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EDITORIAL.

The situation in the Near East, is still in a critical condition although for the present, war seems averted. The Turks have not gotten all they wanted, but they have gotten more than they should. Thousands of Christians of various beliefs have been obliged to flee for their lives from Asia Minor, and Thrace to escape certain death at the hands of the Moslems. These people have left all their property behind them except what little they can carry with them. Hundreds of thousands will soon be on the point of starvation, and Europe will as is its custom look to America to feed them. Had England been backed by France and Italy as it should have been, this disgrace to the world could not have happened. Really these two latter nations are largely to blame for the present situation, and we can safely say they will contribute very little to the relief of these refugees. Do these nations expect America to feed the starving world forever? A terrible retribution is awaiting them.

The voters of this country have no greater responsibility at the coming election than how they vote on the liquor question. A great effort is being made to elect a wet Congress, and thus change the Volstead Act so that beer and wines may be sold. Before voting find out how each candidate stands on this matter and vote for the "DRY" candidate.

LETTER FROM KENTUCKY.

Houston, Ky., Oct. 10, 1922

Dear Friends,

After five years of absence from the mission, it is my great privilege to be here again, and to have heart and hands full of the Master's work.

If any of you contemplate visiting the mountains, come if you can in October, when every hill side is aflame with the most gorgeous autumn hues. Only a Great Creator could conceive of so much loveliness, and only a loving Father would scatter it so abundantly. One cannot wonder that the mountain people love their Highland homes. What a great pleasure it is to meet so many of these dear friends! If one accepted all the invitations to visit there would be little time to work.

Since my coming Mr. Duncan has been relieved from school duties for half of the day. Besides visiting the sick, helping "save fodder" for a sick neighbor, going to the neighbors for apples to can, he has also "saved fodder" for our own horse, a new acquisition, and cow. The fodder was given us by Mr. Chester Short, a generous neighbor. Today Mr. Duncan and a neighbor boy crossed the mountain to Four Mile to get a pig that Mr. Henley McIntosh had given us. They carried the pig home in a gunny sack. If any of the ministers at home feel that their work is monotonous they should just come to the mountains.

On the 28th and 29th of Sept. The Upper Kentucky River Educational Association met at Hazard, the capital of Perry Co and about fifty miles above Jackson. The County Superintendent urged all public school teachers to attend, and as we have the public school this year, we obediently dismissed school on Wed. at noon, donned riding habit, mounted the mission horse and started to the little station at Oakdale where we took the train. At Highland, four miles on this side Oakdale we met the mail carrier. He obligingly agreed to take the horse back home for us, so we finished the journey on foot. That night we stayed in Jackson at the hospitable home of Mr. Terry and left the next morning before daylight with about sixty five

other Breathitt Co. teachers. The hills and vales echoed with their songs and yells as the train slowly wound its way up the beautiful Kentucky River valley. There were about four hundred teachers at the meeting, representatives from seven different counties. Nearly all the teachers as well as the majority of the speakers were mountain men and women. Had you been able as Miss Cunningham and I to compare that group with the group of teachers we met in Jackson 14 years ago, you could not doubt that the mountain people are capable of wonderful development. The difference in dress was very marked as well as the difference in language and general intelligence. One thing that especially pleased us was the emphasis placed upon the importance of Christian teachers, and the Bible in the schools. It was a better meeting than any I ever attended in Iowa.

Last week we had a little community fair at Houston, the first we have ever had. The exhibit was not large but nearly everything was good. A good crowd of parents and friends from neighboring districts were here and the teachers and older pupils from Canoe School came and spent the day. The two schools had contests in racing, and jumping, spelling and arithmetic. The schools were very evenly matched and excitement ran high. Our school has been invited to visit Canoe about the first of November. The close contest and the invitation have spurred our boys and girls to greater effort.

Last week Miss Calla Turner's mother was taken to the hospital at Lexington to undergo an operation for goiter. Mrs. Turner's health has been very poor for some time and an operation now is imperative. We are praying that the operation may be successful and that she may be spared to her children who need her so much.

Last year some congregations sent some splendid boxes of gifts for Christmas presents for members of the Sabbath School.

We wonder if there will not be some who can help us in that way this year? We would like to give gifts to all who attend regularly. There are now fifty regular attendants.

