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## EDITORIAL.

The Committee on the Forward Movement have furnished the church with a splendid program for each month from October until April 1921. The month of November is to be devoted to sermons on the christian Home and Family Altar, congregational visitations to secure every family in the Family Altar League, enlisting of young people in definite christian service, such as the ministry, mission fields and college education. This is a timely part of the program and should receive the support of our entire church. If Home religion is not observed, we can have no religion worthy of the name in the church; and, the decline in interest in religion is due largely to the decline of religion in the home. A man once said to me, "we used to have family worship in our home, but we quit it, and we have been going to the devil ever since." What is true in one home is liable to be in another.

If you are not a regular subscriber to the *ADVOCATE*, and receive this copy for a few times, it is because some one has paid for it for you. Read it carefully and become better acquainted with our church and its work and institutions. The *ADVOCATE* should be in every home in our church— Only \$1. a year. Any one can afford that much for their church paper.

We are sorry to record the death of the Rev. D. J. Masson, of Washington, Iowa, October 5, 1920. He was Editor of the Associate Presbyterian Magazine. He will be greatly missed by the Associate Church. Sympathy is extended to the family and the entire Associate Church.

Theodorus McLeod, youngest son of Dr. John Niel McLeod, a former pastor of the old Twelfth Street Church, New York, City, died October 18, 1920, in his 77th. year, at Clifton N. J. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y. He was the last surviving member of the family.

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### LETTER FROM MISS RAMSEY

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Dear Sisters:

It is nearing the time of another Presbyterial meeting and another report from me. I sometimes fear my reports become monotonous, for my general work is much the same from year to year. Of course, I meet with many different people and have varied experiences, but the general outline of the work is the same.

Our Heavenly Father has helped to keep up the work for another year, and we feel that the past year is the best we have had for some time. Sabbath School has been held regularly every Sabbath and preaching service all the Sabbaths, but two, excepting during our vacation. Father was sick one week in January and not able to preach, but we held the Sabbath School as usual and had a nice little prayer meeting afterwards. One Sabbath in March we came very near not having Sabbath School. It commenced to rain early in the morning and kept it up till about 10.30. I did not want father to go out and get wet, and we were not sure that either of us could reach the church, as two of the streets near us flood very quickly when it rains long, but I felt if at all possible I must go, as I knew some of the children living near the church would be there. One little fellow who is very regular in his attendance has a rain coat and hat and rubber boots, and is quite pleased to come rainy days. I finally got there by going a round about way, crossing some of the bad places on planks and almost wading through others. There were eleven there, but most of us with wet feet and clothes, but we made a fire and dried off some and did have Sabbath School. Father started when it stopped raining, hoping to get there in time to preach, but the streets were so bad by that time that he couldn't possibly cross without just wading. The water was running down one of them like a river. It didn't look as though I would get home in time for dinner that day, but by going a round about way I missed all the bad places, but one, and when I reached it an auto came along and the people kindly took me across. When I went back to Junior meeting in the afternoon the water was all gone, and you would never have known that there had been such a flood in the

morning. The attendance at Sabbath School has been rather larger than usual during the past six months. The present enrollment is 90, including the Home Department. During the month of May the average attendance was over fifty, one Sabbath there were sixty present.

We have a nice lot of very promising children in the school, and we earnestly pray that they may all grow up to become Christian men and women.

I have a lovely class of girls of the early intermediate age. Last December one of them, who was almost thirteen years old, was baptized and joined the church. She had only been in the school a short time when she said to me one Sabbath that she wanted to be baptized. I promised to call during the week and talk with her, and also try to see her father and mother. When I talked with her I found her very earnest and sincere, and very anxious to take the step. Her father was once a member of the Christian church, and her mother was raised a Catholic, but gave up the Catholic religion when she married. Neither of them attend church now, but seemed quite willing for Elsie to join, and she has been very regular in her attendance. Her father and mother have recently bought a home near the church, and I trust we may have her with us for some time, if it is the Lord's will.

