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## EDITORIAL

### THE CHURCH UNION ISSUE

At last year's Alliance Sessions a resolution expressing favour toward union of our Denomination with the Church of the Nazarene was presented and adopted. This resolution was followed by a notice of motion calling for definite action toward the consummation of the proposed union, the motion to be brought before the Alliance next summer.

In order that our people might be prepared to consider this important proposal fairly and intelligently the Alliance appointed a committee to obtain and supply such information as would be helpful to a thorough consideration of this important matter. The personnel of this committee includes our Superintendent and a representative from each of the five districts of our denomination.

On the invitation of this "information committee," Dr. G. B. Williamson, General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, will visit a number of our churches this month. Meetings will be held at certain strategic points and all our churches will be requested to have representatives in attendance. Dr. Williamson will speak of what he believes to be some of the advantages both our groups would realize from union. Following his messages he will answer questions bearing on the proposed union. Ministers and people are requested to consider this matter thoughtfully and be prepared to direct to Dr. Williamson such questions as will lead to a clear understanding of this most important issue. Manuals of the Church of the Nazarene will be made available at the nominal price of fifty cents each in order that all who are interested may examine the doctrines and polity of the Nazarene Group. It should be clearly understood that these steps have been recommended with the intention of supplying our people with the information necessary to a fair consideration of this very vital matter.

May we suggest that judgment be reserved until all available facts related to the proposed union are thoughtfully and prayerfully considered. Perhaps the first danger confronting us is the temptation to a hasty and premature decision. Yielding to such a temptation would be followed by most unfortunate consequences. At a crossroad crisis such as this, we cannot safely go either way in a hurry. Rushing to a decision is indicative of a lack of wisdom or an unwillingness to view the proposed action

with care and prayer. If those who would favor union call for hasty action, they would be unwise, and if any who do not favour the proposal would urge others to agree with them quickly they would be guilty of a like offence. Discord and division would result from haste. Neither the green light as the go signal, nor the red stop signal has yet appeared to the majority of our people. Most of them are in the "valley of decision" and a timely signal to all would be "proceed with caution."

### GUEST EDITORIAL

#### THE HOUR IS AT HAND

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"The hour is come!" This is the introduction of the valedictory prayer of our Lord, as recorded in the 17th chapter of the gospel of John. It was a momentous hour in the life of our Lord. It was an hour of supreme destiny.

Gethsemane and Golgotha were just ahead. Both the tragedy and the triumph of the Cross were at hand. Jesus came to this supreme hour with confidence and assurance. No note of defeat is sounded and no expressions of cowardice are manifested as the shadows of the Cross fall across his pathway. As God had been glorified in his life, so now he expects God to be glorified in his death. Under the shadow of the Cross, he prays: "Glorify Thy son, that Thy son also may glorify Thee."

The hour is come for God to be glorified in the death of his Son. The sacrificial bleeding lambs and bullocks offered upon the altars of God for centuries, pointed to the day that the Lamb of God would be slain for the sins of the whole world. In that hour of unprecedented sacrifice, Christ's one purpose was to glorify the Father and he prayed: "O Father, glorify Thou me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was."

The prayer of Jesus was answered and the Father was glorified in the Son in his death upon the Cross. Jesus never failed in the fulfillment of the divine purpose for human redemption through his atoning death upon the Cross. In the great hour of testing in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed: "Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but Thine, be done."

Jesus went immediately to the Cross, because it was the will of his Father that he should taste death for every man. He faced death without resentment or bitterness. He prayed for those who crucified him. His last words upon the Cross were words of confidence and assurance: "Father into Thy hands I commend my spirit."

We are repeatedly confronted with great hours of destiny as individuals and as nations. We are now confronted with a great hour of destiny in the life of the world. Old dynasties, old regimes and systems have been broken up. New ideologies have arisen with visions of world conquest. The race of destiny is on between these ideologies and the Christian faith. A Macedonian call for the Gospel of Christ is coming from more people and lands, with a greater urgency than ever, in the history of the world. From the North, the South, the East, and the West, there comes the ancient call on every tide of the sea and on the breath

of every wind that blows, "Come over and help us!"

What we do, we must do quickly. Truly, "The hour is at hand." The hour is at hand for the evangelization of the world. The hour is at hand for a nation-wide and world-wide Holy Ghost revival. The hour is at hand for heeding the voice of the Holy Spirit in a world crusade of evangelism. The hour calls for the concentration of our efforts upon the simple, fundamental saving truths of the gospel for the salvation of a lost world. It is not organization or form, ritual or ceremony in our worship that we need. These things may prove to be only a stone in answer to the cry of the hungry multitudes for bread.

The masses are hungry for the bread of life. It is not ethics, a philosophy, or a political system that men's hearts cry for in their deepest need. The deeper cry in the souls of men is for a liberation from inner bondage and for an inner peace that the world cannot give. The liberation and the peace for which men cry in their hearts can come only through Jesus Christ. John spoke of the abiding life of peace and victory for which men crave in these words: "This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life and this life is in his Son."

The Apostle also speaks of this life as one of victory which overcomes the world: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world." This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

The hour has struck for the greatest spiritual Crusade of the ages. All of the devices and inventions of modern man have failed to meet the inner cry of the hearts of men for soul rest and peace. Only Christ can calm the tempest which breaks with fury over the lonely, discouraged, and despairing hearts of men. It is high time for men everywhere to concentrate upon the one supreme need of the world, Christ and him crucified, risen again, now interceding for men at the right hand of the Father and coming again in glorious majesty and power. Anything less than this, regardless of its ecclesiastical approbation is not the Gospel. These truths, as simple as they may seem, or however much they may be questioned by skeptical minds, comprise the essence of the Gospel and the Gospel is "the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believeth." "The hour is at hand" for the proclamation of this Gospel in the power of the Holy Ghost through the wide open doors that now girdle the entire globe. The time may be much shorter than we realize. Time is fast running out. What we do, we must do quickly.

### THE MESSAGE

B. D. Price

"This is the message: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all," and "if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

The apostle in the beginning of his letter has declared the authority, truth and dignity of the author of the gospel, brings a message from Him, from which a just conclusion is to be drawn for the consideration and conviction of professors of religion.

(1) The message, Christ being the principal