

THE NAZARENE MESSENGER

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A Challenging Statement

Dean Athearn, formerly of the School of Religious Education of Boston University said, "A church that cannot win its young people cannot hope to win the world".

The young people of today will be the church of tomorrow. If we fail to win them what will become of the church? If we fail to win them to our doctrine and standards of experience, will the church of tomorrow promote the ideals of the founders of our church of yesterday?

Our great task as a church is to evangelize the world. Our immediate task is to win our own young people. If we fail here how can we have faith that we shall succeed with strangers? If our daily contact and the impact of our experiences upon our young people fail to win them how can we expect that the un-christian, both in America and in heathen lands, will be converted?

If we fail to win our young people, who will carry on the evangelization program of tomorrow?

We must face our great task which confronts us on every side, namely, that of winning our young people. We must confront the problems of our age and study methods by which to meet them and solve them. We must acquaint ourselves with our young people and be close to them. We must win them.

How shall we proceed? First, we must be spiritual and to such a degree that they feel that we have come into contact with God. This is all important. But a second important matter is that we shall guard the thinking of our young people. The Bible savs, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he". A person's thought life is governed by what he has been taught or has picked up from contacts with other people. The great need of today is religious education beginning in the home, then continuing in the Sunday School, and finally in the High School and College.

One religious body says. "Give us a child until he is eight years of age and you may have him the rest of his life". What does this mean? In the plastic years of life a child's thinking may be moulded so that the teaching of later years will not be able to affect it greatly. If we deprive our child of home training, the family altar, etc., and if we give him only thirty minutes of training on Sunday, then place him in the public school for five or six hours a day or twenty-five or thirty hours a week and continue this until he is eighteen years of age, and then possibly send him to a worldly institution for four years of college work, what can we expect of him religiously? You can predict now what your child will be. You know what the wrong training will do for him spiritually.

We read the Bible, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it". The responsibility rests upon the parent. The child does not know in what way he should go. This rests with the parent. If the parent fails who is to blame?

In the day of judgment will I be blameless if my child is lost? If I am not careful concerning the education of my child and place him under false teaching and, worse than all, in a Godless atmosphere shall I be absolved from guilt?

If we would win our children we must guard their thinking. If we would guard their thinking we must guard their education. If we would evangelize the world, we must begin at home.

Remember Dean Athearn's statement, "A church that cannot win it's young people cannot hope to win the world".

Second Semester

Monday, February 3rd, 1930 will be REGISTRA-TION DAY for the SECOND SEMESTER. We have heard from several students who plan to enroll at that time. It will be possible in most cases for new students to elect sufficient courses to make a full semester load. The expenses for the entire semester will total about \$150.00, for those registered in the COLLEGE or SCHOOL OF MUSIC. For those enrolling in some other department the expenses will be somewhat less. we trust that the young people who read these lines and should continue their education will avail themselves of this opportunity to save half a year. By carrying an extra hour or two each semester it might be possible to save an entire year.

The Value of A Christian Education

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Some one has said, "A worthy life is impossible without a worthy motive." The truth of this statement is quite obvious, for there can be no real life in its broadest, richest aspect without a high standard of ideals, a definite purpose, a "worthy motive". Various elements enter in to create such motives, but there is perhaps nothing outside the home so influential in inspiring them as an institution based on noble Christian principles. A young person starting out in life, with everything before him, needs a Christian education back of him to mold his character into a firm rock of integrity which nothing can break.

Tock of integrity which nothing can break. Many people seem to think that a Christian school is necessary only for those who are preparing themselves for the ministry, or for some other definite field of Christian service. It is true that such young people do need a Christian education—they cannot adequately prepare themselves for their life-work without it; but it is preparing for secular work. He needs the same high standard of Christian living to carry into his daily work.

In these modern days there are many subtle temptations of an intellectual kind that must be faced and overcome. In the Christian school, evolution and other false theories are not entirely avoided, but are discussed from the Christian viewpoint. Their fallacies are pointed out, and suggestions are given whereby one may amply meet the arguments presented by the exponents of such theories. These things must be encountered in life, and where can one better learn how to meet them than in a school whose instructors are true Christians who bring to the students the benefit of a wider experience in meeting these issues?

