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OUR COLLEGE.

The second semester of Cedarville College will open in the chapel, January 30, at 9:30 A. M. Rev Mills J. Taylor will make the opening address. Several new students are expected. One of these has already arrived.

The Day of Prayer for Colleges will be observed Friday, February 9th, in the College Chapel, at 10 o'clock, A. M The sermon will be preached by Rev. Prof. John Wishart, D. D., of the Hebrew and Old Testament Literature department of Xenia Theological Seminary.

The committee canvassing for funds for the Ladies' Dormitory is meeting with continued success. Several parties in distant parts of the church have voluntarily sent in sums. The committee expect to start on their canvassing tour throughout the church sometime in February.

The Ohio State Oratorical contest takes place here in February. Eight colleges will be represented. Cedarville's orator is Mr Earl McClellan. We are hopeful of winning the contest, as Mr. McClellan is gifted along this line.

The first Sabbath in February is one of the days set apart by General Synod to take up collections in our congregations for the current expenses of Cedarville College. Should that day not suit, another has been set for the first Sabbath in April. We trust the offerings will be liberal as formerly and indicative of your generous hearts to your college.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. McCHESNEY.

"The World in Cincinnati."

Thousands of people who have never had an opportunity to travel abroad and who may never see the countries of the Far East, will be able to get a very accurate conception of native life and scenery when they visit "The World in Cincinnati" exposition which will be held in the Queen City from March 9th to April 6th.

The section devoted to each country in the great Exposition will be enclosed by beautiful scenery painted in the best scenic studios of New York. Within the space shut in by painted hills of Japan, or jungles of India, will be found houses, shops, temples and shrines, a school, a

hospital, a tea house and other structures identified with the life of the people. Visitors will see China, Korea, Palestine, and Africa, just as they are today. Men and women, young and old, of Cincinnati and its vicinity, called stewards, and dressed in the costume of each land, will populate the scenes, explaining to visitors the use and meaning of everything and tell of the efforts which are being made to extend Christian civilization throughout the country of which the stewards are temporary inhabitants.

So accurate are the copies of scenery and buildings and so true the impersonations and costumes of native life, that there will be a foreign atmosphere, and visitors with even small imaginations, cannot fail to almost believe themselves thousands of miles away from home, in lands of strange landscapes, new architecture, and unfamiliar people.

Never before in Cincinnati have so many people been studying missions. The preparations for "The World in Cincinnati" Missionary Exposition have provided an incentive to mission study of the most unusual character. There have been organized, or are in process of organization, about 240 Training Classes of Stewards for the Exposition, and up to January 12, 4500 text-books on missions had been sent out to the members of these classes from the office of "The World in Cincinnati."

In 208 churches of Cincinnati and vicinity, the Stewards have commenced their preparations for service in the Exposition, under the direction of of Trainers who studied in normal classes in December Many churches who enrolled a large number of stewards, have several classes. After spending eight weeks in thus preparing for service in the Exposition and then four weeks more in imparting to curious visitors the Missionary information which they have absorbed, it does not seem possible that any of the stewards will ever lack in interest for the work of Missions.

Comprehensive plans are being made for the demonstration of native life and in the various scenes and sections of the Exposition. These demonstrations will show to visitors incidents of official and home life and will illustrate the native worship and the work of the Missionaries.

The enrollment of stewards for "The World in Cincinnati" Missionary Exposition will close January 15th, and by that date the number will considerably exceed the 5,000 called for.

CURRENT RELIGIOUS EVENTS.

By F. A. Jurkat.

The Liberal Government in England is preparing Home Rule for Ireland. The Protestant north (Ulster) is protesting, as this means that the political control of the island will be in the hands of a Catholic majority. In particular the Covenanter Synod of Ireland makes a lengthy and detailed statement of the dangers to follow and of the covenants violated.

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The Episcopal Church as a State Church, never was countenanced in Scotland, and in 1869 was abolished in Ireland. The Liberals now propose to

abolish it as a State Church in Wales, which is provoking protests from Episcopalians in both England and America.

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Whenever church union has been broached, some one has discouraged it because of unwillingness to give up some subordinate principle. Some optimists have admitted that the time might come when all the Presbyterian bodies might unite, but as for the Episcopalians—they do not recognrze an ordination as valid unless performed by a bishop whose authority has descended in direct succession from the twelve apostles. To remedy the difficulty, it has been suggested that a bishop of the Episcopal Church be invited to attend the presbytery meeting and participate in ordinations to make them valid. But old causes for separation and dispute seem to disappear, when the disputants are transplanted to new lands. So with the Puritans and the Separatists who met and united in New England after a long struggle in Old England. And here is a quotation from the United Presbyterian:

CHURCH UNION IN AUSTRALIA.

The Episcopalians and the Presbyterians in Australia have agreed upon a basis of co-operation and union in which there is a statement concerning orders, each apparently retaining its own formula of faith. The desolution reported is as follows:

That a union of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania and the Presbyterian Church of Australia be effected and consummated by a joint Solemn Act under the authority and sanction of both Churches, in which each Church shall confer uyon the presbyters of the other all the rights and privileges necessary for the exercise of their offlce in the United Church, so that from the moment of such union, all the presbyters of each Church shall have equal status in the United Church.

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TWO HUNDRED RURAL CHURCHES

The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian church, at its meeting in May 1911, appointed a permanent committee on Rural Churches with Rev. Henry Wallace, D. D., LL. D., of Des Moines, Iowa, as chairman. Under the direction of the chairman, a questionaire was sent to more than 600 congregations of the United Presbyterian Church. Below is a summary of certain features of interest selected from reports of 200 churches.

COUNTRY CHURCHES—In these 200 country churches, 28 pastoral charges are made up of two or three congregations, 28 churches were without pastors at the time the reports were made. There are 153 pastors in the list. Of these 136 were born in the country, 138 have had experience in farming; 9 have studied scientific farming; 34 have made "some" study of scientific farming. Regarding their attitude toward country life, 12 said that they had no special interest in country life; 139 declared—some with emphasis—that they are specially interested in country life. Two did not answer this question.

COUNTRY PARISHES AND CHURCHES—These 200 churches are located in New York, Vermont, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, Ne-

braska, Arkansas, Idaho, Washington, California, and Ontario, Canada.

Eighty-one of these churches are in the open country; the rest in hamlets, villages, or towns having less than 4000 population.

Respecting the financial condition of the communities in which these churcher are located; in 11, the people are poor; in 11, they are poor and well-to-do; in 10 they are poor, well-to-do and wealthy; in 8, they are wealthy; and in 185, they are well-to-do.

In 125 of these communities, there are few foreigners or none. In 28 communities there few tenants or none. 19 per cent of the farmers in all these communities are tenants. 60 per cent. of the adult population are members of some church and 69 per cent of the children attend some Sabbath School. 407 men reared in these churches have entered the ministry.

The mutual relations of the different denominations in the field are reported: "friendly", "cordial", "very good", "co-operating", "agreeable" etc.

