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EDITORIAL.

While the world languishes, for want of more spiritual life, we see such men as Dr. Fosdick, of New York a Presbyterian, and Dr. Caldecott, a Unitarian, spending their time trying to prove that the Bible is not inspired, but is simply a human book, containing many errors and not fit for the times in which we live. These self constituted doctors of divinity, stand high in the estimate of many so called christians who flourish in many of the churches where there is greater care to swell the enrollment of the church than to build up the body of Christ on the sure foundation of Bible teachings. For centuries such attempts have been made to overthrow the word of God, but it still remains the same, to meet the soul's daily needs of all those who believe it. The strangest thing seems to be the fact that large evangelical denominations that profess to believe in the inspiration of the Scriptures, should retain in its ministry those who not only deny its principles, but teach others to do the same. The Presbyterian Church has in its ministry and membership some of the greatest and best Bible students, men who are loyal to their profession and to their Master, and yet they are joined in church fellowship with those who deny many of the fundamental doctrines of divine revelation. Is it any wonder that the churches are struggling for an existence, and

the piety and zeal of former days has passed away? A little application of discipline along the line of Bible standards would blow some of our large denominations to atoms. The unity that exists, is at the expense of truth.

The Book to which we called attention last month, "America in the Coming Crisis," can be had for \$1. from the author, Rev. J. C. McFeeters, Parnassus, Pa.

Your attention is especially called to the article "The next College Building," in this number of the Advocate. Read it carefully.

We wish once more to remind those who contribute articles for publication in the Advocate that it would be a wonderful help to the publisher if all such matter was on hand by the 15 of the month.

New York is certainly snow bound this winter. After a long dry season, the New Year opened up, wet and warm and during two weeks there was snow falling most of the time. The weather has not been very cold as compared with some winters, but the scarcity of fuel among those who use coal, has caused much suffering.

We desire to express our appreciation of the way the readers of the Advocate have been sending in their renewals for 1923. Many of these also tell us how much they appreciate the Advocate. We would like to answer many of these letters personally, but we have no time to do so. It is a pleasure to work when it is appreciated.

Don't forget to send in your contributions to the American Bible Society.

OUR KENTUCKY MISSION

The writer and Mr. James H. Creswell were sent to our Turkey Creek Mission, Houston, Ky. to organize a congregation there, "if the way was clear."

We arrived at Houston Thanksgiving afternoon during the midst of the annual Thanksgiving exercises. It was an inspiring sight to witness children and grown people as they presented tokens of God's goodness gathered from the hills and fields and gave expression in song and speech of His care and love for them.

Divine services were held on the following Friday, Saturday, and Sabbath. During these services forty persons accepted Christ and became Charter members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Houston Ky. The earnestness and solemnity with which they entered into covenant with one another and with God were touching and a proof of the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The Lord's Supper was observed on the Sabbath and the presence and love of the master were felt by all of us. On Monday, Mr. Creswell and I started for our Ohio home thankful to God for the rich blessings which he had bestowed upon us, the people there, and our entire church. We bade goodbye and wished one another, in the name of the Lord, His blessing.

Little did we think as we left that morning that within another week, divine Providence would call us back, this time to conduct the funeral services of Mrs. Isabelle Turner, who had passed into her rest from the effects of a very critical surgical operation, Dec. 11th. and whose daughter, Calla, was a student for four years in Cedarville College; and lived during that time in our home, and who is one of the teachers in our mission. Mrs. Turner was one of the finest of Christians whom we ever knew and the influence of her godly life and character will never die in that community.

On the next day, after the funeral, we conducted revival services in our mission and twelve additional persons accepted Christ. It was a refreshing time from God. We now have a regular organized congregation of 52 members at Houston, Ky.

The people will need the encouragement, ministration, and support of our entire church for years. They are worthy of our fullest confidence and support. Remember them in your prayers and by your gifts.

It is but right to say that our Church owes much, the most in fact, humanly speaking to the A. P. Church which for so many years faithfully wrought and sacrificed for this field.

That church laid broad and deep and true the foundation for the work that we are now, under God, permitted to carry on. For one, I crave their continued prayers and efforts and hope we shall have them.

