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EDITORIAL.

The Lausanne Conference has been taken up again with the hope of settling up the differences between Turkey and the Allied nations of Europe. The world will look on with interest to see the out come, as the matters at stake are vital to the peace of the world.

Recently the matter of the production of Habit-forming Drugs and the Raw Materials from which they are made, was brought before the committee on Foreign affairs in the House of Representatives at Washington. In this, the president is requested to urge upon the governments of certain nations the immediate necessity of limiting the production of Habit forming narcotic drugs and raw materials from which they are made to the amount actually required for strictly medicinal and scientific purposes.

The official notice of the meeting of General Synod is now before us, and the Editor has been asked to state that the Pitts-
burgh Congregation will take care of the delegates as far as it is possible to do so. The communion will be dispensed on Sabbath and on account of the illness of the pastor, the ministers at Synod will, with the session, have charge of the services. This should be a soul inspiring occasion.

Remember that if the opportunity for great deeds should never come, the opportunity for good deeds is renewed for you day by day. The thing for us to long for is the goodness, not the glory.

We are apt to suffer the mean things of life to overthrow the finer nature within us, therefore it is expedient that at least once a day we read a little poetry or sing a song or look at a picture.

No doubt the possible ministry of sorrow for every child of God is very rich. It is painful and costly. But if we yield to it in the spirit of love and faith as to the work of God's own hand upon us, it will leave us with new power.

THE MEETING of GENERAL SYNOD

The General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, will meet pursuant to adjournment in the Grant Street Reformed Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Rev. John B. Wilson, pastor, on Wednesday evening, May 16, 1923, at 8 o'clock, P. M. to be opened with a sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. Paul Duncan; Rev. W. R. McChesney, D. D. to be his alternate.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Statements of accounts are being sent out to all our Subscribers whose subscription has or is about to expire. If we have made any error in your statement, please notify us immediately and we will gladly make the correction.

A renewal of your subscription is desired.

The PUBLISHER.

THE RURAL CHURCH HOW TO KILL YOUR CHURCH

Rev. Conrad Hooker.

1. Don't come.
2. If you do come, come late.
3. When you do come, come with a grouch.
4. At every service ask yourself, "What do I get out of this?"
5. Never accept office. It is better to stay outside and criticise.
6. Visit other churches about half of the time to show your pastor that you are not tied down to him. There is nothing like independence.
7. Let the pastor earn his money; let him do all the work.
8. Sit pretty well back and never sing. If you have to sing, sing out of tune and behind everybody else.
9. Never pay in advance, especially for religion. Wait until you get your money's worth, and then wait a bit longer.
10. Never encourage the preacher; if you like a sermon, keep mum about it. Many a preacher has been ruined by flattery. Don't let his blood be on your head.
11. It is good to tell your pastor's failings to any strangers that may happen in; they might be a long time finding them out.
12. Of course you can't be expected to get new members for the church with such a pastor as he is.
13. If your church unfortunately happens to be harmonious, call it apathy or indifference or lack of zeal, or anything under the sun except what it is.
14. If there happens to be a few zealous workers in the church, make a tremendous protest against the church's being run by a clique.—"American Agriculturist."

LETTER FROM KENTUCKY.

April 11, 1923.

Dear Friends of the Kentucky Mission, it has fallen to me the task of writing a letter to you all again. The weather here is quite cool for this time of the year. Although if it is cool, Nature is slowly but surely, putting a beautiful green covering on the face of Mother Earth once again, also the birdies are merrily singing the lullabies and the trees are rapidly decorating themselves with blossoms and leaves—in a word, the pleasant, smiling visitor Spring-Has-Returned with his wagons laden down with life and that which is beautiful.

When we think of Spring, with her great supply of life and her hands full of brushes to paint objects of the earth to make them beautiful she reminds us of the one who is the giver of all life and everything that is beautiful.

