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# The Reformed Presbyterian ADVOCATE

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## OUR COLLEGE.

During the recent meeting of General Synod, Mr. James Adam, of New York City, gave, in the name of his esteemed aunt, Jemima Payne, as a memorial, the sum of \$2,000 to the permanent productive funds of Cedarville College. For years Mr. Adam has been a liberal supporter of Cedarville College. In this recent gift he sets a worthy example by bestowing it in his lifetime, and thereby making it sure to the college. The Faculty, Board of Trustees, students, and entire church are grateful to Mr. Adam for this splendid contribution. The Endowment Fund is now \$102,000, and there are bequests and annuities amounting to \$25,000. Only \$73,000 of the \$200,000 remain to be raised. Our desire and trust are to have the \$73,000 raised by June, 1919, which will be the 25th anniversary of the college.

Practically all our congregations

contributed to the current expenses and gave generously. We are encouraged over the deep-felt interest in the college throughout our church.

President McChesney preached in the Third and Fifth churches of Philadelphia during the Synod, May 20, and presented the cause of the college to both congregations; and he was delighted with the hearty encouragement that was given him. The Philadelphia Presbytery arranged a union meeting of its congregations in the Third church the evening of May 20 in the interest of the college. A large audience, representing all our Philadelphia churches and the members of Synod, were present. At the close of the services the audience contributed \$57 to the current funds of the college. It was a generous contribution and thankfully received.

The college closes the year without a deficit and with a goodly balance. For this we are thankful to God and to the kind people in all our congregations. (General Synod past the us-

ual resolution commending the college to the generosity of our congregations for a special contribution on some Sabbath before May, 1, 1918, most convenient to each congregation; and in addition thereto, General Synod requests an announcement of this contribution to be made from the pulpits at least two weeks before it is taken; and that on the day of the announcement the pastors preach on some phase of Christian education, and specifically present the needs and virtues of Cedarville College; and that the elders and the pastors of our churches co-operate in calling the attention of the youth of the church to the desirability of securing their higher education in Cedarville College.)

The year just closing has been the best in spirit, diligence, and finances in the history of our college, and the best is yet to come.

### INDIA LETTER.

Rurki, India, March 15, 1917.

Dear Friends:

From Jan. 5 to 10 I had the opportunity of doing my first Mela work. It consisted chiefly in selling Gospels and portions of the Gospels, during the day; and in displaying magic lantern pictures of the life of Christ, in the evening. This was a Mohammedan Mela, and is held each year in January at the time of the full moon. So next year please remember us in a special manner in your prayers at this time. We sold

352 copies of single Gospels, 12 complete New Testaments, and 35 small "bhajans" or Gospel Songs, so written that any Hindustani, Christian or non-Christian, can fit a tune to them. In the evening from 25 to 200 would gather around the pictures and hear the story of the Savior, who loves us all and came into the world to give His life for the remission of sins—the thing that was most necessary for the salvation of man, and the very thing that none of the promulgators of any other religion had claimed to be able to do.

One of the difficulties that we meet in selling the New Testament to these Mohammedans is that they claim that our New Testament is not the "asli" or original; and those who read are more or less acquainted with both their and our translations; that is, they are acquainted with a few points in ours, and are therefore always ready for an argument. If an Indian is famous for any one thing more than keenness in debate, I do not know what it is. This is one great trouble that we have with most of our preachers; and the good tidings of God's Love to men are not commonly given in a debate, no matter who the speaker is or where he is, India or America. The chief difference that they speak of is that their translation contains a prophecy about Mohammed. They speak of Christ as the greatest prophet sent by God up to that time.

These Mohammedans often admit that no man can live a right life of

himself, and that all men are sinners and do continually sin. Even after the average Indian has been brought to this position, he only closes his eyes to the light that has been flashed upon him; and, owing to custom and caste, he can do nothing. At least, he says that he cannot, and he does not.