Allow me to pay tribute to Misses Cunningham, Elva and Estella Foster for the years of sacrifice and faithfulness which they have given. Besides their untiring and oftentimes trying labors, they contributed very largely of their small salaries to building up the work. I have no hesitance in saying that if the membership of both the A. P. and R. P. Synods and churches had given proportionately as these ladies gave of their means we would have an institution and property to the amount of \$50000 there today. O that we would lay up treasure in the Kingdom of Christ!

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan and Miss Turner are doing along with the afore-named a work that is winning the confidence of all that region and they do deserve and must have our full support in every possible way. This field is the supreme opportunity of our church to advance the cause of Christ.

Brethren, I beseech you for the sake of our church and for the love you bear to Christ, increase your gifts to our home mission board this year that we may be able not only to continue this work but to enlarge it.

Remember that this mission is located among and made up of people of the purest American blood and of the truest and staunchest type of christian faith.

Had the Civil war not come on, these people would not have been isolated as they are. They love God, the Bible, and the Sabbath. They are, for the most part, of Scotch, Irish and English ancestry and are anxious for the ministration and fellowship of a church standing for true christian principles.

Yours sincerely, W. R. McChesney.

THE NEXT COLLEGE BUILDING

The next college building to be erected ought to be two buildings. One of these ought to be a gymnasium. The other should be a girls' dormitory.

You will recall that the subscription taken in 1921 for the Endowment and Building Fund runs over a period of five years.

The requirements of the State and National Educational Associations demanded the erection of the Science Hall first. We are finishing that now. When it is equipped, it will cost building and all between \$40000 and \$50000 of the subscribed Endowment and Building Fund, about \$41000 has been paid. We hope to have enough raised in the near future to pay off in full the cost of this building.

But we have no funds in sight for the next two buildings named above. Mr. W. J. Alford has generously offered to give \$20000 toward the one of these buildings provided the College raise a like amount and erect the building on the grounds which he purchased in 1901 for the college. Both of these provisions are natural and reasonable. Mr. Alford has written several times that he is willing to proceed with his building if we were ready.

But we are not. First, we do not have the money in hand, viz. \$20000, though it is subscribed. Yet it is not likely to be paid in before three more years, as by provisions of the subscription pledges. Second, when we begin a building on the Alford lot, we shall have to begin another on the campus, because to erect the building on the Alford lot will require us to tear down the present building used as a gymnasium. The girls' dormitory logically should be erected upon the Alford lot where the old gymnasium now is. To erect two new buildings now will cost at the least estimate \$60000. We cannot possibly expend this sum without borrowing \$40000, which I consider impracticable and unwise. However, we need the two buildings and Mr. Alford is willing to do his part. One way, then, to help us out is for all who have subscribed on the five years' plan to pay in NOW the full amount of your subscriptions. You do not have to do this, but probably you can, and that would

help solve this problem. The buildings are needed. It is only just to Mr. Alford that we meet his provisions as soon as possible. It may be too, that some of you can increase your contributions or find someone else who can give a goodly sum for this good cause.

Let me hear from any or all who are interested. Let me hear fully and frankly and soon.

Yours for our college, W. R. McChesney.

OUR COLLEGE

The new Science Hall is about completed. We expect to enter it in March. The furniture and equipment for it have been purchased.

We are in the midst of the examinations for the first semester. They began Jan. 22 and will close Jan. 26.

The second semester will open Jan. 31. Several new students are expected. Rev. G. A. Scott, D. D., pastor of the 1st M. E. Church, Xenia, O. will make the opening address.

The College had a great treat in the week's Quiet Talks given by S. D. Gordon of New York City. He was with us the week before Christmas. He is one of the greatest writers and lecturers on spiritual themes, in the world. He accomplished much good in our midst.

146 students have been in attendance during this semester. It has been one of the best in the history of the college.

Yours sincerely, W. R. McChesney.

Dr. Taylor recently attended the foreign Mission Conference at Bethlehem, Pa. and reports a good meeting. He says there are a number of publications that all our ministers should have, viz: The report of the conference, and the address of Jas. M. Speers.

