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INDIA LETTER.

. . . Rurki, India, Dec. 7, 1916.

My Dear Friends: After much prayer and consideration; knowing, too, that you have been praying for us; we have decided to open up the work again in Rurki. There are many things that I might write about, but as there is one phase of the work particularly interesting to me, and as it is necessary that I receive your support, especially in prayer, I shall present this to you, and leave other things for the others to write about.

One of the principal reasons for our coming to Rurki is that there is no Women's Dispensary or Hospital here. So we decided to open up a Zenana Women's Dispensary, which we hope in time will develop into a hospital for Zenana Women. We are very anxious to begin this work Jan. 2, and have therefore rented a place in the bazaar which will do for the present. After a while we hope to be able to put up on our compound a suitable

Dispensary and Hospital. The house that we have rented is arranged very nicely, so that women may be brought up to the door in their closed carriages and not be seen by anyone. There are four rooms which will do for the present as a Waiting Room, a Consulting Room, a Dressing Room, and a Store or Medicine Room.

Dr. Mrs. J. Stanley, the wife of our Padri Sahib in Patiala, whom you all know by name if not personally, has kindly consented to leave her post in Patiala State Dispensary, where she is getting a much larger salary than we are able to give her, and will come to us by the first of February.

Then I shall have to have other native helpers, especially one Bible woman, who will teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the women as they wait for medicines. Being Zenana women, this is oftentimes the only possible way to give the Message to some.

After this work is really begun and I am able to give you the cost of

various items, I am sure that some of you will feel the call to support personally a Bible woman, or a doctor, or an assistant, or some other phase of the medical work. This is just a glimpse into the future, but I think that you would be interested to know about some of our plans. As things develop, I am sure that there will be a great deal to write about.

Pray for the success of the undertaking, for it is your work as well as ours; and, more than this, it is the Master's work, and a continuation of the work that He did as He walked up and down Galilee, healing the sick in body, mind, and spirit.

Yours in His service,

ELIZABETH TAYLOR.

FURTHER INDIA NEWS.

Mr. Waide, in a letter to Secretary Chesnut, conveys the information that he expects to be married to Miss Fairchild about the first of February, and will be on a married man's salary and will have a man to help them. They will both come and take up their headquarters in Rurki, and a new dwelling-house will have to be built for their accommodation. In fact, all the houses in the compound are in poor condition, and it will be true economy to tear them down and build new ones. Dr. Mrs. Stanley is sacrificing a good home, the use of a carriage and team, and whatever money she has been making in extra

hours, besides suffering a reduction of fifty rupees a month in salary, to come to the Rurki Mission.

The cost of the dispensary that they are planning to build will be about 10,000 rupees. The initial expenses for the next year or two will be very large, but it is the only way to real economy in the end.

CEDARVILLE COLLEGE.

One night a few months ago while on my way east, I changed cars on the Pennsylvania border. It was very late, almost midnight, and the station was deserted. To pass away the time till the coming of my train, I took a walk around the town and then back to the station again. Hardly had I returned, when a stranger appeared, and in friendly fashion asked me where I was going and from what part I had come. I told him and laid emphasis on the fact that I had come from Cedarville, Greene County, Ohio. To my astonishment he said, "Cedarville, Cedarville—say —isn't that where the McChesney College is?" I replied, "No, that is where the Cedarville College is located and McChesney is the President." He said that that was what he meant anyway. At once we were friends. Now it was my turn to ask questions and I asked, "What do you know about Cedarville and the College?" He replied, "I am a mail clerk on a train running out of Chicago, and I see a lot of mail for Ce-

darville College, and I know some boys who went there."

This is the point. Two strangers hundreds of miles from home made friends thru their knowledge of Cedarville College. Interesting, isn't it?

And there are a great many people in our own church and in other churches who have become acquainted thru a common interest in Cedarville College. It is with a feeling of great satisfaction and pardonable pride that we can point to the college as having come at last into her own. Thru sheer merit, Cedarville has won recognition and taken her place among the first of the small colleges of Ohio. She has past under the scrutiny of the State authorities. The most rigid examination of her claims has been made, and also of her achievements and her equipment. The seal of approval has been given to her. For almost twenty years her graduates have gone out into the world and have made good; and only recently in a southern state, where one of the boys, in making application for a professorship, stated his connection with and training in Cedarville, he was told that he needed no further credentials.

It was no small task to start a college without much backing or monied influence, and by hard work forge to the very front of the colleges in Cedarville's class. There were discouraging times, but God heard the prayers offered for Cedarville. He blest her loyalty to her Lord and the difficulties were overcome. One thing is

apparent. Cedarville College is essentially a Christian college. Parents outside of our church have sent their children here for training because of the religious atmosphere of the college, and in these days this is a matter of vital importance.

Our church has stood loyally by this institution, and we again present its claims to you, confident that you will continue your interest. Much more might be done if the means college, different ministers and elders were at her disposal. Her President and Faculty are ambitious for her larger success. From every standpoint this is the best year in the history of the college, and we believe that the future will be still brighter. Send us your children, help us by your means, and bless us with your prayers. The cause is God's.