The great burden of our prayers now is for the organization of a congregation. The Baptists have had their meetings regularly this summer and have drawn large crowds. Some are not

very friendly, all have been accustomed to look upon the mission only as a school, and many are inclined to resent the forming of an organization. We believe that God will give us an organization this fall, but He says, "I will be inquired of." Dr. McChesney is to come at Thanksgiving time. Will you not pray with us for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit?

Yours in the Master's work, Elva M. Foster

LETTER FROM DR. TAYLOR.

Oct. 24, 1922

Dear Friends,

Letters and papers have told us some things recently that I think you will be interested in hearing.

Mr. Cawood aged 84 passed from this life on Aug. 18th. For the benefit of those who may not remember who he is I will say he was an anglo Indian preacher, who before becoming a preacher had been in government employ in Telegraphic Dept. and had earned a good salary. On the advice of one of our former missionaries he had invested 2,000 R's in Tea Plantation Shares and had from them a regular income. He had been supported for years by Dr. Wilson's church in Pittsburgh. About the time we went to India, on advice of Mr. Waide he was put on a pension of about \$12 per month. He has been a faithful Preacher and Elder. In his younger days he must have been a very keen debater. He was well read and had a fine library. It so happened that about the time we left India he became the target of a certain widow's angling for a steady income. Seeing the trend we warned him that he need not be surprised, if he went ahead and got married, his pension was cut off and that he could bring no wife on the compound. We felt that his money should come to the mission in consideration for the care we had had for him for several years, besides this he has said a number of times that he wants to give 200 R's toward a well in Hardwar. In spite of all we said, he just waited till we were gone then went to the woman's place in Dehra Doon, thinking no doubt he would be able to get around Mr. Thorburn, in some way. He came back to Rurki, at the communion season but

was not allowed to commune and went away again only to return some 3 or 4 weeks before he died a very sick man and a most humble and penitent prodigal. Mr. Thorburn left Language school and went back to Rurki to see that he was cared for and to get his will. Let us take heed unto ourselves that we fall not by the way, and judge not that ye be not judged.

Monica Boice one of our largest school girls has been married to a good for nothing fellow or at least that is the opinion we had of the fellow before we left there. The whole affair was managed by the girls mother and Mr. Thorburn and the M. E. ladies couldn't break it up when they found it out. It often happens thus if we do not head it off. An ignorant mother or father from their point of view cannot see the incongruity of an educated girl being married to an ignorant man. Why they perhaps themselves can't read and their girl is no better than they are, isn't she their daughter? At least so they often argue.

The little baby boy 6 mo. old which was given to us just two weeks before we left Rurki, the one whose father wanted, first \$5 then \$3.33 for him and finally gave him to us, has been turned back to Mr. Thorburn. We do not know why but presume that Mrs. Hukm Chand is not able to take care of it. Besides this there has been another baby given to the mission. We are wondering what Mr. Thorburn will do with them, but are quite sure that with the help of the M. E. ladies he will find a place for them. Mr. Thorburn is quite sure he could double the number of boys we have in our boarding if we would but give permission and guarantee the funds. It would take at least \$500 a year more and unless some one wants to help out in this way above 20 boys will never get a chance for either fundamentals of religious or secular education.

In case anyone should like to correspond with us about our work, I wish to say that nothing would give us more pleasure than to answer your questions. Our permanent address is:
2431 McMicken Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Yours in the Master's service, John C. Taylor

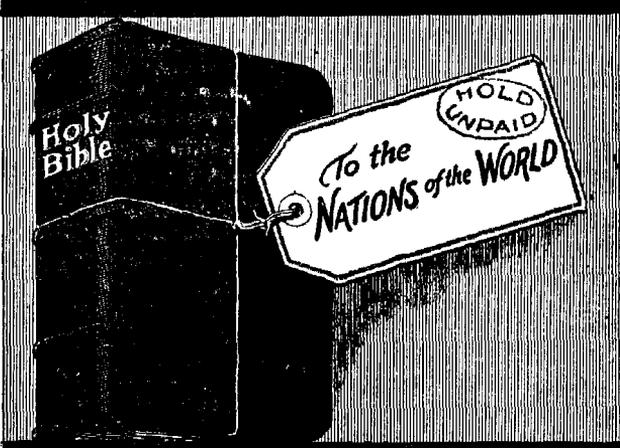
DUANESBURG, N. Y

Dr. Taylor, visited Duaneburg, on Oct. 15, and gave an address in the church on Sabbath morning, and spoke to the Sabbath School afterward. In the evening he addressed the C. E. Society, and on Wednesday evening spoke to a large and attentive audience in the Town Hall. The Dr. was at his best and held the attention of every one for an hour and a half. Refreshments were then served and a neat little sum was raised for the