He also mentions three missionary magazines. The International Review of Missions, price \$2.50; The Missionary Review of the World; The Official Organ of the Foreign Missionary Conference \$2.50, both magazines \$4.50. A Children's magazine \$1.50. If anyone wishes these magazines they can be secured through the Secretary of our Board.

LETTER FROM INDIA

Dear Friends:

Just a word about our work in India. I am sure you all must be waiting on news from this part of the vineyard. After Dr. and Mrs. Taylor left Roorkee for America, I went to the hills for the language school. I was helped both mentally and spiritually as there was a large gathering of missionaries, and it was a delight to be among so many children of God in a land like India. Well, I had to come down to the plains to do some work that had to be attended to at once, so it being my first year in the plains, my health broke down. My main object in going to the plains was Mr. Cawood's illness. He was a poor-looking sight, and he was in sore need of a friend. He has not found a friend in the Friend of sinners. Then Mr. Cawood promised to give his tea shares to the mission, but someone else was looking to his shares, so I was determined that they would not get them, because I had reasons for my determination. This kept me in the plains longer than I had bargained for so my health gave way under the burning heat. I was three weeks unable to work or study. After Cawood's affair I went back to the hills for a rest. In September I came down to the plains, and I had quite a lot to rejoice in, because the Baboo's (workers) report that the paper which Dr. Taylor proposed should be circulated among the workers and villagers is being read not only by the villagers, but the school boys are also reading it with a great deal of zeal. It makes one's heart glad to hear of this good news, simply because it may be the means in God's hands to give the light to those who have never heard of our Saviour, and it shall help those villagers to understand something of this world in which they live, and last of all and greatest of all, it will give light to the young generation and perhaps free them from the thralldom of sin and misery, the misery that makes the heart of the missionary bleed. Our pastor, E. Fiske, baptised a number of villagers in one of our districts, Shahpore. He left Roorkee yesterday to baptise a number of villagers in another village called Bhagwanput. So the Lord is blessing us. I removed one of our workers to Jawalpur, as there are no boys in the village to be taught. So there are a number of boys who are in need of a teacher in Jawalapur. We need education, but the greatest need of all is to bring them to Christ. Our boarding school is progressing nicely. We have another young Raj-ut, who was walking about the different villages and cities. So he came to our boarding school for some food, and during his stay the pastor in charge spoke to him about Jesus the

Mighty to save. He decided there and then to be a Christian. He has given up his old ways, and is now living in the power of God. His parents are very wealthy, and the mother handed this young man over to the service of God, that is, he would be a sadhu. Please let us remember him before the throne of grace. We had a Christian Mela in Roorkee, and I am sure that it has drawn the Christians closer to one another. In closing I should like to say a few words regarding our boarding school. We are able to put more boys in the boarding school, but we need help from you. I know you have stood by us in times of need, and I am sure you will do so again.

Yours in Him,

E. THORBURN.

LETTER FROM KENTUCKY

Dear Friends:

We are having such delightful weather that we feel more like making gardens than teaching school. It seems as though it were April or May instead of January. We have had one small snow which lay on the ground only a few hours.

I am sure, since so many of you contributed to our Christmas, you are anxious to know just how much we all enjoyed it. Truly, it will be hard to make you realize how much it was enjoyed and appreciated unless you could have been here and could have seen the bright faces of the children as they looked forward to seeing Santa Claus arrive and distribute the gifts. A beautiful and magnificent Christmas tree, reaching to the ceiling, sparkling with tinsel and loaded with presents, was the centre of attraction. Before Santa distributed the gifts the children rendered a brief program, consisting of songs, scriptural readings, etc., in which they endeavored to teach how Jesus was the great gift to the world. The house was crowded and in the audience was a number who had never before seen a Christmas tree. Every one went away feeling happy and filled with the Christmas spirit. We want to thank every one who sent presents. It is wonderful that God gives to us so bountifully that we can give to others.

