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EDITORIAL.

This number of the Advocate following so closely the July number contains some interesting matter well worth the attention of every reader. All those interested in the contributions for the college will find a full account of all that has been contributed up to date. You will also notice that the college is prospering and needs help of all to keep it growing.

The Houston letters keep us informed of the work in Kentucky, and Rev. Ramsey, is still able to contribute his share to help the church paper. Will others not do something too?

BURNING BIBLES IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

A picture was taken recently by a missionary on an evangelistic trip in Latin America in company with an American Society Colporteur. A man known to be a traveling merchant had purchased their entire stock of Scriptures for the avowed purpose of selling them at the farm houses in the mountains roundabout. Soon after the sale had been effected a boy came running in crying, "They are burning the Bibles." The missionary and colporteur hurried to the Plaza, and there, in front of the church, they found a group of men tearing up the Bibles the trader had bought and throwing the pieces on a fire which had been kindled with straw.

In relating this incident the missionary made the following significant statement: "The action of the priest was heartily disapproved by many. There is much sentiment in our favor in that town now, and many openly say they will gladly receive us and listen to our message when we return."

DARLINGTON, PA.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Darlington and White R. P. Church met at the home of Mrs. S. A. Duncan near New Galilee, Pa., Wednesday July 11th, 1923 at 2:00 P. M.

"Prayer" was the topic chosen for study and the Scripture lesson was taken from Matthew, 6: 5-6.

The Scripture references used and the extracts read were especially good, and were appropriate to the subject.

A paper was read from which we quote the following.

"Prayer is one of the first and sweetest duties of the Christian toward God. Earnest persistent prayer never fails to bring peace and comfort and help to them who call upon God and ask Him to give of His infinite strength to support them.

In coming to the Father we must never forget that His wisdom is greater than ours and must not expect Him to grant our requests if they are not in accordance with His will.

The Son of God in the garden of Gethsemane prayed the Father to let the cup of Calvary pass from Him if possible, but was willing to let everything rest in the Father's hands."

In the remarks made, instances of answered prayer were given from both Sacred and profane history.

That these meetings should be helpful in our daily lives was brought out. Prayer being beneficial to us and pleasing to God it was urged that we make greater use of it.

The meeting of the Society on June 6, 1923 was held at the home of the president near New Galilee, Pa.

LETTERS FROM KENTUCKY

Houston, Kentucky, June 12, 1923.

Dear Friends: It hardly seems fair to send one lone worker down here to the mission station and then expect a letter. I believe I see some reasons for the Gospel plan for pairs of workers that may have escaped the notice of some of you. If, for example, things didn't go just right, you could always in your mind blame part of it on the other worker, and if something turned out just splendidly, he would be sure to want his share of the honors and so help to keep you humble.

As I am entirely on my own resources, I think I'll do very much as Flanagan did when he wrote his famous "Off Again! On Again! Gone Again! Flanagan."

The average attendance at Sabbath School for last month was 60.

We have organized a choir which meets Thursday nights for practice; also for candy.

I have washed eight comforts and four pairs of blankets, but one of my principal duties this summer is that of a swine herder. We pasture 14 in the dormitory yard. The broom is my weapon of offense and defense.

Yours in the service,

ESTELLA FOSTER.

Houston, Kentucky, June 12, 1923.

Dear Friends: I arrived here Saturday afternoon and have been working around the dormitory ever since. There were quite a few of the people out at Sabbath School and church on Sabbath, and I was able to meet them there. I have met several of them this week as they have been going up and down the creek. I also have been in some of their homes. I find that they are a very nice people.

Miss Leanne Spencer, a girl who was raised in this section of the country and went to school here at the mission, returned Tuesday. She has been attending Penn College at Oskaloosa, Iowa. She is attending a teachers' meeting at Jackson today and tomorrow. Nearly all of the schools around here will open Monday, but we will not start until August 27. At that time Miss Calla Turner will return to take up her duties as a teacher.

