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Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

THE motto of Northwest Nazarene College is "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you." The words of this text which form our motto were adopted while we were passing through some of the severest financial trials that the institution has ever faced. The high prices of the war times, the necessity for dismissal during the flu season when we lost over \$6,000.00 in a single year, together with the lack of budget funds and the difficulty of securing donations, made it almost impossible for us to maintain our existence as a college.

It was at this time, that we discussed the matter fully and adopted the financial policy outlined in our catalogue, the main thought of which is, that in the current operating expenses of the institution, we will never incur indebtedness beyond the known income from the students, budget funds or other funds available for this purpose. While there have been many things to work out along this line, and we have not always been able to carry out the plan as we desired, yet we have always had this as a goal and have worked steadily toward it. As a result, two years ago we came out without a deficit in the current operating expenses, and last year not only finished the year without a deficit but sufficient to clear up all the indebtedness of the current fund in the past. Some of this has not been collected and some of our bills are unpaid, but with the opening of the year and the collections that are usually made on old accounts at that time, we hope soon to have every indebtedness in the current fund fully paid. Thus far, God has marvelously helped us and we are looking forward to better things even, this year.

We have proved to our own satisfaction that those who give attention to God and the cause of righteousness will find the promises true and God will supply all necessary things. The property indebtedness still hangs over us, but God is helping

and this is slowly but steadily being paid. We trust that with the operation of the budget plan and the full co-operation of our districts we shall soon be entirely out of debt.

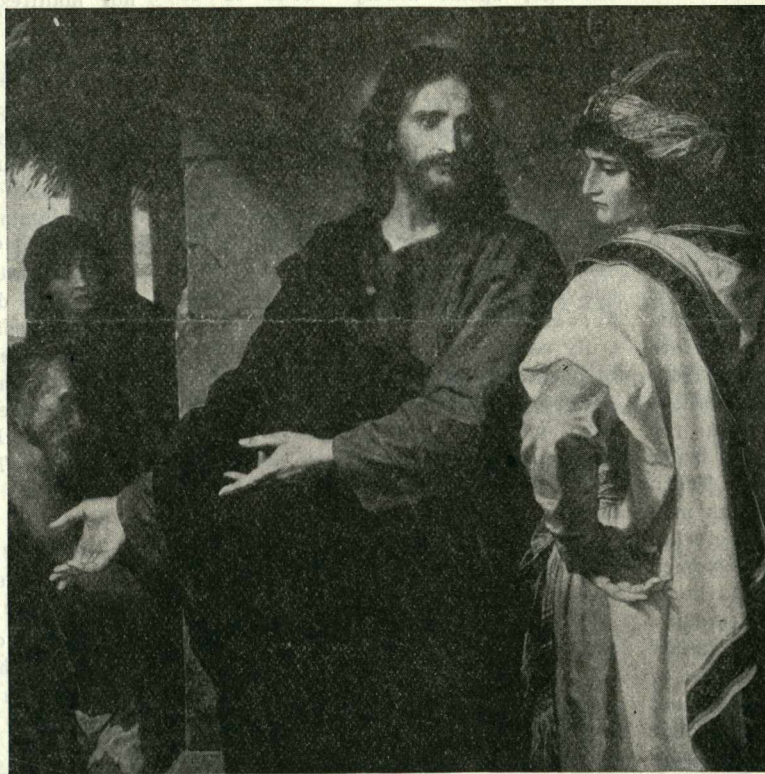
At the beginning of this new year, we believe that it will be fitting to restate some of the principles for which we stand as an institution, some of the old paths which we are confident God wants us to walk in. If we maintain this position, we believe that we can be truthfully said to be seeking first the

kingdom of God, and that He will supply this year also, all other things that are needful for us.