When we think of the many churches, Christian schools, Christian governments and mission stations throughout the world we behold our Saviour and our King, with His many millions of servants, with these institutions, as brushes in their hands, overturning and overturning and painting all heathendom, here a little and there a little, with the precious blood of Him Who was crucified for the sins of the world. Consequently today we see heathendom being transformed into beautiful Christian civilization. It seems like a slow process the way in which Christ does His work, however it is being done, and it is a blessed hope, we all have, that the time shall come when Christ's kingdom shall come and His will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven.

As I have visited the neighboring missions here, Canoe, Cowcreek and Highland—the first, four miles from us, and the latter two, seven miles from us—I hear the same good news as you have all heard about this mission. Everyone has a good word for the mountain mission stations and their work, mentally, physically, morally and spiritually.

Our Turkey Creek mission has made a noble record for

herself. The people here all love her for what she has done for them socially, educationally and spiritually. This mission deserves unreservedly the united efforts of our entire Church. Let us as a denomination do for her the best we can, in praying for her, talking for her and in giving for her. We shall all be blest for it, for it is a worthy work for the Master. As I am leaving the mission this spring, I, in behalf of the mission, wish to thank the many who have given liberally toward the welfare of the mission; also I wish to thank the Home Mission Board, Dr. Savage, Mr. Imbrie, Professor Jurkat and Dr. McChesney, these men especially, who were so kind and helpful in aiding me in carrying on the work that was to be done, in making improvements and in the organization of a church. Furthermore, I wish to say it is with deep regret I must leave the Turkey Creek mission. I have enjoyed my work here greatly and I shall never forget the many fine, good, hospitable people of this community. I love them every one, and particularly the girls and boys whose teacher and pastor I have been and with whom I have had so many good times in singing, giving yells and playing basketball and other games.

Before I close I wish to tell you of our spring communion. We had beautiful weather and a delightful communion. Dr. McChesney assisted me in communion. He gave us grand sermons, and we had a season of rejoicing and spiritual refreshment. The wife of Mr. Felix McIntosh, one of our Elders, joined church. She is a fine lady. Last summer in a Bible verse memory contest she won, saying 332. I wish to thank the Cedarville C. E. Society for sending a beautiful aluminum communion set to the mission church. With this I shall close.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL WARREN DUNCAN.

THIRD REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
PHILADELPHIA

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed by our

congregation on Sabbath morning, April 8. The morning was wet and dreary, but the inclemency of the weather did not prevent us from having one of the best attended communions since we moved into our new church.

By extending two tables all the length of the Sabbath School room, we were able to seat all the communicants at one time. We still observe this holy ordinance in the old-fashioned New Testament way; believing that we honor our Saviour by the manner of observance, as well as the spirit in which His death should be commemorated and celebrated.

The Ladies' Aid Society furnished us with new linen for the tables. The Bible class provided two beautiful bouquets for the pulpit.

The special collection was the best, so far as our records show, that was ever taken at a communion service in the history of our church. It is with a sense of joy in our hearts, and profound gratitude to God that we are able to use the superlative in describing our attendance and offering. "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad."

On Thursday evening preceding the communion the Rev. John Parks brought us a stimulating message on the "Joy of music in our worship of God." On Friday evening the Rev. R. C. Montgomery preached a splendid doctrinal sermon on the "Fulness in Christ." Both these sermons were helpful, appropriate and inspiring, and prepared our hearts to see no one but Jesus only. Nine new members united with us on this occasion; seven by letter and two on profession of faith.

"Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity.

Let them that love thee and thy peace have still prosperity."

DARLINGTON, PA.

The meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Darlington and White R. P. Church, on Wednesday, April 4, at the home of Mrs. R. W. Watterson, Darlington, Pa., was well attended and was a success from every point of view. The

social, physical and spiritual needs of the individual had a share in the day's program.

The ladies met in the forenoon, and having brought with them the requisites for a "covered dish dinner," with the assistance of the hostess, proceeded to carry out their plans for an enjoyable time. Those who were fortunate enough to be present, unanimously agreed that no good thing was lacking.

