



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EDITORIAL.

We expect before another month to hear of the safe arrival of Dr. Taylor and family in India. to begin their second period of work in our India Mission. We all look forward to the coming of their interesting letters each month. Since they have been home on furlough, we have heard little direct from the Mission, but the work has been going forward as well as possible by those left in charge. We hope the lives of our missionaries may all be spared, and that the work may go on without interruption. Let us not forget to support our India Mission with our prayers and means.

Lloyd George, England's war-time Premier is at present in this country on a visit, and will sail for his home in London, possibly before this paper reaches its readers. He received a most deserved welcome when he came, and has been highly honored wherever he has gone, and his short visit with us will long be remembered by the people of our country. His speeches have all had the right ring, and may we not hope that soon our nation may see its rightful place among the nations of the world, especially those of Europe. The nations of the old world are delirious because of centuries of bloodshed and rapine, and have become unfit for taking their places among the peace loving nations of the earth, unless they are guided by a steady hand. Why should we continue to feed their starving while we stand aloof and refuse to try to stop the evils that produce such terrible conditions?

WANTED!- Immediate contributions for our Mission Boards.

Recently a Conference of governors representing 26 states of the Union, was held in Indianapolis, Ind., and the main subject considered was the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution. Two governors were opposed to a more strict enforcement of the law. The governors then went on to Washington, D. C., to lay their plans before the President. It seems that public sentiment is now being thoroughly aroused to the necessity of suppressing the violation of our national prohibition law. Much of the work has heretofore been committed to those who are not in favor of its enforcement, and since unlimited sums of money was available to bribe such federal agents it has been hard to suppress the bootlegger. Recently several of the ringleaders have fallen into the hands of the government, and daily their trade becomes more precarious. Now, that the law is to be more rigidly enforced on land, and the twelve mile limit for search of contraband vessels has become law, we may look for better results. Even as it was, the law was as well enforced as against most other crimes.

**THE FOREIGN MISSION ENTERPRISE: ITS PRESENT
CONDITIONS AND FUTURE OUTLOOK AS
SEEN BY A LAYMAN**

James M. Speers.

The editor of the "Christian Century" in the number for August 31 writes:

"As a matter of fact the more the native Christians know of our Western Christianity, the more they are assured of the fact that it does not meet the needs of their people as does the Christianity of which they read in the New Testament. This is a faith they can understand. But this Western compound of doctrinal niceties, ritualistic insistences, disputations over the modes of administering ordinances, and infinite and bewildering varieties of organization, leaves the Oriental baffled and perplexed, and wondering where in all this maze of definition and

machinery the spirit of man gets a chance to find its holy companionship with God.

"How long is this sort of thing to be continued? We all realize what a handicap it is to the work. We admit everything that these various writers have said. How long are we going to continue to bring men to John Wesley, to John Calvin, to Roger Williams and others, instead of bringing them directly to Jesus Christ? How long will we refuse to hear Christ saying to us: 'Oh, faithless generation! How long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring them unto me.'"

The recently organized national Councils of Japan, China and India are undoubtedly going to be a help in correcting this situation, and I trust we will give them our cordial support.

At Seoul I had my first contact with union missionary work in the Severance Hospital. The moment you touch union work, you feel that there is something alive about it. The plans which Dr. Avison and his associates have made for the Chosen Christian College, another union institution, are inspiring. It seemed to me that few, if any, of our denominational institutions anywhere were nearly as impressive as the union institutions, like the Shantung University, Ginling College, the Nanking University, and the Canton Christian College. Some of the denominational institutions, it appeared to me, were more or less marking time, doing a useful but not very important work.

A commission of Christian business men, similar to the Commission on Education of which Dr. Burton, of Chicago University, was chairman and which visited China last fall, by visiting the mission field and looking at the work purely from a business point of view, could render a real service if we were willing to take their advice. I am sure they would find numerous cases of duplication of work, and would recommend an amalgamation of institutions and work which would make for larger efficiency and greater economy.

Incidentally, while it is perhaps not part of our direct missionary responsibility, I was impressed with the importance of having young, virile men who would appeal to young men in our union churches in Peking, Shanghai and Manila. In each of these cities there is a large group of young American business men who greatly need strong religious leadership.

