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## EDITORIAL.

One of our subscribers writes saying, "I wonder sometimes why our churches do not send in some kind of a report every month. The Advocate is our church paper, and I think this should be done. I think it is as little as they can do, to help their church paper in that way." The editor is of the same opinion, and would suggest that those who see the need, would see to it in some way, that some one who can and will, is appointed to correspond with the Advocate.

Another year has come with its opportunities and responsibilities. How many will be able to see their opportunities and meet their responsibilities is yet to be seen. After all is there not a good deal of sham about our New Year resolutions?

What better resolution could our readers make, than to send in their renewal subscription to the Advocate promptly, and and also send in the name of some one else who should be a reader? Why not?

In our last number of the Advocate, we called attention to the early appearance of a book written by Rev. J. C. McFeeters of Parnassus, Pa. The title of the book is, "America in the Coming Crisis."

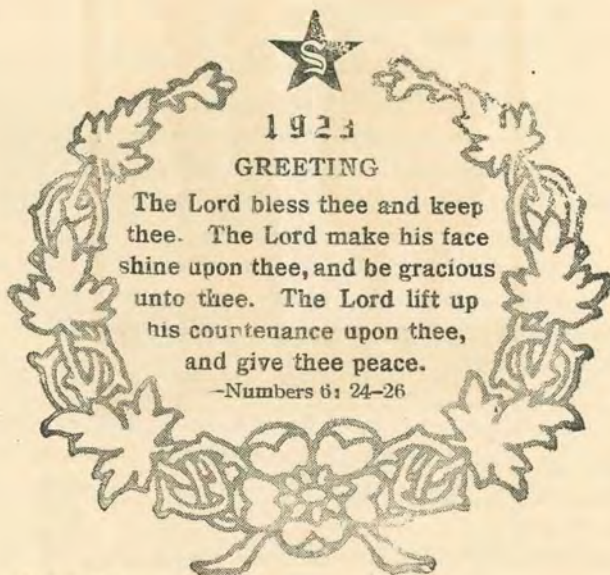
We have just received a copy of the book, and having read



it carefully, we are able to heartily commend it to all our readers, as one of the most readable books we have ever read on this or kindred ideas on the relation of nations and their rulers to Jesus Christ, the King of kings, and Lord of lords. This Book contains a "FOREWORD;" by Dr. A. A. Johnson, President of Geneva College; a "PREFACE," by the Author, and FIFTEEN CHAPTERS, of as readable matter as can possibly be written. The scripture proofs are all to the point and make the Authors ideas easily understood. It is a book that should be in every christian home. We are not informed as to the price of the book, but it will no doubt be within the ability of all. It is brief, clear, eloquent, instructive and inspiring.

NOTICE: Rev. S. M. Ramsey, wishes us to state that the paragraph on page 278 of the December Advocate, beginning, "the next drive," is a quotation from the Richmond Christian Advocate, and should have been so credited.

The Stated Clerk of General Synod would like to get a few copies of back numbers of the Minutes from anyone who might have them to spare. His address is, Rev. L. A. Benson, Clay Center, Kans.



## A Bible for the Blind

**T**HIS picture shows a Bible for the blind printed in American Braille by the American Bible Society. It requires 19 volumes, weighs 150 pounds, and costs \$75 to produce.

The small volume held by the young lady contains a number of selected passages, such as the twenty-third Psalm, the fourteenth of St. John, the thirteenth of I Corinthians. It is available in New York Point, and Revised Braille. It weighs only one pound, is small



enough to be put into a man's overcoat pocket, and sells at a very small price. It is published by the American Bible Society and is the first such volume ever produced. The blind, as a rule, cannot meet the expense of these books, even when offered at cost. The Society depends upon the gifts of Christian people to make possible this service of love. For further information write the American Bible Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York, N. Y.