The association with other students who have the same general aims in life is not the least of the advantages gained by attending a Christian school. Here ideas are exchanged, various problems discussed, advice given, and a general feeling of cooperation and of service to others is built up. The friendships of school life will always prove of inestimable value. Often, too, a student possessing a strong personality of an uplifting type can do a great deal to influence a fellow student of weaker disposition to become firmly established in his Christian experience.

The earnest student who leaves this kind of school is thus better prepared to live a useful life, to be a real blessing to the world,—if he will make the most of his opportunities. The associations and experiences of life in an uplifting atmosphere will remain in his memory down through the years, and he will feel that life has been made richer, sweeter, and nobler by his having had the privilege of attending a Christian school.—Vera Yoachum, Col. '32

*NOTE: Themes from Professor Dooley's class in Eng. II

*What N. N. C. Means to Me

Words can never express just what Northwest Nazarene College has meant to me, as the influence of this school has produced some peculiar, yet wonderful changes in my life which I cannot relate in such a way as to portray my innermost gratitude.

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When I first came here I could not help but notice the atmosphere of prayer and devotion that predominated in all of the school's activities. The evidence of God's presence made an impression on me which I shall never forget. I had never before seen such a body of earnest Christian young people. I had never witnessed such enthusiasm over spiritual blessings as I saw when I first came here. As I was not a Christian at that time, I was somewhat critical of those who had stepped into the light, but I soon became convinced that the students of Northwest Nazarene College possessed an experience that was really worth while. Since I was not a member of a holiness church, the word "sanctification" meant nothing to me. I had heard, however, that sanctification was something that religious fanatics thought we must possess in order to reach heaven. Such was my spiritual condition when 1 came to Northwest Nazarene College, but by the grace of God, I soon experienced his saving power, and a few weeks later sanctification became a reality in my life.

As the days go by, I realize more and more that Northwest Nazarene College has meant everything to me both spiritually and educationally. To obtain my education in a school when Christ is given first consideration in all things, where my classes are conducted by Christian professors, where one's fellow students love to serve their Creator, is one of the greatest privileges I have ever known. I know that the spiritual blessings I receive will be of untold value to me in the future.

I might continue my professional education indefinitely but I realize that without a Christian education my services could never be as effective as Christ would have them be. I cannot hope to win souls through nursing alone but with His light shining through my professional duties, I am determined to be a blessing to my Redeemer and a credit to the school whose influence has established the love of Jesus in my heart.—Laura Gates, Col. '31.

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Manifestations of the Holy Spirit

During the past week God has been very near the institution. At several of the chapel services souls found God. The great break came last Friday morning (January 17) when suddenly and spontaneously a spirit of praise and exhortation came upon the students. It was wonderful and glorious. It was truly a time when joy was unspeakable and the room was full of glory. The service was of the old fashioned Holy Ghost type. Those present seemed to obey the Holy Spirit almost enmasse. Some exhorted, others wept, some shouted, others marched up and down the aisles under the anointing of the spirit, while still others found their way to the altar. When the altar was full still the exhortations and testimonies continued, and still souls came forward, until in all there must have been twenty-five. It was tremendous. Words are poor vehicles and utterly inadequate to describe a service led by the Holy Spirit. The service continued through the noon hour and did not conclude until nearly two o'clock.

It was just such an unusual service as we have been praying for and for which you have been praying for your local church. It was a time not subject to program or human order.

We sincerely believe that Peter, if he could have been present, would have said "This is that."

To the writer it seems remarkable and unusual that such a service is possible and did take place among such a large group of young people in this age of spiritual luke warmness and formality.

It is possible today to have old fashioned revivals. It is gloriously possible to have divine manifestations of the Holy Spirit as they had in the apostolic days. We need more such demonstrations. They clarify the spiritual atmosphere, remove doubts, drive away the dark clouds of difficulty, and convict the unsaved.

Real unusual Holy Ghost outpourings are needed all over the Northwest Educational Zone. We can have them. Our people need them. Our young people especially need supernatural demonstrations of God's power. —R. V. D.