I. *We must maintain an evangelistic spirit and revival power.* The old path of genuine piety and deep religious fervor is the most fundamental reason for our existence. In the words of our sainted founder, Dr. Bresee, "We sought not to make a school simply, but a fountain of holy power which should send forth its streams of liquid fire into the deserts of earth." Our students must be made to feel that we regard the evangelization of the world as the supreme work of the church, and the all comprehensive commission of our Lord. We must

encourage revivals. We must preach a regeneration which changes the heart and life of men, and which is witnessed so clearly and definitely by the Holy Ghost. There must be deep repentance and godly sorrow for sin which manifests itself in restitution and good works and finds its completion in a renewal in the image of God. We must hold to the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification which brings death to the old man and the indwelling of the Comforter. We must not be afraid of days of fasting and nights of prayer, the bitter cries of repentance, the death struggle of the carnal mind, nor the shouts of the redeemed. We are set for a storm of holy power that will sweep multitudes into the kingdom. Let us maintain our revival power at any cost and

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by prayer and supplication make this the best year in our history.

II. *We are committed to the doctrine of entire sanctification as set forth in the Bible and preached by the Wesleys.* Perhaps no doctrine is more abused in these days than the doctrine of entire sanctification. The background of Scriptural teaching created and made by the clear teaching of the great leaders of the earlier holiness movement has been lost largely through a failure to preach the doctrine in its doctrinal and experimental aspects. As a result we have had the inroads of Keswickism to meet and on the other hand, the muddled teaching of the Apostolic Faith or tongues people, and it becomes us to preach clearly, simply, definitely and persistently, the Scriptural doctrine of purity of heart or entire sanctification.

III. *We must maintain an atmosphere of devotion which will be conducive to growth in grace.* The leanness of many of the holiness people is due to their failure to grasp the conditions of growth in grace, or to fail in their apprehension of the magnificent scope of Christian conquest. Entire sanctification removes the hindrances to growth due to the carnal mind, and brings in the Comforter who as a Spirit of Truth has as His office work, the guidance of the sanctified soul into greater realms of revealed truth. Here we desire to maintain a college where the Christian student will find time for meditation and prayer which will bring him into communion with Infinite Truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Only as men and women link themselves with eternal truth will they become men and women of strength. The people that do know their God will be strong and do exploits.

IV. *We must maintain a practical exemplification of the outward life of holiness.* The inner life of purity must find its outward manifestation in a life of holiness. This life will be characterized by divine love in all its manifestations. Perhaps there are no better precepts affecting the outward life of holiness than those injunctions of the Apostle Paul found in the Epistle to the Romans, Chapter 12:9-21.

Verse 9. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

The spirit of love must be genuine—without hypocrisy. It must not be an assumed manifestation of love, but the genuine outflow of the heart—a pure heart which will abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good. And it must not be forgotten that love not only abhors the grosser evils but those which are generally overlooked and little considered such as criticism,

fault-finding, making slighting remarks about one another, suspicing the motives of our brethren, a lack of wholeheartedness in fellowship and other manifestations not borne of genuine love. These things so generally overlooked are often as disastrous in their effects as some of the so-called grosser sins, and certainly bear the condemnation of the Master as seen in his scathing denunciations of the pharisees who outwardly were models of religiousness but inwardly full of dead men's bones.

Verse 10. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.

This injunction is closely related to the preceding one. There is to be among God's people a manifestation of brotherly kindness which will look for the best in every action, be patient with shortcomings, speak kindly words of encouragement when the brethren are in trouble, and when honor is to be bestowed always prefer one another.

Verse 11. Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord. There will be diligence in business, whether that business be laboring with the hands or pursuing a course of study in college. There will also be a fervency in spiritual worship and Christian activity which will give life and power to our service. We serve the Lord truly only as we manifest this diligence in business and fervency in spirit.

Verse 12. Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.

The true life of holiness is always hopeful and rejoices in that hope; when in tribulation, this life manifests itself in patience—is not hot-headed, speaks no words of retaliation, does not pout or treat others coldly, and never seeks to avenge itself or "get even" in any sense of the term. The sanctified life is also a life of prayer, in which every joy is carried to God in thankfulness, and every trial brought to him for help. The man or woman, boy or girl who enjoys the experience of true holiness lives in an atmosphere of prayer and communion with God. A prayerless life is a barren and un sanctified life.