Twenty-nine reports show less favorable relations as:—"not close", "nil", "jealousies", "pleasant except —", "rath-distant", "friendly but aloof", "strained", "but little in common", etc

J. O ASHENHURST, Secretary.
Pemberville, O., Jan. 17, 1912.

CURRENT SECULAR EVENTS.

PROF. F. A. JURKAT.

On December 13th, the House passed a resolution calling for the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 with Russia, on the ground that Russia discriminates against American Jews traveling in Russia. The Senate concurred in a milder form of the resolution, and the President gave notice of the abrogation to Russia

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The Democratic policy of economy is threatened by the dollar-a-day pension bill which if passed will add $75,000,000 to the annual expenditures. Secretary Hitchcock advocates the purchase of the telegraph lines at a public cost of half a billion dollars.

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The Republican convention will be held June 18th, at Chicago, and the Democratic on June 25th at Baltimore. The Rooseyelt boom is growing and the Harmon boom waning. A quarrel between Woodrow Wilson and Harper's Weekly has disconcerted the Bryan wing, and there is fear that the Democrats will again spill the beans in the face of almost certain victory.

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Mexico has restored order, but Ecuador and Paraguay have civil wars. American bankers are establishing a bank for Nicaragua and will loan her $15,000,000 if Congress permits. Honduras is planning similar action. If passed, these establishments will likely result in American intervention at some future time when civil wars or foreign complications occur, and the navy, built by the people, will fight the battles of the capitalists.

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In England, the great railway strike has been followed by a great cotton workers' strike. A law has been enacted providing insurance against illness and unemployment, from a fund to

which eighteen cents per week is contributed for each employee, eight cents by the employee, four by the employer, and six by the state. The Socialists claim that taxing the poor employee will not solve the problem of poverty.

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The King and Queen have been crowned Emperor and Empress of India at the great Durbar at Delhi, no mishap marring the ceremony. At the same time the capital of India was changed from Calcutta to Delhi, which is a move toward nationalism, since in the Indian mind Delhi stands for empire, while Calcutta meant that India was ruled by the Bengalis. It is the intention of the British government to give India autonomy as soon as possible, like Canada, Australia, and South Africa.

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The recent elections in Germany resulted in great gains for the Socialists, but they are still far from having a majority in the Reichstag.

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The disclosures of the recent negotiations between France and Germany relative to Morocco are becoming more and more sensational and have resulted in the overthrow of the Caillaux ministry, the new Premier being Poincare. Spain has sacrificed nothing and has not worked any, and yet has secured a slice of Morocco. France wants some of her concessions returned, pleading as a reason the cession of Congo territory which she has had to grant to Germany for a free hand in Morocco.

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Turkey is neglecting the Italian war to watch development in Persia. Persia is under the heel of Russia, which is massacring the patriots by thousands. Shuster has been dismissed, and the manifest destiny of Persia is, to become a Russian province.

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Russia also designs to take Mongolia and Chinese Turkestan in the impending break-up of China. The eighteen southern provinces of China have organized a republic, and have elected Dr. Sun president. The imperial family in the north is about to flee and leave China to her fate.

A Letter From The Foreign Mission Treasurer.

Cincinnati, Jan. 17th, 1912.

S. C. Wright, Esq.,

Publisher Advocate, Cedarville, O.

I have your favor of the 11th, inst. asking these questions:

First: How are the various congregations responding to the quota fixed by General Synod?

Second: How much have you received for Foreign Missions for the current year?

I will answer the second question and allow the various congregations to answer your first question. Thus far the total receipts of all of the congregations, Sabbath Schools, W. M. Societies, C. E. Societies, Mission Bands, etc., since the last report rendered at the meeting of General Synod last May, up to and including Dec. 31st, 1911, are $701.04. In this total of receipts, $337.38 have been contributed by the congregations, and it is only giving credit to whom credit

is due, to state that $262.22 of this amount represents the first and second QUARTERLY contributions of the Cedarville congregation, and the third quarterly contribution of this congregation will be due and payable on February 1st.

I have underscored the word "quarterly", and would state that this congregation and Republican City, Kan. (Rev. Benson) are the only two congregations in the church which have followed the recommendation made a year ago, to make quarterly remittances, instead of waiting until the last day of the fiscal year, which is May 1st.

While it involves a little more work in book-keeping, yet the Treasurer is certain that four quarterly remittances will aggregate more than one remittance at the end of the year, and would be glad if he could send a quarterly receipt to each congregation in our Communion.

Again, if the plan of making quarterly remittances were adopted by all of the churches, and if a congregation found after making three quarterly remittances that it was falling short of the quota fixed by General Synod, it would then have an opportunity of making an extraordinary effort in the last quarter, to make good the full quota.

If our congregations are really deeply interested in the cause of Missions, it will pay them well to try the plan of the Cedarville congregation in SYSTEMATIC giving, and then quarterly remittances will become an easy matter.

Mr. Editor, will you kindly remind your readers that the fiscal year of the Board of Foreign Missions closes on May FIRST, and not at the meeting of General Synod.

Sincerely yours,
A. Y. REID.
Treasurer, Board of Foreign Missions.

To Correspondents, Contributors And Friends Of The Advocate.

All correspondents, regular and occasional contributors to the columns of The ADVOCATE are informed that hereafter all contributions, news items or otherwise, must be in the hands of the Editor by the 20th of the month in order to insure its appearance in the issue of The ADVOCATE following. Mail your articles by the 18th of the month. This rule is made necessary by the terms of the contract we have with the new printer.

We again urge upon pastors and correspondents the desirability of news items dealing with the activities of their respective congregations. What are you doing for missions, both Home and Foreign? What special line of Christian endeavor is being pursued by the various organizations within your congregation? These questions if intelligently answered, I am sure, would be interesting reading.

Sincerely yours,
S. C. WRIGHT, Publisher.

R. P. STATISTICS.

We are indebted to the Rev. W. J. Smiley, pastor of our Bethel congregation, Sparta, Ill., for the following orderly arrangement of our Statistical Report. Rev. Smiley also supplied us with the date of the organization of each congregation, for all of which we are thankful. It encourages the man-

agement of The ADVOCATE to receive letters of friendly criticism. In addition to the list published last month we add three congregations: Third Philadelphia, Sparta, and Coulterville. By reference to the table you may ascertain those that have not responded. This table will be published again in March in order to give the remaining congregations an opportunity to be in the list.

Date Organized.....		No. Communicants.....	No. Baptized Members	No. of Adherents.....	No. of Accessions last yr.	No. Dismissed by Death or Certificate.....
1794	Duanesb'g P	70	20	30	4	
1798	1st Phila ..V	120			21	
1835	2nd " ...P					
1846	3rd " .....P	216			6	13
1848	4th " .....P	306	30	25	24	13
1849	5th " .....P					
1910	7th "....S. S.	98	4		30	2
1814	Darlington P					
1852	Fairview ..P					
1862	Beulah V					
1884	Tarentum..P	113	36	4	5	3
1810	Cedarville. P	280	12	4	44	6
1816	Cincinnati P					
1876	Idaville. V	18	8			2
1819	Sparta, Ill..P	100	40	15	3	1
1842	Concord ....P	109	33	6	10	6
1842	Marissa.....P	67	22	8	5	3
1850	Coult'rv'le P	211			6	4
1891	Rep'anCityP	74	28	6	6	1
1891	Los Ang. S.S	13		*105		
	Total.....	1795	233	203	164	54

P., Pastor; V., Vacant; S. S., Stated Supply, * Members of S. S.