*What N. N. C. Means to Me

First and most important N. N. C. has been the means of making me see the value of Christianity and the necessity of Christ in my life if I am to succeed at all. When I came to school I was not a Christian and had no intention of becoming one. I was disgusted with religion, and I thought I could live without Christ, be just as happy and just as successful. The warmth and glow of the first few chapel services and the general atmosphere of Christianity gave me a hunger for Christ and a longing to be one of the Christian students. It was not long before I was saved and enjoying the very things that I had not so long before shunned.

Minnie Grabenhorst, Col. '32

SCHOOL NOTES

The basket ball season is in full swing. At present, although we would not dare to predict the outcome, the Sigma Lambda Alpha girls are leading in the girls' tournament and the Alpha Delta Phi boys in the boys' tournament.

The faculty basket ball team is still in the potential and formative period.

The Olympian Literary Society rendered the first of the contest programs which was centered around two great Norwegians, Ibsen and Grieg.

We were glad to welcome the ministers of the Canyon County Ministerial Association recently to our Monday morning chapel service.

The Ross Evangelistic Party, now conducting a campaign in the Nampa Christian Church, had charge of chapel a few days ago.

President DeLong attended the meeting of the General Board which was held the week of January 6th, at Kansas City.

During the past few weeks we have almost gone from the sublime to the ridiculous. We had a most delightful and warm fall which lasted until the last of December, and now we are nearly snow-bound. However, the farmers are rejoicing over a prospect of a plentiful water supply next summer.

Remember REGISTRATION DAY for the SECOND SEMESTER is Monday, February 3rd, 1930.

An enjoyable time was reported at the class parties which were held on the recent Friday evening. In the college department, the sophomores entertained the seniors and the freshman the juniors. The high school sophomores entertained the seniors and the Junior High School seniors entertained the Senior High School juniors.

A new alumni member, Carlyle Irving Dean, arrived Thursday, January 16, 1930, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Dean, of the class of '25.

Donations to the Library

We were delighted to receive four gifts of books in the past few weeks. Brother Toppin sent a complete set of Clark's Commentaries of which we were in dire need. Representative French of Idaho sent our Forensic Society information upon the debate question and also a beautifully bound set of the 1929 Congressional Record. Miss Hilma Shern sent an assorted group of about twenty volumes, which will be very useful. The last gift came from Miss Dickinson, who presented us with a dozen books of valuable, up-to-date material. We certainly thank the above mentioned individuals, and we would urge upon those reading these lines who can make similiar donations, to do so.

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Kauffman, Miss Ruth Cle Elum; Wash.

*What N. N. C. Has Meant To Me

When I came here I was not a Christian; I didn't want to be one; I wanted to keep on living the way I was. But the Christian atmosphere was too much for me. I couldn't resist any longer. Then I accepted Christ as my Savior. This is one step that I shall never regret. I consider this as the greatest thing that N. N. C. has done for me; I consider it is the greatest thing that any school can do for any person.

If N. N. C. had done nothing more for me than to give me my friends I should consider my time here well spent and well worth while.

Then I have been made to realize in a relatively large sense my great responsibility in life. The responsibility of a Christian is so great. Sometimes I almost shudder with fear when I think of going into the world—how easy it would be to fail and how horrible would be the results. Other times I sense such a feeling of gratitude and praise to my Lord that I am happy and I feel so strong in knowing that God will expect me to do nothing that he is not preparing me to do.

The Christian teachers of N. N. C. have been a blessing to me. When we are about to give up in despair the teachers are always so thoughtful and encouraging. I thank God for them and for what they have done for all their students. Hazel Kjonaas, Col. '32

*What N. N. C. Means to Me

In order that I may show just what this college means to me I should like to contrast a few conditions here with those of a worldly school which I have known.

In the first place it seems wonderful to me to be among students who I know have salvation. To me it is such a blessing to know and feel that I am one of them, to associate with them, and to partake in their social functions, feeling that I can take God along with me. In a worldly student body one necessarily must stand apart from the rest, and fellowship can't go very far. This separation makes one feel alone, and school life tends to become a monotony and a drudgery to one. I feel that association with Christian students is a great source of help and inspiration to one's spiritual life.

Hazel Bonness, Col. '31