I hope to go out to camp next week. Mr. Waide has been hard at work, but the warm weather is coming on very rapidly now, and he will not be able to cover the field. So I will go out with a few men and cover the district where we expect to station Evangelist F. S. Paul.

Mrs. Taylor's work is progressing at a great rate. We have at last secured the services of two worthy young ladies as doctor and compounder. They are sisters, Dayal by name. The compounder will come to us the first of April, and the doctor the first of May, and stay three months, or most of the time that Mrs. Taylor is in the hills. She (the doctor) will then return to her post and give them six months' notice of her intention to leave. After that she will come to us permanently. We are all well and very happy in the work.

Your in the service of the Master,  
JOHN C. TAYLOR.

### CEDAR DAY.

Cedar Day has come to be the greatest day of the year for Cedarville College, commencement not ex-

cepted. This year May 11 was the day set for the festivities; and, though somewhat cool, the bright sun brought the people out in crowds, and it is estimated that 1000 people were on the campus in the morning. The different classes gave their stunts, most of them being a mimicry of some part of the Great War. The Cedar Day orator was Mr. R. L. Hutchinson. His oration, entitled "Our Land," was received with much enthusiasm. The pageant in connection with the crowning of the May Queen was the most elaborate that has yet been attempted by the students. (The heralds of the procession were Profs. Parker and Wright. The queen, Miss Ruth Ramsey, was seated in a gaily-decked pony cart drawn by two ponies tandem fashion, driven by small boys in white costume. She was followed by the lords and ladies of the olden time, the Highland lads and lassies, the court jesters, the shepherds and shepherdesses and lambs, and the fairies. Last year's queen, Miss Dorothy Collins placed the crown on the head of the new queen, and the students closed the program by singing "Cedarville's a College.")

About 400 people partook of the picnic dinner in the Alford Memorial gymnasium, after which toasts were given by a number of visitors. In the afternoon the flag-raising took place on the campus in front of the college, where the Senior Class had erected a large flag-pole. The flag was presented by Dr. Marsh and received by Dr. Marsh and received by Dr. McChesney.

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### EDITORIAL.

As the material for each month's Advocate is supposed to be handed in to the printer on the 20th of each preceding month, it will not be practicable at this time to give an ordered account of the meeting of General Synod. We can say, however, that the sessions were harmonious and profitable, and that every delegate returned home encouraged to resume his labors with renewed zeal and energy. Providence is smiling upon us, and from every quarter come reports that indicate that our denominational work is worth living for. Last year it was the sad duty of General Synod to record the death of three of her

most prominent ministers. No loss in the ministerial force is to be recorded for the past year, while two young men are ready to step forth into the work of repairing the breaches of Zion. Our Foreign Mission staff is better equipped than ever. The Home Mission work goes steadily on. And last, but not least, the Cedarville College reports a healthy increase in its Endowment Fund.

### FRIENDS OF CEDARVILLE COLLEGE AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

Since the last report the following sums have been received:

Marissa congregation .....	\$ 10.00
Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Harri- man, Industry, Pa.....	10.00
Cedarville congregation ....	96.71
Beulah congregation, West Middlesex, Pa. ....	40.00
George Moore, Middlesex, Pa	5.00
Darlington congregation....	25.00
Darlington L. M. S.....	60.00
Rev. Alexander Savage, New Galilee, Pa. ....	10.00
Third Church, Philadelphia..	77.00
Martha McIlwain, Philadel- phia .....	2.00
Rev. Wm. Hawthorne, Phila- delphia .....	25.00
Fifth Church, Philadelphia..	52.21
Philadelphia Presbytery ....	57.00
Seventh Church, Wm. Hemp- ton's Bible Clas.s .....	15.00
James L. Savage, Philadel- phia .....	5.00
Fourth Church congregation.	