Plans are being made for the roofing of the dormitory and by the time this letter is before the public I expect the roof will be on. The people are busy hoeing their corn now, but as soon as they get done we will have no trouble in getting enough help to put the roof on.

We ask that the members of our church will not forget us in their prayer life for if this mission is not built on prayer it will fail in its effort to reach the people. At times there are problems that present themselves which cannot be satisfactorily solved by man alone, we must have Divine guidance.

Yours in the Master's service,

ROBERT W. STEWART.

THE HIGHLANDERS OF AMERICA

Samuel M. Ramsey

Nothing of late has so filled my heart with joy as the account of the organization of a congregation among the Highlanders of America, in Kentucky. These mountain people are an interesting and important part of our population. God, in

His providence, has sidetracked them from the mainline of progress, and held them back for a century in their simple life, mental solidity and spiritual beliefs, while other parts of the population have been speeding forward with amazing strides, these have kept at a standstill.

No doubt God has a purpose in all this. The fast pace at which we are going is unfitting men for the work and duties of life. The love of money, the craze for pleasure and forgetfulness of God do not contribute to high ideals in life. Ease and luxury and excitement do not build up noble characters. Feeding mainly on the modern daily newspaper, the movies and the dance does not give the mental or spiritual strength necessary for leadership. We are in danger of degenerating into a nation of weaklings. Has not God been keeping these Highland people for just such a time? When they are brought out of their obscurity and put upon the mainline and afforded the opportunity of development they may furnish the leaders for the coming generation. There are said to be more than a million of these people in the mountains of Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky, ready and anxious to take their place in the onward march of civilization. One of their own number has said: "There are hundreds of potential Abe Lincolns back in these mountains who are as willing and anxious to do as much for their country as that other Abe, who came from this same stock of people." I am glad God is giving us a part in helping forward these worthy people. "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

OUR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The 114th year of our Theological Seminary will open its next session in Cedarville College, Main Hall, Monday, September 17, 1923, at 2 P. M. The opening address will be given by Rev. B. E. Robinson, B. D., professor of Pastoral Theology, Archology, and Sociology. Pastors and parents are earnestly requested to remember our seminary in your prayers and to urge upon young men in your midst to study for the ministry of the Gospel.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. McCHESNEY.

OUR COLLEGE

The twenty-second annual commencement week of Cedarville College was June 1 to 8, 1923. It opened with the

banquet tendered the Seniors by the Juniors. This was held in the parlors and dining room of the R. P. Church. It was a veritable feast of food and soul.

The next event was the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class by President McChesney. His text was John 21:22: "What is that to thee? Follow thou Me?" A large audience filled the church and adjoining room.

The Senior Class presented its play to a full house in the opera house Monday evening, and the play was well rendered and received.

The faculty gave their reception in honor of the Seniors on Tuesday evening on the campus.

The annual Cedar day, the best in the history of the college, was observed by nearly 2000 people on Wednesday. A large crowd ate dinner together in the Alford Memorial and on the campus.

The Board of Trustees held their meeting on Thursday. Besides granting the degrees and diplomas in course on 26 young men and women as recommended by the faculty, they united heartily in the recommendation of the faculty in the bestowal of the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. L. A. Benson, pastor of our Republican City congregation, Clay Centre, Kansas. This degree is most worthily given to one who has so faithfully and efficiently ministered for years to our good people in Kansas and who is beloved not only by them but by all who know him. Plans were also considered looking toward the erection of a girls' home on the Alford campus. The honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on Rev. Robert Watson, of Boston.

Friday was commencement day. Rev. Homer Henderson, of Detroit, and Cedarville's favorite son, W. D. Nesbitt, Chicago's poet, were the orators. Cedarville never had a better commencement. The alumni banquet was held in the R. P. Church, Thursday evening. About 100 were in attendance.

The year just closed was the best in attendance and spirit in the history of the college.

The attendance next year will be much larger. The New Science Hall will be ready for use. The new department for training teachers for elementary school work is now established. The high school department has been in operation for years. We enter the new year imploring the continued favor of God and asking for your prayers and efforts.