In May the death angel removed one of our dear little boys. He was seven years old and had been in the school about three years. His death came very unexpectedly, as he was only sick a few days and just missed one Sabbath from Sabbath School during his sickness. Last New Year's he received a Bible for attending forty-one Sabbaths last year. He was a great pet in the home and has left a broken-hearted mother and grand-mother. The mother works in one of our stores and the grand-mother had the care of him during the day. She used to be a member of the largest Presbyterian congregation in the city, but during the past few years has gotten out of the way of going to church much. I have called on her a number of times since Vincent's death. She always seems very glad to see me, and has promised me she will attend some of our meetings as soon as she can, but her husband has been very ill in the hospital for several weeks, so her time is all taken now doing for him. The family is certainly being sorely afflicted, but I trust and pray that these afflictions may be blessed to them and be the means of leading them closer to the Heavenly Father. In my last report I spoke of a young girl who joined the church last July. She is very faithful to attend our meetings. She has once or twice expressed the desire to be a foreign missionary. She commits very readily, has committed a number of the Psalms and other Bible verses and also the Shorter Catechism, and is now committing the

Larger. She is very desirous to do what is right, but has a good many temptations to meet and does not receive the encouragement and help at home that she should. Her father never goes to church and her mother only occasionally, but both attend their lodge meetings very regularly. We have another young girl in whom I am very much interested. I think I also mentioned her in my last report. She has been helping me with the secretarial work in the school for the past two years, and now does most of it herself. She is a very bright girl, will be sixteen next month, and hopes to complete her high school course next June and then go to college. She is looking forward to journalistic work. She has been in our school for about twelve years, is now teaching a class of little boys, in whom she seems very much interested. This year she has been staying for the preaching service quite frequently. Just last week I had a little talk with her about giving her heart to the Saviour and she replied she she had been thinking a good deal about it. Her father and mother are very nice people, but do not attend church often. Her father is quite hard of hearing and I think for that reason, perhaps, he does not come. Her mother joined the Baptist church before I knew her, but I do not think she was thoroughly converted; she did not seem to find real joy in her religion and in a few years she gave up the church and turned back to the world for pleasure. While she is not a society woman, yet she likes to dance and can see no harm in it, and they often go to picture shows. She thinks the churches are too strict in prohibiting these worldly amusements. I consider her one of my best friends among the mothers and have had a good many talks with her, and she always receives kindly what I say. For a while she attended church and prayer meeting quite regularly, but for the past year or so her health has not been good and she has not been coming so much. She seems to appreciate what we have tried to do for her daughter and says all the religious training she has received has come through us. When I spoke to her about her daughter joining the church she replied that she would not throw any obstacle in her way if she desired to do so, but she would rather she would wait until she was older, as she did not want her to backslide as she had done, and then she hated to have her give up so many worldly pleasures while she was so young, but I told her she would gain a great deal more than she would give up. I know the Holy Spirit is working on the hearts in that home and I pray that they may soon all be brought to the Saviour.

I have two girls in my class who are about fourteen and thirteen. The older one entered the school when she was about four years old and has been with us most of the time since. Last summer they stopped coming for about six months. Their

mother met with an accident and was sick for some time and I supposed that was why they were not coming, but one day when I called I learned from their father that they had told him of something that had been said in class about the Catholics, which he considered was said with the intention of running them down, and as he had been raised by the sisters and had promised to stand by them all his life, he did not want his children to go to a Sabbath School where the Catholics were run down. I tried to assure him that anything that had been said that day was only a statement of facts and not said with desire to do injury to anyone. I felt very badly about the girls not coming and that I had said or done anything to stop them. I knew they were not going to any other church, and if they did not come back to us I feared they would just drop out of Sabbath School and church altogether. I called twice and talked with the mother and the girls, but as the father and mother are both rather peculiar and do not like to be bothered too much I knew I would not gain my point if I went too often, so I just left it in the Heavenly Father's hand, asking Him to make it work out all right and direct me. When their birthday cards were due I left them for them and just before we had our New Year exercises last winter I called and invited them all to come over. The mother and the girls were the first ones to come to the church that evening. We gave the girls their candy and presents just the same as the other children. The next Sabbath morning they were in their places in Sabbath School and have been coming quite regularly ever since. They are studying the catechism and seem quite interested. I have given these few instances that you may gain just a little insight into the homes in which we are working. I have only referred to a few and there are nearly fifty homes represented in the school. In many of them the world and self are placed before God and there is much indifference about spiritual things. You can readily see that the work is necessarily slow in the hearts of the children when the home influence is what it is, yet I feel we have great encouragement to sow the Word in the hearts of these dear children.

We have the promise that God's Word shall not return to Him void, and if it once enters the heart it is sure to bring forth fruit sometime in the life.

Most of the year the attendance at church services and prayer meeting has been rather larger than usual.

The week before "Mothers' Day," in May, I sent written invitations to all the fathers and mothers asking them to attend the services that day. We made it "Fathers' Day" as well as "Mothers' Day." Quite a few responded and we had a nice little congregation. We wish they would come as well every Sabbath.

The Home Department is a little over a year old now. We have nineteen members in it. Some of them are doing very good work. I am trying very hard now to give twelve hours every week to calling. Part of this time I spend calling on the absent and sick ones, and the rest of the time hunting up new scholars, then every three months I do the Home Department visiting.