Philadelphia .....	25.00	Mary Chesnut.
Fourth Church Sabbath school, Philadelphia.....	25.00	Miss Bertha Blair of Chicago and Miss Anna Blair, of Indianapolis are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Blair, Sr., and their aunts, Mrs. J. H. Creswell and Mrs. G. H. Creswell.
And for the Endowment Fund:		
James Adam, New York City .....	2000.00	
A. Y. Reid, Cincinnati, Ohio.	100.00	Miss Julia Kendall suffered a paralytic stroke on the morning of May 16. She fell to the floor, cutting and bruising her face, and for some hours her recovery was doubtful; but she rallied, and at present is showing much improvement.
F. P. Hastings, Cedarville, O	100.00	
Clayton McMillan, Cedarville, Ohio .....	100.00	Miss Mary Bratton of Chicago is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. M. L. Bratton.
A. Friend, Cedarville, O....	30.00	Mothers' Day was observed by our congregation on May 13. The pulpit was decorated with red roses and white carnations in honor of the living mothers and those who had passed beyond. Miss Florence Somers spoke on "Mother, the Sweetest Word in the English Language." Mr. Paul Elwood contrasted the condition of mothers in America with those in war-stricken Europe. Prayer was offered by the oldest mother in the congregation, Mrs. Elizabeth Blair, Sr. Miss Mary Taylor spoke of the mother's influence and the child's obligation. Mr. R. L. Hutchison told of the child's love for mother and how separation makes it grow stronger. He urged the students to write home oftener. This seemed especially fitting, as all four of these students were away from home. After a few appropriate remarks by Professor McChesney, in which he
N. L. Ramsey, Cedarville....	25.00	
Mrs. M. E. Harbison, Cedarville, O .....	25.00	
Mrs. Ida Stormont, Cedarville .....	15.00	
A. H. Creswell, Cedarville...	10.00	
Mrs. J. A. Bumgarner, Cedarville, O. ....	1.00	
Mrs. H. H. Stormont, Cedarville .....	5.00	
John B. Wright, Idaville, Indiana .....	20.00	

## CHURCH NEWS

### CEDARVILLE, OHIO

Dr. J. L. Chesnut and Dr. W. R. McChesney left on May 15 for Philadelphia to attend General Synod. They expected to visit Washington and Gettysburg before returning. During Dr. Chesnut's absence his pulpit was filled by Mr. Ralph Elder at the morning service and by Mr. D. L. Doherty in the evening. Both acquitted themselves very creditably.

Miss Norma Christoff of Cincinnati was the week-end guest of Miss

Mary Chesnut. Miss Bertha Blair of Chicago and Miss Anna Blair, of Indianapolis are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Blair, Sr., and their aunts, Mrs. J. H. Creswell and Mrs. G. H. Creswell.

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paid special tribute to his mother, and to his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. F. Morton, the 23rd Psalm was sung. The pastor's message came from over the sea, from his aged mother. She appreciated the message of love, sent her by the congregation on her son's birthday; and in reply sent her love; and her prayer was that Dr. Chesnut and his people might advance as never before in the work of Christ's Kingdom.

Mr. R. L. Hutchinson and wife will go to Marissa, Ill., the first of June, where he will supply for the summer. Mr. D. L. Doherty will have charge of the Duanesburg, N. Y., congregation.

Communion was held April 29, Rev. A. S. Creswell, of Coulterville, Ill., assisting the pastor. The names of Miss Julia Kendall and Mrs. Wm. Waide were added to our roll. Three infants were baptized: Alice Rachel Creswell, Kathrina Ann Crow, and Pierre Jay McCorkell.

Prof. C. C. Morton retires from the principalship of the Cedarville schools after a service of twelve years. On the evening of May 15, about 60 pupils of the high school surprised him at his home with a gift of a handsome library table with combination secretary and book compartment.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Conley are in Pittsburg visiting their son, Robert, who graduates from Carnegie Technical Institute in June. Mr. Ralph Hill will also graduate at the same time.