THE MARCH ADVOCATE.

Among other things of interest which will appear in the March number of the ADVOCATE we are planning some special articles which will deal with the Home Mission work of our denomination. Mr. W. J. Imbrie, of New Galilee, Pa., treasurer of our Home Mission board has promised to contribute a statemeut dealing with the financial condition of the board. Rev. Alexander Savage, D. D., chairman of the Executive committee of the H. M. board has promised, if at all possible, to write an article for this issue. Miss Jennie White, the faithful city missionary under the auspices of Dr. McKinney's congregation at Cincinnati, has promised to write about her work. All who know Miss White and all who heard her at the last meeting of Synod will look forward with pleasure to this opportunity to learn concerning her work. We hope to have an article from Dr. Ramsey or his daughter, Miss Martha, or perhaps an article from each of them, dealing with our Home Mission work in Los Angeles.

Pastors, if you wish to disseminate Home Mission news among your people urge them to subscribe for the ADVOCATE.

In considering our obligation in connection with the "chief business of the church," the question is: "NOT how much of my money will I give to God, BUT how much of God's money will I keep for myself." S. C. W.

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The letter of the Foreign Mission Treasurer intimates that very few of the congregations have adopted the plan of making quarterly remittances, and we wonder how many have adopted the double-envelope system. Let us assure the congregational authorities that the surest way to double your contributions is to adopt the double-envelope system, canvass the congregation, get everybody to fill out a card, stating how much he will give weekly to current expenses, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Cedarville College, etc., give each member a box of envelopes, and start him off. Cedarville Congregation adopted this system last May, and the contributions to benevolences jumped from less than $500 a year to over $1000 a year. And the people are keeping it up too. A ten-dollar bill looks big when given all at once, but pitifully small when divided by fifty-two. Result, most people increase their gifts.

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The editor has received an unsigned letter of interrogation. If the party will please send name and address, with subject of the letter, we shall endeavor to answer.

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SUPPORT THE ADVOCATE.

The following letter from Mrs. M. B. Scott, Clifton, Kan., to the publisher is so pointed and full of the loyal spirit, that although it was not intended for publication, we herewith reproduce it in full

Clifton, Kan.
Jan. 20, 1912.

My Dear Mr. Wright:—

The month is more than half gone and not until now have I found it convenient to remit for The R. P. ADVOCATE. So as not to be behind next time will now send for next year also. Enclosed please find two dollars for two years, 1912 and 1913. I may not live to enjoy it but hope The ADVOCATE may be benefited by it anyway. I am sorry to see The ADVOCATE growing smaller instead of larger. I wonder why the friends of the paper do not rally to its support. Every church member or rather every family in the R. P. church should subscribe for it. I heard one "R. P." who is considered a loyal member say "I can get good reading matter in other church papers cheaper." He never seemed to think it a duty to support his own church paper. One may take as many church papers as he chooses, but let his own be first.

Yours truly,
MRS. M. B. SCOTT.

MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

FEBRUARY.

7. Praying for the Preacher. Eph. 6:19.
14. The Double Life. Rom 7:23.
21. Daily Renewal. 2 Cor. 4:16
28. Five-Fold Fullness. Rom. 15:13, 14.

Wm. J. McKeown, of the Fourth Philadelphia congregation, has forwarded the names of SEVEN new subscribers, for which he and the individuals who subscribed through him have our sincere thanks. S. C. W.

Be sure and read the letter of Mr. A. Y. Reid, F. M. Treas., found on page 30 in this issue. After you read it think about it and think seriously. Are the recommendations of General Synod to be regarded or disregarded? S. C. W.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

FOURTH PHILADELPHIA CONGREGATION

Rev. John D, Countermine, D. D Pastor.

During the prolonged cold snap, nearly everything in the Fourth Church was at a standstill. The breaking down of the heating plant closed everything up tight. Neither the church nor the chapel could be used, as both are heated by the same plant. An attempt was made to heat the chapel with gas radiators, but it failed; so all the church services, the Sabbath school, the Brotherhood, young people's meeting, mid-week service, and the athletic association had to be suspended for two weeks. A cold storage plant may be a good place to keep butter, eggs, and meat, but it is a poor place to hold religious services. This may be the reason why some of our churches are not more prosperous than they are. They are too cold. Rev. Dr. Stringer, pastor of the Broad Street Baptist Church, learning of our misfortune, very kindly invited us either to hold our service in their chapel, which was only one block away, or to join with them in their regular services. The session of the Fourth Church gladly accepted the invitation to join in the union services. The pastor of the Fourth Church preached in the morning, and the pastor of the South Broad Street Baptist Church in the evening. "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The annual entertainment given by the Sabbath School was rather above the average of such performances. The old adage "practice makes perfect" was once more verified. The attendance was large and the program diversified both in subject-matter and in the personnel of the participants. Persons of all ages, from the child of a few summers to the aged saint whose locks have grown white in the Master's service, took part. Special mention should be made of the piano and cornet solos, together with the singing of the young men of the school. While all did well, these excelled themselves. Many prizes were given for proficiency in different branches of the school work. It is rather remarkable that so many of the scholars could be brought to commit such large portions of the Scripture and Catechism. It showed the faithfulness of superintendent and teachers. This is what is needed. It is more faithfulness in presenting the fundamental truths of Christianity, and less of the red-tape and froth, soap-bubbles and gush of modern Sabbath School work. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" but the Sabbath School is a work-shop and not a play-room. The sooner our superintendents and teachers learn this, the better it will be for us all. In addition to the large number of prizes there was the exchange of many gifts. Elder Tenent, who during

the pastor's affliction, has made a great many pastoral visits, was presented with a purse. Elder A. McClean made the presentation in a very neat and most effective speech which touched us all with a feeling of brotherly love and sympathy for one another.

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Mr. John Hazlett, one of the founders of the Fourth Church and the man who paid the first money toward Dr. Steele's salary, after a severe illness went home a few days ago. His funeral was conducted by the pastor in the presence of a large number of friends. He was a good man, full of faith, sunshine, and good cheer. He had formed the habit whenever he met his pastor of asking: "How is your disposition?" At first it seems like a very odd question, but the more the mind dwells on it, the more it becomes a rich nugget of real practical wisdom If our disposition is all right, if it measures up in any degree to the sweet and attractive disposition of Christ, then we are prepared to preach the gospel in the most winning and effective way. Oh, for a Christ-like disposition! Mr. Hazlett was an old soldier of his country as well as of the Cross. He was known, loved, and honored for his courage and faithfulness. A wife and three children survive him He will be greatly missed from the services of the Fourth Church. If he loved a joke, he hated a lie. If he took delight in the peace and prosperity of the church, he despised the narrow spirit which says, "Stand by thyself, come not near to me for I am holier than thou." There was nothing of this about him. "If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another," Mr. Hazlett obeyed this divine injunction, and hence while others were contending, he was praying and keeping sweet. We wonder who will take his place. May God give us some one and that soon.