## REJOICE WITH US

California can now lift up her head. She need no longer blush with shame. She can now march in the procession with her 46 sister States—only little Maryland lagging behind. For nearly two years California has been humiliated. At the first session of the Legislature after the enactment of the Eighteenth Amendment, it passed the Volstead Act, word for word, as the enforcement law of the State. But the Wets took advantage of our Referendum law, and had it referred to the votes of the people. As we had no State election in 1921, the matter had to remain over until this year. In the meantime the Wets had it pretty much their own way. With only three Federal Courts in the State and some thirty officers to enforce the law, it was only partially done. With their best efforts, they could do but little. State officers might have helped greatly if they had been willing—many were not willing. They did not want to interfere with the bootleg business. And those who were willing had no encouragement to do anything. For example, in a suburban town, an officer knew of violations of the law, and wanted to do his duty. Therefore he made two or three arrests. There was no trouble in convicting and fining them. But the fines went to the Federal Government. There were some expenses connected with each case. How were these expenses to be met? The local authorities had not ordered the arrests. The officer had done it of his own accord. Therefore he was the only one responsible for the expenses. He had to pay some fifteen dollars out of his own pocket for doing his duty. The town saw the injustice of this, and refunded the money. But they would naturally say to the officer, "don't make any more such arrests. We have no money for such purposes." Thus all good people were humiliated by the fact that, though we had a good law on the statute books, it was being held up by the Wets. But now the people have spoken, the law has been upheld by 40,000 majority, and the people will see that it is enforced. There will be no lack of money now. The fines will go to the local authorities. Indeed it will be a money-maker for them. The fines will more than pay all the expenses. In the San Francisco district recently the Federal Court report showed that the fines for a certain period were more than five times the expenses. "Money talks." Thus we are greatly elated over the situation, and the Wets are asking "What next?" We rejoice with Ohio and other States, which have gained splendid victories.

SAMUEL M. RAMSEY.

## LETTER FROM KENTUCKY.

Houston, Ky., Dec. 4, 1922.

Dear friends of the Kentucky Mission, I am happy to have the opportunity of writing to you all something concerning the progress of Christ's work at this place.

The mission school has been going along nicely and the County Superintendent has reported our school to be the best in Breathitt County. Miss Elva Foster, Miss Cunningham, Miss Turner and myself are doing the teaching. Miss Estella Foster and Mrs. Duncan do the work in the Dormitory. We are all kept busy and in another year, to care for the work here, properly, there should be another worker sent to help in the school.

Fifteen years ago in October, Miss Elva Foster and Miss Cunningham came to this place as Home Missionaries. They have, since that time, given the most of their time, service and strength, mentally, physically and spiritually, for the one cause, namely, the building up of Christ's kingdom on Turkey Creek. They have labored, sacrificed, longed and prayed for the establishing of a church at the mission which they founded. After waiting all these years, they have, in a measure, seen their visions and their hopes fulfilled and realized.

On Thanksgiving day, Dr. McChesney and Mr. James Creswell came to Houston for the purpose of organizing a church at the Houston mission. When I came to Houston a year ago last July I resolved I was going to do all I could to help the ones who have labored so long here to obtain a church. We have had great difficulties to meet, but God has helped us over them all, and, best of all, He sent Dr. McChesney to aid us. On Friday, after Thanksgiving, Dr. McChesney preached on the theme, "Being Sons of God," Text I John 3: 2, and on Saturday he preached on Hebrews 2: 3, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great Salvation?" Sabbath morning he chose "The Pre-eminence of Christ," Col. 1: 18, last clause of the verse, "That in all things He might have the pre-eminence." This was his communion text. Sabbath evening, Psalm 42: 5, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul?" Each sermon was very inspiring to us all. It was wonderful to observe the



people drink in the gospel truth as God spoke through Dr. McChesney to them. Never before had they heard such preaching. It was a great treat to them and not only to them but to all of us. Dr. McChesney was at his best and we are indeed thankful to him that he came and also that he brought Mr. Creswell with him. We believe if others of our church could come to Houston and see such scenes as these men saw while they were here it would not be long until there would be thousands of dollars sent to this place to carry on the work of Christ among the people.

While Dr. McChesney was here, there were 40 joined our church, 26 were baptized. The large majority were from the age of 12 to 15 years. One mother, about 30 years old, and 14 of these boys and girls came forward on Sabbath day just after Dr. McChesney preached on the "Pre-eminence of Christ," and I baptized them. Mr. Henly McIntosh, Henry Sebastian and Felix McIntosh were chosen as our elders. They are all nice men. We are glad they are our elders. We set the tables for communion and I wish all those who have given of their means to this mission in money and in prayer could only have seen those boys and girls and fathers and mothers sitting reverently around that table taking the Lord's Supper. Surely it would have been a happy time for them to see their prayers for souls being answered and the money which they gave to this mission being blessed to honor and glorify our Father in Heaven.