mission work in India. He left on Friday morning for Philadelphia, where he will hold meetings in all our churches there. The Dr. is a hustler and knows how to do things.

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FIFTH REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Fifth Church Philadelphia is still going forward, the old Gospel is being proclaimed, Christ is being lifted up, and God is fulfilling His promise, souls are being saved, and members are being blessed.

Meetings were held from Oct. 10 to 16 in connection with the Communion, and the people turned out well, and we had a soul refreshing time, which brought joy to our hearts.

Tuesday evening Rev. Melvin B. Wright, B. D. of the Woodlawn Baptist Church brought a great message on "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts." Wed. Prayer meeting in which many took part, we take the Sabbath School lessons, for our meditation on P. M. nights. Thursday, Rev. Thomas Whyte B. D. brought an inspiring message "The importance of closed doors." Christ revealed Himself. Friday Rev. Warren R. Ward of the Westminster Presbyterian Church spoke on "This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them." Among many other grand things, he said, there is written over Heaven's door in large letters "Sinners Only." Sabbath morning the Pastor spoke to us on "Glorying in the Cross." This followed by the Lord's Supper. God gave us fine weather. 305 communed. 21 were received by the Session. \$715.50 was contributed to the repair fund of the church. Evening service at 7:45 subject "Sin laid on Jesus." Monday Rev. R. C. Montgomery D. D. preached upon the words "God, whose I am, and whom I serve." This was followed by the sacrament of baptism 9 children were baptized. We are proud of our Sabbath School every teacher was present last Sabbath, and are putting their souls into the work. Our best meetings are on Wed. evenings, well attended, inspiring, God is leading, it is our Master's business. "What the church has to offer meets the deepest needs of the world."

OUR COLLEGE

The first month of the first semester of Cedarville College has passed by. The enrollment is one hundred and ten in the

regular college, and thirty-eight in music, and eight in the Theological seminary. This is the largest attendance in the first semester, in the history of the college.

The students come from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, Vermont, Prince Edwards Island, and England.

The usual class spreads have taken place, while the Y. M. C. A. also gave a chicken supper, and the faculty a melon feed. The R. P. Y. P. C. E. S. gave its annual reception to the faculty and students. All of these have been enjoyable events, and have strengthened the social relationships, which are just as necessary as the educational, in college life.

A loyal and courageous football team has been playing against other colleges, and have been acquitting themselves with credit. Games thus far have been played with Dayton University, Antioch College, and Rio Grande College. The remaining games are with Findley College, Defiance College, and Antioch College.

The prospect for winning basket ball teams, representing both the boys and girls, are unusually good. At the first call, forty-five girls answered, to play on basketball. Thus it looks as if there will be four teams of girls, while there will be doubtless, at least two teams of boys. Quite a number of inter-collegiate games will be played by both.

The new professors are popular with the students and the community, and are doing a splendid work, both in the class room and outside of it.

The earnestness and diligence of the students in their recitations are most commendable. The cooperation between the college and public schools is unusually good.

There is some prospect of a County Normal being established in the near future, under the supervision of the college and the County Superintendent of Public Education.

A new furnace had to be installed in the Library Building. An additional professor and tutors, had to be added to the faculty. The increase in the current expense of the college, will be about \$2500 this year. We appeal to the pastors and congregations of our church to put forth an extra effort to increase the contributions for the annual expence of the college. We

are grateful to you for your liberality in former years. There are several ways by which the \$2500 may be raised, namely: by gifts from individuals in our several congregations; by enlarged contributions from the congregations. By giving scholarships, about 20 boys and girls are getting free tuition. A contribution of fifty dollars will provide for a scholarship. Let us work together to close the present year without a deficit.

