resolved, that we commend the editors of the NAZARENE MESSENGER and manager of the Publishing House for their efficient services, and also others who have given their services freely, and that we pledge ourselves to the support of the Publishing Interests and to the increase of the circulation of the NAZARENE MESSENGER.

Resolved, That we appreciate the labors of the Legislative Commission, and extend to them our thanks for their most valuable services.

Resolved, That we extend to Rev. C. V. LaFontaine our thanks and this grateful recognition of his faithful, efficient and cheerful services in connection with the arrangements and entertainment of the delegates to the Assembly.

Resolved, That our most heartfelt thanks be tendered to those who have so kindly entertained the delegates to the General Assembly.

Resolved, That this Assembly most heartily appreciates the faithful and efficient services rendered by Bros. R. Pierce, P. G. Linaweaver and Bro. Percy Girvin, our Secretary and Assistant Secretaries, and that we hereby tender them our sincere thanks.

Resolved, That we thank the daily press of the city for the its kindness in reporting the proceedings of this Assembly.

F. C. EPPERSON.
MRS. PLUMMER.
MRS. TAIT.

H. A. CLARRY.
W. W. FITCH.
MRS. KENADY.

Statistical Report.

To the Eleventh General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene.

Your Committee on Statistics respectfully submits the following Report:

Total Number Churches	45
“ Membership	3385
“ Sunday S. Scholars	2217
“ “ Officers and Teachers	284
“ Membership Y. People's Society	393
Total Value of Church Property	\$183,100
“ Debt on Same	56,607
“ Amount Raised for Church Bldg	21,212
“ Value of College Property	40,000
“ Debt on same	3,100
“ Raised for Pastors' Support	14,136
“ “ Current Expenses	7,695
“ “ Sunday School Expenses	1,891
“ Paid for Rent	1,166
“ Amount Received for Missions	4,017
“ “ For Other Benevolences	3,407

INCREASE OVER YEAR 1905.

On Value of Church Property	74,375
“ “ “ College Property	30,000
“ Debt Reduced	38,992
“ Ministerial Support	5,084
“ Sunday School Expenses	568
“ Missions	5,940
“ Other Benevolences	1,525
On Church Membership	247
“ Sunday School Scholars	577
“ “ Officers and Teachers	25

This Report is unfortunately incomplete, some Churches not having sent in a full report, and still others no report.

The only complete reports are on Membership and receipts for Missions. In many cases District Superintendents and Pastors have been able to give but an approximate Report.

Although seven of our churches have not reported Sunday Schools, there is a decided increase in membership. The valuation of church property has increased more than seventy thousand dollars, several new churches being added, and the debt on same has been reduced materially.

The amount paid for rent has been decreased during the past year, many of our churches having become property owners.

This has been a year of progress for which we can well praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE H. HURD,
W. C. McCLAIN.

Legislation.

The Committee on Legislation made its report and recommended that the wording of the paragraphs under the following headings be changed so as to read as follows:

The General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene.

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1. The general Assembly shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches, all Elders and such licensed Preachers as are laboring as Pastors or are in charge of missions under the appointment of the General Superintendent, and two lay delegates from each church with a membership of one hundred or less, and one delegate for every fifty additional members thereof over one hundred, which lay delegates shall be elected by the Church Board.

The first business session of the General Assembly shall convene not earlier

than Thursday of the week designated for the meeting of the General Assembly.

Additions to the chapter on "District Assemblies," page 56:

The Secretary of the District Assembly shall furnish to the chairman thereof a list of such ministers as shall be eligible as pastors of the churches within the bounds of the district. This list shall include (1) the names of all the pastors in the district, and (2) also the names of such other licensed ministers of the Church of the Nazarene as shall be recommended by the Church Boards of which they are members, and elected to this list by the District Assembly.

Any minister on the eligible list of one District may be transferred by the General Superintendent to the eligible list of another District with the consent of the District Assembly to which he is transferred.