GREETINGS.

This issue of the Advocate is largely given over to Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio, our own and only church college. It is timely that it should thus be given to the interests of this growing institution in which we are all concerned. We ask the reader to read carefully and ponder the different squibs about the college set before you. We rejoice together in the prosperity of the college, and we will co-operate continually to the larger future that in God's purpose awaits Cedarville College.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Every Christian ought to be an optimist; if he is not, there is a vital element lacking in his Christianity. But he ought to be more than that; he ought to be a "cheerulist." What a grand old world this would be if everyone would take the most hopeful view of trying situations, and then endeavor to lift others to the cheerful height of his own optimism. I admit that we would be kept busy, but then it would be worth while. Try this in the affairs of the kingdom. Get the most hopeful view yourself, and get others to join you. Real optimism is catching.

Take our Foreign Mission work for instance. You recall our enthusiasm when Rev. Wm. Waide, one of our own number, went out to India. We had splendid visions, our hopes were high, and most of us were optimistic. The response of the church to the increased expense was splendid. We became cheerulists. This was as it ought to have been. Then Dr. and Mrs. Taylor in the providence of God were led to cast in their lot with us. They sailed for India, and we began to write our optimism in capitals. Mr. Waide gave them a cordial welcome, and the whole mission received them gladly. More cheerulism.

A new policy of concentration was adopted—old fields given up and Patiala selected—it was apparently the wise thing to do under the circumstances. The Board at home that so

and fully indorsed it. Still optimistic. But with little warning the new field at Patiala was closed against us, we were forced to retire, and our new policy received a set-back. Optimism now not so loud, and a decrease in the number of cheerulists. Then thru mismanagement we were to lose Mr. Waide, and our optimism had a puncture. It was a trying situation, no doubt of it, but the tire was mended and the machine started and now that we have a fresh grip on our optimism, we are starting in again on our work as cheerulists. And we have good news for the whole church. God has been pleased to help us in our difficulties, and he is opening the way for us in the mission field. It is no new thing in mission work to find discouragement. It is a way that God has of testing our optimism. There is at least one page in the history of every mission that is written in tears, and we have one at any rate.

But we are not going to lose Mr. Waide, and it is no secret that there is going to be a Mrs. Waide, an excellent lady, a missionary of the American Presbyterian church, who expects to join our service about the month of February of this year.

Then, too, our workers go back to the old field at Rurki, dear to us from long and pleasant associations. We must acknowledge the kindness of the Methodist Episcopal Board for their permission to labor in Rurki territory, since by previous agreement we had turned it all over to them. Here Dr. and Mrs. Taylor will labor. Dr. Taylor has his plans ready for a hos-

pital and dispensaries. Mrs. Stanley, a native physician of great repute in Patiala, and wife of the Rev. J. Scott Stanley, will join our colony of workers in Rurki.

Yes, it is the same old optimism, only intensified. In closing up one way, God has opened up another. The prospect for our mission work in India is brighter than it has been for many years. We shall have a larger budget to meet annually, but we can meet it. Let us urge a liberal response, an optimism in capitals, and a general creerupodism.

J. L. CHESNUT.

TEN WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN HELP CEDARVILLE COLLEGE

1. Pray sincerely every day for its enlargement in means and usefulness.
2. Give regularly to its fund to defray current expenses.
3. Give regularly to its endowment fund.
4. Arouse others to contribute to its upkeep and endowment.
5. Send your boys and girls to Cedarville College for their training.
6. Urge and get others to send their boys and girls to Cedarville College.
7. Speak good words, every opportunity you have, for Cedarville College, and make opportunities to speak them.
8. Send books to the library.
9. Give scholarships for the edu-

cation of poor and deserving young people. A scholarship is only \$36 a year. A perpetual scholarship in the name of the giver will be funded for \$500.

10. Give prizes in oratory, temperance essays, scientific experiments. A prize will cost only \$10 a year. A perpetual prize in the name of the donor will be funded for \$200.

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Harriet L. Ritchie, New York; Rev. C. A. Young, Boston; Thos. Robb, W. G. Savage, Sarah Piper, Mrs. M. M. Boice, Matthew Gailey, Philadelphia; Rev. Alex. Savage, New Galilee, Pa.; Boyd Garvin, Harry Elder, Fred Caughey, Darlington, Pa.; S. B. Anderson, Industry, Pa.; Anna Pollock, Marisso, Ill.; Alex. Russell, Coulterville, Ill.; Matt Robb, Swanwick, Ill.; John McDowell, Tarentum, Pa.; Mrs. Elizabeth Briars, Ransselaer Falls, N. Y.; Mrs. Alice Moore, Lexington, Va.; Mrs. Carrie Harbison, Julia Kendall, Mary Murdock, Rev. J. L. Chesnut, Cedarville, O.; Mrs. C. Armstrong, Salinas, Cal.; Rachel D. Watt, Smiths Ferry, Pa.

JOHN ALFORD PRIZE.

The late John Alford, D. D., for years gave a prize of \$25 for oratory to Cedarville College. Since his death, his daughter, Miss Martha Alford, has been kindly keeping up the custom of her father in giving this prize.

