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EDITORIAL.

This is the month of May, the month that means so much to all, because in it the meeting of General Synod is held, and the Synodic year comes to a close and another year begins. This has been a strenuous year in all the activities of the church. We have had our trials and disappointments, as well as times of successes. Whatever may have been our lot, in closing this year, we are brought face to face with another year, and as in the past we will begin it with faith in God and hope for better things in the future.

We take the following from a letter from one of our subscribers who was once a member of the R. P. Church, but now of the Presbyterian Church.

Dear Sir:

Your editorial in the April number, to my mind is fine; what's the matter with the world?

We are hearing from the average preacher, everything, under heaven but the gospel, but it's been all down the ages, see Jeremiah 23:1-4 and Ezekiel 34:1-10, now until we get to cut out, stereoptic views, sacred concerts and organ recitals and preach the old and ever new gospel we can't expect God's blessing.

But I think the time is here spoken by another prophet Amos 8:11. I think mankind is hungry for the gospel of our Saviour.

When we came here 33 years ago our churches were well fill-

ed, today not half full in the morning and in the evening you could count them on your fingers and toes.

To my mind Sabbath desecration is the crying sin of today.

INSTALLATION OF REV. R. C. MONTGOMERY, D. D.

As announced in the last Advocate, the Rev. R. C. Montgomery, D. D. of Philadelphia was duly installed pastor of the Seventh Reformed Presbyterian Church. He presented his certificate from the Philadelphia Presbytery of the Synod, and was heartily received. He has been supplying this congregation for some months with great acceptance.

At the hour to open the meeting the house was well filled, and soon the program as arranged was carried out. All the ministers of the Presbytery were present. The Clerk of Presbytery presided, and the Moderator Rev. R. W. Chesnut preached the installation sermon from 1 Cor. 9:16. Rev. John Parks, the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Thos. Whyte, gave the charge to the people. The installation prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Rev. F. M. Wilson, of the Third Church of the Covenanters being present offered prayer. After singing Psalm 133 the newly installed pastor adjourned Presbytery with prayer and pronounced the apostolic benediction.

The Elders, Trustees, members and adherents and visiting friends came forward and with hearty hand shakes welcomed the new pastor.

The Seventh Church is to be congratulated on the choice they have made in choosing a pastor, one of experience, ability and zeal, in the work. The whole spirit of the meeting was pleasing, and the congregation has taken heart again and have started to work with a will. This is a good congregation and deserves the very best that can be had: May the Lord bless them and give them success.

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MEETING OF GENERAL SYNOD

The General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America will meet pursuant to adjournment in the Fifth Reformed Presbyterian Church, Front above York St. Philadelphia Pa., Rev. John Parks pastor, on May 17th 1922, at eight P. M. to be opened with a sermon by the Retiring Moderator's alternate Rev. Thos. Whyte. L. A. Benson, Stated Clerk.

NOTICE TO DELEGATES

Delegates coming to the meeting of General Synod will be cared for by members of the churches. Dinner and Supper will be served in the Fifth Church. Ministers kindly notify Rev. John Parks 5923 Washington Ave. at your earliest convenience, who is coming, so provision can be made for all.

CHURCH NEWS

Rev R. S. Elder of the Concord congregation, Cutler, Ill., has resigned his charge and has accepted a call to the United Presbyterian Church of Belle Center, Ohio.

Rev. W, J. Smiley. of the Sparta congregation, will celebrate, the fiftieth anniversary of his pastorate, June 6, 1922. This is a record that few ever attain to as pastor. A full account will be given in a later issue of the Advocate.

Mr. Elwood Moore an elder in the Duanesburgh congregation, is home from the hospital, but unable to attend services at the church. His presence at our meetings is very much missed.

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FIFTH REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Fifth Church Philadelphia has just past through one of the most interesting times in her history. One week's Gospel meetings from April 11th to 17th were held in connection with the communion, and was well attended, a great spirit of enthusiasm filled the hearts of the people, and there was cause for rejoicing. Tuesday evening Rev. Samuel Clements of the Methodist church brought a real live message on "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." Wednesday meeting for prayer, conducted by the pastor—a real prayer meeting. Thursday Rev. E. E. Robb D. D, of the U. P. Church enthused us with thought "A passion for our Master and Lord, giving our best to Him, believing what He tells us." Friday Rev. R. C. Montgomery D. D. the new pastor of the Seventh church, brought an able message on "The institution of the Lord's Supper, and the reality of the presence of Christ." Sabbath morning the pastor spoke to us on "A large upper room furnished." This was followed by the Lord's Supper.

