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OUT OF DEBT

BY THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

By REV. J. T. LITTLE

The above is our slogan, and by the grace of God and the good-will of our constituency we believe it will be accomplished. The General Educational Board demands all of our institutions to do their level best, to come to the next General Assembly free from all indebtedness.

We are glad to report that the assembly year just closed has been one of advancement along this line. We have reduced our indebtedness twenty-five thousand dollars besides paying interest on eighty thousand dollars, insurance over one thousand, and other necessary payments. If we can have two more years like the one that has just passed we will be absolutely out of debt and this Northwest Educational District will own one of the best plants in our whole church connection. What a glad and glorious day it will be to all of us, when these grand results are accomplished.

God is surely turning the hearts of the people this way, and there is such a beautiful holy spirit in the atmosphere around about us, as we march about the walls, that we are convinced that the walls will completely tumble when the time of shouting arrives. We have such an assurance in our own hearts of the final outcome that we are really enjoying the march around the walls. Others may look upon us with suspicion and even report that it cannot be done, but "We know in whom we have believed, and are persuaded that He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think."

We have visited the Northwest, North Pacific and the Idaho-Oregon District Assemblies and have been graciously received at each. Surely God hath gone before us and prepared the way.

At the Northwest District Assembly we were received with open arms a nd every member of the Assembly seemed to be delighted to stand back of the

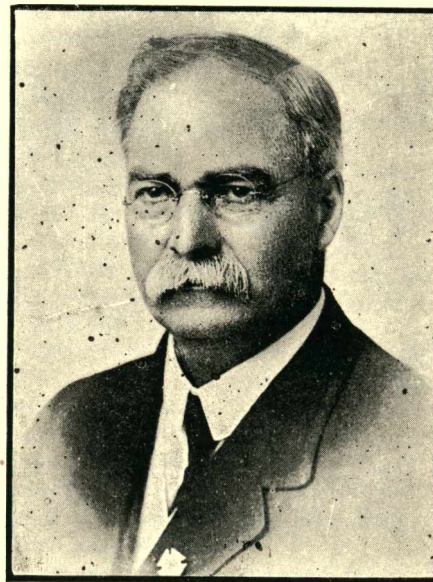
Institution and to do their level best to make it what it ought to be. There was not a dissenting voice all through the Assembly. The Committee on Education framed a report just as we desired. We greatly appreciated the presence of Sister Nary as chairman of this committee, who greatly encouraged us by her Godly counsel and sweet spirit. The Assembly adopted the report without a change. The report called for a certain amount for the running expenses of the school and about ten dollars per member on the indebtedness, which amount, if raised from all of our constituency this year and the like amount next year will free us from indebtedness.

It is with grateful hearts indeed that we pen our gratitude to Dr. R. T. Williams (the chairman of the assembly) for the very important and influential part he took in helping us to accomplish these good results. We trust the esteem in which we hold him and the true love which we bear him will in some measure reward him; but for his real reward we commend him to God who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not.

At the North Pacific District Assembly we met with similar results, although these results were not obtained until after a thorough discussion pro and con in the Educational Committee. The Educational Committee was quite a large committee composed of some of the prominent members of the district. The objection in the committee was

not against the school but that there were other demands upon the district which must be met. After a thorough discussion of the subject we all came to see alike and in a beautiful spirit we brought forth a report similar to the one in the Northwest Assembly which was unaimously adopted. Again we must thank Dr. Williams for the very important part he played in the matter. Surely he is a

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OUR GRAMMAR SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Grammar School Department

By PROF. B. W. SHAVER, Principal

"For every stately Cedar of Lebanon in the Kingdom of God, the Master plants fifty fragrant Lilies of the Valley."

Our work with the boys and girls during the school year that has just closed has been thoroughly satisfactory in many ways. We believe that no year in the history of this department has brought to us an enrollment of more excellent pupils. The department has been good and the discipline easy. Just a few have not been willing to subscribe to the rules of the school and have quietly withdrawn, but have gone with no ill feeling in their hearts toward those in authority over them; and before going expressed a deep regard for their instructors, and a hope that they might some day seek and find God, and return to this place to finish their education. We believe they have heard the voice of God, and somewhere out in the future that they will be numbered with the blood-washed.

Every teacher reports victory for her room and we can truthfully say—for we know whereof we speak—that they have done most excellent work, and never has it been our lot to work with a more efficient and Christlike set of teachers. They have caught the vision, their souls are on fire for their boys and girls, and they are tireless in their endeavor, not only for the education, but also for the salvation of those intrusted to their care. Their daily lives prove without doubt that they have the blessing; and their willingness to endure hardships, added to their ability to meet and overcome obstacles, leads one to believe that they have not mistaken their calling. As truly as God calls men and women into the regular ministry and into mission work, we believe that He calls

them into the teaching profession; and without this call, it seems to us that no one can be at his best as an instructor of children.