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EDITORIAL.

Owing to the fact that this is the special educational number of the Advocate, we feel compelled to omit this month the department of Current Secular Events; both on account of lack of space and on account of lack of time to prepare such a summary of the month's happenings, as we think that we ought to have if we have any. No doubt this is the part of a religious magazine that can be dropt with the least injury. Nearly everybody subscribes to the secular newspapers or at least has access to them.

You will note quite a number of in-

teresting facts about the College. The College and Seminary combined constitute a real live industry. There is work going on every day. In fact, sometimes the students think that there is too much work. This is due to the fact that as a teacher gets older and knows so many more items of knowledge, he thinks that the student ought to master them just as easily. But hard work never killed anybody; least of all, a college student.

We have one genuine wish, among others. That is, that every member of our denomination had an opportunity to visit the college for two or three days. One day is not enough. You might strike an off day, or you might not be looking in the right place at the right time.

But we do ask two reasonable requests: study the facts presented, and study the products that we send out.

BIBLE READERS' PRIZE.

For several years Rev. C. M. Ritchie, D. D., pastor of the Clifton, O., U. P. church, has kindly given a \$15 Bible Readers' Prize. This year he leaves Clifton to enter his new charge in Pennsylvania. Miss Margaret Rife, a member of his congregation and a graduate of Cedarville College, seeing the value of this prize, has voluntarily offered to give it hereafter.

**FRIENDS OF CEDARVILLE
COLLEGE AND THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS**

Clayton McMillan, Cedarville, Ohio	50.00
John Stewart, Philadelphia....	1.00
Mrs. J. B. Wright Estate, Ida- ville, Ind.	15.00

Since the last report the following sums have been received:

Sparta Congregation	\$30.00
A. B. McMillan, Sparta, Ill...	5.00
James L. Savage, Philadelphia.	5.00
Margaret H. Jackson, Philadel- phia	5.00
Mrs. J. Y. Boice, Philadelphia..	5.00
J. W. Houston, Pittsburg, Pa..	20.00
Eliza McClure, Pittsburg, Pa..	20.00
Rev. J. B. Wilson, Pittsburg, Pa.	10.00
Matilda McCollum, Cedarville, Ohio	5.00
Chas. E. Smith, Cedarville, O..	5.00
Jacob Siegler, Cedarville, O...	25.00
Rosa Stormont, Cedarville, O..	5.00
Harriet L. Ritchie, New York	1.00
W. J. Imbrie, New Gallilee, Pa.	25.00
Francis Vance, Lima Center, Wis.	1.00
Rev. L. A. Benson, Clay Center, Kan.	5.00
Susanna Patton, Youngstown, Ohio	10.00
Los Angeles congregation....	10.00

And for the Endowment Fund:

G. W. Creswell, Cedarville, O..	\$25.00
Exchange Bank, Cedarville, O.	50.00
A. C. & S. J. Kyle, Cedarville, Ohio	10.00
S. T. & Ada C. Baker, Cedar- ville, Ohio	25.00
Wm. Conley, Cedarville, O....	25.00
B. W. Anderson, Cedarville, O.	10.00
W. A. Collins, Cedarville, O....	10.00
C. G. Turnbull, Cedarville, O...	30.00

**SCHEDULE OF STUDIES
FOR SECOND SEMESTER**

Among the studies taught in the second semester will be Latin, Greek, French, German, Hebrew, College English, History, Trigonometry, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Psychology, Ethics, Oratory, Debating, Pedagogy, Sociology, and three classes in various parts of Bible Study. A new feature is a class in Social Welfare, by President McChesney, which takes up the Prohibition question from all angles; impressing, of course, the desirability of annihilating the liquor traffic. As before, Mrs. Russell will teach Music, and Miss Taylor will have charge of Domestic Science.

**MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETING
TOPICS.**

February 7—Growth that is Worth While. II Peter 3:18.
February 14—Coming to Jesus by Night. John 3:1, 2.
February 21—Despising the Church. I Cor. 11:22.
February 28—Prayer for Our President. I Tim. 2:1, 2.
March 7—Enoch, the Companion of God. Gen. 5:24.

CEDARVILLE COLLEGE LIBRARY

Almost with the founding of the and others throught our church have contributed books and money to the building up of Cedarville College Library. For years this library occupied a small room in the college. In 1907, Mr. Carnegie gave the College the large new library building that we now possess with a capacity for 20,000 volumes. It has 5000 volumes, and all the leading periodicals are to be found upon its reading table. Miss Lucile Gray, a member of our own church, is its efficient librarian.

HOME MISSION.

A church should be vitally concerned in the evangelization of the citizens in the home land. A great opportunity is open to us in the United States. Mission work is needed among the slums of the cities, the mountaineers of the South, the negroes, the Indians, and the for-eners. Young men are passing thru our College and Seminary who will be qualified to undertake such work, and should enter upon it, and the church should give some of them at least the privilege of doing so. The contributions to the Home Board during the past few years have been most encouraging; and, if we enter upon an aggressive and large campaign, even more means to support the work will be forth-coming.

