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THOU ART, O GOD.

Thou art, O God, the life and light
Of all this wondrous world we see;
Its glow by day, its smile by night,
Are but reflections caught from Thee.
Where'er we turn Thy glories shine,
And all things far and bright are Thine.

When day, with farewell beam, delays
Among the opening clouds of even,
And we can almost think we gaze
Through golden vistas into Heaven;
Those hues, that make the sun's decline
So soft, so radiant, Lord, are Thine.

When night, with wings of starry gloom,
O'ershadows all the earth and skies,
Like some dark, beauteous bird, whose plume
Is sparkling with unnumbered eyes;—
That sacred gloom, those fires divine,
So grand, so countless, Lord, are Thine.

When youthful spring around us breathes.
Thy spirit warms her fragrant sigh;
And every flower the summer wreathes
Is born beneath that kindling eye.
Where'er we turn Thy glories shine,
And all things fair and bright are Thine.

Selected.

MFETING OF THE PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

The Pittsburgh R. P. Presbytery will meet in the White R. P. Church, near New Galilee, Pa., on the 2d Tuesday of April 1920, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Alex. Savage Clerk.

AMERICANISM IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Twenty thousand school teachers in more than eight thousand school houses have begun work on a well defined plan to teach Americanism to more than half a million boys and girls in Indiana, starting on Lincoln's birthday. Under the plan, the teachers get down to basic principles, so simplifying the subject that it will come within the mental grasp of boys and girls of the fifth grade and older. If there is any bolshevism in the public schools of Indiana, if there is any tendency to drift away from those principles on which our government stands, it is to be eradicated, not only for the present, but in the generations to come.

The Indiana schools have always stood for democracy and Americanism in its fullest meaning. The constant aim has always been, and is now, to inculcate in the pupils the highest ideals of love of country and also to educate them in the principles which underlie the structure of our government.

But the schools have taken up the idea of teaching Amercanism along broader and more emphasized lines than have been followed in the past. It is a newer and more vital program than has prevailed in other years, for we have, since the crash of the World War, awaken to the increased importance of this kind of educational work among the young.

Uhder the newer plan, Americanism is now being taught in two ways,by songs and by talks from the teachers. The purpose of the songs is to kindle patriotism and love of country in the hearts of the children. In the talks, the aim is always to be so simple as to come within the mental grasp of all.

The plan is being developed with the belief that every American citizen, young and old, should be able to repeat from memory the words of at least three of our great patriotic songs. Almost everyone knows the airs,but not so many know the words. When the children master the words, which they have to a large extent already accomplished, it will follow that they will carry the songs from the school house into the homes. So to teach Americanism by song, the superintendents and teachers have been asked to require all children, from the fifth to the twelfth grades to memorize the words of "America," "The Star Spangled Banner" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

These songs can be taught in the English, reading and music classes of most schools. It is believed that a people who know and sing the songs of our country, may be relied on to do what is best for the land they love. The teachers are to use caution in the teaching these songs that the children may not become tired of them.

Questions on these songs will be asked in all examination questions sent out by the State Department of Education. There is a law on the statute books of Indiana requiring the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," in te public schools on all patriotic occasions. But under this plan the schools go farther than the enforcement of the law, not to make it a law that must be obeyed but to instill into the pupils a love of country which will cause a want to express that love in song.

Indiana State Superintendent.

EDITORIAL.

We desire to call the attention of our ministers and congregations to the fact that there are only two months now until General Synod meets. There is

much to be done before that time. The contributions to the various Boards of the Church are to be completed, and earnest effort should be put forth to raise every dollar possible for the Sustentation and Reconstruction Fund. As a rule the winter is a poor time to do such work in the country places. In the cities it is not so bad, but from now on there must be a general move if the work is done. Let all get at it.

The readers of the Advocate will be surprised to get their paper late this month, and what is worse, get but a part of it. This has been unavoidable. The material for it was shipped from Philadelphia February 21, but up to this date, more than two weeks, it has not arrived. The Express Company is usually prompt in delivery, but on account of the terrible storms, congested traffic and the change in R. R. Administration, everything is out of gear at present. For this reason we are sending out this small issue, with the expectation of an extra large one for April.