Verse 13. Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

Liberality is characteristic of holiness. God so loved that he gave; and a Christian permeated by this spirit also gives as God has prospered him. Hospitality is another characteristic of the life of holiness—a kindly consideration for others and the sharing of the home life with its love and its joys.

Verse 14. Bless them which persecute you; bless, and curse not. Perhaps the severest test of a sanctified life is to be able from the heart to speak a kind

word for a harsh one, to do a kind act for one who has wronged you, to show no change in manner toward those who manifest a spirit of coldness; to pronounce a blessing upon those who persecute you and to never, under any consideration speak evil of anyone. This can only be done by those whose hearts have been cleansed from the carnal mind. As long as a trace of carnality remains, there will be "hard feelings" toward those who persecute or evil-intreat another, especially when there seems to be no cause for this evil treatment.

Verse 15. Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep. Love will also share in the disappointments of others and sympathize with them in every affliction or misfortune. It does not assume an air of superiority nor manifest a judging and complaining spirit. Perhaps some things do occur as a result of poor judgment, but there are many things that are the direct result of misfortune, and in either case, the spirit of love enters into fellowship and sympathizes with the unfortunate one. What good comes from blaming another? It never leads one toward Christ and only discourages or aggravates, and tends to harden the heart and drive it away from Christ. Love also shares the joys of others without a tinge of envy or jealousy, rejoiced to know that God in his providence has seen fit to bless another with joys which He has seen fit to withhold from us. This is love without hypocrisy.

Verse 16. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

The life of holiness seeks to adjust itself to others wherever it can do so without the sacrifice of principle. A holy man or woman is unselfish and does not pursue the "rule or ruin" policy. Love does not seek to be some great person but walks humbly with God. Love does not puff up with conceit. We have heard the saying that "many complain of their poor memory, but few of their poor judgment." Oftentimes people attach more worth to their judgment than properly belongs to it. Others might possibly be right and you yourself mistaken. It never pays to be too set in one's opinions. A dogmatic manner or spirit is contrary to the genuine spirit of holiness.

Verse 17. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

The apostle reiterates this injunction and certainly it needs to be re-emphasized at the present time. Holiness will

not avenge itself, will not return evil for evil, but will always do a good turn for a bad one, speak a kind word for an evil one, pronounce blessings upon those who so far stray away from God as to use curses.

Verse 21. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. This is the final injunction of the apostle. It is, he declares, the business of the Christian to seek by means of good to overcome evil. He will not fight evil with evil—

this only leads to disastrous consequences—but he will fight evil with good and do it so persistently that he will eventually come off victor on the field.

We have given somewhat at length these comments on the New Testament standard of personal and practical holiness as set forth by the Apostle Paul, as representing the standards for which we as an institution stand. We want our young people to understand clearly the ethics of holiness and to so mani-

fest the Christian spirit and exemplify the life of holiness that others will be attracted to this life of holiness.

We welcome every young man and woman to whom this glorious ideal appeals. If you come among us as one of our number, we want you to feel at one with us in setting forth this ideal, of encouraging it among the students and of exemplifying it in every relationship of life.

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Editorials

By the time this edition of our paper reaches its destination in the homes of our people, we shall have entered another college year. The vacation has been very short it seems, although longer than usual, but the busy days filled with work and anticipation pass all too swiftly. However, we love this work and do not look forward to the year as a burden but a time of opportunity and blessing. We are planning and expecting great things for God during the coming year.

Several members of the faculty have returned and are ready for the opening of the semester. Mrs. Wallace, Dean of Women with her son Glenn and daughter Faith, returned early last week. Mrs. Wallace is getting things in shape at the Girls' Dormitory and will be ready to welcome new students along with the older ones whom the college always welcomes after a summer of vacation. Parents who are sending their daughters away to college for the first time, may feel assured that Mrs. Wallace will make the dormitory attractive and homelike and give them every attention. Already a number of rooms have been engaged in advance. Whenever possible plan to give your daughter a single room which she can call her own and have opportunity for undisturbed study and the quiet hour of prayer.