After dinner, the meeting was called to order and the topic for the day, "The Church, Her Life and Work," was taken up and considered. Interesting papers had been prepared, and were read, also articles bearing on the conditions in the Church, were read and reviewed. The importance of the church and the stamp of Divine approval that has been set on the Church was brought out in the remarks that followed. The meeting was spiritually uplifting and helpful.

The treasurer reported an offering for the day of more than one hundred dollars, showing the interest and faithfulness of this little band of Christ's servants. The money in the treasury amounting to three hundred dollars since the October meeting was distributed equally among our three Boards—Home Mission, Foreign Mission and Cedarville College.

At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Watterson for her generous hospitality. Several visitors were present who expressed their appreciation of the pleasure they derived from the occasion.

The meeting for last month was held on March 7 at the home of Miss Tillie Wallace, Darlington, Pa. The topic for study was "Lessons from the Psalms." An interesting and instructive meeting, both in the devotional and literary exercises, was enjoyed by those present.

As the warm days will soon be here, we hope to again see the familiar faces of those friends who are prevented from meeting with us during the winter months by reason of distance and the cold.

Sincerely yours,

EVA D. NAGEL.

LETTER FROM INDIA.

Rurki, India, March 3, 1923.

Dear friends:—

Just a few lines about this part of the vine-yard. I have had a very busy time visiting the different stations, holding meetings, and opening up new work. The time seems to have wings. I have visited every station in the work, and it makes my heart glad to know that God is with us. I went to Hardwar, where our worker Shubrati, is working. So I set out for the Bazaar, had a look round, and it made my heart glad to know that God has given us a footing in this famous place. When I looked around at the hungry faces of the people, one meets when he goes to Hardwar, and sees the wistful look in the faces of so many, who are seeking for the real light, it is awful. After seeing the famous bathing place, I retraced my steps through the Bazaar, and distributed a few tracts. I stopped at one shop in the Bazaar to take a look at a few pictures, when one of the Pundits who frequent the place came over to me, and said, Sahib, what do you think of Mahatma Gandhi? I looked straight into his face, and said, In the opinion of some he seems to be all right, and in the opinion of others he seems to be wrong, but whether he is right or wrong I do not know; but I want to tell you of one who is the only emancipator and saviour of India. During the course of this conversation quite a number had gathered to hear what we were saying. We were just in a nice place to tell them of Jesus, we were in the busiest place of the Bazaar. So I lifted my heart to God, that He would give me something to say for His glory. The Pundit said, "Tell me his name?" I said, His name is Jesus Christ, and He is the only Saviour of India, and He alone can give peace a to hungry heart. It was a simple answer, but in India it carries weight, when a white man talks of spiritual things.

Leaving Hardwar, to our station in Jawalapur, where our worker Hardy is. He says, there are a number of Mussalmans, seeking Christ.

During our communion services in Rurki, we had a glorious time, and I am sure the villagers shall feel the effects of our prayers. We had three services daily. The workers said, Sahib, the Lord has spoken to our hearts, and we are going to do our best for God.

Then I went to Nauserheri, where our worker Mihi Lal is, and we had a grand open air meeting. There were about 80 present and it so happened that there was a marriage at the time. If it had not been for this, there would have been 200. So we have much encouragement from God. The Arya Samajh were very angry to think that these christians are coming over to the villagers to hold meetings, and the people are eager to hear their message, the Lord helped us.

Leaving Nauserheri, I went to Shahpore where our village church is, and I called the workers together to hold a few services. These were held at 8 a. m., 10, a. m., 4, p. m. and 7, a. m. It was a real time of blessing. Should we wonder when I say we need a real message from the Altar to stir up the souls of the village christians?