The entire east has been swept by the worst blizzards during Feb. and Mar. that have been known in years. It is our aim to always be on time, and give a full sized paper in the best possible appearance. We hope to be so equipped very soon, that such an accident will not occur. Much that should have been published this month will be old reading by the next month, and some that we have been at the expense of getting ready for the press will be useless. This is a disappointment to all, but no more so than it has

been to the publisher. These difficulties we hope to overcome as soon as possible.

There has recently been another terrible massacre of Armenians by the Turks. The reports are that 10,000 were slaughtered. If the Turks were destroying a few ships, or stealing some territory or oil wells there would be a speedy stop put to their activities, by the nations of western Europe, but this wholesale slaughter of human beings can go on with scarcely a rebuke. Is it not high time for the civilized nations to take away all national power from the unspeakable Turk? Let this scourge of murder and rapine be stopped. Europe looks on while America feeds the starving millions. It was some thing like this that made the Psalmist cry out, "How long, O Lord, how long?"

THINGS WE CAN'T AFFORD.

We can't afford to win the gain
That means another's loss;
We can't afford to miss the crown
By stumbling at the cross.

We can't afford the heedless jest
That robs us of a friend;
We can't afford the laugh that finds
In bitter tears an end.

We can't afford the feast today
That brings tomorrow's fast;
We can't afford the farce that comes
To tragedy at last.

We can't afford to play with fire,
  Or tempt a serpent's bite;
We can't afford to think that sin
  Brings any true delight.

We can't afford with serious heed
  To treat the cynic's sneer:
We can't afford to wise men's words
  To turn a careless ear.

We can't afford for hate to give
  Like hatred in return;
We can't afford to feed a flame
  And make it fiercer burn.

We can't afford to lose the soul
  For this world's fleeting breath;
We can't afford to barter life
  In mad exchange for death.

But bind to good are we apart
  From Thee, all-seeing Lord;
O grant us light, that we may know
  The things we can't afford.

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A DARK PICTURE FOR IRELAND.

Ian MacPherson, chief secretary for Ireland, rebutting in the house of commons last week attacks on the Irish administration, said: "It is obvious we are up against a tremendously dangerous situation in Ireland." He added that the Sinn Fein had at least 200,000 men prepared to commit murder at any hour of the day or night.

Secretary MacPherson asserted he had received letters from loyalists in the west and south of Ire-

land begging the government to take steps to get them out of the country. The Easter rebellion of 1916 has not been stamped out, he said, and had left behind it a spirit more malignant and revolutionary than Ireland had ever known.

FAMINE IN INDIA.

India is in the midst of one of her greatest famines. Grain is twice as high as it was in 1900, but in spite of this the people are not dying as they did then. A missionary gives two reasons for the lower death rate: In the last twenty years the people have learned to work. Formerly one or two members of a family supported the rest. Now all who are able to work earn something, and so during the years of plenty something has been saved up, not much, but enough to help a little. Another reason why India is in a better condition now than twenty years ago is, that the caste system is breaking down. Now you will find men and women of many castes doing work of a kind which formerly was done by one caste alone. High caste Hindoos are coming to see that manual labor is not a disgrace. --The World Outlook.

A GOOD FXAMPLE.

The late Jane E. Jackson, of the Seventh Reformed Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, in her will bequeathed to her home church $200. and an equal amount to our Foreign Mission Board. After all expenses were paid, the Board received $161.97. It would be well for others to follow her example.

BAIRNIES CUDDLE DOON.

The bairnies cuddle doon at nicht
Wi' muckle faucht an' din;
"O try and sleep, ye waukrife rogues,
Your Faither's comin' in."
They never heed a word I speak;
I try to gie a froon
But aye I hap them up, and cry
"O, bairnies, cuddle doon."

Wee Jamie wi' the curly heid,
He aye sleeps next the wa',
Bangs up an' cries, "I want a piece,"
The rascal starts them a'.
I rin an' fetch them pieces, drinks,
They stop awee the soun',
They draw the blankets up an' cry,
"Noo, weanies, cuddle doon."