James Bryce somewhere states that the duty of a traveler, a historian or a philosopher in giving his opinions regarding a country other than his own, is to reach and convey the truth, and that where he has reason to doubt, it is safe to take an optimistic attitude. "We are," he says, "disposed to be unduly

impressed with the defects, and forget to ask whether it is an ebbing or flowing tide we are looking upon. We are apt in noting the emergence of new dangers to forget how many old dangers have been overcome." Surely nowhere does one need to take note of this advice more than in dealing with the bewildering conditions in China and India.

No keen observer can question, however, that in these lands we are looking upon a flowing tide. The outlook is hopeful because thoughtful men everywhere are realizing the need for some firm religious ground upon which to plant their feet. The one hopeful fact in human nature today is its hunger for God. The cry of the Old Testament writer, "Oh, that I knew where I might find Him!" is going up consciously or unconsciously from men everywhere.

At the dedication of a Chinese Y. M. C. A. dormitory, Count Okuma, the premier as well as the founder and head of the liberal party in Japan, said, "The fatal defect in the teaching of the great sages of Japan and China is that while they deal with virtue and morals they do not sufficiently dwell on the spiritual nature of men; and any nation that neglects the spiritual, though it may flourish for a time, must eventually decay. The origin of modern civilization is to be found in the teachings of the sage of Judea, by whom alone the necessary moral dynamic is supplied."

At a recent reception given by the association in Hankow, China, to General Wu Pei Fu, he said he was glad to see that the association emphasized religion and morals, for, said he, "Scientific education without a foundation of good moral character is a danger to the world." A prominent judge of the Supreme Court in Manila in speaking to me on the same subject, used almost identically the same language.

The Hon. S. Ebara, a leading Japanese statesman, wrote recently, "The greatest need of Japan is said to be economic development, but the basis of economic development is confidence, and confidence will only come as the fruit of moral and religious education based upon Christianity. Our need is Christian character."

I might multiply indefinitely examples of how men everywhere are feeling after God and recognizing the need of this power. We never were so sure of the fact as we are today that this old gospel of the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ is the only remedy for the sin and sorrow and suffering and superstition of this old world; and the obligation, the inescapable obligation, resting upon us is to make it operative, and to make it operative in the most effective way.

A few years ago one of the great ocean liners from which a very unusual performance in the matter of speed was expected had just been launched and to the dismay of those who had been responsible for the building of the ship she utterly failed to come up to what was expected of her on her trial trip. Every pound of steam the boiler would carry was piled on without effect. The matter was referred to Sir George White, one of England's great marine engineers. He did not even go to look at the ship. Instead he took all the plans and specifications and shut himself up for several days for a careful study of them. At the end of that time he gave his judgment of what was necessary to secure the required speed. His judgment proved to be absolutely correct, as shown by the later record of the *Mauretania*. It was simply to widen the sweep of the propellers from 80 to 100 per cent., so as to give them more contact with the water. What the home church needs today in order to develop its power and make it more alive and efficient is to widen the sweep of its influence to give it a larger contact with humanity. Nowhere else can this be so fully and effectively accomplished as in the foreign missionary enterprise.

RADIO MUSINGS

SAMUEL M. RAMSEY

Many a preacher has felt his heart sink within him as he looked at the many empty pews before him, while there were enough persons almost within the sound of his voice to fill those pews. But the radio has brought to me this thought, may there not be many "listening in," whom the preacher does not see? There are not many people in a broadcasting station; only a few, perhaps not a half dozen. But no one knows how many hear what is spoken. The speaker merely gives the message, and leaves it to find its hearers. The broadcasting station must be rightly equipped, else it will give no message. The "listeners in" must be rightly equipped, else they will get no message. Now every rightly equipped pulpit is a broadcasting station. The equipment is the Holy Spirit. The minister must be filled with the spirit, else there will be no message that will reach the hearts of the hearers. The