It did seem God made the day to order for this occasion, an expression of joy seemed to be in the air. God was with us. 312 communed. 26 were received into the fellowship of the church. \$938.00 was contributed to the cause of missions.

Evening service at 7:45. The subject was "The Resurrection" Monday evening Rev. Thos Whyte brought a wonderful message on the three great realities in 23rd Psalm. "Life, Death, and Heaven." Communion exercises were brought to a close, and the Sacrament of Baptism administered.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Our Sabbath School is growing, we have now over 400 on our roll. and an average attendance of almost 300. Our teachers are presenting Christ to their scholars, and are seeing the fruits of their labors. Over \$500 was given by our school to Foreign Missions this past year.

Our midweek prayer meetings has almost reached the mark for which we have been aiming, 100. God is surely blessing these meetings.

A great work lies before the whole church, never as good a time as now to work for our master. "Lo, I am with you alway" The world is longing, not for creeds, not for principles, but for Jesus. "Jesus only."

OUR COLLEGE

The present year of the College will close June 9, Commencement Day. Students and faculty are busy with preparations for commencement week.

Rev. James M. McQuilkin will be the orator on commencement day. Mr. McQuilkin is an Alumnus of Cedarville College in the class of '98. He is now pastor of the Carnegie, Pa. U. P. Church.

Commencement will be as follows: Junior Banquet for Seniors 2; Baccalaureate Sermon by President McChesney, June 4; Senior Class play, June 5; Faculty reception, June 6; music Exercises, June 7; Board meeting and Field Day, June 8; Commencement, June 9; Alumni Banquet, June 8; Alumni Business Meeting, June 8. Every plan is being made to erect the new Science Hall this year. Work will begin as soon as possible.

OUR SEMINARY

Our Theological Seminary at Cedarville, Ohio, will close with the Superintendent's examinations May 9 and 10.

The following are the young men of our church with their standing: N. C. Elder, Junior in college, two years work in seminary. D. H. Hammond, senior in college, two years' work in seminary. Gavin Reilly, two years' work in seminary. R. W. Clarke, two years' work in seminary and senior in college. R. W. Stewart, two years' work in seminary and junior in college. The year has been one of marked interest and good spirit

Mr. G. C. Markle of the Presbyterian church, Idelma Wickerham of the Covenanter Church, and E. D. McKune of the U. P. Church are in attendance.

DR. TAYLOR HOME AGAIN.

A letter from Mrs. Dr. Taylor, dated Apr. 17, 1922 announces that they had arrived in San Francisco, safely April 13. They will remain in Los Angeles 10 days and then come east to visit among their friends until Synod meets. We will all be glad to see them and give them a hearty welcome.

LOS ANGELES.

Dr. and Mrs. Taylor with their four children, landed in San Francisco late on the 13th of April and reached Los Angeles on the 15th. They sailed from Calcutta March 2nd. As they were all very tired, we did not ask much of them the first Sabbath, the 16th. They spent a busy week seeing friends and getting ready for their trip east. On Sabbath the 23d we had our communion, when the Dr. preached. They both addressed the Sabbath School in the morning, and in the evening they both spoke of their work and experiences and customs in India. The Dr. brought a large number of curios from India, which were of great interest to the friends who came to see them. On Monday evening a goodly number came in to bid them goodbye and wish them "God speed" on their journey. A pleasant evening was spent in listening to the Dr. as he explained the many curious things. While here the Dr. bought an auto, in which they started east, on the 27th. In it they expect to visit among the churches, during their stay in this country. We feel sure these visits will do much to give new zeal in the work of the whole church.

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DUANESBURGH C. E.

Last fall our society had a roll 22 members. We gave a contest for new members. After the contest we had a total of 41 members, but because some have moved to the city, we have with one new member 34.

We also gave a social for the benefit of Cedarville College. The proceeds amounted to \$30.

During the winter months we had very poor attendance, but spring has brought an increase. We hope it will continue.

Last Monday evening the Schenectady Co. C. E. Union held its annual Congress meeting in Scotia Reformed Church. Three of our members represented our society. A banquet was given at 6:30 P. M., after which a business meeting was held. Each president told what their society had done. It was a hundred per cent meeting having every society represented in the Co. Twenty-one in all. Doubtless every one who attended was pleased and enjoyed themselves.