I can give this amount of time very nicely if too many extras do not crowd in, but some weeks it seems as though every minute of my time is taken, especially if I have a lot of extra work at home. Every housekeeper who does her own work knows these times come occasionally.

The month of December is usually my busiest month. I cannot spend as much time calling then, but usually give more than that amount of time to the real Sabbath School work. I have to plan for whatever New Year exercises we have in the school, and if the children take part in these exercises I have to drill them. Then I have to attend to the buying of the books, presents and candies, and get them all ready for distribution. I often wish for an assistant at this time of year with whom I could share the responsibility.

I like to train the children to do for others, and give the parents a chance to help also, so we usually furnish the Christmas treat for one of the wards at the County Hospital. Last Christmas we had one of the men's wards. One Sabbath early in December, we announced that the collection taken in Sabbath School the following Sabbath would be for this purpose. The children and their parents responded liberally. We raised about \$14 that day, and the money kept coming in during the next two weeks, until we had over \$20. Two of the mothers baked fruit cake, and another one a chocolate cake, and some of the girls brought home-made candy. We made little bags out of pink netting, and in each of these we put an apple and an orange, a few nuts and raisins and candy and a doughnut. We cut the other cakes and wrapped the pieces in oiled paper. We gave one of these bags two small pieces of cake, a pair of inexpensive abalone cuff links, a piece of holly and a Christmas card, on which the girls had written Bible verses, to each patient. We provided for forty-five. The school is still supporting Mrs. Dyal, Dr. Elizabeth Taylor's Bible woman in India, paying her a salary of \$32 a year.

We had our annual picnic the latter part of June at West Lake Park. About fifty attended and we had a very pleasant day. I have given my class of girls two outings this summer, besides the picnic. On Decoration afternoon we went out to one of the parks and spent the afternoon, and took our supper with us. Then another day we spent out in one of the canyons, just outside the city limits. The girls had quite a time hiking.

We are glad to have Mrs. Redmond and family, of Philadelphia, in our city. She is a member of Seventh Church. She was sick when she came and has not yet been able to attend any of our services, but has joined our Home Department and her two girls have started to attend our Sabbath School and church this summer. They have bought a home some distance from the church, but can easily reach it by street car.

Father and I are now having a little vacation. As usual, we feel we cannot close the Sabbath School, so we have to go home every Saturday evening, but leave again Monday morning and stay away all week.

A couple of friends kindly invited us to spend two weeks out on their fruit ranch while they are away, so we are enjoying all the fresh fruit and vegetables we can use and having a delightful rest. The remainder of our vacation we expect to spend in the canyon, just near the mountains.

Father will not preach for several Sabbaths, but the day he does not preach I tell Bible stories to the children after Sabbath School and we have the Junior Endeavor and prayer meeting in the evening.

Since last September I have received from you, through Mrs. White, your treasurer, \$33.75, balance for 1910, and also \$12.60 from Mrs. McMellan, of St. Louis, which I understand was extra, and \$59.15 for 1920. I thank you very much for this continued support and your continued interest in our work. We need your prayers more and more. Great things can be accomplished through prayer, and our Saviour says, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them."

The work among the children becomes more interesting every year and I shall be glad to continue it, as long as circumstances will permit.

I trust you may have a very pleasant and helpful Presbyterial meeting, September 2. I shall be with you in spirit and pray that our Heavenly Father may abundantly bless you in all your efforts to serve Him.

Yours, in the Master's service,

MARTHA J. RAMSEY.

Los Angeles, Calif., August 25, 1920.

## LETTER FROM KENTUCKY.

Anath Home, Houston, Ky., October 7, 1920.

Dear friends: We were here only a few days when they informed me that it was my turn to write a letter for the magazine. I shall try to tell things just as they appear to a novice in this work.

Miss Gallagher and I came here September 8. Miss Turner and Mr. Elder, left the following Monday, and we took up the work where they left off. We have 50 pupils enrolled, and expect more during the winter term; and could have many more if we were equipped for giving High School work. Friends, I want to impress upon you the fact that we must put forth a stronger effort if our mission is kept up and made to compete with other missions that are growing up around it. Comparing my knowledge of the mission when it was first started with what I see around me, convinces me that God truly has prospered us and He will continue to help us, but we must do our part. There are five other mission schools within a radius of 8 miles around us. Turkey Creek has the reputation of turning out more teachers than any other school around here. We, at least, should keep up our reputation, and in order to do this, we must do High School work. We should have a man here all the time. We need a community worker, also a matron for the dormitory during the winter.