Miss Bertha Dooley has been with us as instructor in the first and second grades most of the time for six years and has proven herself a master of her work. Hers is indeed an important position and but few can fill it well, but she has made full proof of her ministry (teaching) and many little feet are being guided into proper paths.

Miss Willa Dooley has been with us but one year but has done so well that we hope to retain her as teacher of the third and fourth grades for years to come. She has the fire and enthusiasm of a real teacher, loves her work and has a passion for the salvation of her children. One of her best recommendations is the fact that she received a part of her education in Northwest Nazarene College.

Miss Dora Hon, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades, also received a part of her education in Northwest Nazarene College and is at her best with her boys and girls in the school room. She has been with us three years, loves her work, in which she is very efficient, carries heavy burdens for the salvation of her children, and we count her a real asset of the department.

The work of the music department, presided over by Mrs. Grace B. McHose, has, as usual, been of the very best. Mrs. McHose has been at the head of her department for seven years, is well qualified for her work, and puts into it all the intensity of her being.

The boys and girls of the seventh and eighth grades have done good work and a fine class of fourteen were graduated, all of them expressing a determination to enter the academy in the fall.

A great many of our grade children are saved and quite a number of them called into the Lord's service. Many of them take an active part in the worship and learn rapidly to interpret the Scriptures. The study of God's Word occupies an important place in the course of study, much attention being given to its spiritual as well as to its historical interpretation.

Because of financial conditions our enrollment has fallen off a little but we are expecting the largest attendance next term in the history of the school. We are considering no plan of retrenchment, but with our vision clearer and broader we are pressing on to greater and better things for our boys and girls. Hallelujah! Our souls are on fire with a holy passion for the salvation of our (your) children. Will you go with us in your prayers, tears, groans, and sacrifice for them? Dare you do it? If you will we expect to see them girdle the globe with salvation, lead many to righteousness, and shine as the stars forever and ever.

We covet the two best things you have—your prayers and your children for God. If you can't come and bring them we have the best of homes for them at only a small cost, and it will more than repay you in eternal dividends.

Assembly Minutes

HARRY W. MCHOSE

The Tenth Idaho-Oregon District Assembly was a "long-to-be-remembered affair"—long sermons, long addresses, long speeches, long committee meetings; the session opened Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock and closed Saturday night at midnight. Dr. Reynolds exemplified the virtue "Patience suffereth long and is kind."

Perhaps as never before the delegates came to Assembly and attended every session, being there for the devotional exercises. The "Monkey-Wrench" that Bro. Tracy brought with him from Burns, Oregon, for the Ninth Assembly, and used so effectively, was again in evidence this year, being resurrected by Bro. Nolt. Bros. Butcher and Little also threw the thing into the machinery several times.

Mrs. Burnett, deaconess of the Buhl church is an Assembly fixture—always here, always says some worthwhile things, and never without holy unction—a favorite with delegates and Dr. Reynolds.

Four years ago the Buhl church came to Assembly "Shouting happy," the new-born Nazarene baby. This year she went home from Assembly "Shouting happy," with a unanimous acceptance of their invitation to hold the Eleventh Session at Buhl.

John Rodman opened the Assembly with the first motion.

Some of the Session members are accusing Rev. J. T. Little of taking a "Correspondence Course" in finances—He has a plan for closing the year out of debt.

Eugene Emerson, the Nampa Church, Northwest Nazarene College, the Idaho-Oregon District, seem to be one interwoven, God-appointed fact.

Rev. Arthur Ingler and Grace B. McHose had charge of the music. We were never without a chorister or pi-

anist, and always special and appropriate music. Dr. Reynolds likes singing and called for it frequently. Rev. and Mrs. Jay were favorites with their "Original Songs."

The most touching and beautiful hour was the election of District Superintendent—Rev. C. Howard Davis was re-elected unanimously.

Dr. Reynolds was constantly amazed at the efficiency of the District Secretary, E. E. Martin and his assistants, Ethel Shern and Velma Meggers. The minutes were usually read without correction.

The Missionary Sanitarium Hospital had a prominent place on the program and was ably represented by Dr. Mangum and Mrs. Whitesides. The institution was open for inspection and many for the first time were visitors.

There was an absence of representatives from the General Board and other church interests. Dr. Reynolds presented Missions and the Publishing House.

Dr. Reynolds, after several times taking a fall out of the Budget Committee, finally gave them the Assembly bouquet for their work and report.

The Mercy and Help work of the Nampa church was a revelation and inspiration, as the report was presented by the Church Deaconess, Mrs. De Witt.

Familiar terms during the week: "Wiley and Nolt," "Nolt and Wiley."

We have missionary aspirations—Miss Grebe, India; Miss Williams, Japan; Franklin and family, Central America; Thatheer and Wife, Japan; Tracy and family, India, are here, and the Fritzlans are en route. We really believe this is the place for all returned Missionaries.