The gratitude of the entire church should be exprest not only in words but in gifts to our Home Board; both because of the long, faithful, and efficient service of the leader of our Home Board, Dr. Savage; and because of the goodness and grace of God so richly bestowed upon us as a denomination and as individual members of a denomination whose history is illustrious and whose principles we love. Let us with renewed zeal, increast liberality, and greater energy, come at once to our fullest possible support and encouragement of our Home Mission Board.

OUR SEMINARY.

More than a century's service; the faithful and efficient men who served in its faculty; the devoted ministers who have graduated from it; the new life that it is taking on under the capable leadership of its beloved Dean, Dr. J. L. Chesnut; and the essential relationship that it bears to our denomination, should endear our theological seminary to all the members of our church, and should call out our united prayers, warmest words of commendation, most generous liberality to its funds, and untiring effort in every possible way for its maintenance and growth. The church has seldom had more reason to be grateful for the seminary and active in its interest than it has now. The attendance of students is larger than it has been for years. The

courses are various and equal to those of many seminaries in sister churches. The faculty is larger than ever before in the history of the seminary. The interest taken by both faculty and students is most encouraging. Cedarville College and our Seminary are co-operating happily and economically to the church. The moral and spiritual tone is most commendable. The library has been enlarged and made more serviceable.

We ask for the loyal, prayerful, and liberal support of all our people for this the oldest institution of our church, preserved thru more than a century, and in turn rendering a fuller service to preserve our church than any other scheme of our church has contributed.

THE ALFORD MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM

No feature of the College furnishes the students more amusement and profit combined than the Alford Memorial Gymnasium. This is the old R. P. church building, which was bought by Mr. W. J. Alford for \$1500 and donated to the college for gymnasium purposes in honor of his parents, the late Rev. John Alford, D. D., and Mrs. Mary B. Alford. Last May, General Synod appropriated \$100, and friends of the college added about as much more, to repaint and repair the building, which has since been done; so that the building now presents a very attractive ap-

pearance. Visiting basket-ball teams comment upon the excellence of the floor and appurtenances.

EXPENSES IN CEDARVILLE COLLEGE FOR A YEAR

Tuition and contingent fees, \$36; furnished room and best table board, \$150; Books \$10. , Total, \$196. Money invested in an education is money turned into mind and character and power. It can never be lost. Its value increases as the years come and go. A Christian education is a blessing to all who obtain it, and thru them, to all others with whom they associate.

CEDARVILLE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND

At the last meeting of General Synod, the Endowment Fund was reported as \$89,971.26. Since then we have received \$5000 from an unknown friend, \$200 from the John R. Lyons Estate, \$250 from J. C. Stormont, \$100 from J. E. Hastings, and smaller sums, as reported from month to month in the Advocate, aggregating \$401.63. Mr. Wm. Conley, Trustee of the Teas bequest, has begun to pay interest into the college treasury from that fund, so that the amount, \$3100, may be reckoned with the capital, making the total Endowment Fund slightly over \$99,000.

ATTENTION! PASTORS AND CONGREGATION

Beginning in February in continuing till May, upon any Sabbath of that period of time, General Synod has specially set apart for your offerings to Cedarville College. We shall need at least \$500 to clear the college year without a deficit. Your contributions in the past have been generous and prompt. Some congregations have already contributed and contributed liberally. We depend largely upon you, and we feel that you will do all that we ask and even more, judging by the past.

CHURCH NEWS.

COULTERVILLE, ILLINOIS.

On Saturday, Dec. 30th, 1916, Mr. Elmer McNeil, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McNeil, and Miss Margery McGinnis were married at the Presbyterian parsonage in Bellville, Ill. Margery has been a faithful daughter and home-keeper in the house of her father, Mr. Matthew McGinnis, since the death of her mother some fifteen months ago. Elmer is an energetic and industrious young man, and we are pleased to learn that they will take charge of the McGinnis farm and remain in our community.

On the evening of the same day, Miss Beth Ervin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ervin, and Mr. Harry Emig were married at the R. P. par-

sonage in Cedarville, O. The bride was our S. S. secretary for several years and our choir leader for two years. Mr. Emig is Professor of Biology in the University of Pittsburg, and they are now at home to their friends in Pittsburg.

Mr. Alex. Russell returned from a two months' visit with friends in Kansas, in time to eat New Year's dinner with his daughters.

Mrs. John Peel past to her long home Monday evening, Jan. 15, about 11:30. A full obituary will be given next month.

Our annual congregational meeting was held on the afternoon of Jan. 4th. The various reports were most interesting and the outlook for this year most encouraging. R. C. Baird and S. A. Munford were re-elected chairman and clerk. Chas. Wasson was elected trustee for a full term of five years. Laurence Robb and Ward Ervin were elected to fill the unexpired terms of Leonard Robb and Al. Fullerton.

At the monthly meeting of Session in December, Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell were received into membership with us, and Miss Ethel Lamont was appointed choir leader.

The S. S. officers for 1917 are: Superintendents, Ollie Boyd and Wm. Fullerton; Secretaries, Bessie Fultz and Effie Curry; Treasurer, John Richmond.