Kentucky schools are rapidly coming to the front, and every one here tells us that mission schools such as this one, have done a great deal to bring this about. I believe I can give you a better idea of what the schools of Breathitt county are doing by telling you about the Jackson Fair held September 24 and 25. It was more like what we call Community Day at home,

Houston Academy was represented by 11, pupils and three teachers. A prize was given for the largest attendance from any one school, considering the distance. We came very near winning the prize. Some of the pupils rode horseback, but 8 of us went in a wagon to Oakdale, ten miles away and took the train for Jackson. Those of you who have been over these roads, know what it is to ride ten miles in a wagon. Those who have not experienced it will never know until they have such an experience, for no words in the English language can describe the mud holes and the rocks. To make things worse, it began to rain before we reached Oakdale, but we did not get very wet. We finally reached Jackson, and when the sun shone out brightly all afternoon, we were glad we had gone. The afternoon amusements consisted of races &c., by the boys and girls, also a spelling and reading contest. Music was furnished by a brass band from Kentucky University at Lexington. In the evening we attended a contest for the best boys' oration

and the girls' essay. I never enjoyed anything so much in my life. Fine talent was displayed; the girl who won was not over 9 years old, and she received a \$20. gold ring. The boy having best oration, was a country boy of perhaps 14 years. His subject was, "The responsibilities facing the future boys and girls of Kentucky." He received a \$20 gold watch. He was a very impressive speaker, a future Patrick Henry. Self confidence is a characteristic of these boys and girls. They become leaders wherever they make good.

Saturday morning the contests were for the oldest man, man with the biggest feet, the prettiest baby &c. These all caused much merriment. The exhibits of drawing with other work were equally interesting. They were in the Lee's University buildings. This is a Presbyterian mission school, which is endowed and able to give college instruction. It seems to me it is the only way this school can be kept up. Will not some of our readers do this? No one can have a correct idea of the needs of a mission until they have personal experience. I shall mention some of them: window shades, lumber for a new walk, second hand clothing, especially this time of the year and more single seats for the primary room. This is a wealthy country if it was developed. Our neighbor had 250 bu. coal raised in a day and half where no opening had ever been made before. The veins are 4 to 7 feet thick, and it is not necessary to sink a shaft, the coal being near the surface. This country has a bright future if this generation rises to its responsibilities. The need above all is a vision of Christ. Then they will advance on other lines.

We returned from Oakdale by moon light which in Kentucky, is beyond description. The worst mud holes were filled, so we enjoyed the trip home.

Miss Cunningham is planning a trip home for a two weeks vacation, so it will be necessary to close the school for that time. The Post Office and other duties will take all our time, so Miss Gallagher and I will do our best to "carry on" while she is away.

Remember us and these people in your prayers.

Yours truly, Bertha E. Blair.

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LETTER FROM DR. TAYLOR.

Rurki, India, August 10, 1920.

Dear Friends: The rains have been exceptionally heavy this year. The rice crop will be good but the cotton and perhaps one or two other crops will be light at least in this vicinity, for with the continuous rains, the farmers have not been able to do their cultivating and the grass and weeds are smothering the plants.

I have begun a plan of having the workers come in for three days each month to have a conference with them and a season of prayer for the work and at the same time also receive their monthly pay. While it takes them away from work for three days, I feel the time is well spent, for it inspires them to better work to come together and pray about the work unitedly. Then too, they bring in their reports of the work and I try to instruct them in methods &c.

At our last workers meeting we started the checking of all names on the Baptismal register. In this check I read off the names and require the preacher who has charge of the work of the village in which these people reside, to give a report on the spiritual condition, as best he can, of the particular person under discussion. Then we inquire about the family, if they are not baptized, why, &c. If not they go on the Inquirers list and Preacher's Prayer list until they are won over.

As the men did not quite favor what I was going to require of them, they were not prepared to do much at this first meeting. We did however, straighten up Preacher Mul Chand's list and added quite a number of names to his register, who had come from another mission and are living quite near to Shahpur.

We expect to go out to this place next Sabbath and baptize some children and take the service Sabbath evening.

Three of our preachers are holding regular Sabbath services. We put a great deal of stress on this work at Summer School this year, and hope it bears fruit. The christians in and near this village of Shahpur, are better acquainted with church principles than the average village christian, and though there are those among them whose family life is most unspeakable, yet by starting regular services, and with the help of the Holy Spirit and your prayers, we can confidently expect even them to be brought to see their sins and seek forgiveness. We are making a number of organized village churches our aim. You can not realize what a stretching of our faith it takes to see the goal, but I feel more and more that heretofore we have not pressed this point enough. i e, the education of baptized christians until they are, as far as we can humanly judge, be ready to partake of the Lord's Supper. God grant that we may be able to bring them into their rightful heritage as sons and heirs.