The 30th year of Cedarville College will open September 12, 1923, in College Hall at 9.30 A. M.

The outlook is for the largest attendance in the history of the college.

The Science Hall is completed and ready for occupancy,

It cost, equipment and all, about \$50,000.

New students' chairs, chemistry tables, and biological tables have been purchased.

The Main College Hall was repainted and the woodwork was repaired and the interior walls were redecorated.

The Carnegie Library was repainted and electric lights were installed.

The Alford Gymnasium was overhauled and made ready for another year's work. The repairs and painting on all the buildings cost about \$2000.

The Cedarville Council ordered the paving of Main street. The cost to the College of this work is about \$6000. Thus the total necessary expenses to the college this summer have been \$8000. To meet this outlay, the college has been compelled to borrow money. We call earnestly and urgently upon the congregation of our church and our friends to give liberally of your means this year to help defray this debt.

You have stood by the college generously and loyally in the past. We need your help now as never before. This debt is not of our choosing, but has come through sheer necessity. It calls for \$480 interest a year. Let us get together and pay it off now. Eighty people in our church, giving \$100 each, would pay it off. One hundred and sixty people in the church, giving \$50 each, would pay it off. If we make up our mind to do this we can do it. We will make up our mind to do it and the debt will be paid. Hundreds of people in our church have not given anything to the college. Will you not come now to help? We are depending upon you.

As we enter another year we ask your prayers and co-operation more than ever before. Your college is growing. The work is great and the responsibility is a mighty one. This is the work of our whole church, of each congregation and of each member. Let us work together.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. McCHESNEY.

AGNES COOPER

Agnes Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Stomont, was born near Cedarville, Ohio, February 1, 1858. Almost her entire life was lived near and in Cedarville, where

she was well known and well loved. On February 18, 1880, she was united in marriage to John R. Cooper. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper lived on a farm near Cedarville until sometime in the year 1891, when they moved into town and Mrs. Cooper engaged in business. Two years later they bought a home of their own on Miller street. On August 15, 1922, Mrs. Cooper moved to Belle Centre, Ohio, with her daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Ralph S. Elder, and remained with them until her death which occurred June 17, 1923. Mrs. Cooper's age was 65 years 4 months and 16 days. Her husband preceded her to the heavenly home six years ago last March. To Mr. and Mrs. Cooper two children were born, Mrs. D. L. Crawford, of Xenia, Ohio, and Mrs. Ralph S. Elder, of Belle Centre, Ohio, who, together with their husbands and three grandchildren, mourn deeply the passing away of a beloved mother.

At an early age Mrs. Cooper united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church (New School), of Cedarville, under the pastorate of Dr. J. F. Morton, and remained a faithful member until death. Nearly 15 years ago she became an invalid and was unable to attend church, but she always maintained prayerful and loyal interest in her church and its work. Through all the years of her invalidism and suffering she exhibited a happy spirit of patience that made her a blessing to everyone who knew her. To know her was to love her. Though she was unable to walk and was confined all the time to a wheel chair and some of the time to her bed, yet her hands were always busy. She was always thoughtful of others and unmindful of herself. No word of complaint was ever heard from her but she rested her faith in her Saviour and in the precious promises of God's Word.

About eight weeks ago she was taken suddenly ill and from that illness she never recovered. She suffered intensely during those eight weeks of sickness and longed to be at rest. Her spirit took its flight and while hearts are heavy and sore because of her going home yet the loss is her infinite gain. She was a loving and thoughtful mother and will be sorely missed by her loved ones.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither

shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away. And they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord giveth light and they shall dwell for ever and ever."

Funeral services were held in the Cedarville Reformed Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, June 20, at 10.30 A. M., and were conducted by Mrs. Cooper's pastor, Rev. W. P. Hariman. Interment in the beautiful Massies Creek Cemetery.