Dr. Alvin Orr has had an acousticon installed in the church for the benefit of his father, who is hard of hearing. Three others may also be benefited by the same instrument.

On May 18 and 19 the editor enjoyed a visit from his old college roommate and classmate, Rev. W. B. Gillespie, of Morgan Hill, Cal., who was on his way to the U. P. General Assembly at Boston.

At the annual business meeting of the congregation, May 1, Dr. J. L. Chesnut was granted a vacation, to be taken when and where he chose, provided it included a rest from all active work.

Mr. J. B. Wright, of Idaville, Ind., attended communion here and visited a few days with his son, Prof. S. C. Wright. Mr. John C. Wright has returned home after a winter spent with his uncle in Nebraska.

#### SPARTA, ILLINOIS.

The W. M. S. held their regular monthly meeting the last Wednesday of April. The devotional hour was led by Mrs. Nettie Carr. The subject was: "Silent Forces of God." Psalm 46:10, Isa. 2:10:18.

Mrs. Rev. W. J. Smiley has returned from a visit with her son, Dr. James Smiley, and wife, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mrs. D. C. Fullerton went to Carterville, Mo., the first of May, for a visit with Mr. Fullerton, who has employment there.

Miss Lavone Hanna, of Clay Cen-



ter, Kans., made a short visit to her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McMillan, the latter part of April.

Rev. L. A. Benson was calling on old home friends and went on to Marissa to attend the meeting of Western Presbytery.

Rev. W. J. Smiley occupied the pulpit at the Mound church May 13.

McINTYRE—Elizabeth Jane, the little daughter of Wm. N. and Bessie McIntyre, died Wednesday afternoon, April 25, after an illness of almost two weeks. Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Smiley, and the burial was in Caladonia cemetery. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the father and mother in their sore bereavement.

#### SEMINARY CLOSING.

The R. P. Seminary closed the year on May 9. The examinations were conducted during the day before the Board of Superintendents, composed of Rev. L. A. Benson, of Clay Center, Kans., Rev. W. P. Harriman, of Industry, Pa., and Rev. Thomas Whyte, of Philadelphia. Two young men completed the course, Messrs. D. L. Doherty and R. L. Hutchinsin, of the Third Church, Philadelphia. They will receive their diplomas on College Commencement Day.

In the evening, sermons were delivered by the graduates and also by the other seminary students, Mr. Ralph S. Elder, of Darlington, Pa., Mr. R. N. Colman, Jr., of Fifth

church, Philadelphia, Mr. Paul Elwood, of Atlantic City, N. J., and Mr. J. L. Chesnut, Jr., of Cedarville, each delivering a ten-minute sermon, and acquitting himself creditably. One other, Mr. Paul Duncan, of Darlington, Pa., was laid aside with typhoid fever, but hopes to enter again in the fall. The Board, on recommendation of the Faculty, credited him with having finished the seminary studies that he had been pursuing, and did the same for the work done by Prof. S. C. Wright during the first half of the year.

#### MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

June 6—The Children in the Temple. Matt. 21:15, 16.

June 13—How Jesus Kept the Sabbath. Luke 4:31-43.

June 20—The Life Which is Christ. Phil. 1-21.

June 27—A Cure for Worry. Phil. 4:4-7.

July 4—Patriotism and Piety. Luke 7:5.

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W. H. Creswell, Cedarville; Mrs. H. M. Cooper, Springfield, O.; H. H. Stormont, Xenia, O.; H. D. Woodcock, Waterside, Pa.; Mrs. Ella J. Harbison, New Galilee, Pa.; Rose Blair, Cutler, Ill.; Wm. Abbott, Chicago; Mrs. J. C. Boyle, Sparta, Ill.; Mrs. J. L. Watterson, Darlington, Pa.; Thomas Getty, Philadelphia; Eliza Parke, Redlands, Ca.

## NOTES ON THE INTERNATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS.

By Rev. W. R. McChesney,  
Ph. D., D. D.