Besides the many gifts sent for the children there were two other gifts received about this time. A friend, through Dr. W. J. Masson, gave \$25 for a scholarship. Then a "white gift" of \$93 was given by the Fairview congregation. Those of you who read Mr. Duncan's letter in the Advocate last month will know how much appreciated such gifts are. We feel that this was a generous gift from Fairview, and we are sure that God

will bless them. We are hoping and praying that the different congregations, missionary societies and Christian Endeavor Societies will consider these various needs, for there are some of these needs that any society can take up. We feel that God has been mighty good to us here the past year and we are sure that He will continue to bless His work. Dear readers, I wish you could have been present at our Wednesday evening prayer meeting of last week. Since it was the beginning of a New Year we thought we would have for our subject "Resolutions." We also decided that we would let each child form his resolution without the help of the teacher. It would have done your heart good to have seen these boys and girls walk up in front of the school and give their resolutions. Some of them were: "I am going to attend Sabbath School and church more regularly this year;" "I am going to study harder this year;" "I am going to read my Bible and pray more;" "I am going to be kinder to my teachers and try to help them more than I have ever done before;" "I am going to be a better boy in every way this year;" "I am going to try to be happy and cheerful in all of my work this year." These are only a few of the many that were given and a number of the children chose Bible verses appropriate for their resolutions. After the children had finished Miss Cunningham arose and said, "I have been here fifteen years and only once since I've been here have I been happier than I am this evening, and that was the evening the congregation was organized. We had prayed for this so long that when we saw our prayers answered our hearts were filled with praise and thanksgiving to God. But, boys and girls, you have made your teachers happy this evening by your good resolutions, for we know that if you carry them out—this will be a distinguished community. We want you to know that we shall pray for you that in temptation God will give you strength to keep your resolutions. In the evening, when the teachers were discussing the prayer meeting, Miss Cunningham and Miss Foster remarked how impossible it would have been ten or twelve years ago to have heard a meeting of this kind, because at that time the children knew very little about reading their Bibles and praying. It is such occasions as these that encourage the workers and enable them to see the progress that is made.

Within the past month or two death has visited our community and taken away some of our most beautiful Christian characters. Most of them have been fathers and mothers who left large families. We often feel tempted to wonder why such people are taken and yet when we stop to think it is only the pure in heart who can go to live with Jesus and how thankful

we should be that He calls those who are ready and warns those who are not; for we truly have cause to grieve when one it taken that we know was not prepared to meet his Saviour.

Mr. Duncan asks me to correct the error that was made in his letter about the farm being worth \$500, it was \$5500.

The following is a list of those who sent gifts at Christmas time: Mary McMullin, New Galilee, Pa.; Olive Nagel, New Galilee, Pa.; Mrs. J. S. Elder, Darlington, Pa.; Stella Duncan, New Galilee; Mrs. Stinson, Darlington, Pa.; Miss Kate Imbre, New Galilee, Pa.; Miss Lida Imbrie, New Galilee, Pa.; Dr. Savage, New Galilee, Pa.; Mrs. Eva Nagle, New Galilee, Pa.; Miss Margaret E. Lyons, Marissa, Ill.; Prof. and Mrs. F. A. Jurkat, Cedarville, O.; Mrs. Agnes Cooper, Belle Centre, O.; Mrs. D. M. Reid, Sparta, Ill.; Wilmer and Garland Fields, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Mrs. J. S. Marshall, New Galilee, Pa.; Mrs. Anna Duncan Marshall, Enon Valley, Pa.; Mr. Carl Duncan, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Russell, Enon Valley, Pa.; Mrs. Robert W. Watterson, Darlington, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stormet, Cedarville, O.; R. P. Church and C. E. Society, Cedarville, O.; Mrs. Belle Oldfield, Culler, Ill.; Sunshine Class of R. P. S. S., Cedarville, O.; Mrs. Alvah Melotte, Cito, Pa.; Miss Rhoda Kendell, McConnellsburg, Pa.; Mrs. Harry Kelso, McDonald, Pa.; Mr. Fred Siehl, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Anna Chesnut, Dranesburg, N. Y.; Miss Irma Creswell, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. S. T. Foster, Albia, Iowa.

Sincerely yours,

CALLA B. TURNER.

Houston, Ky., Jan. 9, 1922.

LET THE CHURCHES HOLD FAST!

"To think without confusion" on an issue so confused as is the prohibition question today is not easy. But amid the welter of progaganda there are at least two fundamental facts that must be kept always in the foreground and in support of which every church in the land ought to be a powerful centre of educational influence.