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When not presiding as chairman of the District Assembly, the District Superintendent shall be ex-officio member of the District Advisory Board.

When a church is without a pastor the District Superintendent is legally the pastor.

All Missions of our Church within the bounds of a district shall be under the special supervision of the District Superintendent.

Under the paragraph on "Church Board," page 59 so as to read:

After consultation with the General Superintendent, to call a pastor for the oversight and care of the church in harmony with our rules and regulations, and no preacher thus called, shall be recognized

as pastor, until approved as such, by the General Superintendent.

The Church year shall end with the annual session of the District Assembly.

Wherever the pastoral relations have been duly arranged for the ensuing year between a minister and the Church Board the Secretary of the Church Board shall certify such fact to the Superintendent of the District on or before the first day of the District Assembly. On the receipt of such notice the Chairman of the District Assembly shall recognize such relation, provided that such minister is or becomes a member of the eligible list of the District Assembly at that session, as herein set forth.

All other pastoral charges shall be supplied for the ensuing year in the following manner: The Chairman of the District Assembly, with the advice and approval of the District Advisory Board shall, in consultation with the Church Board, or their representatives, at the session of the District Assembly, arrange for pastors for such charges from the eligible list.

A Church Board calling a minister as a supply during the interval of the sessions of the District Assembly shall call such minister as a temporary or stated supply only until the session of the succeeding District Assembly.

In case such minister called is not placed upon the eligible list by the District Assembly, he shall not be further called by such Church as supply without the consent of the District Assembly.

Under paragraph on "Stewards" substitute the word "Church" for "Congregation" so as to read:

There shall be elected annually by the membership of each church not less than three nor more than thirteen Stewards.

who shall be members of the Church Board, and who may, when necessary, assist the Elders in the distribution of the elements at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Under the paragraph on "Trustees," page 61, insert "By ballot" so as to read:

3. In all other cases the Trustees shall be elected by ballot annually by the membership of the church or pastoral charge, at a meeting called for that purpose, proper announcement having been given from the pulpit of such meeting. All Trustees to hold office until their successors are elected.

In the election of Stewards and Trustees the church may provide a nominating committee of three or more, of which the pastor shall be a member ex-officio which shall nominate the persons for said boards.

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NUMERICAL AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS—1906.

