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EDITORIAL.

The second edition of our Charters and By-Laws of our Church Boards has just been issued and it makes a neat little volume of 31 pages. This has been done by order of General Synod. It is hoped that all our ministers and elders and others who are specially interested in our Church Boards will secure a copy and post themselves on the rules and regulations of our Boards. These copies can be had from the clerks of the various Presbyteries.

THEY WERE ALL WITH ONE ACCORD IN ONE PLACE.

This was the attitude of the Disciples on the eve of Pentecost. The Disciples did just as they were commanded. Jesus told them to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. They did this, and they all did it. This was the command of their Head and Master. A blessing is always in store for those who obey the righteous commands of constituted authority. Indeed the Apostolic Church always prospered when they were united in obedient service. The Disciples expected a blessing, as they had a right to do. What the present day church needs is, not more members and money, so much as members who will work and pray together. Too often we see one pulling one way and another pulling another way. Thus our power for good is lost. It is so in our own church. The highest court in the church plans for certain kinds of service, but all are not in accord. Some try hard to follow the course mapped out, while others oppose everybody's way but their own. If the Apostles had acted that way there never would have been a Pentecost. We need today more of the Apostolic spirit. Jesus said to them, when ready, GO, and they went filled with the Holy Spirit. Our church courts may say go, and we start out a straggling band. Some, one way and some another, in utter disobedience to our marching orders, yet all proclaiming aloud his loyalty to the church, although at

the same time saying I will have nothing to do with my marching orders.

The Apostle Paul found some such people in his travels about his Master's business. They were hindrances to the work of the gospel, but they were not able to arrest its progress. So in our day, there are those who can and do hinder the work of the church, but, thank God, the success of his Kingdom does not depend on such. The work of the Lord is not destroyed by the puny arm of man.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT.

February is Stewardship month. The definite goal is the enrolling of 1000 tithing stewards. It has been thought best however to make a final attempt during the first part of the month, to reach the other goals which have been set, namely, the enlistment of 1000 prayer leagurers, and the reconsecration of the home life to God, and the devotion of the young life to the Master's service.

These things are fundamental to any real advance which may be attempted. Every Reformed Presbyterian, therefore, should make up his mind to do his part by signing these pledges as they may be presented. Have you done this? And now with these goals reached we shall be ready to take up the rest of the program, and press it to success.

Whatever may be thought of the Forward Movement program as a whole, its various parts, its definite goals are fully in accord with God's word. Prayer, Family religion, The consecration of the young life, Stewardship, all these are founded in and supported by the plain teachings of God's blessed word. The attainment of these respective ends would mean for our denomination the multiplication of our power in prayer, the strengthening of our home life in the services of the family altar, the fuller recognition of the obligation on every young man and woman to give their lives into the hands of Jesus Christ for christian service, and the enlarging of our denominational work, by the cheerful giving of men and women who recognize that God is the bountiful giver of all.

The goals are yet possible of attainment. The way in which this may be reached is very simple. Let every pastor, every officer, every member of our various congregations be true, let there be a mutual co-operation in carrying out the plans for the remainder of this Synodic year, and then at the meeting next May there will be the reading of such reports as will rejoice our hearts.

STEWARDSHIP.

The following quotations have been gleaned from literature on this subject which has appeared recently. They present the latest thought of many careful students of the subject. They will prove to be both thought provoking and interesting:

1. "God is the owner of all things. 2. Man is a steward and must give an account for all that is entrusted to him. 3. God's ownership and man's stewardship ought to be acknowledged. 4. This acknowledgement requires, as its material expression, the setting apart, as an act of worship, of "a separated portion" of income. 5. The Bible records the setting apart of the Tenth of the income as that acknowledgement. 6. The separated portion ought to be systematically administered for the Kingdom of God, and the balance "occupied" as no less a trust."

"One of our common experiences in the handling of money, and the way we handle it, quickly shows whether our consecration is a reality or a sham. In no way may we more quickly accentuate and enforce the life of consecration than by spending our money daily beneath the sway of those principles, which it is so easy to enunciate and so dificult to practice."

—F. B. Meyer, in the "Stewardship of money."