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It was with great timidity that we expressed in a former note our desire to become better acquainted with the missionary operations of our beloved denomination. Since then Mr. S. C. Wright, the genial publisher of the Advocate, has sent usthe Missionary No .issued last February. Not only have we greatly enjoyed reading it through, but in reading between the lines. All of the missionary articles are interesting and instructive. More especially is this true of the able article of Rev. W. R. McChesney. It contained just what we most desired. We had heard different accounts of the work in India, but never before had an opportunity of getting hold of the truth of the matter. We are pleased to get hold of these facts and will as soon as possilbe give them to the Fourth Church. What an awful thing sin is. Had it not broken in upon the splendid work our beloved church was doing in India, what a mission we would have had there today. While we were glad to read Mr. McChesney's article and thus to become acquainted with the conditions of affairs, nevertheless there was brought to our mind the remark once made by Dr. John Hall of New York, after reviewing some things that had taken place in the Presbyterian Church. "There are some things," he said, "in this world to be wept over." That is

undoubtedly true. We have them right here in Philadelphia. They are to be wept over, but we cannot help them now. They are passed beyond our recall or correction. The best we can do is to gather up and "strengthen what remains." To this great work I believe we should at once set our hands and hearts unitedly. "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion, put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem."

SEVENTH CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

The Building Committee of the R. P. congregation of Philadelphia would report that their new church is almost completed.

Before starting to build we complied with all the requirements of General Synod and also obtained a permission from the Philadelphia Presbytery as is shown by the accompanying resolutions.

The following is the report of the Congregational meeting of the Seventh Church as approved by Presbytery in special session, July 18th, 1911.

WHEREAS the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, at its meeting in in Cedarville, Ohio, in May 1911, passed a resolution recommending that the Seventh Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of Philadelphia if possible unite with the First Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of Philadelphia;

AND WHEREAS this resolution has been presented to the Seventh Reformed Presbyterian Congregation and carefully and prayerfully considered by it:

Be it resolved by the Seventh Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of Philadelphia, in congregational meeting assembled, this seventeenth day of July, A. D. 1911, that it is the sense of this congregation that it would not be advisable or to the best interests of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, for this Congregation to unite with the First Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of Philadelphia, and that the committee appointed by this Congregation be instructed to convey this to the Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia; and be it further resolved that the Building Committee of this Congregation be instructed to proceed without delay in the erection of a suitable structure for the worship of this Congregation on the property Nos. 2300 and 2302 Madison Square, Philadelphia, now owned by this Congregation, and that the Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, be requested to recommend Mr. W. J. Imbrie to turn over to the proper officers of this Congregation, the mortgage now held by him for this Congregation upon the property of the former Fourth Reformed Presbyterian Congregation in this City, in order that the officers of this Congregation may have sufficient funds to proceed with the erecting of a suitable place for the worship of this Congregation, and the carrying forward of the work of the Church.

The following resolutions were entertained by Presbytery and on motion approved:

Whereas the Seventh Reformed Presbyterian Church has complied with the instructions given by General Synod, namely to make an effort to unite with the First Reformed Presbyterian church if possible; at a Congregational meeting

duly called on July 17th, 1911, the matter of union was discussed at some length, and by an almost unanimous vote, as there was only one vote for union with the First Reformed Presbyterian church, it was agreed that the congregation should remain in its present organized and incorporated capacity as a necessity to maintain its existence.

Whereas there has been no objection presented to Presbytery pertaining to the location selected by the congregation of the Seventh Reformed Presbyterian Church now about to erect a Church edifice, as the ground has been purchased and permission has been granted by presbytery to begin and complete the building, as it is about seven or eight squares from the First Reformed Presbyterian Church;

Resolved, that this presbytery convened in special session, do now heartily request you, Mr William J. Imbrie, the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, to transmit to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Seventh Reformed Presbyterian Church, the mortgage representing ten thousand dollars on the property of the former Fourth Reformed Presbyterian church, to enable the said church to proceed with the erection of said church building.

THIRD CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

It is with grief that we hear of the death of Mrs. Margaret Huston, who passed away on Saturday, December 16th, after a long illness. We extend our deepest sympathy to her brother, Mr. John Beatty.

At a special meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society Wednesday evening Dec. 20th, the following officers were elected to serve for the next six months: President, Mr. Wm. J. Morrison, Vice-President, Rev. James Dougherty; Secretary, Miss Anna Boyd; Treasurer, Miss Mary Bayne; Prayer meeting Com, Mr. Cairns and Miss Dunlap; Lookout Committee, Mr. James Brigham; Social Committee, Miss A. Ballantine; Missionary Committee, Miss R. I. McIlwain.

The Annual New Year's Festival of the Sabbath School was held on Friday evening, December 29th, in the Sabbath School room. A silver offering admitted those who are not members of the school.

Although the pleasures and excitement of another Christmas have come and gone, we hope they have left a sweet and pure influence in the hearts of us all. It is but natural for us now to look forward to the beginning of the New Year with its bright hopes and grand opportunities. Of course we must expect that mis-steps will be taken and these must be allowed for; but if these mis-steps occur when we are seriously performing our duties, they will not contain within them the sting of failure, but will rather be helps to us in our onward progress toward a better manhood and womanhood.

A very cordial invitation is extended to every member of the Congregation and Sabbath School to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty in their home. All are welcome at any time and we hope that all will come often. The pastor and his wife have set aside every Tuesday

afternoon and evening, with the exception of the First Tuesday evening of each month, to meet their friends.

Miss Campbell has gone to Pittsburg to visit friends and may not return until Spring.

We were pleased to see Mrs Gilliland at church again and also to learn that her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Crawford, has recovered after a serious illness. We were glad to welcome home again Mr. William Hawthorne from McCormick Seminary, and Mr. James Chestnut from Cornell.

The Ladies' Aid Society held its January meeting on Monday Eve., January 8th, at the home of Mrs. W. Morrison, 3116 N. 7h St.

We would remind our readers that subscriptions for The Bulletin for the present year are due and will be thankfully received. Those who desire The Bulletin mailed to their homes will please send their remittance and address to Mr. J. Herbert Gailey, 81 E. Duval Street, Germantown.

Last Tuesday evening the Christian Service League held its reguiar monthly meeting, at which time it was decided to hold an entertainment the latter part of February. In view of the work accomplished last year, the league feels greatly encouraged and intends to continue with it. Aside from the support of the Bulletin, the members have been interested in clothing an orphan at the Presbyterian Home. The Treasurer reports that during the year $146.71 was collected, $40 of which were donations from other organizations and individuals. The expenses of the year total $115.36.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting Monday evening, Jan. 1st., the Board of Trustees was re-elected to serve for another year. A motion was carried to support the Bulletin for three months. The Treasurer reported as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

Pew Rents	$ 577 06
Envelopes	1,020 04
Sabbath Collections	199 87
April Communion	22 28
October Communion	19 71
Balance 1910	162 02
Donation	100 00
	$2,100 98

PAYMENTS.