encouraging fact which should be remembered by the discouraged minister is that there are always some "listeners in;" he does not know how many. There are always three or four at least, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and the devil. And who knows how many angels may be present? We are told that God sends them to minister to his people here. He sent one to block Balaam's way when going to Balak. He sent one to talk with Abraham. He send a whole army of them to protect Elisha at Dothan. No one knows how many of these may be present to hear the sermon. And do you think we are further advanced in scientific knowledge than heaven? Have we any advantage in this respect over those that live there? Do any of these inventions of man cause the angels to open their eyes wide with astonishment and wonder? Will ever the accomplishments of the finite mind spring a surprise on the inhabitants of heaven? I do not believe in so-called spiritualism in any form. I do not believe that the spirits of the departed return to earth at any time. The Bible does not teach this, and it is no doubt better for all concerned that they do not return. But may it not be possible (I do not say that it is) that they may have a way, something like the radio, of hearing certain messages from this world? Not everything that goes on here, but some things. We do not hear everything when we "listen in," but only what is broadcast. Every pulpit is not a broadcasting station for heaven; only those which have the right construction and equipment. Only those messages which are inspired, and sent by the Holy Spirit, will reach beyond the walls of the building. Every minister that has a message, from God, and is given spiritual power to deliver it, may be sure of an audience that is worth preaching to, "while he looks not at the things which are seen, but at the things that are not seen." Does not Paul realize something of this when he says, "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Should a minister, facing many empty pews, be disheartened? Not if he has the right kind of a message, and the right kind of a spirit.

Dr. J. R. Campbell is one of London's most noted preachers. He succeeded Dr. Parker as pastor of City Temple, London. A writer has this to say about him:

“To the joy of his friends Dr. J. R. Campbell has been strong enough, since Easter, to preach every Sabbath in a small Essex church, and to write a weekly newspaper article. He mentions ‘a discovery’ that he made during the period of his convalescence. It was that he could not bear, for that time, to worship in a large building, or in a crowded one—the smaller and quieter the church, the more helpful he found the service. To him this was an unaccustomed experience. ‘For nearly half a century,’ he says, ‘I have ministered to large churches and generally to large assemblies. Now I see that there is a type of hearer, to which I myself belong, that does not desire this kind of thing, and is more at home in a small company, in a small sanctuary. Somehow it seems to take one nearer God, and one is less dependent on the power of the sermon.’ Always one of the most tolerant, and appreciative of sermon hearers, Dr. Campbell says it would have to be a very poor sermon from which he could not get some good. And he realized, during his sickness, that a preacher could be very effective and inspiring, when delivering his message in a simple way, to a small congregation. Dr. Campbell thinks some of his brother clergymen, toiling away in a corner, may be glad to note this, it being improbable that he is the only person conscious of this instinctive preference.”

OUR COLLEGE

The thirtieth year of Cedarville College opened September 12th, in the college chapel, at 9.30 A. M. Music was rendered by Misses Johnson and Oglesbee, Mr. Markle and Professor Talcott. The devotions were conducted by the President of the college, assisted by the Rev. J. P. White, pastor of the local United Presbyterian Church, who read the Scriptures, and by Rev. W. P. Harriman, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, who led in prayer. The address of the day was delivered by Rev. Vinton E. Busler, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, of Eaton, Ohio. Rev. Busler gave a very earnest, thoughtful and impressive talk on the “Values of Life.” The audience was the largest in the history of the college, crowding the chapel to its utmost capacity, and over-

flowing into the corridors.

One hundred and forty-six have enrolled in all departments. The school is well organized, and, after a month's work, has swung into full headway.

The following speakers have appeared from time to time: United States Senator S. D. Fess, Rev. L. L. Gray, Rev. P. W. Duncan, Rev. W. P. Harriman and Rev. F. W. Moyer.

Football is taking the athletic interest of the students. This year finds the college in possession of a fairly good team, and when the series is over it is expected that the scores against the various colleges will stand in favor of Cedarville.

The basketball teams have organized and are scheduling games for the midwinter season.

The Reformed Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Society and the Methodist Episcopal Epworth League have tendered their annual socials to the college students and faculty. At both of these we had an especially good time. All of our students this year, with the exception of one, are professed Christians.

The students have held two or three get-acquainted socials, at which they had melon feeds and weiner roasts, and a good deal of pep.

The October Bulletin is now ready for distribution. It is filled with news about the college, and we trust that every reader of the Advocate will send in his name for a bulletin.

The college is now using four buildings in which to carry on its work. It began thirty years ago in three rooms of a private house. We begin the new year with thankfulness for the blessings we have received and that are now being bestowed upon us. We trust in God the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and with reliance upon you to whom Cedarville College has been committed, for the training of young men and young women for a worthy service in life.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. McCHESNEY,
President.