### LESSON FOR JUNE 10, 1917.

Jesus Crucified—John 19:16-22,  
25-30.

Golden Text—"Christ died for our  
sins." I Cor. 15:3.

Psalms—22, 70, 130.

Introduction—The trial of Jesus had been six-fold: three times before the Jewish authorities, and three times before Roman officials. The trials were before Annas, Caiaphas, the Sanhedrin, Pilate, Herod, and Pilate a second time. Jesus was crucified on Friday, April 7, A. D. 30, being on the cross from 9 till 3 before death relieved His sufferings. The place is supposed to have been outside Jerusalem on the north side.

16. Our Lord was given up to wicked murderers and put to the most horrible and outrageous death that the world has ever witnessed. Such was the price paid to redeem us.

17. Jesus was roughly handled. No one offered to help Him, so despised was He. The place of execution was gruesome, and on every side reflected the tragedies of sin.

18. Between thieves! One was lost. The other was saved. Jesus forever by His atonement separates the lost from the saved. The cross of Christ is the dividing point of human destiny.

19. The death warrant was one of treason. Christ as King has been and is rejected. The world never will have permanent peace until Jesus is given His rightful place as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

20. Written in the languages used at the time was the title that all might read. Pilate wrote better than he knew. By God's decree that title stands forever.

21. The Jewish leaders claimed that Christ was an impostor. The centuries since have proved their awful mistake.

22. Had Pilate shown this determination earlier in the proceedings, the issue might have been different with him at least. All men write in-erasable records.

25. The soldiers, utterly ignorant of what they were doing, showed no heart. The sword of which Simeon had prophesied was now piercing Mary's heart.

26. A mother rarely forsakes her son. John was well fitted to become a real son to Mary.

27. Jesus was a true son of the most favored mother that ever lived. John's love for Jesus and Mary was genuine and exemplary.

28. Jesus is the only one who ever finished His work. Death-thirst on the cross is said to be intense.

29. A sour bitter draught was given Jesus. The wounded Roman soldiers often partook of it. The only compassion shown our Lord was at the hands of heathen soldiers.

30. The work of the world's salva-

tion was accomplished. Jesus died in triumph amid scenes of shame.

### LESSON FOR JUNE 17, 1917.

The Risen Lord—John 20:2-16.

Golden Text—"Now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the first fruits of them that are asleep." I Cor. 15:20.

Psalms—16,110.

Introduction—Jesus died on the cross Friday afternoon and arose Sabbath morning. Jesus had been buried by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Roman soldiers had securely sealed the tomb and placed a guard by it. In the midst of a great earthquake, Jesus burst the bands of death and issued forth from the tomb the Resurrection and the Life.

2. Mary Magdalene is distressed for the lost body, as she supposes, of her Lord. It is fatal to lose Christ. How many ways Satan has to allure us from the Savior!

3. Peter and John became interested and repair to the tomb.

4. Their interest was intense. John outran Peter. Peter ran with a sad heart. John's love gave wings to his feet.

5. Too sacred was the spot to John to enter. His faith was so true that he heeded but to look.

6. Peter would make sure. The world owes much to sincere doubters. The cloths stood up just as they had been about the body of Jesus.

7. Jesus rose calmly as one from sleep and left the place orderly.

8. John was emboldened by Peter's conduct, and his faith was confirmed in the resurrection or Christ.

9. It was difficult to grasp the truth of the Scriptures pertaining to Christ's resurrection, just as it is difficult for most people to grasp the truth of Christ's second coming.

10. The disciples left the tomb believing.

11. Her love kept her in sorrow, for she had not seen what Peter and John had seen.

12. Angels guard the places where our hold dead lie.

13. Ignorance often causes many a needless pang.

14. Jesus is frequently in our affairs, but we fail to recognize Him because He does not appear as we had expected Him to appear.