Pulpit Supplies	$ 247 00
Rev. J. Dougherty, salary 9 months	1,050 00
H. McKnight, salary	231 32
R. Getty, salary	140 00
Insurance	110
Gas Bills	40 60
Water Rent	5 00
Coal	77 50
Church Bulletin	26 00
Papering	9 50
Printing	7 50
Repairs	69 78
Balance, 12-31-11	84 78

Subscriptions for the Advocate are now due and will be received and forwarded by Mr. Wm. Morrison.

We are sorry to hear that one of our members, Mrs. Rafferty of 1706 Waterloo St., has been seriously ill.

We are glad to hear occasionally from

our former pastor, Mr. Young, and to know that he still keeps in touch with our church. We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of $1 for the renewal of his subscription to the "Bulletin."

We want to again remind our readers that subscriptions to the "Bulletin" are payable and that we will welcome all contributions. It possible, we want to double our subscription list of last year.

As was announced last Sabbath, the recitation of the Shorter Catechism will hereafter become a feature of the opening exercises of the Sabbat School, with a view to encourage its study. Two questions are to be studied and recited by the members of the school each week.

COULTERVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Our Ladies' Missionary Society has just passed a very successful year. Our President, Mrs. M. J. Jones, by being present at every meeting during the year, has set all members a good example, and with her as our president again this year, each and every member has resolved to have the same record said of them at the close of 1912.

Death has entered our society once this year and removed from our midst, one of our faithful and willing workers, Miss Nancy McNeil. Sudden as her death was, yet we believe she was ready to go, and we bow our hearts in humble submission to our Maker's divine will, and again ponder on His words, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

All the committees have been busy in their different lines of work, and our financial standing is better this year than in any previous one, it being as follows:

Bal. from 1910	$281.09
Recd. this year	457.95
Total	$757.04

Expenditures.

To Foreign Missions	$65.50
To Home Missions	55.50
To Current Expenses	52.20
Total	$173.20
Balance on hand	$583.84

Our Society has furnished the seats and also the carpets for our new church, which we hope to be occupying in a very short time. The officers elected for this year were as follows: Pres., Mrs. M. J. Jones; V. Pres., Mrs. J. L Chesnut; Rec. Sec., Mrs. John White; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Matt Robb; Treas., Mrs. S. A Munford; Mission Band Superintendents, Miss Nancy Gallagher and Mrs. Albert Kelley.

The S. S. is in a more flourishing condition than before. The attendance has been better and the finances have not fallen short any one quarter. We start this year with a balance of $61.00 in our treasury, and having raised $161.00 during the past year. We have paid $7.50 to State Work, and $7.00 to Temperance work, and sent a delegate to the County and State S. S. Conventions. Our officers for 1912 are: Supt., Rev. J. L Chesnut; Asst. Supt., Alex. Russell; Sec., Mrs. R. John Steuart; Asst. Sec., Miss Beth Ervin; Treas., John

Richmond Our motto for 1912 is: "Somebody Else."

The young people of the church gave "a Trip Around the World" entertainment last month which was very much enjoyed, and which proved profitable. Mr. R. John Stewart was General Superintendent and managed the passengers, which was no small task, in fine shape. The starting point was Miss McNeill's store, and the first stop was made at Wales—the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hibbard, assisted by Mrs. Edgar and a group of young ladies, all of whom were dressed in the Welsh costume. Tea, Welsh rarebit and fruit cake were served. The next stop was at the parsonage, where the Chestnut family tried to be as Irish as possible. Brougham, brose, and scones made up the bill of fare. The next country visited was Japan—the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Russell. Rice with chopsticks a la China, and fruit were served. Here everybody fell in love with the Japanese waitress and considerable delay was caused. The final resting place was America. This was a large hall down town where ice cream, cake, sandwiches and coffee were served. The round trip cost 25 cents, which included every thing till you reached America, and there you had to pay for all you got. The conveyances left the starting point every half hour, commencing at 6:30 p. m. At America an excellent literary program was presented. The whole trip was largely enjoyed. So perfect were the arrangements that not a hitch occurred. Tickets which were almost 2 feet in length and filled with a humorous description of the possibilties of the trip, are valued souvenirs of a mirth-provoking occasion.

The week of prayer was observed in a becoming manner, and altho the weather was stormy, union prayer meetings were held every day. The opening service was held on Sabbath evening in the M. E. church, when the Rev. D. D. Collins, the pastor, preached; and were closed on the following Sabbath evening in the U. P. church, when Dr. Chesnut preached.

We expect our new church to be ready for use in about six weeks. The people have responded most liberally, and we hope to be able to send you a description of it, as well as a photograph, when it is completed.

NEW GALILEE, PA.

A sad accident was that which took away the lives of James McChesney, of the White Church congregation. and his brother-in-law, Frank Coulter, a member of the Christian Church. They were caught in a cave-in in a coal mine on the farm of the latter. on Tuesday afternoon, January 9th. When they did not return for supper, a boy was sent to see what was the matter, and immediately reported the tragedy. The whole community was aroused and over a hundred men were soon frantically working amid the bitter cold, some digging, some carrying away the dirt, and others sharpening the tools. After two days' hard work the bodies were found, having been crushed under a rock seventeen feet thick. Frank Coulter was 32 years old and leaves a widow and son, a child two years old. James McChesney was 22 years old. He was the son of Robert McChesney, a prominent and worthy

member of the White Church. He is also survived by a large family of brothers and sisters. One brother, Samuel G. McChesney, is a Senior at Xenia Theological Seminary. Prof. W. R. McChesney is a second cousin.

The tragic accident caused great sorrow thruout the entire community, and rendered most impressive the funeral services which were conducted by Rev. Alexander Savage.

The news of the death of Mr. Jeremiah Brittain, an esteemed elder in Dr. Savage's congregation at New Galilee has just reached us. His death took place Jan. 23. An obituary will be published next month.

CUTLER, ILLINOIS.

Owing to the severe weather the past month, the regular services were not conducted, it being almost impossible to travel on account of the snow-drifts. The health in general is good, altho we regret the sickness of Mrs. Franklin Houghs, who is in a serious condition at this time. We hope to learn of her improvement in health very soon.

SHAW—Mr. Thomas Shaw was born at Clough Mills, Ireland, Dec. 20, 1821, and died at his home in North Six Mile, Dec. 29, 1911, at the age of 90 years and 9 days. He had enjoyed comparatively good health for one of his years until about four months ago, when he began to fail, and for the last seven weeks of his life he was confined to his bed and at times suffered greatly, but bore his sufferings without murmur and was very grateful to those who waited on him, and always glad to see a friend or an old acquaintance.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. W. J. Smiley, assisted by Rev. Barr, at the Mound church, on Sabbath afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery near by.