Miss Grebe received Elder's Orders.

Officers elected: C. Howard Davis, District Superintendent, Nampa; E. E. Martin, Secretary, Ontario, Oregon; Olive M. Winchester, Missionary Treasurer; L. S. Tracy, District Treasurer.

Rev. Hepburn of Yakima, Washington, who preached the College Annual Sermon, Sunday night, previous to Assembly, remained several days and met some old-time friends. Mrs. Hepburn accompanied Bro. Hepburn to Nampa.

A great congregation greeted Dr. Reynolds on Assembly Sunday morning. The big Nampa Church was full. They presented the presiding officer a substantial love offering.

Rev. Mrs. Arnold was an interested and interesting personality during the week and was granted the Assembly privileges.

The Budget Committee presented 38 cents per member for the year's expense. The Assembly voted 19 cents more for "Specials" making a total to be raised this year of 57 cents per member.

The Presiding officer said it should be "No" instead of "Nolt."

Special mention should be made of the reports from the Ontario, Oregon, Enterprise, Oregon, Buhl and Marsing, Idaho, Churches. See printed minutes.

The suggestion of Dr. Wiley that the local churches put their local and licensed preachers to work brought to the front the fact that there are better than twenty openings that can be reached in the week end from Nampa, thereby receiving help from the College, such as music, etc.

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true General Superintendent and cares for every phase of our church life. May God's richest blessing be upon him, giving health and strength spiritually, mentally and physically and sparing him to us for years to come.

In the Idaho-Oregon District Assembly a report like unto those of the Northwest and North Pacific Assemblies was adopted. This was, of course, as expected. It can be easily seen by the adoption of these reports that the whole country is unitedly back of us and in a beautiful harmonious spirit which absolutely spells success.

In harmony with the reports adopted, which call for a representative of the college to canvass the churches and individuals for the necessary money we are planning on launching a campaign as follows:

Dr. Chapman, president of the Board of Education, has promised to give us about sixty days on this Educational District commencing about August 15. He will visit most of the principal churches of the district holding three day conventions, having a company of good singers with him, endeavoring to make the convention a great blessing to the church where it is held as well as getting the interests of the College before the people. Dr. Chapman's address on christian education is worth going miles to hear and no young man or woman that can possibly reach the place of appointment should miss it. In connection with Dr. Chapman's canvass we are planning on having Sister Arnold canvass the North Pacific District, and Brother Hess the Northwest District. Arrangements with Sister Arnold and Brother Hess have not yet been completed but we trust they will be. In the meantime, Rev. J. M. Butchart is canvassing the Dakotas in the interest of the College. These will not only raise finances for the school but will also hunt up prospective students, sending them this way. We feel that we have a splendid arrangement for a thorough canvass of the field and believe that this will be the greatest year in the history of our Institution.

While these are canvassing the territory above named, Rev. Olive M. Winchester, who is giving her all for the Institution, will visit the Canadian and Dakota Assemblies and make a canvass of the state of Montana. The whole thing looks mighty good to me and I believe by the grace of God that we will be enabled to sweep the deck and be able to come off more than conquerors.

This, indeed, is a beautiful plan and I trust it is the will of God concerning us, and yet we must pray mightily and humble ourselves under His hand if we would see the results that we so much desire, for Christ has said, "Without me ye can do nothing."

In closing I wish to remind you that we now have

everything that we need to make this school a grand and glorious success except the one thing. One thing yet we lack. Viz.: Finances. First, we have a deep spiritual tone about the school which indicates that God is with us and has control of the Institution. At the first board meeting we held this assembly year there was a motion passed to make this year a year of prayer, and God truly put his seal upon the motion, for our souls were greatly blessed.

Second, we have the president and faculty that God hath sent to us and surely there is none better in our church connection.

Third, we have a most excellent student body. New students are coming, and this year will eclipse anything that has gone before.

Fourth, we have the location for a genuine holiness college. It is centrally located in this great education district in one of the most fertile valleys in the world. A new country and a place where our families can buy homes at a very reasonable figure.

The facts are we would not desire a change along any lines as they now are except a change in the financial condition. The financial condition is really oppressing and the only way that I can account for it is that some of God's stewards seem to think that the things they possess are their own. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. Why not come up to the help of the Lord? Why not lay your treasure at his feet? Why not bring in your tithes and offerings so that there shall be meat in mine house? Surely God answers prayer and he hath heard our cries long before this. He has talked to you in the small hours of the night. He has told you where to put your money but you did not obey. You have withheld and it hath tended to poverty. You have lost instead of increasing your goods. "I was hungry and ye gave me no meat. I was thirsty and ye gave me no drink. I was naked and ye clothed me not." All this can truthfully be said of the Northwest Nazarene College. Now, brethren, if you desire the blessing of God upon you, bring forth the bread, the water and the clothing and give us a college here that will indicate God's smile upon every feature of it, so that nothing shall be lacking.

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