"The money that belongs by every right to God, but is kept back from him by his people, is probably the greatest hindrance to vital spirituality in the world." —Selected.

"I am almost in dispair of any great conquering revival of religion until the church shall give up its sinful coveteousness."

—Bishop Joseph F. Berry.

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour, and back of the flour is the mill, and back of the mill all the wheat and the shower and the sun and the Father's will." Selected.

"We do not give to God a fraction of what we possess, but we loyally acknowledge his sovereignty over the whole. Just now the church has no bigger need, than to have christian men face this question." —Harris F. Rall.

"Of all the challenges contained in Scripture, for the securing of overflowing spiritual blessings, none is more striking and unqualified as that which makes our obedience to God in our use of money the condition of his favor. (Mal. 3:7-10.) and there are many individuals and congregations that have accepted this challenge, and their obedience of faith has entered into the richest spiritual blessing of all their history."

—J. Campbell White.

"Return unto me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbod me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Mal. 3:7-10.

Cedarville, Ohio, January 20, 1921.

Dear Brethren:

There are four months between now and the meeting of General Synod in May. Shall we not make them the best in the Synodic year? There is yet time to make the program of the Forward Movement a glorious success. Shall we not determine that with the blessing of God we shall so make it?

February has been designated as Stewardship month. Let us look at it from three angles:

In the first place, Stewardship of Prayer. If your church has

not yet secured your full quota of Prayer Leagues, call the Chairman of your Spiritual Life Committee into conference and arrange for the signing of pledges in connection with all the services of Sabbath February 6th, Preach a sermon on Prayer on that day. Have the young people consider the some subject in their meeting in the evening, and give an opportunity again at the W. M. S. meeting for February. Let the work be well arranged for all these services, have plenty of pledges and provide small pencils. More pledges will be sent to you in ample time. For this work as well as that of the following week use the Chairman of the Spiritual Life Committee and two or more from each of the other organizations who would arrange for the pledge signing in the congregation and in the other meetings. After all signatures have been secured have the Chairman of the Spiritual Life Department report at once to Dr. W. R. McChesney.

Second, The Stewardship of Life. Let February 13th., be set apart as the day when a final attempt shall be made to secure the full quota of signers to the family altar pledge among the fathers and mothers in the morning service. Then, in the young peoples' meeting, let there be a carefully worked out program, at which time the opportunity for Christian Service should be presented, and a consecration service engaged in, culminating in the signing of the Life Work pledges. Let the same workers who had charge of the arrangement of the work of the 6h., also have charge of the work of the 13h., and have a report of the results sent promptly to Dr. W. R. McChesney.

Third. Stewardship of property. With the more important matters of Spiritual Life and Consecration attended to the way will be clear to present this matter. It has not been presented before, so there should be more time put into it than the foregoing items which have been presented during the past months. Call your Stewardship Committee Chairman and others, as the need in your own congregation may require, who may look after the work of these two weeks and who, in the month of April, may make arrangements for the Canvass. Preach sermons along this line Feb. 20h., and 27h. After the sermon on the 27h. and after the discussion in the young peoples' meeting, secure the

signing of Tithing pledges, and report to the Stewardship Chairman.

Literature and posters along all these lines, or any helpful suggestions which you may have for carrying out this work will be highly appreciated, and used. It is only by the full co-operation of our ministry and membership that we may hope for success.

May we not have some thing of the spirit of the founders of this Republic, or of those who labored and struggled for its permanent unity, and in these months pledge to one another "Our lives and fortunes and sacred honor," in a mighty effort that the Reformed Presbyterian Church may not die, but live.

Yours in His Name,

Forward Movement Committee.

LETTER FROM DR. TAYLOR.

Dear Friends:

We wish to thank you personally and for our Indian fellow-workers for the wonderful way you have prayed us out of a number of difficulties and into some remarkable victories, for the men in the last workers' meeting brought in reports such as we have never heard before. We also had a glorious time of prayer ourselves those four days. The letter from Dr. McChesney containing the Forward Movement Literature came in the first day of the meeting, and was a wonderful source of inspiration. The men urged me several times not to forget to thank you for it and your prayers.