1. The tendency to treat the Eighteenth amendment as if it were not as integral a part of the Constitution of the United States as the First or the Nineteenth, is fraught with social peril. One wonders, therefore, in what misguided moment a periodical of the dignity and prestige of the Literary Digest could ever have been led to conduct a poll in which

people are asked to vote as to whether they are in favor of enforcing the Eighteenth amendment. Put in synonymous words, it becomes an insult to any loyal citizen: "Do you believe in supporting the national Constitution?"

It is entirely proper, of course, for those who do not believe in prohibition to work for the repeal of the Eighteenth amendment (even in face of the fact that it was ratified by the largest vote ever given to any amendment), but to try to nullify it while it is still a part of the basic law of the nation is elemental disloyalty to America. Suppose we all decide against enforcing the parts of the Constitution that do not exactly suit us at any time—what then? Let the churches sound over the land President Harding's ringing statement:

"Whatever breeds disrespect for the law of the land is a force tending to the general breakdown of the social organization."

To that let them add such words as those of the Judicial Section of the American Bar Association at its last session:

"The people of the United States, by solemn constitutional and statutory enactment, have undertaken to suppress the age-long evil of the liquor traffic. When, for the gratification of their appetites or the promotion of their interests, lawyers, bankers, great merchants and manufacturers, and social leaders both men and women, disobey and scoff at this law, they are aiding the cause of anarchy and promoting mob violence, robbery and homicide; they are sowing dragons' teeth and they need not be surprised when they find that no judicial or police authority can save our country or humanity from reaping the harvest."

2. The appeal in behalf of beer and wine is tantamount to an appeal for the return of the saloon. For how are beer and wine to be distributed? The well-to-do could buy in quantities for use at home, but the ordinary man must buy his daily portion by the glass. And he could get it, so far as we can see, only in one of two ways: either from any store that cares to dispense it, like soda water or groceries, or else from places especially licensed for the business. In the first case, we would be moving back about a hundred years to the period before the rise of the temperance movement, when Abraham Lincoln's store was expected to sell liquor along with sugar and tea. In the second case, we would be face to face again with the outlawed saloon.

Before we are called upon to vote upon beer and wine, let the beer-and-wine folks tell us how they expect to prevent

the return of an institution that impoverished countless homes, undermined the public health, fostered crime, corrupted political life and prove itself the enemy of every good influence in American life.

To vote for beer and wine is to vote for the return of the saloon. If the churches will make that as clear as daylight, there need be no fear that the temptation of liquor will waylay our men and boys on every street.

S. M. C.

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FAIRVIEW

The work in the Fairview congregation is moving along in a very harmonious manner; although without an under shepherd, they are doing well under the system of supplies from the Pittsburgh Seminary; the writer has been supplying in most instan-

ces, interspersed at times by one of the young men from the United Presbyterian Body.

A very happy missionary interest was created at the Christmas season. The S. S. prepared a program which was centered around the plan of a "White Gift Service." The S. S. and other organizations co-operated. A fine Christmas program was given on Saturday night preceeding Christmas; which resulted in a "White Gift" of \$93. Beside this substantial offering many dollars worth of small gifts were presented.

The whole service was in the interests of our new Church in Kentucky. The congregation experienced a real joy in being able to send to the Kentucky Church a Bank Draft for ninety three dollars, and in addition a large box of Christmas joy, as a Christmas gift from Fairview to Kentucky. It seems that Providence led in this work, for the Ky. Church at the same time was making an appeal to the Church in general for just such help. May I say that this true Christmas spirit of giving, resulted in a great blessing to us as well as to the recipients of the gifts. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The annual congregational meeting was held on New Year's day in the church. The congregation met at about 10 o'clock A. M., coming well supplied with oysters and what not. A sumptuous dinner was served and then followed the business meeting. Officers were elected for the year and good reports were given by the several officers.

During these few months of bad roads the congregation is having preaching just twice a month. However, the S. S. is meeting every Sabbath under the efficient direction of our Supt., Mrs. Leslie Gormley.

Yours for a successful year in the Master's work.