In 1840 he emigrated to the United States, coming to New Orleans, where he remained for a time, later coming to Illinois and staying for a time in Sparta. He returned to New Orleans, staying there several months, coming again to Illinois and a little later going north to Minnesota. Returning to Sparta he engaged in the shoemaker's trade and remained there until 1848, when he purchased a small tract of land in Six Mile and removing to it to make a home. Later selling this tract he purchased the place where he since lived, having been a continued resident of Six Mile for over 63 years.

On Nov. 6, 1848, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha McLaughlin. Their married life extended over a period of 54 years, she dying March 6, 1900. To this union were born eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, one son and two daughters dying in infancy. One son, William John, died about four years ago. Still surviving the parents are six sons and two daughters, Renwick, Calvin and Archie, of Six Mile; Robert, of near Sparta; Adam and Mary, of Kansas; Thomas, of Kansas City, Mo., and Sarah Jane, who lived with her father and brother. He also leaves surviving a number of grandchildren, who will greatly miss a most loved grandfather.

About 1843 he united with the Bethel

congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian church, then located at Eden and under the pastoral charge of the late Samuel Wylie, later transferring his membership to the Concord congregation of the same denomination, of which he remained a member until his death. In 1910 he visited Ireland for the first time since coming to America, more than 60 years before. He found great changes, only one of his brothers being alive at that time, and his death has occurred since, leaving Mr. Shaw the last of the family.

CEDARVILLE, OHIO.

The death of Mr. J. D. Williamson, one of the oldest members of the Cedarville congregation, occurred at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, Jan. 25. He was in his eighty-fifth year. The funeral was held Monday. A more extended notice will appear in these columns next month.

WHITE—Margaret Mitchell Kyle White, wife of Rev. Robt. White, a former Covenanter minister, died on Oct. 30, at Washington, D. C., aged 68 years. She was a daughter of Samuel and Jane Chalmers Kyle and she was born at Cedarville, O., and sat under the ministrations of Drs. McMillan and Morton. Her children took her remains to the Covenanter church at Cedarville, where services were held, and she was buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, where the pulpit of the old church stood, and there she will rest with her ancestors, who have been laid away for the past century, who will arise at the resurrection to receive the crown of those who have been evangelically holy Covenanting Christians.

—Christian Nation.

The annual congregational dinner and business meeting were held on January 1st, the former being much more largely attended than the latter. The time of the annual meeting was changed to Tuesday after the last Sabbath of April, beginning with 1913. The officers elected were: Pres., J. H. Stormont; Vice-Pres., Ralph Hill; Sec. and Mission Treas., F. A. Jurkat; Treas. W. W. Creswell; Trustees, George Creswell and Clayton McMillan. The Treasurer reported receipts for current expenses $1887.40, expenses $2098.40. The mission treasurer has reported from time to time in the Advocate. The Auxialiary Societies are all flourishing, the Sabbath School reporting collections of $450. It was recommended that gas stoves be put in the prayer-meeting room to save firing the furnace so often. The Treasurer's report indicates that pledges for current expenses, will have to be increased.

M'MILLAN—After a short illness of only ten days' duration with pneumonia, Mrs. Belle McMillan, widow of the late James Q. McMillan, passed away at 10 o'clock, Tuesday night, at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Collins, of near Cedarville. Although past 84 years of age, the deceased had been in fairly good health before she became ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. McMillan was born November 22, 1827, in South Carolina. When a child of six years she came to Greene

county with her parents, who settled in the vicinity of Cedarville. That locality has been the home of the deceased ever since. In January, 1850, she was united in marriage with James Q. McMillan, who died in 1884. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. McMillan made her home practically all the time with her daughter, Mrs. Anderson Collins, at whose home she died. She was a true Christian woman, having been a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville since early girlhood.

The deceased is survived by the following: Mrs. Ada Collins, James H. McMillan, of Cedarville, and Prof. John McMillan, of Monmouth, Ill.

The funeral took place Friday afternoon, December 29, 1911, at 1 o'clock, at the Collins home. Burial was made in Massies Creek cemetery.

GREGG—Mrs. James Gregg died suddenly of heart trouble at her home on the Clifton and Xenia pike, at 6 o'clock Monday evening, January 1, 1912. She had not been well for a few days, having suffered an attack of indigestion, but was able to be up and about the house, and dropped dead while attending to some simple household duty.

Mrs. Gregg was 69 years of age and was Miss Mary McCollum, and she was born and passed all her life in Greene county. Ever since their marriage forty years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg lived on the farm where she died. Mrs. Gregg leaves her husband and two brothers and a sister: Joseph and John McCollum, and Miss Matilda McCollum, who reside in the same neighborhood. She was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church.

Funeral services were held at the house at 1 o'clock, Wednesday. Burial at Massies Creek cemetery. The services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. M. J. Taylor.

RING—Mrs. Elizabeth Deck Ring, born in Hedgesville, Berkley county, W. Va., February 23, 1847, departed this life December 24, 1911, aged 64 years, 10 months and 1 day. She was the daughter of George and Margaret Deck, one of a family of twelve, five sisters and six brothers, all deceased except one, J. C. Deck, of Dayton. Deceased was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church.

The funeral was held Tuesday, December 26, from the residence of Mr. I. M. Deck, burial taking place at Massies Creek cemetery.

NOTES ON THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

REV. MILLS J. TAYLOR, A. B.

C. E. TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY 4, 1912.
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR IDEALS.
John 15:1-8.
(Christian Endeavor Day)

There are at least five splendid ideals expressed in this passage. Let us note each one briefly, and seek to realize it in 1912 and always. They are

as follows:

Christ as the Vine. It is not ours to be the vine, for the vine is the one great channel thru which our Christian life and strength flows. It is not ours to be self-existing; we depend. Jesus says: "I am the way" and "No man cometh unto the Father but by me." These sayings mean that our spiritual strength and life flow to us from God thru Christ, and whatever approach we make unto God is by means of this same Christ. He is the one link between God and us, the Vine.

The Christian as the Branch. Let us not then think nor act independently of the Vine. The branch is important, but the vine is more important, for without it the branch dies. Our part is a smaller, humbler one, but none the less a necessary one. The next greatest thing to being the vine is to be a branch of the vine, and that is what we can do. That is what each real Christian is.

A union with Jesus is intimate and vital as is the union between vine and branch. "Abide in me, and I in you." Herein is our safety, our very existence as Christians depends upon this. The connection is close, a great deal closer than is the case with many professing to be His disciples. Whatever in your life severs you from Christ is aiming at your spiritual destruction.

To bear much fruit. This shows that the union is not mechanical nor artificial, but real and vital. It shows that we are not dead branches, "having the form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." It gives us our right to our place, makes us valuable to the vine and to the husbandman.

For the glory of God. This is the highest ideal in Christian service. And Jesus says, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." Not to the glory of self, but of God. Self dethroned; God enthroned. Let these five things be our ideal, and will it pay? "So shall ye be my disciples!" Isn't that alone a splendid reward? But listen further—"Ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you!" It means prayer-power, and that's the greatest single force man can exercise in this world-power to move the arm of God.

C. E. TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY 11, 1912.

THE CHRISTIAN VIRTUES.