Please do not forget either them or us in this great work.

Yours in the Great Service, John C. Taylor.

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The Forward Movement is on.

Join the Ranks. Don't be a Slacker.

### FORMER DAYS

As each number of the Advocate reaches me and I remove the cover and look in its face, my memory goes back to the "Old Days." For years I did not see a copy, and now that it comes to me each month my heart is stirred, and I think of the past with the greatest pleasure. Of course, there are memories that are not quite so pleasant. When the Advocate first appeared, in the year 1867, I was a boy in my teens, a member of the Sabbath School of the Fourth Church, Philadelphia, the building of which is still standing at Eighteenth and Filbert streets. Several years later they erected a handsome stone edifice farther downtown, which is now in the hands of the colored people.

Dr. David Steele began his ministry in the Fourth Church, as I remember, about 1861-62. When he assumed the pastorate there were just eighty members, as I have been informed. It was not very long before it grew to large proportions, and at the regular services there were no vacant seats.

The theological seminary eventually occupied the church building in conjunction with the congregation, and the closing exercises were held in the auditorium, and the students were always greeted by a large attendance of friends. As I look over the list of ministers at present under the care of the General Synod there are the names of but two whom I heard preach before the Board of Superintendents in those days, namely, Revs. Samuel M. Ramsey and William J. Smiley. Rev. Alexander Savage appeared some time later.

In the year 1875 the late Mr. Alexander Kerr obtained possession of a church building at Twentieth and Vine streets that had been formerly occupied by a congregation of General Assembly Presbyterians, and on the first Sabbath of January, 1876, the Second Reformed Presbyterian congregation, which had occupied a hall for several years previously, began to hold services. They were without a regular pastor until the month of September 1877, when the late Rev. James Y. Boice, D. D., took charge. The congregation flourished, and I doubt if the city contained a more harmonious and united people, and nowhere could a more interesting company of young persons be found. However, Dr. Boice, after a successful pastorate of almost a score of years, accepted a call to the First Church.

At this time there were five congregations in Philadelphia under the care of the General Synod, and of those five only two are in existence at the present time: The Third Church and the Fifth Church, then under the care, as they were for many years, of the Revs. Matthew and William H. Gailey, respectively, the

pulpits now being occupied by Rev. Thomas Whyte, Third Church, and Rev. John Parks, Fifth Church.

Later a Sixth Church was organized at the Falls of Schuylkill, but it did not live long. Still another Sixth Church, of which Rev. L. A. Benson was pastor for a time, was started in Kensington. It too has long ceased to exist. I do not forget that there is another congregation known as the Seventh Church, organized a few years ago, and of which the son of the late Dr. Chesnut is pastor.

There was an attempt made several years ago to organize a congregation in West Philadelphia, but it did not make much progress and before long it was abandoned.

The First Church held public worship in a building in Broad street, known as Horticultural Hall. The late Rev. Andrew Gifford Wylie, a prince of preachers, was the pastor for several years, and during his ministry it was highly prosperous.

The early days of the Advocate were troublous days, and the church was rent by differences among the brethren. But God reigns and the church under the care of General Synod has still her place in the ranks of the Lord's hosts. She has great cause for rejoicing over what has transpired of late. The Reformed Presbyterian Church has always stood for the abolition of the liquor traffic, and I am sure your people pray that before a great while there will not be a slave to the liquor habit in all the land. How our beloved Abraham Lincoln would rejoice if he were on earth today! He brought about the destruction of African slavery, and prayed that the other, even more destructive, devastating and terrible than the slavery of the poor blacks of the South, might be abolished forever in this good country of ours. The minions of Satan, however, are active and are boasting the possession of millions in money with which to baffle the hosts of temperance and awe the Courts by a display of legal talent.

As one says of the movement to free our land from the toils of the liquor monster: "It is a declaration of independence against the old world handicaps and outgrown civilization. It is the American willingness to sacrifice for the common good, to put civil liberty above personal liberty, to recognize that personal liberty ends where personal injury begins. We are willing to help raise those who come from other countries to the American level, but we will not consent that they drag America down to their level."

I am not at present a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and for fear I be subject of a remark attributed to Dr. Alexander McLeod, that "people will praise us, but they will not join us." I will cease to praise you.

NARRATOR.

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#### THE FORWARD MOVEMENT.

The work of the Forward Movement has been launched in all of our Presbyteries. On September 13, the program was presented to the Pittsburgh Presbytery at its regular semi-annual meeting which was held in the Beulah church, West Middlesex Pa. All of those present were favorable to the program and assured the committee of their willing co-operation and support.