GOD KEEPS WATCH ABOVE HIS OWN.

"Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord." Isaiah, 49:5 These words seem primarily to refer to Him who came to save his people from their sins. It was true in his case. Israel was not gathered unto him. They would not believe his report. They would not cometo him that they might have life. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." "He was despised and rejected of men, Mankind esteemed him not. He was scorned and persecuted, hated and despised, rejected and cast out, condemned and crucified. This is the reception the Saviour of the world received, when he came into it. Yet he could say, "Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord." Not a great many were gathered by his personal work. Yet because "he poured out his soul into death," the Father "highly exalted him, and hath given him a name which is above every

name." Though he gathered only one hundred and twenty in Jerusalem, yet the Father "glorified him with the glory he had with him before the foundation of the world." Though the world looked on his life as a failure, yet he is glorious in the eyes of every inhabitant of heaven, for they are saying "Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto him for ever and ever." Was his life a failure?

The church can make use of the same language. "Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord." The whole number gathered into the church seems comparatively small. Far the greater part of mankind are outside of the church of Jesus Christ. And one cannot help fearing that many professed christians, are outside of the true church of Christ. Many parts of the church seem to make but little progress, and gather but few into the fold. The same can be said of many congregations. They are but small, the community is not gathered, sinners are not saved. Yet the church is glorious in the eyes of the Lord. "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion." "Walk about the church, and go round about her, see her strength, mark her defense, consider her beauty, that ye may tell it." God says to his church "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people, but the Lord shall arise upon thee." "For the church's sake will I not hold my peace: and for her sake will I not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation. I the Lord will hasten it in his season." "She is all glorious within, her clothing is of wrought gold." In her Lord's eyes she is "clear as the sun, fair as the moon, without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing," because "she has washed her robes, and made them white in the blood of the lamb."

Every faithful worker in the church can say the same thing: "Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord." The faithful workers for God have not been glorious in the eyes of the world. The prophets in olden times,

were a persecuted class. The closer they walked with God the more they were despised. The clearer they gave God's message, the more dull were the people to hear. They could all ask "who hath believed our report?" They had trials of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea moreover, of bonds and imprisonments, they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword; they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being afflicted, destitute, tormented; of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens, and in caves of the earth."

The Apostles of our Lord were imprisoned and banished, and put to death. And so with many of the best workers since then. Those who have lived godly in Christ Jesus, have suffered persecution, and many good workers today are lamenting that "Israel is not gathered." Many toil and see little fruit of their labors. They are ready to say, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for naught and in vain." Yet it is not all dark, it is not all discouragement. Can they not say, "though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord?"

Elijah lamented that Israel was not gathered; he thought he had not gathered a single one, yet God was so well pleased with him, that he took him straight to heaven. John the Baptist was a very discouraged man as he sat in prison and wondered if Jesus was really the Christ. Yet Jesus said he was one of the greatest men earth had ever seen. "He was great in the sight of the Lord." John Bunyan, a despised tinkerer, lay in a gloomy prison cell year after year, not knowing what the end might be. Not many were gathered by him while he lived, but who can tell the countless multitudes that have been gathered by his marvelous book, the Pilgrim's Progress, written within prison walls. "The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." The lesson for us is "Be not weary in well doing, for ye shall reap in due season, if ye faint not," "Wherefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor shall not be in vain, in the Lord." God keeps watch above His own.

Samuel M. Ramsey.

NOTICE!--

More than twelve pages of our linotype matter for this issue of the Advocate has been lost for the present by the Express Company, and this has caused not only a delay in the paper of a week, but also much important matter is wanting. We regret the loss of the Kentucky letter which was important at this time.

WHAT SUCCESS DEPENDS UPON

The success of any young man must depend largely upon himself. Going to College will not make a man. It may break him. It has broken scores of young men. The aspirations of youth are prophecies of what manhood will bring. The tree is known by its fruit. We may say also that the fruit is known by its tree. One cannot gather grapes of thorns nor figs of thistles. The ambitions of manhood set their paces in early life. The man of mature years is but the boy grown older. Agassiz was so infatuated with the love of nature in his younger years that to secure specimens for his botanical or geological collection, he is known to have walked thirty miles a day for eight days in succession, carrying on his back a heavy bag loaded with plants and minerals. In this way the great scientist developed the germ which God had planted in his soul.

Christian Union Herald.

PRAYING PARENTS.