II. GENEROSITY.

2 Cor. 9:6-15.

Consecration Meeting.

"God loveth a cheerful giver." Not a parsimonious giver. Not a stingy giver. Not a foolish giver. God does love every one of these as best He can and a great deal more than their unappreciative and ungrateful spirits deserve. But the lord loves a "cheerful giver" with the love of a heart that's pleased. This thing of giving in the worship and praise of God is not merely a matter of how much we shall give, but like every other phase of divine worship it is a matter of spirit as well. "Man looketh on the outward appearanee, but God looketh on the heart." Do you give simply because you are invited to do so, simply because it will be noticed if you do not give, simply because you feel some way that you

have to, but you are begrudging every cent you give? Well, the Lord may love that kind of a person for the sake of his soul, but he does not love that kind of a "giver." Be it never so much, or never so little, let us give it gladly and cheerfully.

Yet it is clearly taught here that generosity in giving is a virtue, and a virtue which God will not fail to reward. "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." This sounds a good deal like Mal. 3:10. We ought to be cheerful, but we ought to be also generous, especially toward God. For He has not withheld His best from us. Yet it certainly is true that one of the besetting sins of the church for ages has been downright selfishness and niggardliness toward the Kingdom of our blessed Lord. Let us take Him at His word: "He is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always, having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." Be generous, especially toward God, not only in money, but in time and strength and everything else you can contribute to His work.

C. E. TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY 18, 1912. "NO" AND "YES"—WHEN TO SAY THEM. Ps. 57:1-11.

(Led by the Lookout Committee.)

There are many times in our lives when it seems absolutely impossible to know just which of these two answers we ought to give. We have all seen such times. But I think usually they are when the problem confronting us is not essentially a moral one. We could say "Yes," or we could say "No," and in either case we would do no sin. Such questions will be decided on grounds of convenience, financial profit and loss, etc. But often it is a problem to know which answer to give, and we are at our wits end to decide.

But when morals are involved in the issue, what then? Then, no doubt, there may be hesitancy sometimes, and the decision may properly be slowly arrived at, but certainly in the end it ought always to be "No" to the thing that is morally wrong, and "Yes" to the thing that is morally right. And these questions and problems are constantly arising in our lives. Social life, business life, political life, church life, school life, even home life presents them to us. How are we going to be able wisely to decide them? Only by knowing the Word of God and possessing within us the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Many a person answers wrongly to such questions simply because of ignorance of divine truth, they do not possess a conscience quickened by the Holy Spirit. Or else it has been so sinned against that it only asserts itself when the sin would be a fearful one. Shelden's book entitled "In His Steps," has helped me more than anything outside of God's Word to see the way out of such dilemmas. Ask yourself the question, What would Jesus do? In the case of an enlightened Christian, this method will usually suggest without much difficulty or delay the proper course to take, the proper word to speak. The thing that is open

to question is usually better avoided, tho to avoid it may entail disappointment; amusements, companionships, etc. Would I be ashamed to have Christ find me here? Could I take Him with me and go with the motive with which I am prompted? What would Jesus do?

C. E. TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY 25, 1912.

THE HOME MISSIONARY WHOSE LIFE HAS MOST INSPIRED ME.

Acts 10:23-35.

There are two missionaries laboring in North America, home missionaries, I presume therefore we can call them, whose lives and works I have been reading about with great interest and inspiration for some years. The first of these is Rev. Frank E. Higgins, commonly known as the "Sky Pilot" of the immense lumber regions of the far Northwest. He has penetrated into remote camps of the lumberjacks, men who are living a hard life away from anything like the influence of a home or a church, men who are usually big and brawny and brave and wicked. And yet men who have hearts that can be touched with a brother's love, that will respond to the call of Jesus, but have been sadly neglected by the mission enterprise of the American church.

Higgins says: "My place is in the woods, the parish of the pines, and here I promise God, if it is His will, I will give my life." And many a hardened soul in the lumber camps of those northern forests has had reason to say, as did one of them on his death bed, "Thank God, Mr. Higgins, you came to camp. I am not afraid to die, but I want before I go to turn your attention to the other poor fellows in the camps. Go back to them. Preach to them as you did that night to me. Tell them of Jesus Christ and His love. You think, no doubt, they are hard to reach, but they have great hearts, and as soon as they learn to know your Saviour they will trust Him."

The other man is Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, a medical missionary of the far Northeast. His labors are among the fishermen and seamen of the coasts of Newfoundland, Labrador and the regions farther north. Another class of men who have a hard and dangerous life to live, and have been for years in dire need of Christian medical assistance. In speaking of his work he says: "Eighty-five thousand seafarers enter the one port of St. Johns annually, yet for this great company there is not a place where a man can sit down with a friend in decency and comfort, but there are fifty-seven drink shops at hand. The 300,000 people of Newfoundland and Labrador, nearly all fishermen, know little of hygiene, are poorly fed, subject to tuberculosis, exposed to all the dangers of cold and stormy seas; but, the perils of harbors are greater than those of the sea." By the last, of course, he refers to moral conditions. And there, amidst countless perils by land and sea, Grenfell labors for the bodies and souls of that needy people.

NOTES ON INTERNATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS.

REV. W. R. M'CHESNEY, PH. D.

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 4.

THE WISE MEN LED BY THE STAR.

Matt. 2:1-12.

Golden Text—"Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God and there is none else." —Isaiah 45:22.

Psalms: 2, 72, 110, 145.

Introduction—It is February, B. C. 4. The place is Bethlehem. Augustus Caesar is emperor of Rome and Herod the Great is king of Judea. Jesus is about six weeks old. The presentation in the temple has just been made.

1. Wise Men Seeking Jesus—Verse 1. Jesus was born in the city of David. Herod, a descendant of Esau, was ruling the Jews. The Wise Men may have been a great company, and from various regions in the far east. They naturally came to the capital to look up the records.

Verse 2—They were seeking a born King, an heir to the throne, not a usurper like Herod. They were astrologers who had either heard of the long-looked-for Messiah from wandering Jews, or had read of Him in scattered portions of the Scriptures, and had associated with Him as a great person some natural and wonderful stellar appearance. They were seeking Jesus with the highest human motive.

2. Herod Seeking Jesus—Verse 3. Herod thought of the danger of a rival King. Jerusalem feared that strife and bloodshed would occur.

Verse 4. The Scribes knew the prophecies respecting the Messiah and the priests understood the nature and office of the expected Deliverer. Both knew where He should be born.

Verse 5. They told him the place of Jesus' birth.

Verse 6. They knew and quoted the prophecy.

Verse 7. Herod did not want the public to know that he was interested, lest his plans be foiled. He desired to know exactly the time that he might issue the decree so as to include in the slaughter any male child who might possibly be the new-born King.

Verse 8. God over-ruled it so that Herod did not go in person to Bethlehem. His motives in seeking Jesus were hypocritical and murderous.

3. True Seekers Rewarded—Verse 9. God uses various means to guide sincere seekers after the truth—on this occasion a star.

Verse 10. They were full of joy because they recognized the divine guidance.