I believe I mentioned in a previous letter that we were having trouble getting a place for Preacher H. E. Sampson to live in, in Bugewala, where the chamars (leather workers) are so anxious for a man to teach them reguarly. Well, during October, we succeeded in getting a plot of ground in the next village, and will probably build, although, owing to shortage of funds within the budget, we may have to get the sanction of the Board to allow us to use some from the accounts received on sale of Gujranwala and Muzaffamagar properties for noth-

ing was budgeted for this place. We are still trying to get a house in Chauli, a village four miles beyond Bhagwanpur. Licentiate Itr Singh's village (I might mention in passing that he will probably be ordained early next spring) and five and one-half miles this side of Nauserheri, Mihi Lils' village.

The workers at this meeting voted that Piyara Singh should go out with Mihi Lal and stay all winter on account of the special urgency of the work in that section.

Mihi Lal has overworked, and is in a critical condition, has tuberculosis, but we hope by keeping him with us and giving him one and a half quarts of milk and two or three eggs daily and seeing that he takes them whether he wants them or not, that we will be able to pull him through. Last year he had a similar attack, and we managed to, with God's blessing, get him on his feet again.

Probably the most common cause of tuberculosis in this class of low paid workers is their inability to get proper food, and still live within their salaries; neither of which he has been doing, for I have had to advance him considerable money for clothing, and we are feeding and clothing the two of his girls which are in school as well as paying their school fees, but still he can't get proper food when I cut the 5-Rs per month, to be applied on his debt, which was the condition upon which the advances in salaries were given last April.

I wish some of you would write and tell me what to do. I am the bumper. When their pleas come, what can I do? I get almost distracted sometimes. I can't take the bread from my own children's mouths and give it to them, though my own meals often become so bitter when mingled with thoughts about such men that I am only able to swallow enough to keep Mrs. Taylor from worrying herself sick about me. Only in the September meeting an appeal was presented, signed by all the workers up to the Licentiates, for an increase in salaries. I saw their need but could only beg them to lay their request on the table till the next meeting, when I could, after comparing the first and second quarters' expenditure with our budget for half the year, then give answer. You will wonder what my finding and answer was. Well, it was bad enough.

There was absolutely no chance for the raise, and a curtailing of a lot of expenditure which I had been sanctioning, such as horse hire of a worker when he goes to another's district to help him out in his Sabbath services or follow-up work when one of the worker's people moves to a distant village, etc., etc., which is all necessary to the best carrying on of the work, but if the best cannot be had we have learned to put up with the nearest to it we can get. Well, what did we do for them you ask? We could do but very, very little, but that little was taken as a Godsend. God supplied a little aside from your efforts this time; but please, dear reader, do not get the idea that it is not your responsibility to give such men enough of a salary to keep them alive to work for you.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN C. TAYLOR.

LETTER FROM KENTUCKY.

Anath Home, Houston, Ky., January 7, 1921.

Dear Friends:

Another year has passed, and we are taking up the work of the new year with a hope in God. He has helped and blessed us wonderfully during the past year, so we are encouraged to look to Him for guidance in 1921.

We are enjoying a week of vacation from school. The fall term ended December 31 and we expect to resume work January 10. We have already turned some students away from the dormitory. The rooms are all filled. We regret very much that we are compelled to do this, for we are possibly missing an opportunity to help someone.

No doubt some of our readers will be interested to know that our new walk is completed at last; also the cow shed. This means so much to us. There is more repair work to be done, but it can wait until spring.

We are having lovely weather for January. So warm and springlike. We worked today with the doors open, and very

little fire. There have been a number of children sick the past month, but they are all recovering.

Some Christian people on Four-Mile Creek, just across the mountain from us, have started a Sabbath School. They often attend ours, and have invited us to go and help them. So we expect to take turns going each Sabbath morning, when the weather is at all favorable. Miss Gallagher and Miss Cunninghm went over last Sabbath, and report a good attendance.