We cannot conceive what influence this mission may have in developing some great American some day. Our great Lincoln came from a log cabin, in the hills of western Kentucky. Who knows but that this mission has been born into the kingdom for such a time as this, to educate and train, some one to be a great leader, doing Christian work in the church or state—even as Lincoln did? Besides the Sabbath School and the church service which these children attend, each day of the regular school week five days in the week, the first 40 minutes are given to devotion to God in song, prayer and committing the Bible to heart." On each Wednesday afternoon the last 40 minutes is used for prayer meeting. Each boy and girl com-

mits some Bible verse for this meeting. Short talks are given, lives of missionaries are discussed. The subject for this afternoon was the "blesseds" of the Bible. Miss Cunningham led. It was a fine meeting. Now of course some of this good seed which is being sown will fall on stony ground, but not all of it. Many of these fine bright boys and girls came out while Dr. McChesney was here and accepted Christ as their Saviour. This Mission has sent out more boys and girls to be teachers and leaders in the common schools of Breathitt County than any other school in the county. Miss Cunningham, who is at the head of this mission now, and who has attached herself to our church, has been acknowledged for years to be the leading teacher in this county.

Now friends, I have told you briefly something about the workers, the work they are doing here, and not nearly the half has been told either. I could tell you more but I shall not this time, as I wish to tell you of the needs of the mission in general.

The dormitory needs a general overhauling, a new roof and it never has been plastered, only papered, and it makes it a very cold building. What it needs is to be sealed like we fixed the mission building last fall. Then the dormitory should have a bathroom in it. What this building needs is \$1200 to fix it up. All the missionaries live in the dormitory. They who sacrifice by giving up home and friends and pleasures should have a comfortable home to live in.

The next need I will speak of is an electric light plant. We have nothing but the oil lamp, and there is danger of fire when there are so many children in the dormitory as in the winter. This plant would cost \$700.

A good washing machine, a good cooking stove, and a sausage grinder are needed.

There is not a piano on Turkey Creek. If any one has one they do not use, why not send it here to cheer the hearts of these good, hospitable, highland people?—the boys and girls especially. An organ or victrola would be very welcome here, even if they were used.

Playground equipment like they have at Cedarville's new



high school building would help the mission workers, in that children would be attracted to come to our school. Two hundred dollars for swings, see-saw boards, ocean waves, outdoor basket ball would be a great help. The playground is not large enough; \$100 is needed to buy more land. In one of our recitation room 12 new desks are needed for the mission children. They would cost \$100 to get them here.

The Highland Mission, which every one passes in coming to this mission from the railroad station, which is under the Southern Presbyterian Church, has spent over \$100,000 in her buildings and the things which the mission needs. It has a farm, which the janitor of the mission runs. He raises food on the farm for the children who stay in the dormitory during the school part of the year. This farm cost \$10,000. Any hauling or work to be done around the mission, he looks after that. The farm of which this mission land was once a part, before it was bought by the Associate Church, contains 300 acres of land and is largely underlaid by coal, has been offered to this mission for \$500 by Mr. Griffith, the owner. It has a frame house on it, one tenant house and two small barns. It is a good farm for this region. We bought 275 bushels of coal from this farm mine this fall.

The mission building in which we have our school is too close to the ground and the sleepers are decaying. It needs to be raised up and a heater should be placed in it to heat the building. As it is we have four stoves, and for two of those stoves we carry the coal up 16 steps. To fix this building properly and heat it the cost would be \$700.