We who are accustomed to hearing sermons almost everyday, and even then we complain of a dryness in our souls when we miss a service, what do you think it means to one who has anything but encouragement to go on? Do we wonder why Jesus said, pray the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth more laborers. May God give us hearts that will yearn over the lost. Friends if there is one thing the mission field needs it is men who have been to the cross, and are coming down from the mount to bless our souls

I visited our worker in Sirchandi, Prem Dass. So we had a children's meeting, and the people gathered around to hear of one, who is able to save to uttermost. Then on the Sabbath following I went to another village, and there we preached about Jesus to the people. One old woman wept like a baby, so to speak. She was amazed at the boys singing with all their hearts to God. I had the pastor in charge of the Boarding house, and the boys. We went through the villages singing the praises of God. Of course this was wonderful to the villager, who knows nothing outside of his own village. I am sure God blessed our

effort. I paid a visit to our village in Shahpore, because I am thinking of opening up the work in this district. There are 3 villages in this place which have not been touched with the gospel, so I am keen at this work. When I was staying in tent I saw a boy walking about the place. so I asked him to come baek with me to Roorkee. He came and is now staying in the Boarding, and he loves to be here. Two days after the boy had come one man came to the house and told me he wanted 16 Rupees for the boy. He told me that he had given the boy Rs.16 and clothing. So I took him to the boy, and asked the boy if he wanted to go back with this man, he answered No! Then I asked him if the man had given him any money. He said, "He has not given me anything." Turning to the man I said, "Do you hear what the boy says? So the man took the clothes off of the boy's back, but he got no money from me. This is a good picture of the way many boys are withheld from us. When we try to raise a boy or girl someone wants to know why we cannot let the people alone as they are quite alright.

It reminds me of a story about the man, who went to India to hunt big game, he returned after a few years, and told the people at home that he had been in India seven years, and had not seen one single convert. Then the Missionary came home, and told the people that he had been in India 20 years and had not seen one Lion nor any wild animals

There are hundreds in India who are longing for the gospel, but there is sort of a clasp on them that keeps them held down to some one who is over them. Let us pray dear friends that God may snap every fetter from them, and cause those who are holding them to let go. We are going on and God is going with us, then we shall look to Him for He is able.

Yours in Him, E. Thorburn.

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ONLY WAITING.

Only waiting till the shadows
Are a little longer grown;
Only waiting till the glimmer
Of the day's last beam is flown;
Till the night of earth is faded
From the heart once full of day;
Till the dawn of heaven is breaking
Through the twilight, soft and gray.

Only waiting till the reapers
Have the last sheaf gathered home:
For the summer time is faded,
And the Autumn winds have come,
Quickly, reapers, gather quickly
The last ripe hours of my heart,
For the bloom of life is withered,
And I hasten to depart.

Only waiting till the angels
Open wide the mystic gate,
At whose feet I long have lingered,
Weary, poor and desolate.
Even now I hear the footsteps,
And their voices far away;
If they call me, I am waiting,
Only waiting to obey.

Only waiting till the shadows
Are a little longer grown;
Only waiting till the glimmer
Of the day's last beam is flown;
Then from out the gathered darkness,
Holy deathless stars shall rise,
By whose light my soul shall gladly
Tread its pathway to the skies.

—Francis Leighton Mace.

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TO MY FELLOW VOLUNTEERS

By Walter H. Judd.

As I ride back to Nebraska after the Fourth Student Volunteer Council meeting, there comes a deepening realization of the privilege the chairman of the Council has in sending a message to all the Volunteers of Canada and the United States.

I might write to you regarding a number of the responsibilities and opportunities we face as Christians and as Student Volunteers this year but I think all of them are secondary to one great problem each one of us has. You and I have dedicated our whole lives to the task of taking, not our so-called civilization nor our social order, but our Christ to those peoples of the world who have never had an opportunity of knowing Him and of working out their own peculiar problems under His leadership. My message is just this: Do we really have Him ourselves? Do we know Jesus so intimately that we can take Him and adequately interpret Him to those who are in need of Him? Are we living close enough to Him day by day now so that we will be fit spiritually to be true messengers when the time comes to go abroad? What doth it profit us if we are becoming the very best doctors, or preachers, or teachers,

or what not, if we are losing Him in the process? And if our lives have no power, if you and I are not winning the men and women on our campuses to Him right now—we have lost Him! We might as well face this fact squarely.