But ere five minutes gang, wee Rab
Cries out, frae 'neath the claes,
"Mither, mak' Tam gie ower at ance,
He's kittlin' wi' his taes."
The mischief's in that Tam for tricks,
He'd bother half the toon;
But aye I hap them up an' cry,
"O, bairnies, cuddle doon."

At length they hear their faither's fit,
An', as he seeks the door,
They turn their faces to the wa',
While Tam pretends to snore.
"Hae a' the weens been gude?" he asks,
As he pite off his shoon.
"The bairnies, John, are in their beds,
An, lang since cuddled doon.

An' just afore we bed oursels,
We look at our wee lambs;
Tam has his airm roun' wee Rab's neck,
An' Rab his airm roun' Tam's
I list wee Jamie up the bed,
An' as I straik each croon,
I whisper till my heart fills up,
"O. bairnies, cuddle doon."

The bairnies cuddle doon at nicht,
Wi' mirth that's dear to me;
But sune the big warld's cark an' care
Will quaten doon their glee.
Yet come what will to ilka ane,
May He who sits aboon
Aye whisper, though their pows be bauld,
" O, bairnies, cuddle doon."

Selected.

CONCORD.

The people of the Concord Congregation quite pleasantly surprised their pastor at Christmas time by having a handsome Morris chair placed in his room one day on his return from the school which he is teaching. Still more surprise was in store when they voluntarily granted a Sabbath's vacation at Christmas time which was pleasantly spent with friends in Ohio. All these things were given in the true Christmas spirit, a token of love and good will that is much appreciated and reciprocated by the pastor, although it perhaps can not be done in quite so substantial a way.

The annual congregational dinner and business meeting was held in the church on the first Saturday of the New Year. The reports that came in showed the congregation to be in good condition and prospering.

For the past three weeks our church has been closed because of the Flu. The pastor and several families of the congregation have been victims of the discase. One of the members of the Board of Trustees and a faithful member of the S. S. and church has been removed by death: Mr. James H. McIntyre. We shall miss him very much in all the work of the church, but we bow in humble submission and say, "Not my will but thine be done." Obituary next month.

Coulterville Mission Band.

Our Mission Band has done fairly well for the year 1919. During the year we have had forty members enrolled, but at the beginning of this year we have added five more, making a total of fortyfive. Fifteen of these are boys and thirty are girls.

Our new superintendent is Miss Effie Curry. This is her first year. We have a plan of giving prizes for certain work done; there were three members attended every meeting during the year; they are Howard and Willard Fullerton and Lucile Robb. Next year prizes will be given to all those attending all the year, the one who earns the most money. and the one who brings in the most mambers.

The superintendent gave out some buttons with the following words on them: "Busy Bees." Our motto for this year is, "Be Kind, Be Happy and Be Busy."

Leon Copeland, Press Supt.

FIFTH CHURCH PHILADELPHIA.

We are having a very fine attendance at our church services; our people are praying for these services and also bringing others with them.

In our Sabbath School Mr. George H. McCandless, is our Assistant Superintendent, a man with the gospel of Jesus Christ in his heart, and does not hesitate to tell it to others. Mr. Henry Kerr, former Superintendent is having a membership compaign in the Sabbath School with good success, Our school is improving in attendance and the people are contributing more for missions than ever before, For the last quarter our school contributed $109,00 for foreign missions and the present quarter it will be more, When a church looks after the foreign fields it shows that it is following closely the words of Christ, when He said,"Go ye into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature," We can not all go but surely all can give according to their means,

We have about 80 people in our Home Department and their is room for more, There is no excuse for not studying the Sabbath School lessons each week for if it is impossible to come to the school our Home Department in charge of Mrs, Parks, will supply you with the lessons each week for your use at home, The readers of the Advocate can see how the people can be reached,

We have before spoken of our Junior Church, but too much can not be said about this gathering of young people, It is one of the grandest places to send your children to learn the word of God, Last Sabbath evening we had sixty children present, and the spirit in these meetings is wonderful, Miss Agnes McFarland, one of our Sabbath School teachers takes charge of these meetings, She is also Superintendent of a mission in the central part of the city,

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OUR COLLEGE.