The officers of the Missionary Society are: President, Mrs. Matt Robb; Vice President, Mrs. A. S. Creswell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. John

White; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. County.

Will Ervin; Treasurer, Mrs. S. A. Munford; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Chas. Wasson; Superintendent of Literature, Mrs. Albert Kelly; Superintendents of Mission Band, Miss Nancy Gallagher and Mrs. A. S. Creswell. Only once in our history did the society raise more money than this year. That was in 1905, when the receipts were \$521.67, which was 15 cents more than this year's receipts. At our January meeting, the question, "What embraces Home Mission Work," was asked, to draw out thots along the line of local work of the Home Mission Committee. We would like that some of the sister societies would give their thots on this line of work thru the Advocate.

DARLINGTON, PA.

LIGHTNER—Our esteemed and faithful friend, Mr. James Alexander Lichtner, of Big Beaver Township, Beaver County, Pa., was removed from us by death on Dec. 30, 1916. Mr. Lightner was a respected citizen of the community, and was deeply interested in much that pertained to its welfare. He was a friend of education and general progress. He rejoiced in the moral elevation of the community and of the nation. He was a successful farmer. He held some important offices in the Township, and always performed faithfully the duties devolved upon him by his fellow-citizens, and thus honored those who had chosen him to fill the offices in both the Township and the

County. On the last day of December, 1874, he was united in the bond of marriage to Miss Caroline Frey, of New Philadelphia, Ohio; and for a period of forty-two years that happy and prosperous union was enjoyed.

Mr. Lightner was an interested and faithful member of the Darlington Reformed Presbyterian church for many years, and was interested in all that tended to the prosperity of the congregation. On Sabbath morning, Dec. 17, he had a severe chill, and soon pneumonia developept, and in fourteen days he finisht all his work on earth and past home to enter upon the rest that remains for the people of God. His beautiful, happy, Christian home has been the home of his pastor for over sixteen years, and Mr. Lightner all these years took pleasure in performing the duties and kindnesses that aided and contributed to the pleasure and comfort of the pastor.

On Jan. 2, 1917, at one o'clock p. m., the funeral services were conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. Elsey of the Reformed Presbyterian church (O. S.), and Rev. King of the Presbyterian church. It was a large funeral, as relatives, friends, and neighbors assembled together to do him honor in his death and extend sincere sympathies to the bereaved widow and other members of the home. After the services closed, the remains were conveyed to the "White Church" graveyard and reverently placed in the tomb to rest

until the resurrection; "When the dead in Christ shall be raised up in glory and be blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity."

We commend the widow to the covenant care of her precious Savior, who has said, "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you." He is the husband to the widow, and will never leave you nor forsake you. And the other members of the home we commend to the divine care, companionship, and love of Christ for consolation. "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

SPARTA, ILLINOIS.

The W. M. S. held their regular meeting on Dec. 20. The topic was Luke 2:1-20., "The Song of the Angels." Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Anna Reid; Vice President, Mrs. A. L. Smiley; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Lina Fullerton; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary A. Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. N. J. McMillan.

Some of the members have come into town for the winter months. Mrs. Elliot has rented rooms, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dunn are with Mrs. Dunn's father, Mr. Wm. H. Wilson.

Mrs. Rev. Smiley has been on the sick list but is able to be out again.

The annual dinner and meeting of the congregation was held in the church on Dec. 28. After the bountiful dinner had been enjoyed, the meeting was called to order, and was

led in prayer by the pastor, after which a short program was given by the children under the direction of Miss Mary Smiley. The children's corner was tastefully decorated, and a Christmas rope, on which was the children's treat, was stretcht from two corners. After the singing of Psalm 133, the children were called by name, and went forward and received the treat of candy and popcorn. Quite a number of the children were not present, some on account of sickness, among them being Lester and Albert McIntyre.

The business of the congregation was then in order. Reports were given and officers elected for the congregation and Sabbath School for 1917.

Cor. Sec.

CEDARVILLE, OHIO.

FINNEY—Mr. John M. Finney, an aged member of the R. P. congregation, died at his home in Cedarville, Dec. 30, 1916, after a three days' illness with pneumonia. Mr. Finney was 75 years, 9 months, and 28 days old. He was born in Hamilton county, but came to Xenia in 1866, and had made his home in Greene county and the vicinity of Cedarville ever since. He occupied a farm near Cedarville and also operated the Central Hotel in Cedarville for several years.

In 1877, Mr. Finney married Miss Grizzella Sharp, who survives him. Of this union were born six children, five of whom are still living, the other child dying in infancy 35 years ago. The children are: Elkana E. Finney,

who lives on a farm near Cedarville; Dr. John Finney, of Harrison, Idaho; Joseph A. Finney, Deputy Probate Judge of Greene county; Mrs. Carrie Weaver, of Segundo, Colo.; and Miss Nancy Finney, teaching school at Tippecanoe City, O. Mr. Finney is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Margaret Anderson, of Somersville, Kans. Mrs. Anderson is 84 years old, and is the last of the family of eight children. Also seven grandchildren survive.