We enjoyed a short visit from Miss Calla Turner last week. You will remember that she taught here last summer, but is now attending Cedarville College. Miss Edna Griffith, one of our nearest neighbors, who also attends Cedarville, spent the holiday vacation with her parents. Friends, have you any conception of what it means to these boys and girls to have the opportunity to attend college? I don't believe you have. Let us endeavor with God's help to make it easier for them by adding high school to our curriculum. I feel that we are too much at a standstill, not rising to meet our requirements. If the children want high school work, they will get it elsewhere, if we do not furnish it.

Christmas passed very quietly at Houston. We are very thankful to the many friends who remembered us, and the children were so pleased with their gifts, which were given by some friends of the mission.

Last night Miss Gallagher and I stayed with Aunt Betty Turner, who is very poorly. There are so many calls to be made where there is sickness, many more than we have time for. We should have a matron, who could look after the dormitory all the time, and call on the sick. And a man is so badly needed to carry the responsibility of the mission.

This afternoon we called on Aunt Nan McIntosh Turner. Many of our friends know her, for she has always been a friend of the mission. She is now weaving a wool coverlid in blue and white. It is quite a novelty to see this work being done by hand, just like our grandmothers did when they were young.

We are in receipt of a card from a Philadelphia friend, saying she is sending some copies of the Christian Herald. We

are always grateful for such thoughtfulness, but most everyone who is interested enough to send them receive weekly copies sent by a friend in Cincinnati.

Yours in His service,

BERTHA E. BLAIR.

NOTICE! All matter for publication should be in the publisher's hands not later than the 15th. of the month to secure a place the next month.

A DEVITALIZED CHURCH.

In that remarkable book by Fosdick on "The Meaning of Prayer," we find these words in the preface, "Failure in prayer is the loss of religion itself in its inward and dynamic aspect of fellowship with the Eternal. Only a theoretical deity is left to any man who has ceased to commune with God, and a theoretical deity saves no man from sin and disheartenment, and fills no life with a sense of divine commission. Such consequences require a living God who actually deals with men." Would that it were possible for every preacher to make that truth ring in the hearts of the membership generally. A nerveless, indifferent church will be found to be a prayerless church. We go through fruitless motions of church ceremonies and functions, because we are not connected up with divine power through prayer.

Something seems out of joint. We visit some churches and find a large congregation at the Sunday worship. We go to the Prayer Meeting of that same church and find a small handful of people in a very uninteresting service. We make inquiry concerning that church and the community. It bulks large in the social world and numbers many prominent in the professions and in the business world. On further inquiry we find that its spiritual impress upon the community is very small. The splendid talents of the people seem not to be energized by the divine one. They are shorn of power because of the neglected prayer room.

Do we preachers believe that the route God takes into the life of our churches is through the prayer room? Can we help our people believe it?

The same idea is given by Edward M. Bounds in that strong book on "Purpose in Prayer," when he says, "Prayerlessness is expatriation, or worse, from God's Kingdom. It is out-

lawry, a crime, a constitutional breach. The Christian who relegates prayer to a subordinate place in his life soon loses whatever spiritual zeal he may have once possessed, and the church that makes little of prayer cannot maintain vital piety, and is powerless to advance the Gospel. The Gospel cannot live, fight, conquer without prayer—prayer unceasing, instant and ardent. Little prayer is the characteristic of a blackslidden age and of a blackslidden church. Whenever there is little praying in the pulpit or in the pew, spiritual bankruptcy is imminent and inevitable." These are words well worthy of consideration by all leaders of Christian effort. It is quite possible for us to exhaust ourselves in real efforts to build up the Kingdom and accomplish little because not properly related to God through prayer.—Ex.

WHY MEN QUIT THE MINISTRY.

A number of rumors are afloat that a large company of ministers will retire at our fall conferences. We have heard them here and there. We do not know just how trustworthy they are. Some men leave the ministry every year. We wonder if there are now more than usual. We have been assured there are. We have sought the cause and found none that will explain this seemingly unprecedented situation. There surely are many. But, "Is it true?" urges some one. To be frank, we do not know. The conference records will answer the question. But again we ask, "Why should one called of God to the Christian ministry ever seek to leave it?" Does he tire of the sacrificial life? Does he become discouraged because he finds his preaching in vain? Has he lost that old feeling that fired him in his youth, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel?" Can he bow at the holy desk and, as he prays, say, "This is the last time for me to ask God's blessing upon a congregation while I preach the word of life?" Can he open the Bible and say, as he passes his hand over the pages, "This is the last time I will open this book as a messenger of God?" Can he seek to preach a sermon of love and sacrifice when down deep in his heart he is thinking and saying, "Well, when this is done I shall be through with this business which has become so distasteful to me?" Can he walk out of the pulpit at the close of his last service and say "Goodbye, I'm through. If there is any more gospel to be preached, some one else will have to preach it?" Ah, yes, can a man do these things without a pang, a regret, a heartbreak, without silent tears, without spiritual death? If so, then that man should go out of the pulpit, for his commission