15. Ardent affection and intense sorrow sometimes rob us of discernment and judgment, yea, even blind us to our Lord.

16. There is a familiar tone, a familiar touch, which, when given, we never mistake; but it awakes all our consciousness, and whelms our souls with the delights of our desires.

### LESSON FOR JUNE 24, 1917.

Review—The Purpose of John's Gospel. Read John 21:15-25.

Golden Text—"These are written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in His name." John 20:31.

Psalms—2, 23, 72, 145.

Lesson I—Jesus Gives Sight to the

Blind. John 9:1-11, 35-38. Golden Text—"I am the light of the world."—John 9:5. Jesus banishes ignorance and leads men to a knowledge of the truth.

Lesson II—Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead. John 11:17-27, 43,

44. Golden Text—"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25. Jesus has brought immortality and life to light in the gospel.

Lesson III—Jesus the Good Shepherd. John 10:7-18. Golden Text—"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep. John 10:11. Jesus restores, feeds, protects, and folds His people.

Lesson IV—Jesus Anointed at Bethany. John 12:1-11. Golden Text—"She hath done what she could." Mark 14:8. Love gives its best. Jesus is most loved because He loves most.

Lesson V—Jesus Welcomed as King. John 12:12-19. Golden Text—"Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel." John 12:13. Jesus is King of Kings, and the world must receive Him as such to enjoy its greatest blessings.

Lesson VI—Jesus the Servant of All. John 13:3-15: Golden Text—"Whosoever would be first among you shall be servant of all." Mark 10:44. Jesus rendered the greatest and best service, and all who live and act as He did fulfil God's purpose.

Lesson VII—Jesus the True Vine—

John 15:1-13. Golden Text—"I am the vine, ye are the branches." John 15:15. Union with Christ in fellowship and activity with love as the bond brings a life of fruit-bearing.

Lesson VIII—The Importance of Self-Control. Isaiah 28:1-13. Golden Text—"Every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things." I Cor. 9:25. Drunkenness in the individual or the nation consumes and destroys all worth while that has been or might be attained.

Lesson IX—The Holy Spirit and His Work. John 15:26, 27; 16:7-14. Golden Text—"He shall teach you all things." John 14:26. The Holy Spirit is God, and He continues God's influence and work until there shall be a restitution of all things on earth to God.

Lesson X—Jesus Betrayed and Denied. John 18:11, 15-17. Golden Text—"He was despised and rejected of men." Isaiah 53:3. Men reject the best and choose the worst. God casts out the worst and imparts the best.

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#### NOTES ON THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

##### C. E. TOPIC FOR JUNE 10, 1917.

Sins of the Mind—Romans 8:1-11.

All sins are sins of the mind. We do not accidentally do what is wrong. We must make up our minds to act contrary to the will of God. The natural course for all created beings is

to act in harmony with God's laws. Man is the only creature that act consciously opposite to God's will.

Sometimes we do a wrong thing unintentionally, and then we hasten to apologize or in some other way to remedy the injury. Our apology is accepted and our reparation taken as our original deed. This in itself proves that it is the motive and not the act that counts.

But we must also be careful that we train our minds so that they will travel in right channels. A man who commits a crime while he is drunk is held accountable, because he had no business getting drunk. The same is true of any other state of mind-weakening that brings about disastrous results.

The best way to train the mind so that it will not lead us astray in unguarded moments is to make ourselves do a number of right acts until we get the habit. That is the way in which soldiers are trained; and that, in general, is the difference between an expert and an amateur.

Never do things because you cannot see any harm in them. If you cannot see a positive good, leave that thing undone. Many a soul has gone to wreck in doing harmless things, because they turned the doer into a worthless trifler.

#### C. E. TOPIC FOR JUNE 17, 1917.

What is Reverence, and Why Should we be Reverent? Heb. 12:18-29.

Reverence is the respect that we

have for divinity. We do not speak of reverence with respect to persons, for that would degrade the idea, if not the word. We must have some special word to denote our respect for what is superhuman, and that word must be strictly confined in its use.