Verse 11. Mary and the child were now quartered comfortably in a house. Joseph doubtless was engaged in his occupation. The Wise Men worship Jesus with their bodies, their spirits, and their substance. They give Him the best. The gold represents his Kingship; the frankinscence, his mediation;

and the myrrh, his sufferings.

Verse 12. God warns His worshipers of His and their enemies and provides a way of escape.

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 11.

THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE.

Luke 2:40-52.

Golden Text—"How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"—Luke 2-49.

Psalms: 8, 21, 119.

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Introduction—Herod the Great is dead. A Roman governor rules over Judea and Herod Antipas is tetrarch of Galilee. Jesus' home is Nazareth. He is in Jerusalem now, during, and after the passover. It is April, A. D. 8, and Jesus is twelve years of age.

1. How Jesus Grew—Verse 40. Jesus was born, increased in stature, grew in mind, and became strong in spiritual power, and had the favor of God just as other boys: of course without sin.

Verse 41. Jesus grew under pious parental training and became accustomed to religious claims and services.

Verse 42. Every Jewish boy was supposed to become subject to the law at twelve years, which was the age of responsibility.

2. Jesus in the Temple—Verse 43. The parents kept the feast. They stayed till the end, seven days, and we read of no complaint about the length of the service.

Joseph and Mary trusted Jesus to return in the company who had gone with them from their home.

Verse 44. They naturally sought for Him among His relatives and others who knew Him.

Verse 45. They turned to seek Him where they had last seen Him.

Verse 46. They had gone one day out. It took another day to return and another day to find Jesus. Their confidence in Him was not misplaced. They found Him in good company and engaged in commendable work.

3. The Wisdom of Jesus—Verse 47. The astonishment of His listeners shows Him to have been an extraordinary child.

Verse 48. The parents were amazed to find a twelve-year-old boy among the doctors of the law and were amazed at His wisdom. His mother by her question shows that she does not understand her son. No wonder was it that the parents should worry at the prospect of losing such a talented and promising son.

Verse 49. The reply of Jesus shows His wisdom in directing the minds of His parents to the plan of God in His life.

Verse 50. They did not realize the full purpose of the Father in Jesus' life and work.

Verse 51. Jesus showed His wisdom by obedience to His parents. His mother was discreet and thoughtful.

Verse 52. Jesus grew naturally in knowledge and body and won the commendation of both God and man.

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 18.

THE MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST—Luke 3:1-17.

Golden Text—"Repent ye: for the

Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."—Matt. 3:2.

Psalms: 1, 15, 25, 26.

Introduction—John is past 30 years of age. He preached six months before Christ began his public work. Tiberius Caesar is emperor. Pilate is governor. The place is the wilderness of Judea. It is the summer of A. D. 26.

1. The Minister and His Parish—Verses 1:3. John was a born preacher. He got his call as well as his message from God. He entered His ministry at a critical time and for a definite purpose, of both of which he was well aware. His parish was the wilderness and all the country about Jordan, reaching from near Jerusalem to the Dead Sea and the Southern desert, and northward two-thirds of the way to Lake Galilee. His parish furnished him food without price, free meditation, comparative security, and inspiration from nature and nature's God.

2. The Message—Verses 3-6. His message, repent and be forgiven, was needed. He spent no time in abstractions. He was clear and practical. His message was scriptural. He honored the Word of God. He preached the necessity and way of preparing to receive Christ. The way must be straight, level and smooth. The King's approach must not be delayed, impeded, or made hard. A great work in heart, home, church and nation is necessary that Jesus Christ may enter each and reign over all. When this work is done, all people will see his wondrous saving power; salvation of body, mind and spirit; salvation of material and spiritual interests.

3. Application of the Message—Verses 7-17. He preached to the multitudes. He told them that they were deceitful and dangerous. He commanded them to repent and abandon their reliance upon good name and ancestry. He warned them that the testing time had come. They were aroused and inquired how to be saved. He bade them be and act as brothers. To the tax-gatherers he drove home the lesson not to be grafters. To the soldiers his message was to keep the peace and be content.

To all he humbly and truthfully confessed that he was a mere man and commended the Christ as his infinite superior in person, works, aims, methods, and results. John's characteristics were that he was humble and sincere, courageous and faithful, a man with a God-given mission who did his work, and a Christian whose faith made him a burning and shining light.

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 25.

THE BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS.

Mark 1:9-11; Matt. 4:1-11.

Golden Text—"For in that He Himself hath suffered, being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted."—Heb. 2:8.

Psalms: 3, 18, 91, 116.

Introduction—Jesus Christ came into the world to be our substitute and example. This lesson is the first crisis in His life. Through His temptation and victory all we, his followers, can triumph.

1. The Time. Mark 1:9-11; Matt. 4-1. The temptation came soon after John had so highly commended Jesus. Jesus had just left home and its helpful influences. He had just received baptism as the initiatory step of his stupendous work. He had seen the heavens opened, had received the Holy Spirit, and heard the approving voice of the Father—all this in the presence of multitudes—and calculated to exalt His spirits. Then it was that Jesus was driven on to the testing of all His powers, physical, mental, moral, emotional, and spiritual, at a time of complete isolation, solitude, hunger, mental labor, and physical weakness.

2. The Parties to the Temptation—Matt. 4-1. The first was Jesus Christ in his human nature. The second was the Holy Spirit who drove him to the testing and upon whom he depended in the crisis. The third was the written Word of God, his weapon of defense. The fourth was the personal Devil, the common enemy of God and man. The fifth were the angels, who came and ministered to him at the close of his struggle. For Jesus, as for everyone else, it was impossible to pass through this world without temptation. When we are led by the spirit into temptation and follow His guidance in the temptation, it is to temper us against the temptations which pounce upon us out of the flesh, the world, and Satan. No man needs to fear any temptation if he is Spirit-led and obedient.

3. The Nature of the Temptation—Matt. 4:3-11. The first is an appeal to His physical nature, His appetites and passions. The appeal is made through the attempt to cast a doubt upon His deity and God's care for Him.

The second is an attempt to allure Jesus to presume upon the mercies of God and make a spectacular display of Himself. It is enforced by a perverted quotation of Scripture to draw Jesus away by the very means on which He relied to defend Himself.

The third is an appeal to His highest motives. Jesus had come as King and to win back the world as His rightful Kingdom. Here is apparently an easy way to accomplish his mission. Satan first appeals to the body; next, to the mind; and last, to the will. It is his tactics in Eden repeated, but, thank God, not with the same results.

4. The Victory—Matt. 4:4-11. Jesus won the victory in His human nature supported by the indwelling Holy Spirit and by the accurate use and faithful reliance upon God's Word and promises and in obedience and loyalty to God. We can win in the same way. While the victory was temporary, for Luke declares Satan left him only for a season; nevertheless for that time it was complete and proved the source of strength to meet the many temptations, the agony of Gethsemane, and the suffering of the cross, and death itself. "Each victory will help you some other to win." Heaven acknowledged His triumph by sending ministering angels. Satan admitted defeat by fleeing.

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