as a preacher has been withdrawn.

But, oh, the woe of that hour! No sincere minister of the gospel would face it without a terrible feeling of approaching ruin.

May God help us! Why do men leave the ministry? There are many causes. If more leave it this year than usual, some one of them will lose his soul. Everywhere there are flocks untended. The sheep are without a shepherd. The cry is going up from every great denomination for ministers. It is heart-breaking. Are there those who will not hear and, hardening their hearts, turn away while the sheep perish? Who are these quitting the ranks at an inopportune hour? Who are these throwing their commissions aside when the call for sacrifice is the loudest for a generation?

See the Christ stand. Hear him say, "Will ye also go away?" Who will answer, "Yes, Lord, these are going away also." Going away to what? To seek their own way? No! No! Going away to what? Surely to find their Calvary. To die for Him. Because in this age of human selfishness and supreme hazard for those who seek to live the Christian faith they will bear the cross despite the shame, and seek to be true and loyal even unto the end. Leave the ministry? Not until we have died for Him. Leave the ministry? Not until we have worn the crown of thorns, borne the heavy cross, fainted on the way to Calvary. Not until we have felt the driven nails in our palms, the burning thirst in our tongues, and the thrust of the spear in our sides. No, no, not until broken and wretched and cast to earth will we turn our backs on the call of our youth to the ministry. Nay, nay, not until the evil One deceives us into believing that we have been wronged and ill-treated and unappreciated and belittled and ignored and starved and neglected and led into a blind alley to which there is no outlet and nothing to do but to retrace our steps to the place from whence we came will we surrender our ministry. No man looking steadfastly into the face of Jesus Christ will deliberately pack his goods and plan to forsake his high calling.—Western Christian Advocate.

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CEDARVILLE W. M. S.

At the last meeting of our missionary society it was decided to have the Cor. Sec. send to the Advocate some notes on the doings of our society, hoping we might inspire some other society to do likewise, and so be of mutual benefit to each other by knowing what the others are doing.

Our society meets the last Thursday of each month. We have devotionals, business and a program. We meet at the church except during the summer months from June to September, when we go to the homes, and have a social hour following the program. The society was divided into four divisions, and each divison had chatge of the social part at one of the meetings. We have not only found these socials conducive of much good by bringing us into closer fellowship, but often attractive to the prospective member.

The president of the society appoints a committee of three, who make out the program for the year. These are printed and put in the hands of the members. They have proven very helpful to those who lead the meetings, as well as making our programs interesting to all.

Each month some one is appointed to write a letter to our missionaries in India. We too, usually have a letter to read at the meeting from the mission field in answer to one previously written. This keeps us all in close touch with our far away missionaries.

We also quite frequently have letters from our Kentucky mission. Having had workers from our own church in the field there, we naturally feel a deep interest in the field. Two of the students in Cedarville College are from this mission field. We think a great deal of both of these girls.

The annual "All Day Sewing," of the society at the church, in October, was for the Kentucky mission. Most of the garments made were of new goods, but also made over some second hand clothing. A number of garments for children were sent, which the mission appreciated very much. Wd had three large sacks of the clothing. We formerly sent the goods in barrels or boxes, but found that the cost to the mission to hire them delivered from the station, a distance of ten miles, was rather expensive. Now we wrap the clothing well in heavy paper and pack it in canvass sacks and send them by "parcel post" They are then delivered by the mail carrier.

Another feature of the sewing is the friendliness and sociability as we eat dinner together, in the church dining room.