The Second Semester of Cedarville College opened February 3, with an address by the President of the College. All of the local ministers were present, Some new students entered and nearly all of last semester's students returned.

The Day of Prayer for Colleges was observed Feb. 13, The Rev. J. O. C. McCracken, pastor of the 1st Presbyterian Church, Xenia, preached the sermon. It was an able presentation of the truth adapted to the present conditions.

The Boys are getting ready for the oratorical contest and the girls for the declamatory contest. Miss Martha Alford anunally gives a prize of $25 toward the contest In memory of her father, the late Rev. John Alford, D. D., who for a number of years gave this prize.

The basket-ball season draws to a close with honors divided for the Girls' and Boys' teams in their contests with other colleges on the home floor and away from home. the season has been the best attended and most enthusiastic in the history of the College.

We lack 10 schoolarships of meetting the quota for this year. I wish we could get these before May 1st, 1920.

Remember the Bible Chair. One of our old friends, A. W. Panl writes, "I see in the last Advocate a call for money to establish the Bible Chair in the college. I am a U. S pensioner and if spared till the 1st. of April when I get another check, I will send you $10 for the cause." 1900 other people like Mr. Paul by giving $10 each on or before April 1, 1920 will enable us to establish the Bible Chair. Anybody can give $10. Come and let us do it now.

Yours sincerely, W. R. McChesney.

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Cedarville Congregation . . .	100.00
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Mrs. M. Iliffe, Cedarville, O., scholarship .	40.00
Class of 1900, Cedarville Coll., " .	40.00
A. E. Richards, Cedarville, O., on " .	5 00

And for the James F. Morton Bible Chair, $5 a Sparta Friend.

The scholarship donated by the Class of 1900 was designated for a worthy young man who is pursuing his studies in the College and Seminary, preparing for the ministry in the Presbyterian Church.

OUR FORWARD MOVEMENT

At the meeting of our General Synod in Philadelphia last May the members of the Synod voted unanimously that our denomination should raise, during the time starting at the close of that Synod, May, 1919, and ending with the year May, 1924, a period of five years, the sum total of $50,000 for Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Cedarville College. This means a sum of $10,000 a year for five years. It means a minimum sum of $5 a member in our entire denomination each year for five years. The action of the General Synod was not only unanimously agreed to but enthusiastically agreed to and is, therefore, binding upon every congregation and every member of our entire denomination. Forty per cent. of this amount goes to foreign missions, thirty per cent. to home missions and thirty per cent. to the college. The unanimous, enthusiastic spirit of the members of General Synod shows that they believe in the principles and purpose of our church, and the pushing of the kingdom of Christ through the channels of our church.

We owe what we are as Christians today to the church and the gospel of Christ. The test of our faith in the church and our loyalty to Christ is shown by our willingness and effort to support liberally the propagation of Christ's kingdom. General Synod has given to each member of our church and to each congregation the opportunity and privilege of doing our part in advancing Christ's kingdom. *Is the Reformed Presbyterian Church worth five dollars a year to you?* Are the foreign missions, the home missions, your college at Cedarville worth five dollars a year to you? Will you sell them out for five dollars a year? Will you help not merely to support but to advance them by giving five dollars a year? Do you believe in the Reformed Presbyterian Church and its cause? Show it by your works. This is no time to bicker or to make excuse. It is a time for action and giving. See what the Baptists, the Presbyterians, the Methodists, the United Presbyterians are doing—raising millions to advance Christ's cause. Can we not raise $10,000 a year for five years? The next five years will test our church thoroughly. If we raise the $50,000 it will be an evidence of our loyalty to our church and our love to Christ. If we fail we are not worthy of the heritage of our fathers and to be entrusted with a separate denomination. But every member must do his and her best and every congregation is expected to report next May what it has done this first year. Come now, let us all work together all the time until all of this amount and more, too, is raised. We can and by God's grace we will.

Rev. L. A. Jurkat

Cedarville College.

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