OUR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The seminary of our church opened this year's session in the college chapel, Monday, September 17th. The address was given by the Rev. B. E. Robison, Professor of Pastoral Theology, Archaeology and Sociology in the seminary. Reverend Robinson had as his theme, "Christ the Fundamental," and brought out various points of the life and teaching and character of Christ, which ministers of the Gospel should always keep to the front in their preaching. The address was replete with splendid thought and truth, and was well received.

The other professors in the seminary are: Rev. F. A. Jurkat, D. D., LL.D., Professor of Church History, Hebrew and Old and New Testament Literature; Rev. W. P. Harri-man, Professor of Homiletics and Biblical Theology, and Rev. W. R. McChesney, Ph. D., D. D., Professor of Systematic Theology and New Testament Language.

The students in attendance upon the seminary are: Messrs. Gavin Reilly, Prince Edward Island; George McClede Markle, Newcastle, Pa., and William Franklin Gerren, Hookstown, Pa. The students are doing splendid work. We are expecting some additional students next year.

Yours sincerely,
 W. R. McCHESNEY,
 Dean.

FRIENDS OF CEDARVILLE COLLEGE AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

Since our last report the following sums have been received:

Current Fund:	
Sparta Friend	\$15.00
Coulterville Cong.	21.54
Grant Street Cong.	90.00
Endowment Fund:	
Dr. J. M. Finney, Harrison, Idaho	\$300.00
Rev. W. A. Pollock, Lakewood, O.	18.00
Rev. J. W. Bickett, Roney's Point, W. Va.	100.00
Rev. W. R. Graham, Lafayette, Ind.	10.00
Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, New York City	1,000.00
Leslie Dean, Xenia, O.	20.00
S. S. Dean Estate	80.00
Raymond Sutton, Xenia, Ohio	30.00
Mary A. Bratton, Chicago, Ill.	50.00
G. H. Hartman, Cedarville, Ohio	100.00
Republican City Cong.	13.00
Tabernacle Presbyterian Cong., Pittsburgh, Pa.	800.00

LETTER FROM KENTUCKY

Houston, Ky., October 11, 1923.

Dear Friends:

It is time again that you should hear from us and I know you are anxiously waiting to hear just what has happened and the amount of work that has been accomplished in the last month. There hasn't been anything so exciting happening this month as there was last month. However, we do enjoy having Mrs. Stewart in our family and we are very thankful that she could come.

School is going fine. Our attendance has been less this month on account of the children having to stay out to help with the fodder, and this week quite a few are out helping to make up the cane. Almost every family has a cane patch, and they usually make between forty and fifty gallons of molasses for each family. It is a very popular thing here just now to go to the "Stir Off," where you are welcome to get a cane stalk and help yourself to the hot syrup.

Mr. Campbell, the County Superintendent, came over and visited our school today. He seemed well pleased with the work that was being done. He has promised to help make the public school building across the creek into a gymnasium for the school children this winter.

We have four children in the dormitory who are supposed to get scholarships. Two and one-half of these scholarships have been provided for. The Associate Presbyterian Church, at Richmond, Kansas, is giving one and the other is being provided by the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Coulterville, Illinois. We certainly appreciate the help of these congregations in providing for these two children this year. I will assure you that these children will appreciate your kindness.

We are sorry we have had to turn away a few who have wanted to stay at the dormitory. The building has not been repaired yet, and it is impossible to keep any more until the building is fixed.

We would like the ladies of the Cedarville Congregation

to see how nice the curtains look. We surely were in bad need of them. Thank you very much.

We had the unusual treat of a 'possum dinner a few days ago. Some of the workers had never eaten 'possum and when our good friend, Mr. Felix McIntosh, presented us with one all nicely dressed we decided to surprise our family.

Our greatest difficulty was keeping the inquisitive Mr. Stewart from seeing the nice rabbit, as the children called it. But when dinner time came all ate heartily and seemed to think bunny made a very good dish. After nothing remained but the bones we were asked to guess what we had eaten. Guesses at once became wild—'coon, groundhog, rabbit and 'possum in the lead and with instructions as to how each one should be cooked. So, friends, come in and dine with us, and if sometimes your food has an air of mystery just take a look at us as a family and keep on eating, and it won't hurt you—much.

Our attendance at Sabbath School and church has been as good as usual for the summer and fall. While the memorial services are being held in the cemeteries the people go to them, and it is very difficult to get them out to service here.

