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THE MEXICAN PROBLEM.

The above is the title of a book just issued by the Houghton Mifflin Co., of Boston. The author, C. W. Barron, graphically demonstrates that the prosperity and salvation of Mexico depends on the establishment of a government able to keep order, protect life and property, and compel the faithful observance of contracts. For a long time Mexico has been the prey of warring factions. Diaz's strong hand had previously kept order for forty years. It has been claimed that the troubles of Mexico are due to the greed of American capitalists, who were willing and anxious to enbroil the United States in foren war for the sake of protecting mines, oil wells, and other properties which they had purchased for a song.

While not all capitalists are angels, it is indisputable that the parts of Mexico which enjoy the most prosperity, which furnish the most comforts of life to the native population,

and which furnish the fewest soldiers to the warring factions, are those in which foren capital has entered and furnisht the improvements which only great capital can. The most noteworthy example of this is the Tampico oil-field, toward which the various factional chiefs cast a longing eye, on account of the possibilities it offers for levying tribute. The book is very interesting and instructive, and can be obtained for \$1.

MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

September 5—Abounding Grace. II Cor. 9:8.

September 12—Salvation to the Gentiles. Acts 11:18.

September 19—The Church in the Home. Romans 16:5.

September 26—Suitable Subjects for Thought and Conversation. Phil. 4:8.

October 3—The Peace of Christ. John 14:27.

CHURCH NEWS

SPARTA, ILLINOIS.

The W. M. S. met July 31 in the church. The subject for devotional hour was "Brotherly Love." The leader was Mrs. Anna Reid.

We had the pleasure of hearing Rev. W. E. McClure, of Columbus, O., who preached for us on July 22.

Dr. and Mrs. James Smiley, of Indianapolis, Indiana, visited home folks the latter part of July. This was Mrs. Smiley's first visit to Sparta.

Mr. Edgar Carr has returned from Iowa.

Mr. David Stormont, of Henrietta, Oklahoma, was with Sparta friends the first of August. He used to live here, but it has been sixteen years since his last visit, and he finds that many changes have taken place in that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dickey left August 8, for Greeley, Col. They will be gone about two months for Mrs. Dickey's health.

Mrs. Maggie Benson, of Colorado, is at the home of her brother, Mr. Samuel McIntyre. She came to be with Mrs. McIntyre, who has been ill for some time.

CEDARVILLE, OHIO.

During the past month, Cedarville has been the Mecca for former Cedarville boys who are now laboring in other towns and states. Rev. R. C.

Galbreath and family have been visiting his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Galbreath. Rev. R. B. Wilson and family have been visiting Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Orr. Mr. and Mrs. Orr have also enjoyed the presence of a younger daughter, Mrs. McClellan, accompanied by her husband, Rev. E. B. McClellan. Rev. A. S. Creswell and wife have been visiting at his parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Creswell. Rev. T. R. Turner and family have been visiting at the home of Prof. McChesney.

Prof. S. C. Wright and daughter, Marjorie, made a short visit to his former home in Idaville, Indiana, and were accompanied on their return by his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Francis.

Miss Florence Williamson is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Dr. Chesnut and family returned from their Illinois trip in July. His condition at this writing shows no improvement.

Rev. Thomas Whyte occupied the pulpit during the six weeks of Summer School. Rev. A. S. Creswell preached on August 5, Rev. T. R. Turner on August 12, Rev. R. B. Wilson on August 19; while Rev. R. C. Galbreath is scheduled for August 26.

The condition of Prof. Calvin C. Morton shows some improvement.

Miss Gallagher and nephew, of Coulterville, Illinois, have been visiting at the home of Dr. Chesnut.

Frank Creswell, Paul Creswell, Cameron Ross, and Roscoe McCorkell, and Robert Conley are among the soldiers from this district.

MURDOCK—Walter Murdock, son of Silas M. and Jennie Little Murdock, was born June 19, 1875, in the residence located on the H. H. McMillan farm now owned by A. H. Creswell, and died July 30, 1917. His mother, a most amiable Christian woman, past into her heavenly home only four years after Walter's birth. The lad was tenderly cared for and trained by his father and his aunt Mary, until the new home was formed and he found a new and very devoted mother in the present Mrs. Murdock. With the exception of five years in Kansas and a short time in the South Walter lived in this home; and here he most fondly loved and was loved by father and mother and brother and sisters. He was naturally kind and affectionate, and possessed of a gracious manner and an intuitive sense which won for him a host of friends, most of whom thoughtfully remembered him in various kindly ways during his stay in the hospital. He was very appreciative of these tokens of esteem, and would speak of them to visitors as they went to see him. Forgetful of his own intense sufferings, he never failed to ask those who called upon him for their friends, and especially for the sick. On the afternoon before his death, he asked that a message be taken to each of his sick friends in Cedarville, and especially

to Dr. Chesnut, his pastor.