The society has lost one of its faithful and helpful members in the death of Mrs. Ada McMillan Collins. She was always interested in the work of the society as in all the work of the church. being a loyal supporter of all its different departments, on programs, as an officer, or whatever fell to her lot to do. We miss her but know our loss is her gain. Cor. Sec.

LOS ANGELES.

Miss Martha Steele, made a brief visit in Los Angeles, on her return from the World S. S. Convention, held in Tokio, Japan. She visited also in Korea, and in different parts of China. They stopped also in Honolula, on their return voyage. They sailed from Seattle, in September, and landed in San Francisco, on November, 24. They were most cordially received, and entertained by the Japanese, One writer saying, "their kindness was almost embarassing."

Our Sabbath School entertainment was held on the eve of Dec., 30th. The house was completely filled by the parents and friends of the children. A fine program was rendered, and presents given to those who had earned them by faithful attendance and work done. The report showed that 117 had been in attendance during the year, and also a Home Department of 20. A collection for the Near East Relief amounted to $20.

FIFTH CHURCH PHILADELPHIA.

The year 1921 finds our church in the most flourishing condition it has ever been in. Thirty-five members were added to our roll during the year. Our services are well attended and all are interested. The following subjects for the five Sabbath evenings in January will show a sample of the advertisement being distributed by the members of our church and friends is given below.

PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD
"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found."
"What will you do when you come to die, if you have no Saviour?"
THIS LIFE IS THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL
COME AND HEAR THE "GOOD NEWS"
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FIFTH REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Front above York Street

Rev. John Parks, B. D., Pastor.

Five Sabbath evening subjects commencing at 7.45:

January 2—"The Sin of Unbelief in Jesus Christ."

January 9—"The Certainty of Hell."

January 16—"God's Blockade of the Way to Hell."

January 23—"God's Love for a Lost World."

January 30—"What it Costs to Be a Christian."

Special services every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

WE URGE YOU TO COME

As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked.

Our people like to hear the whole truth, and we are hearing it, and God is blessing His own Word, and some are turning to the Lord.

Never has there been a more loyal feeling among our members, our Session and Board of Trustees are as brethren together working in harmony for the best interests of the kingdom of our Lord and Master, and although our pastor has scarcely said a word about money during the past year, yet we know when people are thinking right spiritually, money comes for every need, as our report shows for the past year. And may the writer of this issue of the Advocate give the readers just a few words of the way in which the trustees of the church are working for the interest of the Master as will be noted in the following letter read by our pastor to the members of the congregation from the secretary of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees wishes to state that our last congregational meeting was the best congregational meeting we have had for years. It was more like a prayer meeting than congregational meeting.

We had a larger number present than usual, a far more excellent report than ever, and the sociability that existed throughout the entire evening was simply grand.

Our report shows that we enter upon the year of 1921 of $1244.17, for which we thank "God" and you, the members of this congregation, for the wonderful support and liberal contributions you have given us during the past year. "Surely the Lord is blessing us," and we believe that the real secret of our success during these past four years is due to that wonderful Love, Peace and Harmony that exists between

our pastor, the Session, the Board of Trustees and the members of our congregation, and we trust and pray that this same Love, Peace and Harmony that exists between us may continue with us far into the years to come, and that we may go onward, hand in hand, as it were, never resting satisfied with what we have accomplished, but ever anxious and desirous of doing greater things for our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

Trusting that the year 1921 may find us drawn closer together as a Christian family than ever before, we remain,

Your respectfully,
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
George H. McCandless, Secretary.

We feel sure that our readers will agree that with a body of men that has the Spirit of the Master with them on the financial welfare of the church that church will surely prosper.

May we also say just a few words in reference to our Sabbath school, as we think we have one of the best schools in the city, and we would be pleased to have any of our readers to drop in on us at any time and we feel sure they will enjoy the afternoon. We are having a real revival in our Sabbath school and no more loyal set of teachers are to be found anywhere than we have. Our teachers have caught the vision and are not resting satisfied until each one in their respective classes are brought to know the Master and have Him as their personal Saviour. The assistant superintendent in our Sabbath school is the secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Our Home Department is flourishing with 67 members, who contributed during the year $177.00. The superintendent of the Home Department, Mrs. Parks, is anxious to have every person in our church who is unable to come to the Sabbath school to study the Sabbath school lesson at home. You can readily see that we have quite a few studying at home even though we have a large school.