The funeral services were held Tuesday morning, Jan. 2, 1917, conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. L. Chesnut, assisted by Rev. W. R. McChesne, and Rev. J. S. E. McMichael, pastor of the U. P. church. Interment was made at the Ferncliff Cemetery, Springfield, Ohio.

MCCOLLUM—Mr. Joseph McCollum, another aged member of the R. P. congregation, died Sabbath morning, Dec. 31, 1916, at his home on the farm in the Clark's Run district, of uraemia. While he had been in failing health for about a year, Mr. McCollum did not become ill until two weeks before his death and only four days before his death he took to his bed and sank into a coma from which he aroused at one or two brief intervals before death ensued. The uraemia from which he suffered was accompanied by a gangrenous infection.

He was a son of James and Margaret Wright McCollum, and was born in County Antrim, Ireland, October 18, 1840. In 1855, the family came

to the United States, and settled on a farm northeast of Cedarville, where they lived ten years. They then removed to the farm in the Clark's Run neighborhood, which has been the family home ever since. The farm has been conducted for years by Joseph and John McCollum, under the name of McCollum Brothers. Recently they sold the farm, and were building a new home on the Springfield pike just north of Xenia, a home which the one brother did not live to enjoy.

Mr. McCollum leaves a brother and a sister, John Wright McCollum and Miss Matilda McCollum, both living on the home farm.

Since early life Mr. McCollum was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church. He was one of the most prominent members, and a very liberal supporter of the church financially and in other ways. While he was so quiet and unostentatious in his manner that much of the good that he did was known only to himself, yet his name is held in honor and respect by many to whom he was a true friend in many material ways.

The funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 2, 1917, conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. L. Chesnut, assisted by Rev. W. R. McChesney. Interment was made at the Massie's Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Raymond Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Williamson, was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Marcella Stroup, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Stroup, of near Xenia,

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1917, at 3 p. m., at the parsonage of the First Reformed church, Xenia, by Rev. D. W. Loucks, the bride's pastor. The couple left immediately after the ceremony on a short wedding trip, and on their return will reside on the groom's father's farm. The bride has been teaching in the Union school in Xenia Township, and just resigned her position the week before. The announcement of the marriage was quite a surprise to Mr. Williamson's many friends here. He and his bride have the congratulations of a large circle of relatives and friends.

NOTES ON THE INTERNATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS.

Prof. W. R. McChesney, Ph. D., D. D.

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 11, 1917.

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria.

John 4:5-14, 24-26.

Golden Text—"Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners." I Tim. 1:15.

Psalms—1, 23, 40, 70.

Introduction—Christianity has been an incalculable benefit to woman. It has brot her more and more into her rightful place and power. It lays down no particular laws for sex. Its principles are for both sexes; and, when they are sincerely received and practiced, they transform and equalize both sexes and make them a blessing to each other.

5. Places once famous for men of God like Jacob and Joseph often be-

come infested with mongrels like the Samaritans.

6. One of the best things that we can do is to leave some work, like Jacob's well, to refresh and bless mankind thru the ages after we are gone. Do something that will last and bless. When you grow weary in your labors, remember that your Lord can sympathize with you. He worked hard and late.

7. Meeting people as we come and go is no mere accident. God brings them and us together for some good purpose. You often bless another by asking a needed service of him.

8. We cannot always have and depend upon the same people to serve us. Sometimes they have other duties; and then, too, time makes great changes in human relationships.

9. Some people never forget differences. They cast them up at every opportunity. Get away from this ungodly disposition and habit.

10. It we only could realize what God-given opportunities confront us, we would use them and become inestimably blessed and prove a much greater blessing to others.

11.—We can always see and propose difficulties in the wa yof doing what we ought. Ignorance and prejudice blind us to duty.

12. Undue regard for former days and the fathers often hinders real progress.

13. We are so often contented and delighted with the things which perish with the using.

14. What God gives is enduring

and a blessing forever. Exchange the passing things of sense for the eternal possessions of the Spirit, and thereby show yourself wise.

24. Get the true conception of God, and both the form and spirit of your worship of Him will be acceptable.

25. We are always looking far in the future for the ideal time. Why not have it now in our own hearts?

26. With Jesus here, what more do we need, to have and enjoy the millenium? The millenium is on now. It has been ever since Jesus sent the Holy Spirit. It will grow brighter and brighter till perfect day.

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 18, 1917.

Jesus Heals a Nobleman's Son.
John 4: 43-54.

Golden Text—"As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee."
Matt. 8:13.

Introduction—There are many boys in the church and the world who need the Master's healing word. What useful men they would grow up to be, and what gladness would be brot to their parents' hearts, if they should be healed by Christ!

43. We should do our work faithfully where we are, before even thinking of going elsewhere. That was the way that Jesus did.

44. When you do your whole duty as God directs, you cannot expect men in general to praise you. They may even condemn and persecute you. They so treated Jesus in Judea, and consequently He went to Galilee

where He was received.

45. You may be as ignorant and despised by the scholarly Judeans of your day as were the Galileans, but what matters that, if your heart is right toward Christ?