We have begun to hold prayer meetings in the homes. Last Friday evening we met at the home of Aunt Nan McIntosh Turner. We had a fine walk of a mile and one-half and a fine service after we got there. I think every one came away feeling that it had been good for them to have been there.

We are asking each one of you for your prayers for the work that is being done here.

Sincerely yours in the Master's service,

LEANNE M. SPENCER.

SPARTA, ILLINOIS.

Vacation ended, our school rooms are again filled. Some of our young people enter as students, others as instructors. After the hot trying days of summer, the cool fall days are invigorating and stimulates us for the work we have in mind.

Mrs. Martha Boyle, one of our elderly members, and one who has been most faithful in all our church work, made a nice quilt top and gave it to the Missionary Society. We are now quilting it, then it will be ready for sale.

Rev. L. A. Benson, of Republican City, Kans., made a few calls in Sparta on his way to and from presbytery which convened in the Concord Church the first Wednesday of October. Mr. A. B. McMillan and Mr. D. M. Reid were delegates from Sparta. They report a good meeting. We are glad to know that we will have another minister in our presbytery. We understand Rev. Paul Duncan will preach in Coulterville this winter. We congratulate the Coulterville people in being able to secure Mr. Duncan.

During the summer months Mr. Floyd Taber, of Long Beach, Calif., ministered to the needs of our people. We commend Mr. Taber highly for his work among us. A farewell social was tendered Mr. Taber at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McMillan, Thursday evening, September 13, before his return to Xenia seminary to take up senior work. Since then Mr. Bruce Wilson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has commenced his winter's work with us. He is a talented young student and is bringing us the gospel in its fullness.

On September 2, Rev. Paul Duncan was with us and held communion service which was a fitting climax to the four spiritual messages which he delivered in preparation for the occasion. There were three accessions—Albert and Clifford McIntyre and Elsie Montgomery. All the members able to attend were built up spiritually. We have a live Sabbath school and young people's meeting.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Presbyterial Missionary Society was held in Coulterville, August 30. The different societies were well represented. Rev. L. A. Benson sent greetings which were much appreciated. We take pleasure in passing them on for publication in "The Advocate," that others may enjoy them, too.

GREETINGS FROM KANSAS

Dear Co-Workers and Friends:

For years I have been longing for the privilege of meeting with you in your Presbyterial. I have had that pleasure only once

—that was in 1903 at the Concord Church. I have felt it to be my duty to attend the annual meeting of the Presbytery in May. Now that we are so short on active pastors in the Presbytery it seems necessary that I attend the semi-annual meeting of the Presbytery in October and to attempt to be there for the Presbyterial would mean too much expense in travel.

I wonder if the Presbyterial could be held later or the Presbytery earlier, or both. I trust that you may not feel that I am taking myself too seriously to wish to send you a letter of greeting. I have heard directly and indirectly from "Bethel," "Grand Cote" and "Concord," and am happy and very thankful for the spirit which has been manifested both on the part of the men who are representing the Master in these fields and the spirit of the Sessions and the Congregations co-operating. It does seem to me that we have reason to praise God for granting us so full an answer to our prayers. Each congregation has had able and faithful preaching; each has been blessed by an earnest, able and energetic man who has evidently "studied to show himself approved unto God" and I am sure that there will be fruit to the honor and glory of God. I wish that it were in my power to bring a word of cheer, of hopefulness, of inspiration. One thing I know and that is that while Jesus Christ is on the throne there can be no real cause for discouragement. We have great cause to deplore our own lethargy, unconcern and indolence. We so frequently doubt, complain and fall back when there is every reason for high faith, assurance, rejoicing and going forward in His name and by His power.

Our own branch of His great church has not seemed to be pleasing to the multitudes of this day, but our first concern is whether it is pleasing to the ord. Are we bearing fruit? "Every branch which beareth fruit he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit." "Hherein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." The important matter, the first question, is not—how shall we build up our church—but how shall we bear fruit? The barren fig tree was withered by His word "Every branch that beareth not fruit He taketh away." In our various congregations and in our mission fields we have been trying to bear fruit, and while it is not possible for any human being to make the record of what or how much has been accomplished, certainly the evidence is that in proportion to our membership we are doing more than

many other branches of the church are doing.

But that must not satisfy us. Are we doing all we can? If not, why not? Isn't the work worth while? Didn't the Lord command it? Can't we realize how awfully important the work we are doing is? How can we afford to work as if it were of little moment? We must not fool ourselves or misrepresent the matter before the world.