The new building is making good headway, and will be ready doubtless, for occupancy in the Spring, or at the most, by next Fall.

Already, students are enrolling for the first semester of 1923. We may look for an increased attendance at that time.

Beseeching your continual prayers, and utmost support for our great work for the church and Kingdom of Christ. I am,

Very Sincerely, W. R. McChesney Pres.

OUR SEMINARY

The Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary opened its annual session in Cedarville, Ohio, Sept. 18th, 1922. The address of the occasion, was delivered by the Rev. W. P. Harriman. It was filled with good counsel, and presented an inspiring vision to the young men who are in attendance.

The enrollment of the Seminary is eight. The faculty are as follows: W. R. McChesney, dean, and professor of Systematic Theology and New Testament Greek; F. A. Jurkat, secretary and professor of Old and New Testament Literature, Church History and Hebrew; B. E. Robinson, professor of Pastoral Theology, Archaeology and Missions; W. P. Harriman, professor of Homiletics and Biblical Theology.

The students for the most part, have been preaching for various pulpits in the surrounding communities. Their spirit and diligence are commendable, and the work of the Seminary is progressing nicely.

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Mrs. S. M. Taylor, Arlington, Kan. Miss Rose Blair, Cutler Ill. Mrs. Jos. Johnson, Coulterville, Ill. Miss Janet Hunter, Esperance, N. Y. Mrs. Earl Liddle, Mrs. Abigail Liddle, Duaneburg, N. Y. Fred C. McMillan, Des Moines Ia. Mrs. Mary Harrison Mrs. Ella J. Harbison, New Galilee Pa. Mrs. J. R. Orr, Cedarville, O. Mrs. John Hanna, Mrs. Mary McMillan, Kennedy McNeal, J. L. Savage, Miss Sallie Curran, R. N. Colman, Rev. Thos. Whyte, Phila, Pa.

LETTER FROM THE FEDERAL COUNCIL

September 16, 1922

Rev. L. A. Benson,
Clay Center,
Kansas.

My dear Doctor Benson:

Last year our Washington Office of the Federal Council of churches made tender of its facilities in Washington to all Boards, Committees, or other agencies of our constituent bodies. We are happy to report that many of these have availed themselves of our facilities. It has been our pleasure to serve them in furnishing a place of meeting and conference when in Washington on Church business; in making appointments in their behalf with the President of the United States, Secretaries of Departments, Senators, Congressmen, Committees, etc.; in presenting actions of the Church bodies on moral and religious issues to the proper persons; in securing or expediting passports for missionaries and Church officers going to foreign countries; in securing information, statistical data, etc., from the Departments; and in many other matters of more or less importance.

It has greatly pleased us to render these services by which often the time and expence of a trip to Washington has been saved and we hope definite service rendered. The more we are called upon for such service, the happier we will be. We are writing this letter now to assure you that our offer of service is a standing offer and that we earnestly desire to serve in every possible way. We do not desire to prevent your coming to Washington, but will be glad to see you whenever you find it convenient to come and to serve you when here in ever possible way. Often, however, we can save your time and expense by looking after various matters for you. Often, too, there are matters requiring immediate attention that can not await your arrival or that of a letter. The Secretary of the Washington Office is recognized by the various Departments here as the accredited representative of the Protestant Churches, and clearly the Departments prefer dealing with one rather than many representatives of the Churches. A wire enables us to present matters immediately and usually with prompt results.

I may add that we can handle effectively the presentation of resolutions, memorials, etc., of Church bodies to representatives of the Government, if such are placed in our hands, and that our office makes a specialty of expediting passports and securing departmental information.

Assuring you of our readiness to receive and execute any commission for your Church and for you particularly, I am

Sincerely yours,
E. O. WATSON,
Secretary.

MEETING OF W. P. M. S. WESTERN PRESBYTERY.

The Presbyterial meeting held at Cutler Aug. 25 was called to order by the president, Mrs. Henry Dickey and a very interesting devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Harry Erwin.

Reports were read from all the Missionary societies and Mission bands.

A very interesting paper was read by Miss Nettie McMillan, from Miss Mary Wilson of Sparta, who is visiting in California.

The afternoon session was opened with a praise service conducted by Mrs. Munford.