We should be reverent because that is the only way in which we can maintain the proper attitude toward God. To act toward God as the heathen does toward his idol is only to bring the Deity down to a human or a less than human position.

We should be reverent because that is the only way in which we can maintain within ourselves the proper conception of religion. Reverence is the essence of religion, and lack of reverence is lack of religion. He who is irreverent and at the same time claims that his chances of eternal life are as good as anybody else's does not know what he is talking about, and least of all he knows what religion is.

We should be reverent because that is the only way in which we can exert an uplifting influence upon those whom we wish to bring into the fold of Christ. Our Savior emphasized this truth throughout His whole ministry. The command, "Be ye holy as I am holy," is an exhortation to reverence.

We should be reverent because by that means we will increase in reverence, and thus approach to the full stature that God expects of us in His Kingdom.

## C. E. TOPIC FOR JUNE 24, 1917.

Mission Work in Our Cities.  
Psalm 87.

To those who live in the country or in small towns the city appears as a hotbed of iniquity. This is due partly to the fact that the greatest crimes, as a rule, are committed there, and because there are so many better opportunities for a criminal to hide himself. In the country everybody knows everybody else, and it is difficult if not impossible for wrongdoers to escape detection. Families and individuals are discussed all over the community, and any suspicious moves are commented on. In the city you may pass thousands of people every day, and you do not know their business, nor do they know yours.

City life was just becoming prominent when the 87th Psalm was written. All the evils of present-day city life were in existence then, with fewer means of combating them.

Today we are confronted by the problems of eradicating the sources of evil, of ministering to the extremes of poverty that are so marked a feature of city life, and of starting spiritual life in places where it does not exist.

Those of us who do not live in cities must not judge the city-dwellers too harshly. We do not have their point of view, and we do not really know the difficulties with which they contend. To judge intelligently, we would have to live in the city for some time and study the various problems carefully.

Nothing but the Gospel of Christ can solve the question. For thousands of years other methods have been tried and have failed. But the Gospel of Christ has penetrated some of the dark corners and has been a great boon to those who have excited the pity of generations.

## C. E. TOPIC FOR JULY 1, 1917.

Little Things that Make or Mar.  
Canticles 2:15. Prov. 25:11.

Natural Philosophy tells us of the atoms and molecules of which all matter is composed. Thousands of them could be put on the point of a needle. There could be no masses if there were no molecules. The human body is made up of small cells, invisible to the naked eye.

Ethics tells us of the little defects in character that will sooner or later mar the soul, and if allowed to grow will destroy it.

Any one who has had even a small experience of the world can give many instances of where small sins lead to great destruction. It is not necessary to dwell upon them in detail. But there is one little fox that spoils more vines than any other, and that is the one named "What-harm-is-there-in-it."

The story is told of a man who wanted to hire a skilled coachman, and to test their skill took the applicants out to a road that ran along a precipice. After dismissing two who claimed that they could run within twelve and six inches of the precipice

he hired one who said that he would drive as far away from the precipice as the road would let him.

There are always people who try to see how near they can come to doing wrong without actually stepping over the line. It is evident that they will step over the line if they think that nobody is looking.

Do not try to see how little you can do, but how much good you can do. Be satisfied with nothing but the best.

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THE SECOND QUARTER ARE  
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LESSON FOR JULY 1, 1917.

Isaiah's Call to Heroic Service.  
Isaiah 6.

Golden Text—"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here I am; send me." Isaiah 6:8.

Psalms—19, 40, 67, 87.

Introduction—Isaiah prophesied during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah. He is supposed to have been put to death by Manasseh by being sawn asunder. He was Judah's greatest prophet.

The Vision. Verses 1-7. Isaiah's transforming vision is associated with King Uzziah's death. It begins with a vision of God on a throne, high, lifted up, and followed by a train.