Anyone passing the Highland mission, which I spoke of in the above paragraph, will notice a nice-looking snow white building, which is a church. I have talked to the one who had this building constructed and furnished. It cost \$5000. There is no church building of any kind on Turkey Creek. We hold our services in the school room of the mission. As you go from Cedarville to Clifton you pass the Harper Mausoleum in the north cemetery. It cost \$30,000 this mausoleum. Here was a beautiful monument put up in memory of loved ones. We

all like to put up tombstones or monuments to honor our loved ones who have gone home to glory. This is well and good but friends of this mission and of Jesus Christ, Who died for us, and members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, every mission is a mausoleum, every church is a monument to Jesus our king, whose we are and whom we delight to serve and honor. Could it be possible that we could build a grand mausoleum and a beautiful church to honor our Lord and Master here at Houston, our home mission station? It would take in round numbers about \$30,000 to do it completely. However, if we cannot do the whole, let us do what we can, God is with us. If God be for us who can be against us. I shall be glad to hear from any pastor, or member of the church or friend of this mission in regard to any question you should like to ask about these needs or any information you would like to know I shall be very glad to give it.

Let us in the year 1923 make this resolution: We will be interested in the Kentucky mission more than ever before. If I have written anything in this letter some one does not appreciate, I hope and pray you will forgive me, for I have tried with all my heart to write it to please my Saviour and your Saviour. Well, I must close and I wish you all a Happy, Glorious and Prosperous New Year. Good-bye.

You sincere and loving friend,

PAUL W. DUNCAN.

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#### AN INTERESTING LETTER

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Written to one of the teachers in the Kentucky Mission

Dear Miss Foster, Mrs. Lutz and I are in the receipt of your very interesting letter. We are very happy to enclose you a check aggregating \$60. Look after this little chap very carefully and if you can see in him signs of future greatness, it maybe that each year a few of my friends and I may be able to keep him in school several years, if the cost is not to great. And maybe through our influence that he may be able to do something we ourseives have not been able to do. God has been



good to us the past few years, and I hope we may be able to pass it on

With very kindest regards to you and, wishing you unlimited success in your work,

I am sincerely yours, W. B. Lutz

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Rev. Duncan writes us that the boy referred to in the preceding letter, is like Fox, whose father was killed 6 years ago by another man. He is now 12 years of age and has joined our church last Thanksgiving day. Who else wants to help a worthy orphan?

Dr. McChesney was called to Houston Ky. to preach at the funeral of Mrs. Isabella Turner. Mother of Miss Calla Turner, who is a teacher in our mission school this year. Mrs. Turner was a lovely christian woman and has raised a fine family. While Dr. McChesney was here I requested him to preach at the mission. He gladly excepted and today 12 more were baptized and joined our church. That makes 52 members now. This makes us all very happy. Two fine boys one 18 and the other 26, a brother of Miss Turner were among those who joined the church. Dr. McChesney gave us a wonderful sermon, Song of Solomon 5:16, Christ our friend. Surely God is blessing the work of the R. P. Church at the Kentucky mission. We ask for the prayers and help of every minister and member of our church for the cause of our King and our best friend Jesus Christ. With these words I must close.

Your sincere friend, Paul W. Duncan

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#### I SAW TWO CLOUDS AT MORNING.

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I saw two clouds at morning,  
 Tinged by the morning sun,  
 And in the dawn they floated on,  
 And mingled into one.  
 I thought that morning cloud was blest  
 It moved so sweetly to the west.

I saw two summer currents  
Flow smoothly to their meeting,  
And join their course, with silent force.  
In peace each other greeting;  
Calm was their course through banks  
of green,  
While dimpling eddies played between.

Such be your gentle motion,  
Till life's last pulse shall beat;  
Like summer's beam, and summer's  
stream,  
Float on, in joy, to meet  
A calmer sea, where storms shall cease,  
A purer sky, where all is peace.  
—John G. C. Brainard.

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THE DEATH OF THE OLD YEAR.

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Full knee deep lies the winter snow,  
And the wintry winds are wearily sighing;  
Toll ye the church bell sad and slow  
And tread softly and speak low,  
For the old year lies a dying.  
Old year, you must not die;  
You came to us so readily,  
You lived with us so steadily,  
Old year, you shall not die.

He lieth still: he does not move:  
He will not see the dawn of day.  
He hath no other life above.  
He gave me a friend and a true true love,



And the New year will take 'em away.  
 Old year, you must not go;  
 So long as you have been with us,  
 Such joy as you have seen with us,  
 Old year, you shall not go.