Where there is a praying mother in a home there is always hope for the children. Where there is a praying father there is no need for hopeless discouragement in regard to the boys.

If you can keep God's ear, God will keep the boy's heart. No case is hopeless while the incense burns before the mercy seat. You can reach your loved ones by way of heaven when all other paths are closed. Prayer strikes the knocker on God's door when nothing else will. Prayer will bring you to the gate of glory with the key at your girdle.

Christian Union Herald.

REJOICING IN HEAVEN.

Young spirit freed from bondage,
Rejoice! Thy work is done;
The weary world is 'neath thy feet;
Thou, brighter than the sun!

Arise, put on thy garments
Which the redeemed win.
Now, sorrow hath no part in thee,
Thou, sanctified from sin!

Awake, and breathe the living air
Of our celestial clime!
Awake to love which knows no change,
Thou, who hast done with time!

Awake! Lift up thy joyful eyes,
See, all heaven's host appears;
And be thou glad exceedingly,
Thou, who hast done with tears.

Awake! descend! Thou art now
With those of mortal birth;
The living God hath touched thy lips,
Thou, who hath done with earth!

THE SOUL'S HIGH DESTINY.

O ignorant poor man! what dost thou bear
 Locked up within the casket of thy breast?
 What jewels, and what riches hast thou there?
 What heavenly treasure in so weak a breast?

Look in thy soul, and thou shalt beauties find,
 Like those that drowned Narcissus in the flood:
 Honor and pleasure both are in thy mind,
 And all that in the world is counted good.

Think of her worth, and think that God did mean
 This worthy mind should worthy things embrace:
 Blot not her beauties with thy thoughts unclean,
 Nor her dishonor with thy passion base.

Kill not her quickening power with surfeitings;
 Mar not her sense with sensuality;
 Cast not away her wit on idle things;
 Make not her free-will slave to vanity.

And when thou think'st of her eternity,
 Think not that death her nature is;
 Think it a birth; and, when thou goest to die,
 Sing like a swan as if thou wentst to bliss!

Sir John Davies.

GENOA ANOTHER MILESTONE.

The Genoa Conference, which opened on April 10, could not well have been called but for the example set at Washington.

Thus one effort for agreement, for harmony, and against militarism paves the way for another. Undoubtedly there will be a great conference for financial and economic settlements in which the United States will take a full part; such a conference should assemble next year, if not sooner. We commenced last upon the decision of the Harding Administration not to be represented at Genoa. This decision was one of the immediate tactics rather than of fundamental policy. It was upon the whole a wise attitude that was assumed at Washington. This Genoa Conference is a preliminary effort to remove some of the political obstacles that lie in the way of Europe's return to prosperity. Our Government has made it clear that Americans wish to see eastern Europe harmonious and successful.

EUROPE NEEDS HOME REMEDIES.

The smaller powers of central and eastern Europe have been earnestly endeavoring, under the leadership of broad minded statesmen like Premier Benes of Prague (Czechoslovakia), to move in the direction of commercial union. Europe has been physically sick and mentally disordered ever since the armistice. The United States is, relatively speaking, sane and healthy. Europe must proceed farther on the road to recovery before the United States can be of much definite service. A certain sentimental mushiness in the United States toward Europe as a whole, or toward this or that particular government, has become positively harmful. It has never been the habit of European governments to consider any interests except their own, for a single moment. This is due to historical causes and is not said by way of disparagement. The United States in the long run will have most to contribute to the success of Europe by taking a firm and a rather hardheaded view of American interests. This does not mean a narrow or an assestive view. Generosity is wholly compatible with enlightened self-interest. Europe can "clean house," to a great extent without the services of Columbia as a scrub woman. As a "paying guest" Columbia has much to offer.

 NOTHING IS LOST

Nothing is lost: the drop of dew
 That trembles on the leaf or flower,
 Is but exhaled to fall anew
 In summer's thunder shower:
 Perchance to shine within the bow
 That fronts the sun at fall of day.
 Perchance to sparkle in the flow
 Of fountain far away.

 RESIGNATION.

There is no flock, however watched and tended,
 But one dead lamb is there!
 There is no fireside, howso'er defended,
 But has one vacant chair!

The air is full of farewells to the dying,
 And mournings for the dead;
 The heart of Rachel, for her children crying,
 Will not be comforted!

Let us be patient! These severe affiictions
 Not from the ground arise,
 But oftentimes celestial benedictions
 Assume this dark disguise.