D. H. Hammond.

LOS ANGELES

The first week of the year, a friend installed a radio in the home of Mr. and Miss Ramsey, as a New Year present. Three of the daily news papers have broad casting stations, and send out news, and other things each day. One of these gives bed

time stories, for children at 7 o'clock each evening, which are very instructive. One large church also has a broad casting station, and gives out its sermons each Sabbath. So we get the the news and other things. We haven't been able to hear any thing outside of the city yet, but by perhaps a little practice, we may be able to hear what our good friends in Clay Center are saying, or even in Duaneburgh. Wouldn't that be nice?

We will tell you a little of what our Sabbath School has been doing lately. Each child was asked to bring on the Sabbath before Thanksgiving, a couple of apples, or potatoes, or a can of fruit, or a glass of jellie, or some eatables to be given to the poor. Nearly an auto load of various things were brought in. These were distributed during the Thanksgiving period. The jellies were kept for another use. Then in Dec. a collection was taken in the Sabbath School, to furnish a treat at Christmas time, for one of the wards in the County Hospital. A ward usually contains fifty patients. The hospital furnishes boxes for such occasions. Each of the fifty boxes were filled with candy, nuts, raisins, a piece of cake, a handkerchief, six sheets of writing paper, envelopes and stamps; also a card with scripture verses. These were taken out the Saturday afternoon before Christmas. A glass of jelly also was placed in each box.

There is one time each year, when our church is crowded, and that is at the annual Sabbath School entertainment. This took place on the evening of Dec. 29. It was said to be one of the best we ever had. Bibles and books were given for faithful attendance, committing, and for bringing in new scholars. The first present to a scholar is always a bible, which will last them till grown up. This is usually the first bible they have ever had and some times the only one in the home. In addition to the usual program, there was a Bible reading contest, and a contest in answering 50 bible questions. These contests were much enjoyed by all. Miss Ramsey, as her custom has been for years, made a personal visit to the county hospital, the afternoon before Thanksgiving, taking out cakes and flowers for 50 patients.

Jan. 8, was the warmest January day ever known in Los Angeles. The mercury rose to 90°. yet there was no sweltering; not even perspiration on the brow of any one that I saw. In the evening fire was not uncomfortable.

THE LICENSURE OF D. H. HAMMOND

The commission appointed by the Pittsburgh Presbytery at the semi-annual meeting to attend to the licensure of Mr. David Harold Hammond, met at the home of the chairman of the commission, Rev. Alexander Savage, D. D. on January 23, 1923, at 2 o'clock P. M. Messrs. S. A. Duncan and W. J. Imbrie were the other members of the commission.

Mr. Hammond was examined in the Hebrew and Greek languages, in Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, and the distinctive principles of the R. P. Church. Mr. Hammond acquitted himself very well. The examination was sustained, and on the evening of the same day Mr. Hammond preached a good sermon, subject The Divinity and Work of Christ, in the R. P. church Darlington, Pa. The sermon was good and well delivered. The usual order was observed. The prayer of licensure was offered by the chairman, after which the young brother was commended to the care and blessing of his divine Master. Thus another excellent young man is licensed to preach the Gospel of the Son of God.

May our divine Master give health and strength to our young brother, and crown his labors with abundant success. Our young brother has done good work, and rendered acceptable service to the Fairview congregation during the fall and winter season, and will continue his work there for a time.

DARLINGTON PA.

On Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 3rd. 1923, the Woman's Missionary Society of Darlington and White R. P. Church, met at the home of Mrs. Eva McHattie near New Galilee, Pa.

As the friends greeted each other with good wishes for a Happy New Year, the cheerful faces seemed to indicate that these wishes were already being fulfilled.

The meeting was called to order and after prayer and praise

had been rendered, the leader, who had selected for the first meeting of the New Year the appropriate topic of "Character Building" read I Corinthians 3:9-17, as a Bible lesson. Other Scripture references were also read.

The Educational side of Character building, and the effect of thoughts, words and deeds on the character, were presented in the articles read. That the thoughts have much more to do with the character building than is generally conceded, was brought out.

The following facts were emphasised: That Christ is the foundation for true character building.