Professor Myers who has served the Boise Church so acceptably during the summer months has also returned and

will soon have the Boys' Dormitory ready for occupancy. Professor and Mrs. Myers will make a home for the boys which we are sure will be appreciated. We are receiving word from a number of young men who plan to be with us at the opening of the year. Some are coming from Canada, others from North Dakota, while many are coming from places nearer the college. Every one will be met with a hearty greeting and be made to feel at home immediately.

Brother and Sister Hanson have not returned yet, but will be in on schedule time and have the dining hall in shape. They have spent the summer in Montana and will doubtless have gained much in physical health and be ready to assume their heavy duties for another year.

Miss Aikins will act as dietitian this year and is now in Nampa making her plans for the opening of the semester. A course in Dietetics will be offered if there is sufficient demand and also a class in Home Economics will be organized. Our equipment for this year will be very limited but we hope to make a beginning. As is generally known, we put everything which we earn from the dining room back into the department in order to give the best meals and service possible. The students receive board and room at actual cost, and sometimes we have not quite made expenses in this department. We plan to make the department better than ever this year.

Professor Paylor and family have returned from Texas and Oklahoma where they spent the summer visiting home folks and friends. They also assisted in two meetings, one with Evangelist Lum Jones. Already there is considerable interest manifested in the Music Department. The young men are talking a Glee Club, and Orchestra, a Band and a Mandolin and Guitar Club. Professor Bouchard has several new members in his orchestra at the Church. These musical organizations are a great benefit to the college as well as to the young men and women composing them.

It was the privilege of the writer to spend a few days in the Northwest at the invitation of the District Young People's Convention of the North Pacific District, held at Centralia, Wn. The Convention was well attended and was ably presided over by the District President, Harold Bottemiller, a student of N.N.C. Sunday was a great day and much spiritual power was manifested in all three of the services. In the morning Rev. D. S. Corlett of Yakima preached an able sermon to the young people and at the close there was an altar service where one man seemed to be in great distress of mind. In the afternoon Miss Lela Hargrove brought a great missionary message and at the close there was another gracious altar service. It was the privilege of the writer to speak in the evening on the subject of Christian Stewardship and the day closed with several seeking the Lord.

We were glad to meet Rev. D. S. Corlett who recently has taken charge of the church at Yakima. His brother is now pastor at Billings, Montana. We are glad to welcome both of these pastors to our Educational District. It gives us pleasure to have men who are interested in educational work on our district and especially men who are loyal to the institution within their own territory. We also had the pleasure of meeting Dist. Supt. Lord while in Portland and had a short visit with him in the Portland station. We were hospitably entertained at the home of Brother and Sister Bottemiller and made to feel welcome. We must say that we certainly enjoyed our visit with them. We also preached at the tent meeting being conducted by the pastors of the Portland churches, and had the pleasure of meeting Brother and Sister Smith, former students of ours while in Pasadena, and also had the pleasure of being in the home of Brother and Sister Croft of the Sellwood Church. These people are earnest supporters of our work and we take pleasure in expressing our appreciation through the columns of the Messenger.

Miscellaneous News Notes

Several of the older students have already returned and are now busily engaged in picking apples, prunes or other work. Among these are Glenn Wallace, Wm. Penner, and Harold Bottemiller from Portland.

Miss Olive Bottemiller and Mr. Clarence Bottemiller are among the new students already on the campus. They drove through in Harold's Ford Sedan.

Mrs. Sather writes from Van Hook, North Dakota to engage a room for her son, who will register with us at the opening of the first semester.

Miss Helene Peterson and a friend write from Canada that they plan to be with us this year. Miss Peterson was a student in the Calgary Bible School during the winter. The writer spent a few weeks there. We are glad to welcome these friends to our college.

Mrs. Swalm's brother and his wife spent a few days visiting her on their road home from Marion College where they have been in attendance during the past few years.