Making Him Pre-Eminent.

I know this sounds like a sermon and you are probably wondering, "What's the big idea of just a medical student writing this way to us?" But I dare to say this thing because I honestly believe it holds the secret to all our problems as individuals, and to those we have in our Student Volunteer Groups, Unions, and the Movement as a whole. If we will take time every day, every one of us, to make Him not just prominent, but actually pre-eminent in our lives—probably we'll not just "find" the time, usually we'll have to "make" it—if we'll do that fairly and earnestly, then the Headquarters staff won't have to be worrying about finances or subscriptions to the Bulletin, you and I won't have difficulty in getting students interested in mission study classes, and the Mission Boards will not have to be pleading so often in vain for young men and women to answer rightly God's call for their lives. The solution of all these problems will be inevitable and immediate. If we have Jesus Christ and His love in our hearts, we will win! We can't help it! He is sufficient! Do we honestly believe that promise so absolutely that we are willing to risk our very all in the supreme venture of faith? Can we truly say, "For to me to live is Christ?" If not, what are we?

A Prayer Movement.

The Student Volunteer Movement began at Mt. Hermon Conference in prayer—not the sporadic and "When-we-feel-like it" kind, but the compelling all-night variety persisting until men found His will for their lives. Our Quadrennial Convention comes in December of this year. Who can dare even to dream what God can do if you and I will give Him a chance this whole year—if we'll really pray, and will follow the light He gives us, cost what it may? We do not ask for ourselves, but only that through us men and women everywhere—

in our colleges now, and in the foreign field later—may come to know Him and His way of living, and His will for their lives.

That's the biggest thing I know. Will we give Him a chance?—"Student Volunteer Movement Bulletin."

THE PROGRAM OF THE APPROACHING QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

By Galen M. Fisher and Kenneth S. Latourette.

The Committee on Arrangements and the Sub-committee on Program appointed by it have already spent many hours in attempting to formulate the strongest possible program. It was agreed that the first step was to ascertain by wide referendum what students and workers among students consider to be the most vital elements to be incorporated in the program. Accordingly a few questions to this effect were addressed to about 700 students and 300 other persons selected from all parts of Canada and the United States and from all types of institutions. The replies to these questions were exceedingly suggestive and have formed the base line in the creation of the program.

First of all the Program Committee attempted to lay down the guiding principles and major emphasis which should run throughout the Convention. Among them were the following:

1. Christ is the heart of our message and life.
2. The contributions of all races, not simply the white race, to the interpretation and embodiment of Christian truth and the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God should be recognized.
3. Early in the program there should be a series of addresses presenting in masterly fashion the issues which confront the whole world alike (whether home or foreign field), such as: Nationalism and International Conflict; Race Relationships and Antagonisms! Social and Economic Problems; the ideas which find expression in the Youth and Reconnaissance Movements. Under each of these topics an effort would

be made to give a bird's-eye view of the actual situation, including problems, perils, adjustments and hopeful trends all from the viewpoint of Christian obligation. The note of penitence and humility should be struck, in view of the manifest shortcomings and failures of Christians in western lands.

4. There is an equal obligation on all Christians to practice Jesus' way of life, regardless of what part of the world they live and work in.

5. The vision of the Convention should be directed toward the vast unfulfilled tasks which challenge the intelligence and devotion of our generation, in order to make every aspect life, the world over, more truly Christian.

Since the Christian communities in North America and Europe are relatively more numerous and more influential than in Asia and Africa, the emphasis will be placed upon the strengthening of the Christian forces in these latter continents, in other words, upon foreign missions.

Most of the speakers will be drawn from North America, but at least seven or eight of the ablest nationals from Asia, Europe, and other parts of the world will be given a prominent place on the program.

The referendum replies indicated a strong desire for forum or open discussion sessions and the program is being drawn up on the basis of several sessions, when topics growing out of preceding addresses and problems suggested by students themselves will be discussed in groups of between 200 and 400 each. There will also be an ample opportunity given for sending in written questions, the most important of which will be answered from the platform.