On the evening of September 16, at 8 o'clock, in the Seventh church Philadelphia, the program was presented to a meeting of the pastors and elders of the Philadelphia Presbytery, which was arranged in order that there might be a general conference regarding the work. All the pastors of the city were present, and each church was represented by one or more elders. After a free discussion of the program which was presented after a brief devotional service, it was arranged to present the work in the Third and Seventh churches on the following Sabbath. We were not permitted to present the plan in the Fifth church, but trust that at a later date it may be possible to do so.

The members of the Seventh and Third churches seemed willing to co-operate. In the Seventh church the work has been begun, and the congregational chairmen have been chosen.

September 20, was spent at Duanesburgh, and on the 21, at a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Prayer-meeting, we found a very willing spirit in pastor and people. If is this spirit that furnishes the best guarantee of success.

The work in the Pittsburgh Presbytery has not yet been reported, but we are confident that it is going forward and will be reported before the end of the month.

On Sabbath October 10, the program was presented to the Coulterville congregation, and committees chosen to carry on the work. Despite the fact that this faithful people have just lost their pastor, they are anxious to do their part toward making this movement a success.

On Wednesday October 13, at the Fall meeting of the West-

ern Presbytery the program was again presented and met with the approval of all present. At this meeting a very interesting and helpful conference was held on the subject of Evangelism. Addresses were delivered by Revs. L. A. Benson and R. S. Elder, while others participated in the discussion.

The ladies of the Coulterville congregation served dinner to the members of Presbytery as did the Clark and Moore families at the meeting of the Pittsburgh Presbytery, and in each case seemed to go far beyond the ordinary requirements in catering to the needs of the inner man. Very difficult indeed would it be to pay the justly merited tribute of thanks and respect to these ladies of our church who, on all such occasions seem to out do themselves.

At Coulterville these same ladies met for a business meeting of the missionary society, and later adjourned to attend the conference on Evangelism already mentioned.

On Sabbath October 17, after spending a day with Rev. Elder and two days with Rev. Smiley, the work of the Forward Movement was presented in the Sparta church in the morning and in Cutler in the afternoon. These two services were very gratifying because of the fact that out of an attendance of sixty in the Sparta congregation, fifteen of whom were children, we secured 32 signers of the prayer league pledge; while in Cutler out of 40 a few of whom were young people, 18 names were received.

The work in Clay Center will be carried out by Rev. Benson, who was present at the meeting of Presbytery, remaining to dispense the communion for the Coulterville congregation October 24.

Altogether the work is quite gratifying. In any such work there are sure to be difficulties to be met. Our prayer is that God may give to us the spirit of unity, and willingness to pray and labor for the attaining of our denominational goals.

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#### A FORWARD MOVEMENT CATECHISM.

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Q. What is the Forward Movement?

A. The forward Movement is an attempt to secure the united

co-operation of our church, in prayer, consecration of life and money, to the end that God may be able to fulfill His richest promises to us as individuals, and as a denomination.

- Q. How, when and where, did it originate?
- A. It originated in the action of General Synod at its last meeting in Pittsburgh, May 19-24, whereby a committee of three was appointed to draw up a program and carry it out during this present year for the desired ends.
- Q. Why do we need a Forward Movement program in our church?
- A. 1. We have been losing ground. Over twenty congregations have been lost since 1900. Unless this loss can be stopped we are doomed.
2. We must not merely hold our own, we must advance. New congregations must be built up,
3. Our Foreign mission work is not adequately manned or financed. We must adopt a definite Foreign mission policy and carry it out.
4. Our Home mission work needs enlargement.
5. Cedarville College suffers for lack of the sympathetic interest and adequate support by the church that founded it.
6. Our Theological Seminary will graduate five men of our own denomination within the next five years. We must plan to place and pay them in our own churches or mission fields.
7. The enlarged opportunity of the present demands the putting forth of increased efforts by all christians and christian denominations.
- Q. What are the ends to be attained by the forward Movement?
- A. The revival of the spirit of prayer. 1000 prayer leaguers. The rekindling of the fires on our family altars. The consecration of young manhood and womanhood to definite christian service. A revival of spirituality among members, and an ingathering of souls. A quickening sense of our stewardship obligations.
- Q. What are some conditions of success?
- A. Constant prayer, United co-operation.