The illness which caused his death came suddenly, and was serious and severe from the outset. He suffered excruciatingly from it. He was relieved from the intense pain by a surgical operation; and was recovering nicely until complications set in. After a strong resistance, his weakened frame was beset by that dread disease, pneumonia. It was but a few days till death came and set his soul free; and gave his tired wornout body the rest and sleep which awaits the call of the resurrection morn. All that human mind and skill and the love and care of his parents and brothers and sisters, and of physicians and nurses could plan and do was done for Walter. God has a better plan and a wiser purpose for him in the celestial mansions. Thither has he gone to be with Christ, which is far better.

Walter early united with the Reformed Presbyterian church, Main Street, Cedarville, of which he remained a member thruout his life.

On his deathbed, he told both his pastor and the writer that, while he would like to get well, he had resigned all to Christ; and whatever God willed should be his will. On his last Sabbath afternoon, he said that he was finding his Savior precious, and putting his trust in Him.

There is no death to the Christian. He only goes asleep. Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, that knows no waking but to joy and peace everlasting.

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EDITORIAL.

The War, and America's entry into it, is expected to do many things; but if it does nothing else, it will have performed a good task in showing us our unsuspected weaknesses. It is too much to expect that a nation could travel a long time in peace without becoming soft. Too much prosperity has made us flabby, both in body and mind.

A year or two ago, when we "alarmists" were reprimanded for suggesting that the United States, unless it took part in the war, would

be in great danger from the victor, the counter-advice was given that all the participants in the European struggle would be so worn out that they could not attack us if they would. This has been disproved in all past history. A nation is never so competent to carry on war than when it has just got thru one. All useless appendages have been cast away. They have just learned what to do and what not to do in order to be most efficient. The machinery is all shiny and oiled. All interferences with prompt action have been swept away. This being the case, it is just as well that the United States should scrape off the rust and get the machinery well oiled.

Another lesson that we are learning is that there should be drastic measures taken for the health and strength of the young men of the nation. If ever a man should be strong, it is between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one. But one need read only the accounts of how many are rejected for physical defects, especially in the cities, to become convinced that government interference is necessary to compel people to cultivate their physical health. To this end liquors and cigarettes should be banished. The social evil should be attacked in a vigorous way. Out-door life should be encouraged. We are sure that out of our present experience will grow an insistent demand for universal military training, which is something different from militarism.

MEETING OF PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY

The Pittsburg R. P. Presbytery will meet in the Fairview k. P. Church on the second Tuesday of September, at 1 o'clock a. m. Clerks of Sessions are requested to forward their Sessional Records for examination, according to the law of General Synod.

ALEXANDER SAVAGE, Clerk.

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The contribution of Cedarville congregation to Cedarville College for the quarter ending July 31 was \$58.69.

NOTES ON THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

TOPIC FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 1917.

Are You a Yes—But?
(Exodus 4:1-7.)

When we do not have a reason for not doing a thing, we hunt for an excuse. There is quite a difference.

Those who did not want to come to the wedding feast began with one consent to make excuse. They did not hunt for reasons, because reasons do not have to be hunted for. They suggest themselves, and they do it so convincingly that even if we are slow of speech and poor in argument, our friends can see that we are sincere.

Moses proved himself one of the great men of history, but in this chapter he does not appear in a good light. He was not a hardened criminal, but he was afraid of himself, of his powers and abilities. He had trained himself in piety during his long stay in the wilderness, but it had made him shy. He would not have been afraid to defend his flock against a wild beast, but he loved solitude rather than the society of his fellowmen.

During his early life he had been prominent at the Egyptian court. Shyness had no place there. But wilderness life cultivates timidity in the presence of human society, and so Moses began to hunt excuses.

What excuses do we hunt when we are called upon to do our duty? Do we say that the case is hopeless? Do we know more about that than God? How can we hope to inherit eternal life if we disobey God?