Calvin Emerson and his mother are spending a few weeks at Payette Lake. Brother Emerson also plans to spend a short time with them. They are enjoying the outing and seem to think the Lakes a great place for a summer outing.

Dr. and Mrs. Mangum also spent a month at the Lakes. Dr. Mangum is now at home much improved in health. Sister Mangum and family will remain for another month. Dr. Mangum says that Payette Lake is one of the greatest health resorts in the United States.

Lauren Irwin is back from a summer session at the University of Washington, and is anxious to get started in the regular work again. He will be a senior in college this year.

Professor Tracy and family have been in the Yakima country during the summer but writes that he will be back in time for the first faculty meeting.

Miss Winchester leaves Sept. 22nd for her second semester's work at Drew Theological Seminary. She has also used the opportunity to avail herself of much sociological material for use in her department. New York is especially rich in opportunities for study along this line.

Professor White remained in Chicago for a while after completing the summer session. He will be back for the opening of the semester, with many new ideas and plans.

Announcement of Courses

It is impossible to make a complete announcement of courses at the present time, but the following will be given if there is sufficient demand from the students.

President Wiley—

Theology II. History of Philosophy, Wisdom Literature and at least one advanced course in Philosophy.

Professor Myers—

Regular courses in Expression. More class room work will be offered this year.

Professor White—

Courses in English Language and Literature with selected courses in Education.

Miss Gustafson—

History of Education; Modern History, English History, Archaeology, South American History, Political Science and Economics.

Professor Erdmann—

Chemistry; Geology, Physiology, Biology, and a College Course in German.

Miss Bertha Dooley—

Greek A. and B. Latin courses if required.

J. E. Janosky—

Courses in Bookkeeping, Commercial Law and kindred courses.

Dist. Supt. A. E. Sanner—

Courses in Practics.

The Academy

Professor Tracy will serve as principal of the Academy this year. He will offer work in General Science, Biology and Academy Bible.

Miss Norris will give the work in Spanish and History.

Mrs. Tracy will have charge of the Academy English.

Mr. Hodgens will have the work in Science.

Miss Dooley will offer the work in Academy Latin.

The Music Department

The Music Department will be in charge of Professor and Mrs. Paylor and Professor Bouchard. Professor Paylor will have charge of the work in Voice and Piano. Mrs. Paylor will serve as assistant in Piano. Professor

Bouchard will have charge of the work in Violin and Stringed Instruments and also direct the orchestra. We are expecting a good year in the Music Department.

The Grammar School

Professor Dobbs will serve as principal of the Grammar School and Miss Willa Dooley as primary teacher. In case there is sufficient enrollment, Miss Clara Ueltsche who served so acceptably last year has been secured as one of the regular teachers. On account of finances the enrollment in the Grammar School may not be as large as usual but it is planned to make this department especially interesting and attractive to those who have come here for the express purpose of placing their children in this department of the work. More attention than usual will be given to the work in Bible and to training in Christian principles.

Nuggets from Dr. Bresee's Sermons

"The apostle here teaches that the revealed truth—the Gospel of God—is the mirror. God's glory has been and is revealed otherwise than in a mirror; there must be light in order that it may be reflected. Jesus Christ is the central sun. Divine light burned about the wick of a human soul with indescribable glory. Like the brightness in Moses' face, it was too great for human vision and was veiled in flesh. Nevertheless it shone in utterances such as were never made before; in works such as were never before witnessed; in utterable meekness and gentleness and sorrow and suffering and dying and resurrection power."

"He poured the light of His glory, not so much directly into human hearts, as into revealed truth, until the background of the O. T. was covered all over with the polished surface of the new covenant of fulfilled prophecy and atoning blood. Then He went away into the heavens, not to cease to shine but to open a window through which to pour the light of His glory into the mirror of His truth."

"When the precious second work of grace is accomplished in the human heart, every element of the Christian life exists in completeness or perfection. Not the perfection of largest growth nor of greatest maturity, but the perfection which comes from the absence of antagonisms.