Our Ladies' Aid Society is flourishing and very active. Every Sabbath morning the society places a beautiful bouquet on the pulpit and at the close of the evening service it is taken to the home of one that is sick. Our Ladies' Aid is always looking out for the best interest of the church in the line of furnishings.

The spirit that was in the church at Pentecost is in our church. Glory be to God for all His goodness to us. We start another year with a greater desire than ever to work for greater things for the kingdom and for our church, and we believe it is coming, for we have the spirit of prayer in our midst, and God answers prayer. We pray that our Heavenly Father will continue to bless and guide our pastor as he has in the past and that He may be long spared to go out and in among us breaking unto us the bread of life.

R. R. S.

Fairview.

On November 13 the Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. J. T. Deringer to sew for the Kentucky Mission, the result of this day's work being three large packages of clothing, which were sent to the mission. We were more than doubly repaid for our time taken when we heard from the missionary how they were appreciated and valued, the clothing sent being much needed in the home. This reminds us that it is the little things in life cheerfully done that leads us on to greater attainments.

The annual all-day missionary meeting was held Thursday, January 6, 1921, at the home of Mrs. E. B. Porter. The inclement weather and bad roads did not discourage the women from coming with well-filled baskets, as this is one of the days we look forward to from year to year. Some of our number who had not been able to meet with us for a year on account of sickness were present. The presence of these members together with a number of visitors helped to make this day one long to be remembered. At the noon hour a bountiful dinner consisting of all the delicacies of the season was served, to which all did ample justice.

At 2 P. M. the regular meeting was called to order by the president. The devotional exercises were conducted by the leader, Mrs. Rosa Anderson. Scripture lesson was Romans, 12th chapter. The subject, "The Growth of the Mission," was taken up and some very interesting articles were read. The society has been contributing to "The Mission to Lepers" fund and also to the Kentucky Mission and letters from each of these secretaries were read thanking the society for the liberal contributions and for their interest taken in helping to carry on so great a work. A business meeting followed and officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. R. W. Hammond; vice president, Mrs. Dr. R. B. Dawson; secretary, Mrs. Hice Watterson; treasurer, Mrs. Alex. Miller. Seven new members were added to the roll: Mrs. Fred Caughey, Mrs. Dan. Deringer, Mrs. Glenn Anderson, Miss Pearl Grove, Miss Fern Deringer, Miss Martha Ramsey, Miss Edna Hammond.

It was a day long to be remembered by all present and we pray that we may be permitted to enjoy many more such pleasant occasions.

On Sabbath, January 9, we had the pleasure of having our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Colman, with us again after an absence of several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Colman were in Cedarville visiting friends and Mr. Colman was finishing some school work that sickness prevented him from finishing during his last year in seminary.

It is the earnest prayer of the congregation that their labors among the people of Fairview and their journey through life shall have God's richest blessing for many years of service in proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation.

COMMITTEE.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

February 6, 1921.

Topic: "A Surrendered and Victorious Life." Col. 2:1-7 (Decision Day.)

BIBLE READINGS

1. The Christian conflict. Phil. 1:3; Col. 1:29.
2. The bond of perfection. Col. 3:12-14.
3. Christian knowledge. Col. 1:9; Phil. 3:8.
4. Beware of enticing words. Col. 1:8, 18; Rom. 16:18.
5. Order and stability. I Cor. 14:40; I Pet. 5:9.
6. Walk in Christ. I Thes. 4:1; Jude 3.

Comment.

The natural man is a servant of Satan. The renewed man has given himself up body and soul to Christ, for time and for eternity. He has become a subject of Christ and a citizen of His kingdom. He has therefore forsaken the rule of Satan and surrendered himself wholly to Christ, the conqueror of all our enemies, thus giving us the victory over sin. Thus the greatest victory is through surrender.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. What is our decision?
2. Is it to serve Satan and lose?
3. Or is it to surrender and win?

February 13, 1921.