He frothed his bumpers to the brim;  
 A jollier year we shall not see.  
 But, though his eyes are waxing dim,  
 And though his foes speak ill of him,  
     He was a friend to me.  
 Old year, you shall not die;  
 We did so laugh and cry with you,  
 I've half a mind to die with you,  
 Old year, if you must die.

He was full of joke and jest,  
 But all his merry quips are o'er;  
 To see him die, across the waste  
 His son and heir doth ride post haste,  
     But he'll be dead before.  
 Every one for their own!  
 The night is starry and cold, my friend.  
 And the New Year, blithe and bold, my  
                     friend,  
 Comes up to take his own.

How hard he breathes! over the snow  
 I heard just now the crowing cock.  
 The shadows flicker to and fro;  
 The cricket chirps; the light burns low:  
     'Tis nearly twelve o'clock.  
 Shake hands before you die.  
 Old year, we'll dearly rue for you:  
 What is it we can do for you?

His face is growing sharp and thin.  
 Alack ! our friend is gone.  
 Close up his eyes; tie up his chin:  
 Step from the corpse, and let him in  
 That standeth there alone,  
 And waiteth at the door.  
 There's a new foot on the floor, my friend,  
 And a new face at the door, my friend,  
 A new face at the door.

—Alfred Tennyson.

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The Story Of  
 THE HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

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Sam Walter Foss loved to travel. One day while traveling through the New England States he came to a road leading up a long steep hill. Anxious to learn just what was at the top of the hill, he began to climb. At the top he found a well beaten path at the side of the road. There was also a sign post with this peculiar sign: "Come in and have a cool drink." He went in and there found a spring of gushing cool water with one of the old fashioned gourds for a dipper. On a bench near by was a basket of apples with another sign "Help yourself." He was much moved by this sight, and leaving, he crossed the road to an old unpainted house where he found a childless old couple who had nothing of this world's goods, except their stony farm. Anxious to do what they could for those who passed their way, they had placed the sign, and from the first ripe cherries to the last ripe apples, their were always fruit on the bench. As Foss journeyed on he began to write these words:

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn  
 In the peace of their self content;  
 There are souls, like stars, that dwell apart,  
 In fellowless firmament,  
 There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths  
 Where the highways never ran;  
 But let me live by the side of the road  
 And be a friend to man.



Let me live in a house by the side of the road,  
 Where the race of men go by—  
 The men who are good and the men who are bad,  
 As good and as bad as I.  
 I would not sit in the scorner's seat,  
 Or hurl the cynic ban;  
 Let me live in a house by the side of the road  
 And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road,  
 By the side of the highway of life;  
 The men who press on with the ardor of hope,  
 The men who are faint with strife.  
 But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears—  
 Both are parts of an infinite plan;  
 Let me live in a house by the side of the road,  
 And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook gladdened meadows ahead,  
 And mountains of wearisome height;  
 That the road passes on through the long afternoon,  
 And stretches away to night.  
 But still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice,  
 And weep with the strangers that moan,  
 Nor live in my house by the side of the road,  
 Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me work in my house by the side of the road,  
 Where the race of men go by—  
 They are good, they are bad, they are weak they are strong,  
 Wise, foolish— so am I.  
 Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat  
 Or hurl the cynic ban?  
 Let me live in a house by the side of the road,  
 And be a friend to man."

Will those whose subscriptions expire at the beginning of the year please send in their subscription as soon as possible, as we need all we can get to meet our obligations.

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#### DARLINGTON PA.

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The Women's Missionary Society of Darlington and White R. P. Church, met in New Galilee at the home of Mrs. Mary Harrison on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1922 at 2:00 P. M.

Its being Educational week, the topic selected for study was "Education." Several interesting articles on the subject were read, also appropriate Scripture references.

The importance of education in the home, in the school, in the church and in the nation," was discussed.

Mrs. Mary Harrison and Miss Mary Lyons, two of the Charter members present, were each presented with a bible by the members of the society as a token of their esteem. In a former report, the fact that Mrs. R. D. Dawson was a Charter member of the society was over looked; Mrs. Dawson was also presented with a bible.

These remembrances came as a surprise and are much appreciated by the recipients.

A Christmas recitation was given as a part of the Literary



exercises.

In the response to the appeal for Christmas gifts for the children in the mission in Kentucky, plans were made for sending such presents as will appeal to the heart of any child.