FIELD	PASTORS	NUMERICAL				FINANCIAL									
		No. Church Mem- bers	No. S. S. Scholars	Officers and Thrs	Members Y. P. S.	Value Church Prop- erty	Debt on Same	Raised for Church Building	Raised for Pastors Support	Raised for Current Expenses	Raised for S. S. Exp.	Paid for Rent	Raised for Missions	Other Benevolences	Total Amt. Raised
<i>Southern Cal. District.</i>															
LOS ANGELES—First Church	P. F. Bresee and C. V. LaFontaine	140	370	33	130	80000	9000	4455	3300	2200	350	21831	704	213060	
Mateo St	Lucy P. Knott	24	140	17	59	4500			400	202	102	793	400	2020	
Elysian Heights	A. O. Henricks	24	70	8		2500			250	113	0	92		565	
Vernon	Thos. Fluck	66	40	8		600		80	200	124	40	25		601	
Spanish Mission	Mrs. McReynolds	60	40							70				70	
Fifth St. Mission	C. T. Dilley		25	8	15					428	75	265	125	943	
Cucamonga, Cal.	R. Pierce	30	40	6		1500		25	452	55	80	156	52	801	
Irwin Heights, Cal.	B. H. Kenady	13	47	10		1500		600	110	28				738	
Long Beach, Cal.	F. C. Edwards	108	155	15		5000	5000	1467	619	136	150	250	45	2854	
Ontario, Cal.	G. W. Glover	66	65	10		3500	1400	250	635	225	72	330	175	1655	
Ocean Park, Cal.	B. H. Kenady	25	45	10	10	6000	1175	151	300	25	60	156	4	786	
Pasadena, Cal.	J. W. Goodwin	89	61	12		14000	3000	3200	679	120	71	375		4685	
Pomona, Cal.	Stuart Noble	18	10	2					90	51		120	66	327	
Upland, Cal.	W. C. Wilson	60	58	10		7000	1432	820	839	202	75	150	172	2752	
Schiller, Texas	T. H. Motley														
<i>San Francisco District.</i>															
Alameda, Cal.	P. G. Linaweaver	6						50	240	45		10	5	410	
Oakland, Cal.	"	24	60	9		8000	3100	2300	675	135		85	125	3345	
Berkeley, Cal.	E. A. Girvin and H. O. Wiley	37	45	8	17	9100	300	121	545	214	73	357	185	1495	
San Francisco, Cal.	C. B. Langdon	17	15	7		800		6	266	92		42		896	
<i>Northwest District.</i>															
Ashland, Oregon	Ben Valiean	56	75	11					442	35	31	127	81	741	
Boise, Idaho	"	20	25						300					360	
Garfield, Wash.	B. N. Conaway	32	25	8	12	1000	400	26	200	40	13	50	14	518	
Milton, Ore.	Robert Loeb	12												20	
Monte, Wash.	L. B. Blackman	20	30			1500			20					20	
North Yakima, Wash.	W. S. Rice	35	50	9		2300	300	200	200	30	10	265	14	800	
Plainview, Wash.	Mrs. Sarah Franklin	20	35												
Salt Lake City, UT	"														
Seattle, Wash.	H. D. Brown	12							20					20	
Spokane, Wash.	Mrs. De L. Wallace	144	95	14		3500	700	2800	500	1200	110	850	250	5710	
Tipso, Wash.	J. T. Little	6							100					100	
Portland, Ore.	"	40										14		14	
<i>Chicago Central District.</i>															
CHICAGO—First Church	C. E. Cornell	480	200	20	150	20000	7000	4500	1600	1500	250	642	500	9012	
Missions	"														
Swedish Missions	C. G. Stenberg														
Stieglitz Park	A. T. Harris	40													
Canton, Ill.	O. W. Rose	60	50	8		2000	900								
Dunfirmline, Ill.	"														
Auburn, Ill.	G. C. Walker	12	35	5		10000			125	50	20		35	220	
Flint, Mich.	"	14	12												
Howard, Kan.	S. C. Brillhart	85	20	9		300		75	100	75	17	35	16	324	
Kewanee, Ill.	C. W. Lyman	50	10			3000	1000	66	267			50	130	535	
Maple Mills and Bethel, Ill.	C. K. Spell	55	42	9		1000	600		142	53	32	19		246	
Peoria, Ill.	"														
Rochester, Ind.	"														
Stockton, Ill.	J. H. Meek	22	40	8					220	55	16	35	85	411	
Topeka, Kan.	Herbert Buffum	60													
Totals		3350	2217	284	393	193000	56607	21212	14136	7695	1891	1166	7070	3407	56597
Totals Last Year		3103	1640	259	372	108725	17615	18521	9652		1323	1785	1150	1882	35183
Increase		247	577	25	21	84375	38912	2691	4484		568	less	5940	1525	21414

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Mateo St.	Lucy P. Knott	98	14	59	450			400	26	16		792	409	2026	
Elysian Heights	A. O. Henricks	34	70		250			270	11	90		92		565	
Vernon	Thos. Finck	66	40		600			320	124	4		27		601	
Spanish Mission	Mrs. McReynolds	68	40					70						70	
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Irwin Heights, Cal.	B. H. Kenady	13	47		1500			600	170	28				738	
Long Beach, Cal.	F. C. Edwards	106	155		9117	5000	1467	619	136	150	178	258	45	2854	
Ontario, Cal.	G. W. Glover	16	65		3500	1400	250	635	225	72		338	175	1615	
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Tupac, Wash.	J. T. Little	6						100				14		100	
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