The next step in the vision is the seraphim. The seraphim had wings for service. Their faces were covered in prayer and humility. Their feet were covered in reverence, and two wings were used in ministry. In their forship of God they called Him thrice holy, declared Him Lord of all, and showed that the whole earth was full of His glory. The next step is the temple. It shook at the voice of God, and was filled with the glory of His presence. The next step in the vision was Isaiah seeing himself. He sees himself lost, helpless, unclean, and among wicked people. Then he beholds himself ministered to by a seraph, and cleansed by the word of God and transformed. Would you have a saving vision? Then see God in His true station. See how His angels reverence and obey Him. See yourself as a sinner, and cry to God, and then you will behold your own salvation.

The Call. Verses 8-13. God was calling servants for the redemption of Israel. Now that Isaiah is cleansed he is ready for service. He volunteers to go. A hard task is given, a difficult message to deliver. A hopeless work was to be undertaken, and yet a remnant were to remain true. We are not ready for service until we have been cleansed from our sins and are willing to do whatever God bids. He is calling for the deliverance of America today from almost countless perils. The task seems hopeless. Yet God has a remnant. Are you ready to help save our country?

## CURRENT SECULAR EVENTS

The chief matter of world interest during the past month was as to what Russia was going to do. The provisional government established by the Duma proved unsatisfactory to the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates, who demanded representation, which was finally granted. A great many people in Russia cannot see why they should continue a war which was started by a government which they have overthrown, and it remains for the better informed men of Russia to teach the masses that deadly danger lies before Free Russia if they step out of the war with the Prussian autocracy unconquered. The Russian Revolution is following in the same path that the French Revolution did in 1789-1795. The moderates are being displaced by the radicals; and in each instance, the moderates stand for war and the radicals for peace. Only, in the French Revolution, the invaders of France were interested in restoring the king, and thus forced the radicals finally to assume a war policy; while today, German policy consists in lulling the Russians into a peace policy, so that Germany may throw all her armies upon the French and British, and, after they have been demolished, to deal with Russia as they please.

America is in a queer state of mind. Of course, the popular cry is to "Stand by the President," for he knows best, and the man who kept us

out of war for three years surely would not lead us into war recklessly. This war is to be a bitter and hard one. It is good for at least two years, and possibly three. And America is to be the deciding factor. \$7,000,000,000 has already been voted, and that is only the beginning. It will be four or five times that before we are through. Many of our people who have to have the news broken to them gently, and a little bit at a time, at first were willing that we should aid the Allies with our fleet, but to do no more than that. They did not like the idea of appropriating so much money, and lending one third of it to the Allies. Forsooth, that would be a cheap way for us to get through this war. But that will not be enough, and some of us knew it long ago. Now an army is to be sent to France. And whether we like it or not, that is absolutely necessary. And it must be an enormous army.

The conscription bill is now a law, and on June 5 every male citizen between 21 and 31 years of age must register. Selective conscription from these will take place later on in the summer. It will be September before there will be enough equipment on hand to equip 500,000 men, according to a report from the War office. This means, of course, that a large American fighting force will not be on the French front before the spring of 1918. The British authorities approve our resolution to make haste slowly, but it will disillusion a large body of Americans.



First are those who for the past three years have been yelling against preparedness; claiming that we were much better prepared than most people suspected; that "A million men would spring up over night," all presumably well equipped for a long war; that we were in no danger; and that England and France would have Germany whipped before we could get there.

Taking the news in general, we do not hope for Russia to do much campaigning this summer; and that means that the French and British will not do much either, for the events of the past three years have taught them the

uselessness of wasting their resources unless there is a general attack all along the line. And you can easily guess the sagacity of the man who thinks that the war will be over before September, so that our men will not have to fight.

We expect the Allies to win, but the American people have yet to be waked up.

The encouraging features are: The vast increase in manufactures, the determination to raise vastly larger crops, and the fact that the States of South America are beginning to range themselves alongside of the United States in their attitude toward Germany.



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