TOPIC FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 1917.

A Christian's Power.
(Acts 1:1-8.)

The source of the Christian's power is the Holy Spirit. We can do no

effective Christian work without His presence and blessing. The apostles were commanded to wait in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. In present day terms, they were not as yet prepared.

They might have said that they had been with Jesus for three years, and that He had taught them diligently all that they were to preach in the world. They had all the facts. But they needed something more. Facts without the power to convince fall upon the soul like a dead weight.

So they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The result was such a transformation in their lives that their listeners could scarcely believe that they were the same men that they had known so long.

Some men are energetic and yet not endowed with the Spirit. You can easily tell them. They are strong engines, but they are running in the wrong direction. Moral considerations do not affect their conduct, and they will tell you that conscience does not figure in it at all. Such are not born of the Spirit.

The world mocks at the power of the Spirit. It cannot see how such a gentle process can accomplish results. After a long time, when the work is done, then the worldly can see it, but even then they will often not acknowledge it.

TOPIC FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 1917.

How We Should Work Together.

(John 17:20-26.)
This is a lesson on co-operation.

Co-operation and unity are almost the same, but not altogether. Harmony is something else yet. We should all pray for Christian unity, and we should certainly always work in harmony, but we should keep in mind the distinction between them and co-operation.

Different denominations can co-operate, and should do it. Different congregations in the same town can co-operate, and should do it. Sometimes a congregation splits, and two congregations of the same denomination are formed in the same town. If the split was because of internal dissensions, they are defeating the very purpose of God, because the two congregations are formed to perpetuate the split and the discord. The question, "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" was not asked for the purpose of separating them and permitting them to keep up their disagreement, but to induce them to harmonize their differences and stay together.

When Jesus sent out the disciples two and two, he paired them off by differences of temperament. The object was to make one's characteristics counterbalance the deficiencies of the other. This should be our aim in Christian work. No man liveth unto himself. We should hunt up partners who are unlike ourselves, in order that as many good qualities as possible might be found in each squad.

The test of the wisdom of this will be found in the results. We are looking for fruit, and if the fruit is good,

the tree must be good.

TOPIC FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 1917.

Home-Mission Work Among Immigrants. (Psalm 67.)

There is too much of a tendency among many people in the United States to look down upon foreners as inferior both in intellect and in character. Forty years ago there was great outcry against the immigration from northern Europe. It was said that they would spoil the good old Anglo-Saxon stock. Twenty years later, when that immigration had almost ceased, and the country was flooded with Italians, Greeks, and Bulgarians, the criticism was modified, and people began to long for the "good" Teutonic blood. Just at present, there is a great dislike of everything Teutonic, on account of the war, and on account of the acts of the Prussian autocracy; but after the war is over, and we can again look at matters with the proper perspective, the question of what to do with the immigrant will again loom up more prominently than ever. Some think that there will be a great flood of immigration, people striving to get away from the horrors and miseries of the war, others seeking a new start in life. There will be a demand for strict immigration laws, probably even for total exclusion.

The Christian will have to look at this question with Christian eyes. He cannot favor Foren Mission work abroad, and object to it at home. He must either favor both or neither; and if he favors neither, he is dis-

obeying the voice of his Master. Home-Mission Work among Immigrants is really Foren-Mission Work transferred to our own soil.

TOPIC FOR OCTOBER 7, 1917.

Christ's Yoke: What It Is and How to Wear It. (Matthew 11:25-30.)

Because a yoke is heavy, the use of the word "yoke" has often been confused with "burden." Every Christian has burdens to bear, and they are often heavy. But we should not confuse them with yokes. When we mean burdens we should say burdens, and when we say yokes we should mean yokes.

The yoke was put upon the oxen, not to add to their burden, but to make it possible to perform their duties more efficiently. At the same time, the yoke keeps them in line. The yoke is a restriction upon "personal liberty," but it leads to the liberty that makes us free in Christ.

Jesus Christ is our yoke-fellow. Without Him we can do nothing. With Him we can do all things. Paul has much to say about this phase of the topic. He exemplified in his Christian life what the Christian should always do as a co-worker with Christ. We can do no better than follow the advice of the Holy Spirit as transmitted by the hand of Paul.

NOTES ON THE INTERNATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS.

(Rev. W. R. McChesney, Ph.D., D.D.)

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 1917.

The Benefits of Total Abstinence.