46. Always conduct yourself where you are in such a manner that your return, if you leave, will be welcomed. Cana always remembered and loved Jesus. The best of places and people have afflictions.

47. Reputation grows with increase of service to fellowmen. When you have something that the world needs, it will hunt you up and beg you for it.

48. Test the anxious seekers, lest they impose upon you to gratify their curiosity. Confer a blessing upon another in leading him to understand himself more for your being with him.

49. When you need something badly, do not waste time in words. Come to the point at once.

50. Jesus can bless us at long range as well as close at hand. The most beautiful and profitable thing in the world is faith acting on God's word.

51. Jesus never deceives us. We find it as He says.

52. Truth is often severely and closely tested.

53. Truth is always triumphant in its testing. When the truth is tested and proved, manly men will accept it.

54. True religion is continually giving evidence of its divine origin.

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 25, 1917.**Jesus at the Pool of Bethesda.**

John 5:1-15.

Golden Text—"It was Jesus who had made him whole." John 1:15.

Psalms—15, 24, 76, 105.

Introduction—Everywhere may be found men who are laid aside from active and influential service for Christ. They will remain in that state so long as they continue to deneed Christ and His word. It is your duty and mine to bring them to Christ.

1. Religious ordinances should be regularly and sacredly observed.

2. Every city has some very marked and distinguishing features. What are they in your city or village? Is your city sanitary? Is it a good place in which to live?

3. In every city are the distrest. What conditions are causing distress in your city or village? Have you pools for such people?

5. In every city and community there is always one person who stands out above all others as notorious for some unendurable thing. Who is he where you live?

6. Did you ever ask that one if he would like to change his ways and become a respectable and useful citizen?

7. You know that often such fellows are just waiting on some real man to help them into the better life. You may be that man. Such fellows are often kept from bettering themselves by the sedfishness of others. Can it be possible that some one has

lived in your acquaintance 38 years and you never tried to bring him to Christ? What will Christ say to you about it?

8. All that such fellows need is to hear the word of Christ. You can speak it to them.

9. Then they must act upon what they hear, and blessed results will follow. Do not be over-conscientious about the time you speak to others concerning Christ.

10. Of course the Pharisees in your town will never help such fellows. They will let them lie rotting in sin; and will even pick out some fault in what you do for them.

11. When these fellows are helped they will always defend their helpers.

12. The Pharisees will always ask censorious questions.

13. It is noble and God-like to help another and then slip away not waiting for praise or reward.

14. Sin opens up avenues for all the evils of the universe and the ages. Hate and abandon sin, for it is sure to crush you.

15. The surest way to still the tongues and onsets of evil-inclined persons is to bring them square up to the truth that they oppose.

LESSON FOR MARCH 4, 1917.**Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand.**

Jonh 6:1-14.

Golden Text—"Give us this day our daily bread." Matt. 6:11.

Psalms—5, 8, 19, 104.

Introduction—Our Heavenly Father

gives each one his daily bread, when we trust Him and do our duty. Sometimes we try to make "these stones" bread, and as a consequence we eat ashes. Millions to-day are trying to earn their bread regardless of God and His ways of getting it. They are getting poisoned loaves or only meager portions. The whole process of earning and getting must be brot into accord with God's economy before economic justice will be secured.

1. Jesus intends that His work shall be taken everywhere. What are you doing "To go to all the world?"

2. The works and words of Christ have never failed to draw the crowds. Just exchange your man-made means for Christ's ways, and see how the people will flock about you.

3. Get above the droning world up into the fellowship of Christ and His followers.

4. There are great events in every life, every community, every church, every nation. O the festal days! Make them perfect in the fellowship of Christ.

5. Jesus has His eyes upon the seething, surging multitudes of earth. He is heart-deep interested in their needs and the satisfying of them.

6. Has Christ ever proved you about feeding the multitudes, taking the gospel to them?

7. Did you show your ignorance and lack of faith and want of interest in your fellowmen, like Philip did?

8. Whenever Jesus called upon the church to feed the multitudes, there has always been a believing and will-

ing Andrew to respond, and there always will be. Are you a philip or an Andrew?

9. Andrew can find a lad and a very few eatables, and tho he wonders how these will suffice, somehow he believes that Jesus can solve the problem. How often in a crisis of the church, everything has depended upon a lad or a lass! "Despise not the day of small things."

10. Jesus can always be depended upon to complete the work, when we have done all that we can.

11. All that we do and get should be imbued with a spirit of real thanksgiving. Give all that you have. Do all that you can. That is the law of Christ's kngdom.

12. God allows nothing to go to loss. If the church only believed, it has enough and more for all the world's needs.

13. Christ is the source of supply. His store-house is filled with the best, and it is inexhaustible and may be had for the asking.

14. Get but one glimpse of all that Christ is and all that He does, and you will be overwhelmed with the all-absorbing conviction that He is the Son of God, the Savior of Sinners.

NOTES ON THE CHRISTIAN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

C. E. TOPIC FOR FEB. 11, 1917.

Confession—Luke 19:1-10.