And while we work and pray for the manifestations of God's spirit in our mission fields, let us remember how vastly important the home base is. Converts upon the foreign field are frequently astounded to hear of the behavior of so-called disciples at home.

These are perilous times. The word "sin" is not in the vocabulary of every-day conversation; even church members are strangers to the conviction of the demerits of sin; bible study is out of fashion; few so-called Christians study God's word save to get through the "lesson," "service," "exercise"; and very often the writings of the skeptical critic are taken as the key of interpretation of the word and the Holy Spirit is not called in. The prayer meeting is a bore to many; few attend, and these sometimes for the appearance rather than for the Divine touch and power.

In keeping with this trend is the general disregard of law. Time was when divorces were few and were regarded as a scandal or a calamity; now they are the fashion. Once the thief was branded as a criminal; now he is only a profiteer, a speculator or a gambler. Once modesty was regarded as a virtue and indecent exposure was severely dealt with; now modesty is scorned and bold indecency parades our streets. Once language was chaste—at least openly, it was; now the profane and the unclean is common and usually goes unrebuked. Once to oppose the Constitution or the Government in its efforts to carry out the provisions of the Constitution was treason and the penalty was death; now to oppose the Government in its efforts to enforce the Eighteenth amendment is quite common. The Word has been cast aside; the church is condemned; the Holy day is a day of idleness, frolic, games and visiting—so that Abe Martin strikes it thus "Tomorrow is Sunday—look out for the cars."

The words which the Attorney General of the United States sends out to our colleges in regard to "petting parties" may well be sent to every locality; it indicates a condition which is terrible to contemplate.

This is not pessimism—oh, no; it is only the courage to face the facts; and to this generation the message is "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap." But this is my point—I ask in all earnestness, are we too strict? That charge is brought against us frequently; but are we? There is a hue and cry now for a larger liberty; but it is not liberty

that is wanted, it is license and lust makes the imperious demand. Self-will, greed, animal appetities, worldliness, selfishness, in fact sin is here, now, doing its deadly work, and there's only one remedy, only One who can take it away, and He is being repudiated and often misrepresented. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Instead of becoming lax and indifferent "we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at any time we let them slip." We are not too strict. It was God who gave the law; it was Christ who set our example and gave a word to make us free, and we dare not and we cannot abrogate either.

My dear friends, I see every reason for the strictest adherence to our Divine Guide. The larger churches are so full of formalists that it is almost an impossibility for them to take high ground and secure the endorsement of membership. We have no room to boast; many of our small following are without a clear vision. Let the pulpits ring true. Let us all remember the power which was committed to the Head of the Church. May we remember that He said, "Lo, I am with you," and may it be our constant care to live unto Him.

L. A. BENSON.

DARLINGTON, PA.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the R. P. Congregation held their meeting October 3, 1923, at the home of Mrs. Edson Graham, Darlington, Pa.

"Training for Leadership" was the topic chosen, and our attention was directed to the twenty-second chapter of Luke.

A profitable hour was spent in prayer and praise and in presenting some of the important facts in connection with the subject.

Some of the qualities of a true leader were described as follows: Forbearance, enthusiasm, modesty, self-control, unselfishness.

The true leader must be Divinely commissioned.

The true leader must be ready to yield his place to another if God wills it.

The true leader will attract followers by his qualifications.

The true leader will lead in the power of God.

Moses had many of the characteristics of a true leader. The Children of Israel criticised him most severely, but he proved his capability by his forbearance. Leading a host of rebellious people around through the wilderness for forty years, and bringing them successfully into the promised land, would

have been an impossibility without a Divine Commission.

Many of the leaders of today are working for their own pleasure and profit, and the lack of the Divine Commission may have something to do with the failure to possess the world for Christ.

Caleb furnished the enthusiasm when he said, "Let us go up at once and possess the land for we are well able to overcome it."

Peter was a leader full of enthusiasm. Whatever he did he entered into body and soul.

Modesty and self-control are traits of character seen in Queen Esther. A sudden elevation from a very low to a very high position often brings out faults of character unsuspected before, but Queen Esther did not follow any sudden impulses, but took her burden to the Lord in Prayer, and was able to lead the King to grant her request and to save her people.