We see but dimly through the mists and vapors;
 Amid these earthly damps
 What seem to us but sad, funeral taper
 May be heaven's distant lamps.

There is no death! What seems so is transition;
 This life of normal breath
 Is but a suburb of life elysian,
 Whose portal we call death.

She is not dead,— the child of our affection,—
But gone unto that school
Where she no longer needs our poor protection,
And Christ himself doth rule.

In that great cloister's stillness and seclusion,
By guardian angels led,
Safe from temptation, safe from sin's pollution,
She lives whom we call dead.

Day after day, we think what she is doing
In those bright realms of air;
Year after year her tender steps pursuing,
Behold her grown more fair.

Thus do we walk with her, and keep unbroken
The band which nature gives,
Thinking that our remembrance, though unspoken,
May reach her where she lives.

Not as a child shall we again behold her;
For when with raptures wild
In our embrace we again enfold her,
She will not be a child:

But a fair maiden, in her Father's mansion,
Clothed with celestial grace;
And beautiful with all the souls expansion
Shall we behold her face.

And though, at times, impetuous with emotion
And anguish long suppressed,
The swelling heart heaves moaning like the ocean,
That cannot be at rest,—

We will be patient, and assuage the feeling
We may not wholly stay;
By silence sanctifying, not concealing,
The grief that must have way.

H. W. Longfellow.

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 THE HEART'S SANCTUARY

For man there in still left one sacred charter;

One refuge still remains for human woes.

Victim of care! or persecution's martyr!

Who seek'st a sure asylum from thy foes,

Learn that the holiest, safest, purest, best,

Is man's own breast.

There is a solemn sanctuary founded

By God himself; not for transgressors meant;

But that the man oppressed, the spirit wounded,

And beneath the world's injustice bent

Might turn from outward wrong, turmoil and din,

To peace within!

 JAMES ADAM.

Died, April 19, 1922, in New York City, Mr. James Adam, of injuries received from being run down by an automobile while crossing Eighth Ave., April 10. He was one of the honored members of the Twelvth St. Church who still remained faithful to General Synod. For some years he has been worshiping in the Third R. P. Church New York City, Rev. F. M. Foster, pastor. Mr. Adam was in his 76th. year. He was a liberal supporter of our College and Missions.

REV. ROBERT BLAIR

Robert Blair was born in county Derry Ireland Aug. 8, 1844 and died March 8, 1922, aged 78 years, 7 months.

He came to America in 1868 and located in Philadelphia, Pa. He studied for the ministry in the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary and was licensed to preach in 1875. He was pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Princeton, Ind., from 1875 until 1885; was also pastor at Idaville, Ind. from 1890 until 1900. He retired from the ministry on account of ill health. He transferred his membership to the United Presbyterian church some years ago of which church he was a member when he died.

He was united in marriage to Mary Ann Ervin on June 11, 1878 and to this union were born two children Mary E. and James Ervin. His wife died June 14, 1921. Left to mourn are two children, Mary E. Cairns and James Ervin Blair, four grandchildren, three sisters Mrs. Mary Blair and Miss Hannah Blair of Philadelphia Pa., and Mrs. Margaret McDowell of Verdun, Quebec, Can., two brothers William of Philadelphia and James and a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

The funeral services were held at the First United Presbyterian Church in this city, Friday afternoon at three o'clock and were conducted by the Pastor Rev. Chas. M. Filer and interment was made in the Coulterville cemetery.

MRS. SARAH CARLISLE

Bible Class No. 1 Mr. Alexander Russel, teacher, on the death of one of its members Mrs. Sarah Carlisle. Died at her home March 9, 1922, aged 86 years and 5 days. She was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church Coulterville Ill., and member of Class No. I, also the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Carlisle was highly esteemed and of a Christian spirit. Although being deprived of attending Church services on account of ill health she never lost interest in the church and Sabbath School Class work. We

as members cherish her memory and extend our loving sympathy to her daughter Mrs. Munford and other dear friends. We rest on the assurance that God has taken her to a higher home not made with hands. The words of the apostle are appropriate. "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous Judge will give me at that day, and not to me only, but all who love his appearing." From the class No. I of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Coulterville Ill. April 9, 1922.

Resolutions adopted by the session of the Concord Reformed Presbyterian Church in memory of Mr. James H. McClure.

