

## PENTECOST SUNDAY SERMON CONTEST

### Offering \$660 in Awards

Sponsored by the National Holiness Association

#### AWARDS:

The following awards, with a total value of \$660.00, are being given for the sermons and outlines that will best present the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the believer to the general public, or those not indoctrinated in the Wesleyan position.

\$200.00 First Award—Furnished by the Beacon Hill Press (Nazarene Publishing House).

150.00 Second Award—Furnished by the Light and Life Press (Free Methodist Publishing House).

100.00 Third Award—Furnished by the Higley Printing Company.

75.00 Fourth Award—Furnished by the Wesley Press (Wesleyan Methodist Publishing House).

50.00 Fifth Award—Furnished by the Pilgrim Publishing House.

25.00 Sixth Award—Furnished by John T. Benson Publishing Company.

20.00 Seventh Award—Furnished by the Ohio Friends Book Concern.

20.00 Eighth Award—Furnished by the Warner Press.

10.00 Ninth Award—Furnished by the Pentecostal Publishing Company.

10.00 Tenth Award—To be announced.

Sermons and outlines must be submitted before February 15, 1956.

Winners will be announced at the N. H. A. Convention, April 3-6, 1956.

Outlines of the first three winning sermons will be available to all before N. H. A. Sunday, which is Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 1956.

Awards will be in the form of credit at the respective publishing houses, and will be limited to the minister's personal use. The purpose of the awards is to build up the minister's library, and/or supply his personal needs of equipment and supplies. It does not include such items as church furniture, etc.

#### RULES—

1. All ministers, as well as those preparing for the ministry, are eligible for the Contest.

2. Sermon and outline must be original and hitherto unpublished.

3. Entries will be limited to one sermon with outline per person.

4. Sermon must not exceed 2,200 words, and outline of the sermon must not exceed 300 words.

5. Sermon should include bibliography of source material.

6. Sermon and outline must be typewritten, double spaced, or printed plainly.

7. Name and address of entrant shall appear with, but not on, each sermon and outline submitted. Judges will not know participant's name, thus judging will be done impartially and on merit only.

8. All sermons and outlines become the property of the National Holiness Association with the right to reproduce and circulate.

9. All entries must be postmarked not later than February 15, 1956.

10. Mail all entries to: SERMON CONTEST, National Holiness Association, 1128 Metropolitan Building, Minneapolis 1, Minnesota.

FINAL CONTEST JUDGES—

Dr. Paul S. Rees, pastor First Covenant

## A KILLER AT LARGE

A dangerous criminal is at large in our land! He travels widely and aims at the destruction of life, home, and nation. He carries a deadly potion which he slyly and deceptively advertises as a life-giving, joy-creating liquid. He concentrates attention on the young and marks them as his victims; he demands a place in society insisting that his presence is necessary to the success of private party and public functions; he offers to the troubled and distressed relief from worry and care. Among those who fail to recognize his true character and subtle designs, he spreads havoc, leaving behind him blighted lives, broken homes, ruined careers, crippled bodies, and death-stricken homes.

Strangely, this killer seeks and obtains government patronage and protection. Threatening loss of votes if he is condemned and banished, and promising to fill the government coffers if he is allowed to remain at liberty, he stalks forth with his credentials to breathe moral defilement into society, spread destruction and death on the highways, instigate disgraceful brawls which come to a murderous end. He fills the prisons with criminals, the hospitals with the suffering, the divorce courts with applicants, "skid row" with physical and mental derelicts.

His name? Mr. Alcohol, patron of kings, protegee of double-dealing social "reformers," professed friend of the worldly-wise. Mr. Alcohol, who operates from the government owned and operated store, from the privately-owned tavern, from the clubs, hotels, etc., where those who claim high places in the social register congregate for formal and informal affairs. Mr. Alcohol, who creates the "impaired" driver, the lustful and adulterous affairs, the disgraceful drinking party which ends in the crash of gun fire, the moan of the dying, the flight of the killer.

How blind can man be? How far can deception carry us? Is it not time that reason and righteousness demanded a show-down with this crafty criminal? Should we not call on God and the government for action, divine and human, designed to pursue, apprehend, and condemn this ruthless enemy of all good?

Yes, there is a killer at large, a cruel, ruthless killer. He seeks the life of your boy or girl, he may "impair" some car driver to the peril of your life or mine. As long as he is at large, he will kill and destroy. It is time for those who name the name of Christ to arise in indignation against this criminal. It is high time we called on the government to cease tolerating and protecting this criminal and put him where he belongs. Yes, it is time to call on God for help in a cause that is lost without His mighty aid!

Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Bishop Leslie R. Marston, Free Methodist Church of North America.

Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, president Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.

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Final contest judges are not eligible for contest awards.

For further information write: Rev. Paul L. Kindschi, Executive Secretary, National Holiness Association, 1128 Metropolitan Building, Minneapolis 1, Minnesota.

## TED HOBSON HEALED

By Rev. Ralph Hobson

A number of our people will remember that Ted Hobson had a tumor removed from the top of his skull in July. He was stricken with a very rare disease known as eosiniphilic granuloma.

On August 1st, the day we commenced our vacation, the radiologist at the Victoria General Hospital informed me that Ted had a tumour on his pelvis and wanted to commence x-ray therapy right away. The doctor suggested that we take our holidays as planned and upon our return to the city they would start the x-ray treatments.

After our vacation was over I took Ted to the hospital. However, before we went I prayed very definitely that the doctor would find no tumour on Ted's pelvis. A new set of x-ray plates were taken and the doctor informed me that there was no tumour to be found on the pelvis. God had answered prayer.

On October 7th another tumour was discovered on the back of Ted's skull. The next day we went to the hospital to have x-ray pictures taken. The radiologist reported to me that undoubtedly there was a tumour there and that the condition was generalized. A report of Ted's condition was given to our own doctor, Dr. Leon Green. Dr. Green was greatly concerned over Ted's condition. He said above the power of medical aid there was the power of prayer and the power of God. After deciding that nothing could be done in Halifax for Ted, Dr. Green wired the Lahey Clinic in Boston and made arrangements for Ted to come under their care. On Friday, October 21st, he was admitted to the New England Deaconess Hospital. He was given a thorough examination and a number of x-ray plates were taken of his head and body. Before too long the tumour on the back of Ted's skull was hardly noticeable. On Tuesday, October 25th, Dr. Edwin Lang, one of the leading neurologists of the Lahey Clinic, gave us a report advising us that we could return to Halifax. The tumour was disappearing and he did not think it advisable to recommend any treatment.

Upon our return to Halifax Dr. Green requested to see Ted and examined him for his own satisfaction. Dr. Green could find no trace of the tumour; it was completely gone. He said it was the power of prayer and that it was unbelievable. He gave God the credit for Ted's recovery.

Before leaving for Boston, I asked the Lord for some word of assurance concerning Ted. On two occasions God gave me the same promise, "With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation." That was sufficient for me.

To all our friends who prayed for Ted, Mrs. Hobson and I as well as Ted, say "thank you" and express our deepest appreciation. It is wonderful to know the Lord when adverse circumstances enter your life and it is also wonderful to have many kind friends to stand with you in prayer. In addition to our Reformed Baptist friends who remembered Ted in prayer, churches in Ottawa, Cambridge, Mass., Brooklyn, N. Y., Glace Bay, New Glasgow, Sydney and Halifax also had special prayer for Ted.

God is faithful, and expects us to walk by faith. . . . We have our definite lines of working: we must not leave them, or grow weary in them.—J. Hudson Taylor.