Topic: "Thy Kingdom Come." II. "In My Home." Matt. 6:7-15. (Consecration Meeting.)

BIBLE READINGS

1. The King. Isa. 9:6-7; Rev. 19:16.
2. The kingdom. Dan. 7:22-28.
3. Its citizens holy. Gal. 5:16-26.
4. Its extent. Pslam 72:8, 9.
5. Its nature. Dan. 2:44.
6. Its place or location. Acts 7:54-56.

Comment.

In our Lord's Prayer the second petition is for the coming of Christ's kingdom. When this is accomplished Satan's kingdom will be fully destroyed. We are to pray for the consummation of the glorious rule of Christ in our hearts and homes.

In this petition we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed, and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it, and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Are we citizens of Christ's kingdom?

2. Are we loyal to His government?
3. Does He rule in our homes?

February 20, 1921.

Topic: "New Work Our Committees May Do." Rev. 3:7-13.

BIBLE READINGS

1. Improving our gifts. I Tim. 4:14.
2. Our present opportunity. Rev. 3:8.
3. Building up our society. John 2:40, 41.
4. Increasing our talents. Matt. 25:14-30.
5. Following Jesus. Matt. 4:18-22.
6. The blessedness of service. Matt. 5:10-12.

Comment.

The church in Philadelphia had an open door set before it. The way to serve was open. The Lord had opened the way. No man was able to shut the door. The door is open to all of us. Will we enter and do our duty? Our time is short. If we do not do our duty, hold fast to what we have, or we will lose all. If we overcome our difficulties we are a pillar in the service of God.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Do we do our duty in committee work?
2. Do we plan new work for our society?
3. If we do not, why not?

February 27, 1921.

Topic: "How Can We Make Our Lives Useful?" Eph. 6:5-8.

BIBLE READINGS

1. Obedience a moral virtue. Act. 15:29; Col. 3:22.
2. How to serve the Lord. Eph. 6:5-6.
3. Our wages from the Lord. Eph. 6:8.
4. Preparation for Service. Luke 24:49.
5. Reward of service. Luke 6:35.
6. The reward of the wicked. II Pet. 2:13.

Comment.

Obedience is due to those who have employed us. The one who works for wages should take as much interest in his work as if he was working for himself. To work simply when under the eye of the employer is dishonest service. Good service is due for the Lord's sake.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Do we render a willing, honest service?
2. Are we interested in the work of our employer as if it was our own?
3. Do we make honest service a matter of conscience?

OBITUARY

Mrs. Elizabeth Watterson, widow of Robert Watterson, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. P. Faulk, East Liverpool, O., Wednesday evening, November 24, 1920, at 5 o'clock; aged 82 years two months and eighteen days. The deceased had been in declining health for some time, although able to go around. She had, a few minutes before her death, been conversing with her daughter in the dining room when she walked out of the door to the lawn, where she plucked a few leaves from a chrysanthemum when she fell. A neighbor saw her and ran to her assistance and calling to Mrs. Faulk, who had just gone to the door to look about her mother. Others by that time had come to her assistance when she was tenderly carried in the house where a doctor was called and every means available were used to resuscitate her, but the spirit had departed to the Great Beyond, from which place there is no returning; "For it is in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." Mrs. Watterson was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, of Darlington, Pa., and delighted to be in the house of worship when possible to attend.

Dr. R. W. Watterson, of Darlington, Pa., is a son; also two daughters, Mrs. F. P. Faulk, of East Liverpool, O., and Mrs. Willis Bradshaw, of South Beaver, Pa.; also ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive her. Her husband, Robert Watterson, preceded her to the grave 27 years ago, April 27. Mrs. J. W. Potter, of Industry, Pa., is a sister.

Services were held at the home of F. P. Faulk, and her remains were laid at rest Saturday, November 27, in Highland cemetery, beside her husband. Her six grandsons acted as pallbearers.

The flowers which were given by loving friends were beautiful and bore the expression of love and sympathy.

When through the deep water I call thee to go,
The rivers of water shall not thee o'erflow.
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
My Soverign, eternal unchangeable love,
And when heavy hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still to my bosom be borne.

—A Friend.

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