There were thirty-five delegates present, Coulterville society presenting the most. The offering received amounted to eight dollars and fifty cents.

As usual a very interesting report from Miss Martha Ramsey was read in which she mentioned having the largest attendance in Sabbath school this year than ever before.

Her father has been able to preach most of the time.

As Dr. Taylor rose to address us he said he felt he must refer to Mrs. Taylor. He spoke of her great interest in her Missionary work and her regret that she could not be with us. He also spoke of her as a good correspondent. Once a week she would write to her mother in America and also to other acquaintances. She corresponded with Missionaries, whom she met in India, and when any of those under their care went to a distant place, she would write to them.

Dr. Taylor spoke of the dangers with which they come in contact in their Missionary work,—smallpox and other contagious diseases, also from snakes and wild animals—

wolves coming into their tents at night.

One of the questions given Dr. Taylor was in regard to his medical work. He said when Missionaries came to them for treatment, which they often did, charges were made but in the villages their medical work was given free.

In regard to sending money to India for a special purpose. Dr. Taylor spoke as though he favored educating an orphan, educating the children.

The letter from Houston, Ky., was written by Mrs. Paul Duncan. She referred to Miss Susan Cunningham and Miss Elva Foster as founder of this Mission, fifteen years ago.

The Thank-offering service was presided over by Miss Nancy Gallagher. The offering from Sparta society was \$33.25 given as a gift to Dr. Taylor; from Cutler society \$19.20, from Coulterville society \$23.75.

The president spoke with regret of the absence of Rev. W. J. Smiley, it being perhaps the first time. A series of prayers were offered on his behalf.

The Presbyterial voted to continue Miss Martha Ramsey as Sabbath school Missionary for another year. The officers elected were: Pres. Mrs. S. A. Munford, Vice Pres. Mrs. Henry Dickey, Rec. Sec. Mrs. Roy McMillan, Cor. Sec. Mrs. D. C. Fullerton, Treas. Mrs. John White.

Miss Nancy Gallagher speaking for the Coulterville society extended a cordial invitation to the Presbyterial to meet at Coulterville next year.

After adjournment we were asked to be seated and were treated to refreshments.

LETTER FROM HOUSTON, KENTUCKY

Houston, Ky.

August 17, 1922.

Miss Mary Smiley,
Sparta, Ill.

My dear friend:

This is a beautiful sunshiny afternoon here in the hills of old Kentucky, and as our noon work in the dormitory has been done, I shall try to tell you something of the work and needs here at Houston.

Our school closed its first month last week, and it has seemed short to all of us. Our enrollment is 98, making our school one of the largest in the county. This school has always been known as the best, and we have heard several speaking of it this year, and we hope to keep up our reputation.

Miss Cunningham who teaches the first four grades, has fifty-five in her room, and says she feels almost like "the old woman who lived in a shoe". We are hoping to have Miss Elva Foster with us in about two weeks, and she will relieve the other teachers of some of their classes.

I suppose you know, or have heard, that Miss Cunningham and Miss Elva Foster are the ones who founded this mission almost fifteen years ago, and they worked together here for nine years. They have seen many, many changes take place, as the people have become more enlightened. These two ladies have not seen each other for five years, and they are each one, eagerly looking forward to the meeting the first of September.

Mr. Duncan teaches the fifth and sixth grades, and also has four pupils taking High School work. This is the first year that we have had the H. S. classes, and we are hoping that the state will recognize us and that our school may be an accredited one. We need more equipment, especially along the line of science, and we want to get it this year, even if we have to cut expenses along some other part of the work.

Miss Calla Turner, one of our mountain girls, who has been in Cedarville College the past three and one half years, and who has made her home with Dr. and Mrs. W. R. McChesney, is teaching the seventh and eight grades. The children all like her very well. She made a host of friends while she was in Cedarville. Her ambition is to do some kind of work here among her own people. She expects to go to Berea College, Berea, Ky., the first to hold the position of Superintendent of Schools here in her own home county, Breathitt,—famous for its feuds and sometimes called "Bloody Breathitt."

We would not be surprised if some day she would be sitting in one of the seats in Congress, helping to make the laws for the betterment of our country.