Next to the Bible, Pilgrim's Progress, by John Bunyan, which first appeared in 1678, has been translated into more languages than any other book. According to information received through the Reference Librarian of the New York Public Library, the number now exceeds 107 languages and dialects.

In commenting on this, Mr. Frank H. Mann, General Secretary of the American Bible Society, said: "This is a remarkable record for any book and only goes to emphasize the more remarkable record of the Bible in this respect. The Bible has been translated in part into 770 languages and dialects: more than seven times as many as Pilgrim's Progress."

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

August 12, 1923.

Topic: What can be done toward abolishing poverty? Luke 16, 19-20.

BIBLE READINGS

Monday, Temporary help. Job 29: 11-25.
 Tuesday, Provide work, Matt. 20: 1-7.
 Wednesday, Honest wages, Jer. 25: 13,
 Thursday, Curb greed, Deut 54;13.
 Friday, Aid for the disabled, 2 Sam. 9: 1-13.
 Saturday, Brotherliness, Lev. 19: 9, 10.

COMMENT

The contrast between rich and poor calls for remedy, and that can be found only after men's hearts are changed. There are poor, who rarely suffer, and the very poor, who never have enough. The Creator's intention is to give sufficient to all. The qualities that make men rich in this world do not always make rich in the world to come. The sin of the rich often is that they forget their privileges and duties, and especially forget the poor.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. What causes of poverty are at work in our community?
2. What does our church do to relieve poverty?
3. How can good laws help to destroy the causes of poverty?

August 19, 1923,

Topic: How to get on in life. Deut. 8: 1-18.

BIBLE READINGS

Monday, By Industry. Prov. 28: 19-22.
 Tuesday, By Integrity, Je . 7: 5-7.
 Wednesday, By Honesty. Psalm fifteen.
 Thursday, By Religion. 1 Kings 3: 6-15.
 Friday, First things first. Matt. 6: 33.
 Saturday, By generosity Luke 6: 37 38.

COMMENT

Quite literally, obedience to God brings life and peace; disobedience, sorrow, worry, death. Religion makes character, and this helps us more than anything else to get on in life. God wants us to get along in spiritual as well as temporal and physical life, and for this we must eat the bread of God. It is far better to be taken care of by God than to take care of ourselves.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. What qualities make for success in life?
2. How can we strengthen weak qualities?
3. What would we do with success if we attained it?

August 26, 1923

Topic: Lessons in the school of prayer Matt. 18; 19, 20; 21:18-22

BIBLE READINGS

Monday Lesson in faith Mark 11:20-24
 Tuesday The right spirit Matt. 6:9-15
 Wednesday Learn to take "No" 2 Cor. 12: 6-9
 Thursday Learn preservice Luke 18:1-8
 Friday Learn from failure Jas. 1:5-8
 Saturday Learn fellowship Acts 12:1-17

COMMENT

Fellowship in prayer means united effort at all times, and not only when met together. If Christ's presence were realized we should never pray for anything He cannot approve. Prayer is powerless unless behind it there is the right mental and spiritual attitude.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. What hinders us from praying as we ought?
2. What lesson of prayer have you learned from the Bible or from life?
3. What habits of prayer should we develop?

September 2, 1923

Topic Lessons from the Psalms. 9. A singing Psalm Ps. 96:1-13
 Consecration meeting

BIBLE READINGS

Monday Songs in the heart Eph. 5:18-21
 Tuesday Song of deliverance Exod. 15:1-14
 Wednesday Song of redemption Rev. 5:8-14
 Thursday Songs in the dark Acts 16:19-25
 Friday Songs of Praise Ps. 130:1-8
 Saturday Songs that instruct Ps. 73:1-28

COMMENT

We shall find new subjects for our songs if we gratefully watch God's dealings with us. We can preach in our songs. Music carries the gospel into hearts that are closed to other influences. There are comfort and hope in song. It lifts the spirit above the mists of time and shows us God's glory.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. What occasion of praise have we?
2. What help have we got from music?
3. What Psalms have helped us, and how?

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