## THE NEWSPAPER PULPIT

Rev. Albertus Pieters, writing in "Seven Years of News paper Evangelism in Japa," says:

"'Faith cometh by hearing.' Therefore the first thing to do is to get a hearing. To get a hearing the Apostle Paul resorted to the synagogue when in a Jewish community' and to the marketplace when among the Greeks. In a modern community, the place where men go to hear or to tell some new thing, is neither the synagogue nor the marketplace, but the daily newspaper."

Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me. John 5:39.

## THE BACK TO THE BIBLE BUREAU.

This Bureau has been established for the purpose of reaching the great masses of the people daily with a passage of Scripture similar to the above, through the newspapers, and thus inculcating a greater recognition of and reverence for the Supreme Ruler, and a desire for better things in government, industry, and all social relations.

Solomon, the wisest of men, said, "As he (a man) thinketh in his heart, so is he." Surely there is no other foundation for Right Thinking comparable with the Word of God.

## WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

Experiments extending over several months and reaching every part of the United States, have demonstrated that, on the basis of one reader for each copy of paper printed, the Bureau has given a verse of Scripture daily to more than 1,250,000 readers, at a cost of one cent per day for each 8,316 readers.

## WHAT CAN BE DONE.

Although already texts are being published in nearly every State in the country, yet only the fringe of the vast field of opportunity has been touched.

In a population of 110,000,000 there are something over 13,000 groups of 8,316 each. At a cost of one cent for each group, it will require \$130 a day to supply Texts for all the groups, or about \$40,000 for one year.

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#### CHESNUT---WRIGHT WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss Irene Wright to Rev. James L. Chesnut, of Philadelphia, took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Wright, Tuesday evening, October 19, 1920, at 8 o'clock, in the presence of a large company of relatives and friends.

The ceremony was performed by Dr. W. R. McChesney, assisted by Rev. W. P. Harriman. Previous to the marriage Miss Dorothy Oglesbee, sang "I Love You Truly," and Miss Ruth Owings, of Cincinnati, "I Promise Thee." The bride entered the room on the arm of her father, the ceremony being performed beneath an arch of chrysanthemums and honeysuckle and vines. The colors being yellow and white. The wedding march was played by Miss Lena Hastings.

The attendants were Miss Marjorie Wright, maid of honor, who wore a crepe de chine dress in yellow; brides maids, Misses Helen Oglesbee and Florence Somers, who wore blue organdie. The bride wore a gown of white satin with embroidered rose point lace, her long veil being caught with orange blossoms.

The bridegroom was attended by Morton Creswell. The beautiful ring ceremony was performed. Following the ceremony a two course supper was served and the bride and groom left immediately for Chicago, going from there to Iowa to visit with relatives for a few days.

The ADVOCATE extends congratulations.

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#### OUR SEMINARY.

There are 13 students in our Seminary. The subjects taught are Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, Greek New Testament, Bible Oratory, Old Testament Literature, Hebrew, Elementary Homiletics, Advanced Homiletics, Biblical Theology, and Archaeology.

The students conduct a weekly prayer meeting. They have been having a good deal of preaching to do in Cedarville, Richmond, Ind., Idaville, Ind., and Sycamore and Cherry Fork and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. J. P. White, D. D., will give the second lecture by pastors on Pastoral Theology, next week, to the students and faculty.

### OUR COLLEGE,

The Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of the Colleges of Ohio, paid a visit to our Y. M. C. A. a few weeks ago and was much pleased with the prospect among the young men of the college. Mr. H. L. Seamans is the State Y. M. C. A. Secretary.

The tri-state Y. W. C. A, Secretary of Colleges in Ohio, W. Va., and Ky. plans to be with the Y. W. C. A, soon for a whole week's services. Miss Klinke of Cincinnati, is the Secretary.

The local pastors have asked the faculties of our College and Seminary and Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. to unite with them in Evangelistic Services to be held during November, and also to conduct monthly religious meetings in the Opera House. We have consented to join in these religious movements. Every student in the college is a professed christian. There is great promise in this student body numbering 120 christian young people for definite christian service. O that we shall, as a faculty and as students, have the earnest prayers of our entire church in the training and preparation of these young men and women!

The various churches in Cedarville have given socials to the faculty and students, and the students gave a social to the faculty, October 8th. in the Alford Memorial. The girls, as it is their year to do so, will give the Halloween social to the college, October 29.

The annual Bible Reading Contest, started a number of years ago by Rev. John Alford, D. D, and perpetuated by Miss Margaret Rife, of the the Clifton, U. P. Church, was held in the R. P. Church October 22d. There were thirteen contestants. The winners were for first prize of \$7. E. Dwight McKune, Bellfontaine, O., second prize of \$5. Carl Duncan, of our Darlington, Pa., congregation, and George Markle of Ellwood City, Pa., won the third prize of \$3. A good audience graced the occasion. It was pronounced by many to be the best Bible contest ever held here.