The boys and girls who come to school have lost nearly all of that spirit of the feud which was so prevalent a few years ago. Of course, they have their little differences, like all human nature. We are trying to train them up to be good men and women of tomorrow, and to be useful citizens in this wonderful country of ours. These people are the true Americans.

Our Sabbath School services have been well attended, even when the Baptists have held their memorial services in the grave yards; and people come from near and far to

these meetings which are held every year during August and September. We are planning to have Rally Day on the 3rd of September, the first Sabbath after Miss Elva Foster's return. Mr. Duncan has preached every Sabbath morning after Sabbath School, and in the afternoon we have Young People's meeting. The children are very eager to learn Bible verses and the Catechism. They want another Memory Verse contest sometime, like the one we had in July, while Dr. McChesney was here. We probably will have one near the Christmas holidays.

Miss Essie Foster and I are kept busy cooking, canning, etc. Our family numbers only seven now, as there are but two pupils staying in the dormitory. The busy time with cooking comes after holidays. However, we have had much canning to do this year, and still are not through. I think nearly every one has plenty of apples and peaches, and there was a large crop of blackberries. We do not have a garden here, but depend on the pupils to bring in vegetables to help pay for their tuition, which is \$1 per month. The vegetables have all been of the highest quality this year, and since everything is so plentiful there ought to be enough for everyone, so that no one need suffer.

We have been reading in the papers about the coal strikes, and have been praying that our country may soon be rid of all strife like that, altho we are not effected by it here at all, since the coal is found nearly every where along the creek, and there is no competition.

We have had no rain for almost three weeks, and the creek bed is just about dry. Our well is low, too, and this week we will have to go down to the creek, where we can find a pool or two of water, and do our washing. I hope we will not have to do this way very often.

We can use almost all kinds of clothing, except ladies' jackets and men's vests. The women here are for the most part, large, and so many of the jackets have remained here unsold. Scarcely any of the men or boys wear vests.

If you have any good magazines or books which might be used with our school work, we would be very glad to receive them. But we have plenty of Sabbath School literature, and do not need any more of that.

Wishing that you may have a good and helpful meeting and asking that you may pray for each one of us in our work here, I am,

Sincerely yours,
MRS. PAUL W. DUNCAN.—

LETTER FROM MISS RAMSEY

To the W. P. M. S. to meet at
Cutler, Ill., Aug. 25, 1922.

Dear Sisters,—

A card from Miss Smiley reminds me that the Presbyterian meeting is soon to be held, and that another report of my work is desired.

I am thankful for another year of service in our Los-Angeles field. It has been a busy year. It seems to me I find more to do each year, and am happy to be kept busy in the Master's Service. Our Sabbath school has met regularly every Sabbath during the year, and last winter and spring, I think, we had the highest regular attendance we have ever had. It was between fifty and sixty a good part of the time and over sixty a few days. We have an enrollment of about seventy now in the regular school, and twenty-five in the Home Department.

We had eight classes from October first to the latter part of June—Beginners,—1st and 2nd yr. Primary—1st, 2nd and 3rd yr. Junior—and 1st and 2nd yr. Intermediate. During the summer months we have had to combine some of the classes owing to the absence of teachers during vacation.

I hope by the first of October our teachers will be regular again, and that we can secure one or two new ones and be ready to make a good start on next year's work.

The teachers problem is, and has always been, one of our greatest problems. It is so hard to secure the right kind of teachers. But I find we are not alone in this, as many of the churches make the same complaint. This past year we have had four young teachers in the school—two are members of the church—and two were not—and the line between them has been very distinct. One could easily tell that the two were Christains by their faithful attendance and interest in their work. I do not think it is right to have teachers who are not Christains and who have no training for their work—but owing to our lack of material we just have to do the best we can under the circumstances. We have one very faithful teacher—who has been with us for a number of years now—Miss Caskey—who belongs to the other branch of Reformed Presbyterians. She is teaching the 3rd yr. Junior class of girls and is a great help to us.