Temperance Lesson.

(Dan. 1:8-20.)

Golden Text—Dan. 1:8.

Psalms—37, 52, 59.

Introduction—Our lessons during the month will be in the prophecy of Daniel. It would be well to read the entire book at one sitting. It naturally divides into two parts; the first being historical (chaps. I-VI.), narrating the rise and influence of Daniel at the Babylonian court and the capture of Babylon by the Medes; the second being prophetic (chaps. VII-XII), and consisting of visions.

I. A Pure and Courageous Purpose.

8. Daniel was a captive from Judah in the palace of King Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon. The meat and wine set before Daniel had first been offered in acts of worship to idols. To partake of them would in Daniel's mind have been to acknowledge idolatry. He resolved that he would not defile himself with them. It did not take Jews and Chaldeans long to learn where Daniel stood in matters of religion.

9. God helpt Daniel thru his disposition to maintain his resolve. One does not need to be surly to be firm for the right.

10. It required courage to refuse the king's free provisions, especially since command has been given for their appointment. It would seem that Daniel and his companions could not flourish on what they had chosen to eat and drink; and if they should not, the prince of the eunuchs, whose charge it was to supply their food,

would be held accountable even to death. To do right always requires courage, and we are not to count the cost.

II. The Purpose Put to the Proof.

11-12. Daniel required only a simple drink and diet for a period of ten days. Less luxury and more simplicity at our tables is one thing much needed today. Pulse was vegetables in general.

13. The countenance is the index of the physical condition. People who are temperate in eating fear no comparison in complexion with high livers.

14-15. No one knows how much the prince of the eunuchs must have worried about the health and appearance of Daniel and his companions during the ten days. How astonished he must have been at the unexpected and yet natural results of temperance.

16. Melzar was convinced. If we could get the people of our country everywhere to live on plain food and to close tight the saloons for ten days, gormandizing and drinking of intoxicants would receive their beath-blow.

III. The Purpose Stood the Test.

17. God approves the course of purity and adds blessings thereto.

18-20. When the examination before the king came, the temperance boys past it with a grade of 100 per cent. Whiskey, tobacco, and stimulants are enemies to progress. Temperance in all things is the key to promotion.

LESSON FOR
SEPTEMBER 16, 1917.

The Fiery Furnace.

(Dan. 3:16-27.)

Golden Text—Isa. 43:2.

Psalms—11, 20, 25, 27.

Introduction—The last lesson saw a noble purpose in every-day life put to the test courageously maintained and triumphantly victorious. This lesson sees religion put to the test and equally triumphant.

I. Faith in God.

17. One who comprehends the power, wisdom, and love of God cannot doubt His ability and willingness to deliver His people in any and all their distresses.

18. And if He does not save us from physical death, that is no reason why we should be unfaithful to Him and give our homage to another. Faith says, "Tho He slay me, yet will I trust Him."

II. Faith Put to a Stern Test.

19. Their faith and loyalty to, it lost them the friendship of the king and incurred his wrath and ingenuity to destroy them. The world always thinks that faith is stubbornness.

20. The world's men of might have often been the most consistent opponents of the true faith.

21. All conditions seemed favorable to the king's desire. Sometimes everything appears unlikely to the success of faith.

22. The world's mighty ones frequently perish in their attempts to destroy the righteous.

23. God's people are sometimes

called to lie down bound in the fires of affliction, sorrow, disappointment, and persecution, but they are always sustained.

III. The Victory of Faith.

24. Nebuchadnezzar is not the only man who has been astonished at the triumphs of faith. Count up the list of its victories.

25. This test of faith revealed the Christ to Nebuchadnezzar and the truth of God's promise to all the ages. Be faithful when tested. God is trying to reveal something worth while thru you.

26. The King countermands his orders. So shall opposition to Christ and religion finally end.

LESSON FOR
SEPTEMBER 23, 1917.

Daniel in the Lion's Den.

(Dan. 6:10-23.)

Golden Text—Psalm 37:4.

Psalms—31, 35, 40, 46.

Introduction—Often we are placed between God and man. Many fear men more than God, and are led to take an unwise course. This lesson is to teach us that we should fear God rather than man and act accordingly.

I. Faithfulness and Courage.

10. Man-made laws cannot change Christian convictions. A faithful Christian will be loyal to God, no difference who opposes. Many a family altar has been broken down from lack of courage.