Whereas, God in his all wise providence has removed from us our beloved brother and co-laborer in Christ, Mr. James H. McClure who has for thirty-one years served in the Session of this Congregation and has been a life long member of the church, consistent and punctual in his attendance at church and

Whereas, it is our desire that we leave on our record some expression of our personal loss and of sympathy for the bereaved widow and family we present the following resolutions;

1. That we recognize the hand of God in the removal of this faithful co-worker and bow in submission to His will.

2. That in the death of Mr. McClure we have lost one whose kind disposition endeared him to all: one who was a devoted member of the congregation; one who was ever ready to give or to help in all that was for the welfare of the church or to the glory of God.

3. That our sympathy is with the bereaved widow who feels so keenly her loss and with the children also, who have lost their best earthly friend. We commend them to the One who has said, "I will not leave you comfortless."

4. That a copy of these resolutions be given to the family and that a copy also be sent to the Reformed Presbyterian Advocate for Publication; that they also be spread upon the minutes of this Session.

Rev. Ralph S. Elder Moderator

H. S. Dickey Clerk

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

May 7, 1922.

Topic: "Better Sabbath Keeping." Jer. 17:19-27 Consecration Meeting.

BIBLE READINGS

1. The fourth commandment. Ex. 20:8-11.
2. The command to keep. Deut. 5:12
3. The purpose of the Sabbath. Ex 20:12
4. What God did on the Seventh Day. Gen. 2.2.
5. How Nehemiah kept the Sabbath. Neh. 13:15-22.
6. How Jeremiah sanctified the Sabbath. Jer. 17:19-27

COMMENT

The Seventh Day of the week Sabbath, was to memorialize the completion of the work of Creation. The First day of the week Sabbath is to memorialize the completion of the work of redemption. The name Sunday is of heathen origin indicating the day in which they worshiped the sun. The word Sabbath means rest. Rest from servile labor affords opportunity for God's service.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Why should we keep the Christian Sabbath?
 2. Why is the Christian Sabbath called the Lord's Day?
 3. Why is the Sabbath commonly called Sunday?
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May 14, 1922

Topic: "How can we help our church and get help from it. Psa. 122:1-9.

BIBLE READINGS

1. By being faithful. Rev. 2:10
2. By church attendance Ps. 122:1
3. By praying for it. Ps 122:6
4. By being in our place on the Lord's Day. Acts 2.
5. By making it a means of grace. Luke 4:16
6. By loyalty to all our duties. Heb. 3:2,5

COMMENT

The church of Jesus Christ is an organized assembly of Christ's people according to Biblical rules or regulations is called the body of Christ. It is the divinely appointed means of organized effort for the evangelization of the world. Christ is its head, and the Bible is its supreme law.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. What is the church?
2. What is the purpose of the church?
3. Are we trying to do our duty in the church?

MAY 21, 1922

Topic: "What Christian Endeavor does for me." Matt 25:14-30.

BIBLE READINGS

1. What the Christian Endeavor will do. Ps. 101
2. What the Christian Endeavorer will believe. Ps. 119:9-10.
3. What he will receive. Rev. 2-10
4. What he will purpose in his heart. Ps 40:8
5. What God will bestow. I Pet. 5.5
6. What the Christian Endeavorer should be. 2 Tim. 2:1

COMMENT

Christian Endeavor is what we do in Christ's service. It is the christian trying to serve God. Such service develops the soul and body of the individual and helps others in living the christian life. According as we give we shall receive. Those who sow bountifully shall reap bountifully. This is the law of the harvest.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. What is Christian Endeavor ?
2. What has Christian Endeavor done for us ?
3. What have we done for Christian Endeavor ?

MAY 28, 1922

Topic: Lessons From Great Foreign Missionaries." Acts 13:1-12
Missionary Meeting**BIBLE READINGS**

1. Daniel's influence with the king of Babylon. Dan. 3
2. Paul among the Gentiles Acts 15
3. Paul in Europe Acts 17
4. The commission to go world wide. Mat., 28:19.
5. The promise of divine help. Matt 28:20
6. The dangers attending mission work. Acts chaps 21-28

COMMENT

Paul was the first European missionary. The cause of missions has been growing rapidly in recent years, until the heathen world is begging for the gospel. India, Africa and other remote parts are crying "come over and help us," cannot we either go or send some one to answer the call?

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Have we studied the lives of our great missionaries?
2. What is the condition of the heathen world at present?
3. What are the encouraging signs of progress in Foreign Missions?

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