I have something interesting to tell you about one of the teachers, who was not a Christian. Last Sept. I was regrading the school and planning for another year's work. I needed a teacher for the 1st yr. Junior class, and hardly knew where to find one. There was a young girl in the neighborhood, who used to attend our school, and then went from our's to our Covenanter brethren and attended there a year or two, and then drifted out altogether. She graduated from High School last summer, and entered the State University last Sept. Some one suggested asking her to take a class, and so I did, hoping and praying that it might be the means of bringing her back to the church. She very readily consented, and thought she would like the experience of teaching—so she commenced the first Sabbath of October. She seemed very much interested in her class and the children seemed to like her. During March and April I noticed she was not attending so regularly—but she gave the excuse that she was staying with an aunt in another part of the city—while her father and mother were away from home. She returned again, but did not come very regularly. One day in June I met her on the street car and asked her if she had been sick, or why she was not coming. Then she told me the real reason. She said her mother—who is not a church member—had been chiding her for sometime for trying to teach a class when she was not a Christian and had not been baptized. She said at first she did not think much about it, but after a while she concluded her mother was right—for she was trying to teach the children things she did not know herself, and—partly—for that reason she had been staying away. I said to her "Helen, why not settle the question by giving your heart to the Savior and being baptized?" She replied—"I am thinking seriously about it." She asked me to call at her home that afternoon—which I gladly did,—and had a long talk with her; and on the third Sabbath of July she joined the church and was baptized bringing great joy to all of our hearts.

We now have three very bright girls in the church who have come in thru the Sabbath school. When we look at them, and at the bright future—which seems to be before them—we cannot but feel that the work in our Los Angeles church and Sabbath school has surely been worth while. During the past year I have tried—as far as possible—to devote three afternoons a week to making calls and doing definite Sabbath school and church work. But of course there have been some weeks when I could not give that

much time—when I had company or extra work in the home.

I was laid aside for about three weeks last winter with "Flu"—was just getting back to my work again—and had been out one afternoon making calls—when I fell part way down our stairway and hurt my right arm severely—which laid me aside for two weeks longer. Father has not been at all strong during the past year—but has preached most of the Sabbaths. We are taking a little rest just now and are staying in one of the canyons about seventeen miles from the city. Father is not trying to go back and forth each week, as he has done formerly during our vacations—but is just staying here trying to gain strength and is letting me do the going back and forth. I get up about five o'clock Sabbath morning and go into the city in time for Sabbath school. We have a prayer meeting after school, or else worship with our Covenanter brethren—then I wait for the Junior meeting in the afternoon and return to father in the evening.

If it is possible to do so, I would like to start a Senior society this fall with our older girls, and have a Teacher Training class in connection with it. Perhaps—we can influence some other young people to attend also.

I am very glad to be able to tell you that our missionary society has revived during the past year—we have held meetings every month since last October. While the attendance is not large—we have been having good meetings, and hope to gradually work up the attendance. There are so many things for me to plan and look after that it is hard for me to give as much time as I should to every part of the work—but am just trying to do the best I can under the circumstances.

At our New Year Exercises last December we gave twelve Bibles and seven books to those who had been present forty Sabbaths—or more—during the year. One little boy about four years old earned a Bible.

I do the Home Department visiting every three months. There are six members of the Department who live some distance from the church—four outside of the city. One family is living about ten miles away—they used to live near our church and the three children were in Sabbath school,—but they have moved out into the country for the time—but expect to come back into the city as soon as they can dispose of their property out there. They are so situated that they cannot attend Sabbath school out there, so they

have a little Sabbath school of their own in their home. The mother is a member of our Home Department, and the children are studying the lessons they would have if in our school. I give them our quarterlies and papers and they are doing the home work the same as if they were in the school.

Mrs. Morrison—a member of our Third church in Philadelphia—has come into our bounds during the past year. She is living with friends some ten or twelve miles from Los Angeles—so can not be at near all of our meetings—but school and church as often as she can, and has signified her intention of uniting with us this fall. We are so glad to have her, and wish she was located nearer so she could be with us oftener and help in the Sabbath school work, as she has had a good deal of experience in that kind of work.

We enjoyed a real treat last April when our missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Taylor and family visited us. We surely did enjoy having them and felt we were—especially—honored by having the first visit from them after their arrival in America, even before their own relatives. I trust they can be with you at the Presbyterial meeting. It is such an inspiration to hear from their own lips of the noble work they have been doing in India.