II. The Righteous Not Free from
Trouble.

16. Daniel was not serving God to escape from difficulties. Whoever would be a Christian must expect trials. Our faithfulness to God commends Him to others.

17. Kings and princes have often plotted against the Lord's people, thinking that their purpose would not be changed.

III. A Troubled Conscience.

18. That night there was a troubled monarch in his palace. No sleep came to his eyes. He had done wrong to an innocent and just man. Evil converts happy homes into places of misery.

19. The king was more anxious about Daniel's faith than about the Kingdom.

20. The very manner of the king showed his intense earnestness. His hope was that God had spared the one that he had tried to ruin. How often people try to injure others, and then hope that God will avert the calamity.

IV. A Calm Soul.

21. How many would have been as courteous as Daniel under similar circumstances?

22. Our greatest dangers are as nothing when we are innocent and have God as our protector.

23. Even our enemies are eventually led to rejoice over us and congratulate us when we consistently pursue the right course. Nothing can hurt the child of God in the path of duty. God is his shield.

LESSON FOR

SEPTEMBER 30, 1917.

Review: The Goodness and Severity

of God. (Read Daniel 9:3-19.)

Golden Text—Psalm 103:8.

Psalms—1, 9, 50, 101.

July 1. Isaiah's Call to Heroic Service. Isaiah 6. Golden Text—Isaiah 6:8. The Vision. The Call. Discouragement. Promise.

July 8. Ahaz, the Faithless King. II Chron. 28:1-5, 20-27. Golden Text—Heb. 11:6. Opportunity of Youth and Inheritance. Advantages Abused. God's Graciousness.

July 15. Hezekiah, the Faithful King. II Chron. 30:1-13. Golden Text—Heb. 11:6. Prepared for His Work. Temple Cleansed. Worship Restored. Invitations Sent Out. Great Passover. Reformation.

July 22. Sennacherib's Invasion of Judah. II Kings 19:20-22, 28-37. Golden Text—Psalm 46:1. Prayer Answered. Encouragement Given. Complete Victory.

July 29. God's Gracious Invitation. Isaiah 55:1-11. Golden Text—Isaiah 55:6. The Gracious Invitation. Urged to Accept. The Conditions to Receive. God's Plan Sure.

August 5. Manasseh's Sin and Repentance. II Chron. 33:9-16. Golden Text—Isaiah 55:7. A Good Father. A Bad Son. Why He Became Bad. National Decline. Manasseh Converted. Forgiven and Restored.

August 12. Josiah's Good Reign. II Chron. 34:1-13. Golden Text—Ecc. 12:1. A Good Mother. Early Seeks God. Reforms His People. Repairs the Temple.

August 19. Finding the Book of the Law. II Chron. 34:14-19, 29-33.

Golden Text—Psalm 119:16. The Book of the Law Found. Read in the Presence of King and People. The Effect.

August 26. The Captivity of Judah. II Kings 25:1-11. Golden Text—Ezek. 33:11. The First Captivity. The End Coming to the Nation. The Second Captivity. The Downfall. The Promise.

Sept. 2. The Shepherd of Captive Israel. Ezek. 34:11-16, 23-27. Golden Text—Psalm 23:1. The Lord the Good Shepherd. The Shepherd Seeking the Lost Sheep. The Shepherd Conquers Our Enemies. Vision of the Shepherd and His Blessings.

(The remaining Lessons of the Quarter are found in full in this number of The Advocate.)

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 7, 1917.

Psalms of Deliverance.

(Psalms 85 and 126.)

Golden Text—Psalm 126:5.

Psalms—12, 51, 70, 89.

Introduction—The Psalms are God's own songs of praise. It befits all people to praise God. No human mind can compose songs which will adequately express the praise that human beings ought to render to the infinite God. Surely the fact that God in His Word commands us to sing psalms, and because He gave them as the best expression of our praise in His worship ought to be argument enough to commend the position of psalm-singers and induce all of God's to praise Him by the songs that He both desires and com-

mands.

1. God's grace in restoring Judah from captivity is celebrated. Think of how many times and in how many different ways God has restored your soul. Have you praised Him?

2. God forgave much to His people and covered up much that was dark in their history. Forgiveness for them and for you cost Him the cross and brot everlasting deliverance.

3. The wrath of God is righteous. It is against sin. The sins of Judah were incalculably heinous. They were forgiven, and the wrath of God was turned into love. O the riches and depth of the mercies of God.