The Committee on Arrangements itself and the Subcommittee on Program include a number of undergraduates and recent graduates, but in order that the convention itself may more fully respond to the needs and desires of the delegates, it has been decided to create a Steering Committee composed predominantly of undergraduates. To this committee will be committed, after the convention meets, the actual administration of the program and the devising of various means for securing wide participation by students themselves. The

committee will also have the disposition of certain time which is to be left unspecified in the program as well as the hundred and one other matters which may arise.

A preliminary program has already been drafted, but it will not be announced until it has been more than once revised in the light of criticisms and suggestions from a wide circle of student and missionary leaders.

The forthcoming convention will be dealing with a world situation which has already plunged many minds into pessimism. No Christian will admit that humanity is too sick to be cured, but every intelligent Christian must recognize that the easy optimism in which we once indulged is no longer possible. We must face the facts with thoroughness and candor and then mobilize the vast unutilized resources that lie within our grasp.—“Student Volunteer Movement Bulletin.”

OUR COLLEGE

The present semester of Cedarville College will close with the commencement, June 8th. Mr. W. D. Nesbitt will deliver the oration on commencement day. Mr. Nesbitt is an author of notoriety. It was he who wrote, “Your Flag and My Flag.” He was born and reared in Cedarville. He now lives in Chicago.

The Minstrel Show was given the evening of March 28th, and was a great success from the standpoint of entertainment and attendance, drawing the largest attendance that ever assembled in the Cedarville Opera House.

The baseball season is now on, with a number of games scheduled with other colleges.

Preparations are being made for Cedar Day, which is the annual Cedarville College Day. The entertainment will consist of aesthetic and athletic features with a community luncheon. This event usually draws the largest crowd of any feature of the college.

The new catalog is now ready for distribution. Any persons interested in receiving one may secure it by writing

to the president of Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio.

We are looking forward to the largest attendance next year that the college has ever enjoyed. The facilities in the way of teaching force, equipment and the new Science Hall, will be greater. We would like to see students from every congregation in the church, and especially young people who are looking forward to prepare themselves for a life work in the Kingdom of Christ.

All contributions to be given to the college should be sent at once, by the congregations and individuals, in order that they may be listed in the annual report to General Synod. This report will close May 15.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. McCHESNEY,
President.

BUDGET FOR CEDARVILLE COLLEGE

The budget for Cedarville College for the year 1923-24 will be as follows:

Salary, 8 professors and 6 instructors.....	\$13,000
For coal, painting of buildings, paving of streets and sidewalk and other incidentals	\$3,000
Total	\$16,000

The estimated receipts to meet these expenses for 1923-24 are \$14,000.

This budget is published before the meeting of General Synod and in the Advocate that the church may realize, not only the great amount of work which the college is doing but the necessity of raising at least \$2000 beyond what we have been accustomed to raise in former years.

The painting has become a necessity. It ought to have been done two years ago but was not because of lack of funds.

The college has been ordered by the village authorities to pave the street in front of its property and a part of the side-

walk and it will have to carry out the decree.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. McCHESNEY,
President.

FIFTY SCHOLARSHIPS WANTED

Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio.

Cedarville College is applying to you, dear reader, to give a scholarship for the education of a deserving young man or woman during 1923-24. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) will pay for a scholarship for one year.

We need fifty scholarships for the year 1923-24. Fifty dollars is only four dollars and a half a month, but it means a great deal to some deserving young man or woman who cannot afford to pay their tuition.

You will be bestowing the money in a good cause. You will be helping the college as well as the student.

Send checks for scholarships to the president, W. R. McChesney, Cedarville, Ohio.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. McCHESNEY,
President.

BUILDING AND ENDOWMENT FUND OF CEDARVILLE COLLEGE

The amount paid in by the Building and Endowment Fund of Cedarville College, since October, 1922, is \$12,000, or just about 40 per cent. of the amount subscribed for this year.