The meeting was well attended and the offering for the day amounted to twenty dollars. It was a delightful meeting; the unity of sentiment and spirit of co-operation manifested at all times is characteristic of this society.

With best wishes to all for a pleasant and prosperous New Year, I am

Sincerely yours, Mrs. Eva D. Nagel

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SPARTA, ILL.

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Rev. L. A. Benson held our Spring and Fall Communion. Rev. Lawrence, who has been preaching for the Grandcote Congregation, at Coulterville for more than a year came over on the Saturday of the Fall Communion and preached a very appropriate and much needed sermon.

We have had preaching every Sabbath with the exception of one, by students of the Xenia Theological Seminary.

Mr. Jas. Scott preached for us through the month of July and one day since; he is to preach the last two Sabbaths of December and the first Sabbath of January. Mr. John R. Dugan preached three Sabbaths, Mr. Bruce Wilson one, Mr. Earnest Beattie one, Mr. Floyd Taber two and Mr. A. Walker Gordon, all the others up to date. Mr. Leander Finley preached on the Seventeenth of Dec. and Mr. Bruce Wilson, will preach the 14th of January. The Congregation has been well pleased with the ministry of those young men and many of them have surpassed many who have had more experience. They seem to be filled with the Holy Spirit who is working mightily through them. Mr. Gordon and Mr. Beattie expect to go to India next fall and Mr. Taber expects to do missionary work, but is undecided as to the field in which he will labor.

I had almost forgotten to speak of the explanation of the Psalms. Many of these young men had never heard a Psalm

explained and some of them asked "How do you do that?", and I must say without exception they have given wonderful explanations of the Psalms and some of them have expressed a desire to have one of these good old Psalm books and wish to know where they can get one.

Rev. and Mrs. Smiley and daughter, are spending the winter with their son and brother Dr. Jas. Smiley in Indianapolis, Ind. and from reports are all getting along nicely. D. C. F.

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#### DUANESBURGH, N. Y.

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Services here have been regularly held up to the holidays, and a Christmas entertainment in connection with the Public School and Episcopal Church was arranged, but because of some cases of scarlet fever, it was necessary to indefinitely postpone it. Contributions from the congregation and the missionary society have been sent to the American Bible Society. The missionary society sent \$5 to the Salvation Army to help the poor and destitute. Mrs. Chesnut sent a Christmas box of useful articles to the Kentucky mission. Our congregation recently elected three elders and one trustee. It will be a great help to the congregation if these will serve. Winter is on in regular New York style.

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#### OBITUARY

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Mr. John Kerr, a member of the Los Angeles congregation died at his home in Orange, Cal. Nov. 14, 1922, in the 87th year of his age. Several years ago he moved to Orange, and therefore was not able to be with us very often but came to the communions, until failing strength obliged him to forego this privilege. He leaves a widow, three sons, and three daughters. Mr. Kerr was raised in the Associate Presbyterian Church, and came to us from that body in 1907.

Mrs. Kerr before coming to California was a member of our church in Bloomington Ind. Then under the care of Dr. Theo-



pholus Wylie, one son, Dr. R. M. Kerr, has been recently elected to a professorship in the Xenia Theological Seminary at St. Louis, taking the chair of Doctrinal Theology, made vacant by the death of the late Dr. Joseph Kyle. A daughter Mrs. McGill with her husband has been for 15 years a missionary in Egypt.

The husband of another daughter is the general Secretary of the Los Angeles Young Men's Christian Association, coming here from similar work in Cleveland O. The other daughter is with her mother, a son in business in Los Angeles, the other principal of the High School in Frisco Cal.

Mr. Kerr was born in Ireland 1836, Came to this country with his parents in childhood, lived in Bloomington Ind. until 1882, when he came with his family to California. He was a firm adherent to the principles of our church, and adorned his profession by a life and walk becoming the gospel. He lived a quiet and useful life, and died a peaceful and triumphant death.

We are told that there is joy over every one that repenteth. So there is joy in heaven over every one that goes to glory. "Precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of his saints." God wants his people to be in heaven. He has no desire to keep them here longer than is necessary. It is necessary that they remain for a time for their own good, and for the good of others: When the proper time comes, God gladly takes them home. "They shall be mine, in that day when I make up my jewels."