4. Judah prayed for a changed life toward God, and a spirit of divine love toward them. We can begin a changed life only by prayer, for prayer is the voice of our desires; and we shall never pray for a changed life until we desire it.

5. Sometimes we question the mercies of God, especially when we are passing under the rod that we richly deserve to feel.

6. In such an attitude, we need a revival of memories of God's right hand of goodness; and then our night of sorrow shall be turned into a morning of joy.

7. God's mercy is ever about us, but sometimes we need to have our eyes opened to see it. When we earnestly request salvation, God will grant it.

8. The prayer of the psalmist is now ended, and he is in a waiting attitude to hear God's answer. He

knows that after such a request the answer will be one of peace, but with the admonition to be faithful.

9-13. Now comes God's answer—They who revere God have His saving presence, and become the propagators of His glory in their community.

10. Grace and judgment both have their just claims. They met at Calvary and joined hands. In Christ Jesus and the atonement they are harmonized.

11. Truth now crushed to the ground shall rise again, and Heaven's judgment shall vindicate the cause of truth in the earth.

12. God is in every good movement, and the Giver of every perfect blessing; and our country, confronting so many perils, shall yet be purified and do God's will and reap His reward.

13. But all this much come thru righteous avenues, for God can only prosper the just.

Psalm 126. The return of Judah from captivity was seemingly so incredible that it was as a dream, and caused hilarious rejoicing, and magnified Jehovah among the heathen. The Psalm closes with a prayer for, and a prophecy of, the successful deliverance of Judah from captivity.

CURRENT SECULAR EVENTS.

The Great War has entered upon its fourth year, apparently as far from ending as ever. While there is fierce fighting every day, the fighting

of the past two years has been on so enormous a scale that it takes something extraordinary to draw even passing comment in the press. Most of the time is spent in wondering how much longer the Central Powers can hold out.

The Pope issued an appeal for peace last month, which some think was inspired by Austria and Germany. At any rate it did not impress England and the United States very much, as it did not touch on the question of what shall be done with the Prussian autocracy. From a religious point of view, it is quite a humiliation to the Roman Catholics and an encouragement to the Protestants; because it shows how far the Papacy has fallen from the time when it was the arbiter of nations.

Congress has past the food bill, and Hoover has been appointed food dictator. A committee has been appointed to aid him. The conservation of food supplies has been going on unofficially all summer. Hoover intimates that he will stabilize the price of wheat, if the government has to buy every bushel in the United States. The foren powers have appointed a purchasing agent in the United States, who buys for all and thus avoids competitive bidding, which would naturally be the case if each nation had an agent of its own. The price of coal will come next after that of wheat, and already there are threats of strikes if the miners do not get the wages that they want. The government may have to take

the mines under control, swear in the miners as government employees, and pay them such wages as they choose. After that, a threat to strike could be construed as treason.

But the most significant thing is, that this war is bringing the Socialist Platform into operation. For many years, to call any scheme socialistic was to condemn it at the start. The Socialist Party was especially angry at the Democratic Party, because the Democratic plans for the good of the common people were considered only half-way measures that appeased the people and hindered the progress of out-and-out socialism. The Republican Party, with its complete opposition to socialistic measures, was considered less aggravating. Now the fortunes of war have put the Democratic Party in a position where it must carry out the pet Socialist principles. As the war goes on we will see more of this.

The examination of the young men for the National Army took place in August, and soon nearly a million of men will be in training camps. A great deal of preparation has been made this summer, and some men have been put on the fighting line. Next year ought to see the end of the war.

Goethals and Denman have both resigned from the Ship Construction Board, the latter by request. Admiral Capps has succeeded Goethals, and the work is progressing nicely. An immense aerial navy is also being constructed. Surely no nation was

ever so fortunate as the United States, in having the privilege of taking five months time after war has been declared, to prepare an army and all that pertains thereto.

OUR COLLEGE.

The 24th year of Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio, opens Sept. 12, 1917, at 9:30 A. M. in the College Chapel. The address of the day will be given by Rev. D. D. Dodds, pastor of the First U. P. Church, Xenia, O.

The outlook for attendance is good. The new members of the faculty will add strength and scholarship. The expenses are low. Board and room and tuition and books for the entire college year cost \$217. The advantages are all that can be found in the first-class modern college. The moral and religious influences are exceptionally good.

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