The new Science Hall is almost completed, and the cost of its erection must be met within a month. We urge upon the subscribers to pay their subscriptions for the present year, and thus we will have enough to meet our obligations.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. McCHESNEY,
President.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

May 6, 1923

Topic: Lessons from the Psalms. 5. A prayer Psalm. Ps. 86:1-17
Consecration Meeting

BIBLE READINGS

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| 1. Monday | Bible prayers | Read Neh. chap. 1 |
| 2. Tuesday | " | " 2 Chron. 6 |
| 3. Wednesday | " | " 2 Kings 20 |
| 4. Thursday | " | " 1 Kings 18:47-49 |
| 5. Friday | " | " Gen. 18:23-33 |
| 6. Saturday | " | " the prayer Ps. |

COMMENT

In this Psalm David is encouraged to pray because of God's power and goodness. He has received much of God's grace in the past and desires this favor to be continued. Only those who pray from the heart in faith know the value of prayer, and feel the need of it. The genuine prayer gives evidence of faith and humility. In this Psalm there is confession of sin, expressions of faith and pleadings for mercy. God's great compassion is gratefully acknowledged.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

1. Have we been impressed with the prayers in the Psalms?
2. Do we acknowledge God's goodness, love and mercy in our prayers?
3. Do we pray in spirit of humble supplication?

May 13, 1923

Topic: Why do we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? John 20:24-3

BIBLE READINGS

1. Monday The evidence of Psalms, 2, 45, & 110
2. Tuesday Evidences from the prophets Isa. 9:6; Micah 5:2; Mal. 3:1-2
3. Wednesday New Testament evidence John 15
4. Thursday Divine titles John 1:1; 20:28; Acts 20:28; Heb. 1:8
5. Friday Divine perfections Eternity John 1:2; Immortality Heb. 1:11
Omnipresence John 3:13; Omniscience Matt. 11:27; Omnipotence John 5:17
6. Saturday Divine works, Creation John 1:3,10; Preservation Heb. 1:3; Miracles John 5:21, 36 etc.

COMMENT

From the above readings it is plainly shown that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that to him all the divine attributes are ascribed. The testimony of the prophets, the Father in heaven, the Son himself, and lastly the Holy Spirit is all in proof of the fact of the sonship of Jesus Christ, who is co-equal with the Father. To deny this doctrine, is to question the testimony of the Holy Spirit.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Do we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?
2. Why is it necessary that He should be?
3. Why did Jesus Christ become incarnate?

May 20, 1923

Topic: Something in the Bible that has helped me. Psa. 19:7-14

BIBLE READINGS

1. Monday The story of Joseph.
2. Tuesday The humility of Moses
3. Wednesday The manliness of Joshua and Caleb
4. Thursday The faithfulness of Abraham and Daniel
5. The courage of Nehemiah and Paul
6. The sacrifice of Jesus Christ

COMMENT

One has indeed been a careless reader of the Bible who has not been impressed with the lives of worthy men who are prominently mentioned in the Bible, as they took their place in the making of world history. Although men of faults, yet dominated by the unseen help of God who in his providence led them to lives of usefulness,

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Have we made a study of Bible characters?
2. Who is our ideal among these human examples?
3. In what ways did Jesus Christ excel them all?

May 27, 1923

Topic: Medical Missions at home and abroad Matt. 4: 23-25; 10:5-8.

BIBLE READINGS

1. Monday Old Testament readings I Kings 17:14-16; 17-24
2. Tuesday I Kings 17:30-38
3. Wednesday 2 Kings 2:21-22; 4:2-7
4. Thursday " " 4:32-37; 38-41
5. Friday " " 5:10-14
6. Saturday " " 13:21

COMMENT

Medical missions are now looked upon as one of the important aids to spreading the gospel in all lands. The saviour not only taught, but went about all the time healing the sick, and doing all kinds of acts of love and mercy towards the poor and needy, All received from him freely and cheerfully what they needed,

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Why are medical missions especially needed?
2. How are they a means of grace?
3. What was Christ's example?

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