The new Cedrus committee is at work under the efficient Editorship of Harold Hammond, of Industry, Pa., and management of E. Dwight McKune. The financial pledges for its success are assured and you may look for a book that will please you and be an ornament to your library table.

Thirty scholarships of \$40. each are needed for this year. Eight of these have been given. Only 22 to be given yet. They go to pay the tuition of young people who can not pay their own.

\$17,000 are needed yet to complete the endowment of the James F. Morton, Bible Chair. Do you believe that the Bible should be taught in our college? How can you prove that you do? All right, then prove it.

The college is joining heart and hand in the Forward Movement of our church. Our students consider the Forward Movement to be reasonable, right, and worthy of support. They are gratified to find so many in our church cooperating in the movement.

Praying for every pastor and congregation, for our missions at home and abroad, and beseeching in turn your prayers for us, we go forward trusting in Him who has committed a great work to us.

Yours sincerely, W. R. McChesney.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

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 NOVEMBER 7, 1920.

Topic: Peacemakers. Matt 5: 9. Gen. 13: 1-9.  
Consecration meeting.

**BIBLE READINGS**

1. A well balanced mind, Prov. 14:29.
2. Wisdom in action, Eccl. 10:4.
3. Paul's advice, Rom. 12: 16-21.
4. The Golden Rule, Matt. 7:12.
5. The test of Wisdom, James 3; 13-18.
6. The Peace Keeper, Gen. 26: 17-22.

**BIBLE TEACHINGS**

1. Strife makers are never happy, Matt. 5:9.
2. Selfishness and Greed cause strife, Matt, 5:6.
3. The tongue is an unruly member and should be kept in subjection.  
James 3: 5, 6.
4. The tale bearer separateth friends, Prov. 26: 20.

**PERTINENT QUESTIONS**

1. Do we try to live at peace with others?
  2. How may the nations live at peace?
  3. Do we have the spirit of peace and good will?
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NOVEMBER 14, 1920.

Topic: "Winning our friends for Christ." John 1: 40-51.

**BIBLE READINGS**

1. A passion for souls, Rom. 9: 1-5.
2. Full of zeal for Christ, Acts 26; 24-32.
3. Co-labourers with God. Mark 16: 14-20.
4. Winning by prayer, 1 John 5: 13-21.
5. Pointing to Jesus, John 1: 29-29.
6. The right attitude, John 3: 25-36.

**BIBLE TEACHINGS**

We are to do our best to draw all men to Christ. We are the means in His hands to save the world. None of those who are drawn by the divine power will ever be lost.

**PERTINENT QUESTIONS**

1. Have we a burden for souls?
2. Are we willing to become soul winners?
3. Do we let our light so shine that others may be led to Christ?

NOVEMBER 21, 1920.

Topic: "The Thanksgiving Habit." Psalm 103; 1-22.  
Thanksgiving meeting.

#### BIBLE READINGS

1. Calling to mind the former days. Deut. 5: 15, 32, 33.
2. Causes for Thanksgiving, Psalm 107: 1-43.
3. How to show gratitude, Prov. 2: 5-10,
4. Expressing our thanks, Luke 17: 11-19,
5. Remembering our duty, Psalm 50: 1-15.
6. Practical Thanksgiving, Rom. 15: 25-33.

#### BIBLE TEACHINGS

Thanksgiving is man's duty. We have much to be thankful for, and it is a becoming thing to render to God the thanks due to Him. Holy men of Bible times rendered thanks to God for His mercies.

#### PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. What have we to be thankful for?
2. What has our country to be thankful for?
3. Is Thanksgiving Day observed by christian people as it should be?

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NOVEMBER 28, 1920.

Topic: "Inspiring Stories from Home Mission Fields," Acts 10; 1-6.  
A Missionary meeting.

#### BIBLE READINGS

1. Timothy Won, 16: 1-8,
2. An echo of Pentecost, Acts 4: 31.
3. Liberality the result of Conversion, Acts 4: 32-37,
4. Christ's transforming power. Acts 9: 1-9.
5. Christ's healing power. Acts 9: 32-35.
6. Peter delivered. Acts 12: 1-17.

#### MISSIONARY LETTERS.

Every Christian Endeavorer should read the missionary letters from Kentucky, and the letter from Miss Ramsey, of Los Angeles, Cal. carefully and get the missionary spirit. We must know the conditions and needs of our missions and missionaries better than we do.

#### PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. How can we help in Home mission work?
2. Do we know that there is need of Home mission work in the rural districts?
3. What Home missionary work is our society doing?

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