David found that God would not

forgive him until he had made confession. It is very hard to confess our sins publicly. We would rather say nothing about them and start over again. That might do in temporal things, where when we spoil one thing we can make another. But some things are irretrievable. Just as lost time is never found again, so lost opportunities must go forever. But, having made confession, we find a great burden rolled from our souls.

The benefits of confession are many. First, it puts us in the way of a right relationship with God. Secondly, it makes us fully acquainted with our weak condition. As long as we feel strong in our own strength, the grace of God cannot work in our hearts as it should.

Finally, it enables us to let our light shine before men. We do not expect much light from an uncleaned lamp. Neither can we expect much light from an unclean soul. Nothing unclean can enter into the kingdom of Heaven. What kind of a heaven would it be, if it were full of souls foul with unconfessed sins?

Jesus did not ask Zaccheus how many or what sins he committed. Having heard his confession, He forgave him on the spot. This is a powerful argument to use with those who think that they are too wicked to come to Christ. God's grace is sufficient. To limit God's power to forgive would destroy the very definition of God.

C. E. TOPIC FOR FEB. 18, 1917.

Using What We Have—Acts 3:1-10.
The parable of the talents would

fit in well here. The man who had five talents was supposed to use five, and to gain five; and would have been severely reprimanded if he had accomplished less. From every man there is required according to his ability. The man who had but one talent and hid it was not reprimanded because he had little, but because he accomplished nothing. General Grant had to show what he could do with a regiment before he was entrusted with an army. Ninety-nine out of every hundred men who have become famous or have accomplished great things in the world, had to commence with small beginnings. Very few great men were born in the purple; and if they were, we naturally deduct that much from the merit of their achievements.

The apostles have gained undying fame, not because they had great genius, for they did not have it, but because they did great things with meager equipment. They overturned the world in more senses than one, and many people can tell you the names of the twelve apostles, who have only a vague idea or never heard

Some men use money or their talents for evil purposes. It is taken for granted that no Christian Endeavorer will do this. But many a Christian Endeavorer honestly wishes that he were worth millions, so that he might do good on a grand scale. Prove your ability to handle money aright and it will come to you. Almost any banker or broker handles or controls many times as much of other people's money as he has of his own. People who have it entrust it to him because they believe that he can handle it better than they can do it themselves. This is the application of taking away the talent from him who had one only, and giving it to him who had ten.

C. E. TOPIC FOR MARCH 4, 1917

Service—James 1:19-27.

This the key-word of the Christian. It is also the key-word in business life, for when a man or a machine is not serviceable, they are cast aside. Jesus Christ said, "If any man would be first, he shall be servant of all." Since we are all alike sinners, and all subject to death, and all desire the same salvation, we should all be willing to serve one another to obtain our hearts' desire.

Railroads and other corporations call themselves public servants. Altho they are rich and powerful, they appeal to the public. Unless they serve the public, they soon begin to languish. It is the same way with the Christian. He claims that he has a great boon to present to the world, but unless he proceeds to make good his claim by bestowing this boon in the shape of Christian work and service, he will soon begin to languish and die.

Pride has no place in Christian work. There are people who want to do Christian service as leaders. This is really a contradiction in terms. The man who wants to make his mark as a leader had best stay out of Christian work until he has a truer conception of what Christian work is. In order to get the true conception, he should read the life of Christ and his disciples.

A good servant does not talk too much. He must bridle his tongue and save his strength for the burdens that he has to bear. An ounce of action is worth a pound of talk.

C. E. TOPIC FOR FEB. 25, 1917.

The Home Mission Boards of My Denomination: What They Are and What they do.—Isaiah 35:1-10.

The Home Mission Board of Our

Denomination consists of Revs. Alexander Savage, Thomas Whyte, W. J. Smiley, Andrew S. Creswell, John Parks, and S. M. Ramsey; and Elders James T. Clark, John M. Creighton, William Blair, W. J. Imbrie, Robert McKeown, William Hempton, E. L. Stormont, W. H. Creswell, and Anthony McClean. The Executive Committee of the Board consists of W. J. Smiley, Alexander Savage, W. J. Imbrie, and John Parks. The Treasurer is Mr. W. J. Imbrie, of New Galilee, Pa., and to him all contributions for Home Missions should be sent. The latest Treasurer's Report shows that the endowment fund amounts to \$20, 621.25, the income from which was \$1066.91 last year. Receipts from congregations last year amounted to \$1124.84, and from miscellaneous sources, \$36.12, making the total receipts for the year \$2227.87.

The Home Board reported appropriations as follows: Philadelphia Presbytery, \$200; Pittsburg Presbytery, \$500; Western Presbytery, \$600; Miss Martha Ramsey, \$200. The amounts paid to presbyteries go to support struggling congregations within their bounds, while Miss Ramsey's stipend is intended to aid her in her labors in the mission church at Los Angeles, California.

There is considerable home mission work done locally by workers in each congregation, but that is not included in this topic. We are commanded to preach the gospel in season and out of season, and this no doubt means that we should do all kinds of work that will advance the kingdom of God, in all places. We can reach those around our own homes at little or no expense, but those who are at some distance from our own or any other congregation require the attention of a board, and for this purpose the Home Board of our church has been instituted.

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