I thank you for your continual support and interest in the work here in Los Angeles. Since the last Presbyterial I received thru our treasurer, Mrs. White, in October, \$13.75—making a total of \$50.00 for 1921 sent by her. Mrs. Elder also sent \$10.00 from the Cutler missionary society last fall—which I suppose was part of my salary—tho at the time I thot it was extra to be used in the work. Up to date I have received from Mrs. White \$41.25 for 1922.

The work becomes more interesting each year and while there are often many discouragements—if we look for them—the joy and pleasure the work brings are much greater. If we can be used in the Heavenly Father's Hand as humble instruments to help these children and young people find Christ as their Savior and Friend; and to devote their lives to His Service we ask for no greater reward.

We ask a continnance of your interest and prayers. We know you have been praying for us all these years, and we feel that the Heavenly Father is answering your prayers. We hope that you will have a interesting and helpful meeting of the Presbyterial on the 25th. I wish I could be with you that day. May you be abundantly blessed in all your labors for the Master.

Sincerely yours in the Master's Services.
Martha J. Ramsey.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

Bible reading quotations from C. E. Manuel by R. P. Anderson.

NOVEMBER 5 1922

Topic: Better thinking Phil. 4:4-8 Consecration meeting

BIBLE READINGS

1. Think clearly Matt. 22 15-22
2. " kindly 1 Cor. 13:5.
3. " modestly Rom. 12:3; 1 Cor. 8:2
4. " greatly Eph. 3:20
5. " of God Ps. 2:1-8
6. "Consider your ways" Hag 1:1-11

COMMENT

If we think more of our Lord, we shall rejoice more in Him as our communion with Him grows closer. Anger, envy, bitterness, and sins of all kinds originate in thought, and can be overcome by watchfulness. Worry is anxious thought and drives us like slaves. We conquer by prayer and trust

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. How can we approve our thinking?
2. What is the value of thought on religious subjects?
3. Why should thought always be followed by action?

NOVEMBER 12, 1922

Topic: The meaning of church membership. Matt. 10:32, 33

BIBLE READINGS

1. Joining the church Acts 4:1-4.
2. Belonging to Christ 1 Cor. 3:18-22
3. Changing lives Tit. 3:1-7
4. Following Jesus Col. 3:1-4
5. Serving one another Eph 4:1-16
6. Serving the world Luke 24:46-53.

COMMENT

The soul makes a great forward step when it acknowledges Christ as Lord and undertakes to follow Him. If professing Christ costs us dear, the reward is beyond price, to be acknowledged by Him. There is always danger of our denying Christ from timidity or self interest and turning our back on his principles.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Why should we study the duties of church membership?
2. How can we cultivate more devotion to the church?
3. What can the church do for the community?

NOVEMBER 19, 1922

Topic: How we can help Home Mission Work. Gal. 6:6-10 Missionary Meeting

BIBLE READINGS

1. Sow the seed Luke 8:1-8
2. Talk to neighbors John 4:28-30, 39.
3. Pray for revival Acts 1:12-14, 24-26.
4. Support preachers. 3 John
5. Relate our experience. Acts 11:1-18.
6. Missions in homes. Rom. 16:1-5.

COMMENT

Our first missionary duty is to support the men on the field. The law of the harvest, sow much, reap much, applies to giving as well as to deeds. If we look for immediate results, we may grow weary. Leave the issue with God.

The home missionary is a member of the church family, doing one of the family chores: and he deserves our aid.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Has our society done its full duty toward home missions? Why?
2. How can we improve our missionary knowledge?
3. Why should home missions especially appeal to us?

NOVEMBER 26, 1922

Topic: Praise God! Ps. 145: 1-21 Thanksgiving Meeting

BIBLE READINGS

1. Praise God for health Exod. 15:23-27
2. For prosperity Ps. 65:1-13
3. For harvests Gen. 8:15-22
4. For friends Prov. 17:17
5. For sanity 2 Tim. 1:1-17
6. For His goodness Ps. 103:1-13

COMMENT

God is King, supreme over all, and nothing happens that He cannot control. Praise God for his greatness. What a friend to have! Praise God for His mercy and love, if He were not patient with men, the race would perish.

Praise God for His kingdom which cannot be destroyed. With God we win. Truth and love are victorious.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. What reason have we to praise God?
2. What is the value of Thanksgiving Day?
3. How can we praise God in our acts?

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