That the selection of good books to read is an important factor.

That the choice of good companions and friends is one of the essentials.

That Bible study, and the facts which the Bible teaches concerning the birth and the life of Christ and His Divine Nature, all are aids to the completion of a noble Christian character.

The articles read on the subject were impressive, and the thoughts presented, inspiring.

Cards from Rev. Paul Duncan were read, on which he told of appreciation of what the church people had done for the cause of Christ at Houston, Ky.

Some who are not able to attend the meetings, send their offering by mail or by some one who can be present, and in this way their interest is manifested and the work is materially aided. The contributions at this time were very liberal.

A mistaken idea seems to have been prevalent for a long time especially among men folks. That it is a mistaken idea will be seen by the decision reached by the ladies present. While it was not passed as a resolution, no doubt if the decision be carried out, it will tend to make the meetings more interesting in the future. It was agreed that the ladies had not been talking enough, in these meetings, and it was informally decided that they ought to talk more. We hope that all good New Year resolutions may be put into practice.

After all business had been arranged, the society adjourned, with an invitation to hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson in New Galilee, Pa.

Sincerely yours, Mrs. Eva D. Nagel.

SEVENTH CHURCH PHILADELPHIA

The Seventh Church Philadelphia has lost one of its staunch

members, who was recently elected an elder. By accident he fell and struck his head, and from the injury died the next day in the hospital. Another of the newly elected elders, Mr. Brown, was struck by an auto and is in a very serious condition. These sad providences remind us of the necessity of always being ready to meet the summons of death. The sorrying families and the whole congregation have our sympathy.

OBITUARY

Houston, Ky. Jan. 10, 1923

For the Advocate,

Mrs. Isabella Turner was born a native of the Ky. Mts. Her husband, Wesley Turner, was killed while acting as Sheriff of Breathitt Co. and she was left with a family of nine little children to care for. They had lived on a farm on Elsom Creek before Mr. Turner became sheriff and at the death of her husband Mrs. Turner returned to the farm. When asked in after years why she did not stay in Jackson where life might have been easier for her, she replied, "I want to raise my children for God, and I was afraid to stay in Jackson so I brought them back to the hills here."

Life on the farm in Ky. is not easy at the best, and with a large family to care for, Mrs. Turner saw many hardships. Friends and relatives would beg of her many times to give one of the children to them. At such times she would go to the Lord in prayer that He would give her enough of the necessities of life to enable her to feed and clothe them all that she might never have to separate them. The second year after her husband's death, she sent the three oldest children to the Houston mission. This was the beginning of a friendship between the mission workers and this grand mountain mother and her fine family. Every reader of our church paper has heard something of Miss Calla Turner who was in Cedarville College for 3 years and who is now a teacher in the Ky. mission school at Houston. None can know the sacrifices they made to keep Calla and her brothers and sisters in school. The hard work

soon told on Mrs. Turner's health, but because of a sweet happy disposition and always a cheerful face it was hard to realize that her condition was critical. She had often said if God would spare her life until they had all become sincere Christians and in a good school she would be contented and happy. Four of the children entered normal school at Berea last Sept. and they had planned as soon as business arrangements could be made to take the younger children and go to Berea Ky., where they would make their home and live until all the children were through school. Mrs. Turner had suffered from goiter for many years and all fall she failed rapidly. In Nov. she went to Lexington for an operation, with Calla accompanying her. It was found by the physician it was impossible to remove the goiter, and she lived only a short time after the operation. Calla was the only one of the children with her mother when God called her home. When the message came calling the children to come quickly to Lexington, Eva a child of 12 years, set us all an example of christian faith and trust by saying, "Let us all pray if it is God's will mamma may live, but if not he will help us." We read, "the fervent effectual prayer of the righteous availeth much." God is helping and will help. His promise to be a father to the orphan and those who trust Him cannot fail.