Jesus longs to have his people with him. He prayed, "Father I will that those whom thou hast given me, whose I am, that they may behold my glory." And not only that, but he wants them to share his glory with him. He says "to him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne" No wonder Paul said "to die is gain" It is truly a glad day when the christian goes home.

"They shall be brought with gladness great,  
And mirth on every side,  
Into the palace of the King,  
And there they shall abide."

Wherefore comfort one another with these thoughts,

Samuel M. Ramsey.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

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 JANUARY 7, 1923

Topic: Lessons from the Psalms. 1. The guide board Psalm Ps. 1:1-6  
Consecration Meeting

## BIBLE READINGS

1. The blessed man Ps. 32
2. The blessed nation Ps. 33:12
3. What the righteous should do Ps 37:3-5
4. What the righteous man does Ps 116;14
5. How to purify our ways Ps. 119:9
6. Where people should look Ps. 121

## COMMENT

This Psalm states first, what we should not do, and second what we should do. We are to have no unnecessary dealings with the wicked. On the other hand we are to meditate on God's law, and take delight in it. Nor is this to be for a time only, but continually. When this is done we begin to realize the results. These are peace, prosperity, happiness, here and hereafter. The very reverse of the wicked. The ungodly shall perish.

## PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. What are the ungodly like?
2. What are the godly like?
3. What are we doing to secure God's blessing?

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 JANUARY 14, 1923

Topic: Why do you think the Bible is the word of God? 2 Tim. 3:14-17.

## BIBLE READINGS

1. By the word we are born into the kingdom 1 Pet. 1:23
2. By the word we grow 1 Pet. 2:2
3. By the word we are built up. Act. 20:32
4. By the word we are sanctified John 15:3
5. By the word we are guided Ps. 119:105
6. By the word human destiny is decided John 12:48

## COMMENT

There is something about the Bible that is different from any other book that has ever been made. It never grows old. It is living and powerful, unerring and eternal. It is so because it is given by "inspiration of God. For this reason it is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; in order that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

## PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Have we found the Bible to be different from all other books?
2. What would the world be without the Bible?
3. Why do not all people believe it is God's word?



JANUARY 21, 1923

Topic: Evangelistic Missions at home and abroad. Luke 24: 45-53

## BIBLE READINGS

1. The apostles were His witnesses verse 48
2. They were commissioned to go into the world. Matt 28:19-20
3. They were to suffer for the cause of Jesus Matt. 24:9
4. They were to believe none other but He Matt.24:23
5. They were always to be ready for action Matt 25:1-13
6. They were to use all their talents in His service Matt. 25:14-30

## COMMENT

An Evangel was a good angel; hence a servant of the Lord. Missionaries and all others who are working in God's service are His earthly angels to minister to the necessities of their fellow beings in spiritual things. We are all in this world for some purpose. We should seek to know what God's purpose in our lives is, and then fulfill it. This is our mission. If we were all busy the world would be an easier task. Our text tells us that we must be endued with power from on high. That is what we need most of all. Have we power with God and man?

## PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Do we recognize our responsibility in evangelistic work?
2. What is the best way to evangelize the world?
3. Is the evangelistic spirit increasing?

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 JANUARY 28, 1923

Topic: What are the rightful claims of our church upon us? Heb. 10:19-25

## BIBLE READINGS

1. The call of Moses to action for his people. Ex, chap. 4
2. The call of Isaiah Isa. chap. 6
3. The call of Jonah Jon. chaps 1 and 3
4. The call of the apostles Matt, chap 4
5. The call of Paul Acts chap 9
6. The call of God's people Matt. 11: 28

## COMMENT

The church being Christ's organized body for the salvation of the world, is composed of the disciples of Christ. They are his pupils, followers, servants who are bound to do what he commands. The church has a right to claim our love, loyal support, and if needs be our greatest sacrifice on its behalf. The disciples were to forsake all to follow Christ. No half way half hearted service is acceptable. "All to Christ I owe."

## PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Do we recognize Christ's claims on our time and talents?
2. Do we give our service to Christ cheerfully?
3. Do we ever lose anything in giving our best to Jesus Christ?

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