Mrs. Turner left a family of eight children. Roy, one of the oldest boys died when 13 years ago. Her home never was too crowded to take in some of the orphaned children of the mountains, and at the time of her death she had two homeless children and was caring for them until a suitable home could be found for them. At present they are in our mission home and we believe God will supply all their needs according to his riches which are in Jesus, and we will be able to carry on the work this brave, noble and beautiful Christian mother had begun for them. All of Mrs. Turner's children are members of the church. Five have joined our church at Houston Mission. We feel proud of them each one as they have done much to aid in the work of Christ here in organization of a church. We feel sure that the church will extend to this family her warm assurance of sympathy and friendship. Written from the Mission.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

February 4, 1923.

Topic: "What is the chief value of a Christian Endeavor Society?"

I Tim. 6; 11-16. Christian Endeavor Day.

BIBLE READINGS

1. Monday, Romans chap. 12.
2. Tuesday, John chap. 15.
3. Wednesday, Matthew 6; 31-34.
4. Thursday, John 1: 40-46.
5. Friday, I Peter chap. 2.
6. Saturday, Peil, 3: 7-17

COMMENT

The Christian Endeavor Society was organized to help the Young People of the church to do better work in the church, by giving them better means to cultivate their gifts in the service of their Lord and Master. The motto of the C. E. S. is, "For Christ and the Church." To be for "Christ and the Church" is the chief object for which the C. E. Society was organized.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. What is a real Christian Endeavorer?
 2. Do we try to live up to our pledge?
 3. In what ways can a Christian Endeavorer help to build up the church?
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February 11, 1923.

Topic; 'Lessons from the Psalms; 2. The testimony of Psalm 145.

Consecration meeting.

BIBLE READINGS

1. Monday, The Repentance Psalm, 51.
2. Tuesday, The Shepherd Psalm, 23.
3. Wednesday, Psalms of the Cross, 22 & 69
4. Thursday, The Universal Praise Psalm, 100.
5. Friday, The Fret not Psalm, 37.
6. Saturday, The Refuge Psalm, 46.

COMMENT

There is a Psalm for every human need and holy aspiration. Do we want to bless, praise or exalt or honor God, there is a Psalm ready for our use. Do we want to render thanks to God or confess our sins, and acknowledge His mercies, we have a Psalm suited to our wants. Do we want to learn lessons in obedience, love, integrity and service, we have a Psalm to meet our every need. They are made by divine order for our use.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Why do we use Bible Psalms instead of modern hymns?
2. Have we used the Psalms to meet our needs in times of joys, sorrows, and spiritual longings?
3. Which are some of our favorite Psalms?

February 18, 1923

Topic- "\$50,000 for Improving Our Community: How Should We Spend it?" Gen. 4:9.

BIBLE READINGS

1. Monday. Study Cain and his character. Gen. Chap. 4
2. Tuesday Study Joseph and the use he made of wealth Gen. chaps. 42-47.
3. Wednesday Moses building the Tabernacle Ex. 25-28.
4. Thursday Samuel a faithful steward I Sam. 12
5. Friday A life well spent Job 29
6. Saturday Good advice Eccl. 12:1

COMMENT

Money is that which seems to answer for all things in our day. How we spend it however is the all important thing about it. Properly used it is one of life's greatest blessings, otherwise it is a curse. Some one has said that money is a "Universal provider of everything but happiness, and a passport to every place but heaven."

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. What does our community need?
2. Should we spend more for luxuries than for necessities?
3. Do we give to the Lord's work cheerfully?

February 25, 1923

Topic; "What are some temptations to lie, and how can we overcome them? Prov 12: 17-22.

BIBLE READINGS

1. Monday, Lying about murder, Gen. chap 4.
2. Tuesday, Lying about abduction, Gen. chap 38.
3. Wednesday, Lying about property, Acts 5:1-10.
4. Thursday, Why stop Lying? Prov. 6: 17.
5. Friday, How to stop Lying, Eph. 4:25,
6. Saturday, Truth's reward. Psalm 15.

COMMENT

Telling lies is natural to the depraved nature. Satan is said to be the Father of lies. He was a liar from the beginning. Truth is an attribute of God, which he can and does communicate to his children. The intention of a lie is to deceive. God cannot be deceived. Lying, stealing, and kindred sins, always produce an abundant crop of evil consequences. Lying tends to bondage; truth to freedom.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Who was the first liar?
2. May lying ever be justified?
3. Are there any kinds of religious tenets that make lying justifiable?

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