"Be not too busy with thy work and care
To look to God, to clasp thy hand in His.
Miss thou all else, but fail not thou in this,
Thou needest not alone thy burden bear.
Listen and wait, obey and learn His will;
His love and service all thy life can fill."

The Bible gives us many examples of leaders who yielded their place to another. Samuel gave his place as leader to Saul, Jonathan gave his right as successor to the throne of David. David gave up his desire to build the house of the Lord to Solomon. Moses was replaced by Joshua. Jesus himself put his work into the hands of His disciples when He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." He also said, "He that believeth on me the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do." Jesus, the Great Leader! The wonderful example of a true leader!

Moses led the host in the power of God. The pillar of cloud and fire which appeared in the march from Egypt manifested the presence of Jehovah.

"When Israel, of the Lord beloved,
Out from the land of bondage came,
Her father's God, before her moved
An awful guide in smoke and flame."

We are all traveling through a wilderness world, and do not know just where we are going in the affairs of this life. The experiences we are passing through are not what any of us expected in youth.

There has been given us a guide even God himself, as revealed to us in Jesus Christ, in the Bible, in our own con-

sciences, in His providences, in the best people we know who have been guided by His spirit and have turned to Him and His Word in every time of doubt.

Let us then study God's Word daily and obey its precepts and through the wilderness we shall reach the Promised Land. If then it is our privilege to lead others we shall not lead them astray.

We, too, are passing day by day,
By thorny road and treacherous sand;
Our Guide is near to show the way
If we but clasp His outstretched hand.

The Society decided to hold its annual meeting on the first Wednesday of November, in the Darlington Church, beginning at 11 A. M. This meeting includes a dinner, devotional and literary exercises and a business meeting, at which officers will be elected for the coming year. Friends of the Society are cordially invited to be present.

Sincerely yours,

EVA D. NAGEL.

FIFTH CHURCH PHILADELPHIA.

Services in connection with our communion were held in our church Oct. 16, to 22 inc. The meetings were well attended and inspiring messages were delivered by God's Servants.

Tuesday evening. Rev. Melvin B. Wright. Subject, "The best that is in you." Jer. 31-33 "I will put my law in their inward part, and write it in their hearts" God looked on men's failures He came to live with them.

Wednesday evening. We had a real Prayer Meeting. Several taking part, it was a meeting of power as at Pentecost, we were waiting upon God.

Thursday evening Rev. Thos Whyte. Subject, "Do this in remembrance of me. I Cor. 11:25 The Lord's Supper is a Memorial, we look back to Calvary. We see the Cross. It points to His coming again. It is certain He is coming. We should be watching for his coming.

Friday evening. Rev. John Baird. Subject, "Search me O God, and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts; and see if their be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Ps 139;23-24. To open our hearts and beings to God was urged by the preacher. A real heart searching service.

Sabbath morning 10:30 Our pastor spoke briefly on, "The Cross of Christ" Glorifying only in the Cross is the proper way to the Lord's Table. He then announced the names of the new members, 37 in all, and the congregation welcomed them into fellowship in our church. 318 communed.

7:45 P. M. Our pastor preached, His subject, the great attraction." I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." We were glad to have with us the Rev. Robert N. Colman, Jr. of Clifton Ohio. Our Brother Colman led us in prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Monday evening we had a good attendance. Rev. R. C. Montgomery preached from Isa. 40;29 "He giveth power to the faint and to them that have no mighte increaseth strength," He showed to us the weakness of Israel, and the church today, but he said Israel might have been strong, not in themselves, but God wanted to give them power. The same is true of the Church, she is weak, but God is waiting to give her power if she will use it in His service.

It was surely an uplifting season. Our pastor brought the exercises to a close, pleading for every member to enter into service for their Lord, so much to do, so little time to do it, The Sacrament of Baptism followed, when two children were dedicated to God in Baptism. Dr. Montgomery pronounced the benediction.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

Bible Readings by R. P. Anderson.

November 11, 1923

Topic: Courage needed today; For what? Josh. 1:1-9

BIBLE READINGS

Monday Courage to testify Acts 5:17-29
 Tuesday To endure 2 Tim, 2:1-10
 Wednesday To rebuke sin Ezek. 2.1-10
 Thursday To change one's mind Acts 9;20-31
 Friday To stand for the right Gal.2:9-21
 Saturday To follow fully Luke 9:57-62

COMMENT

When a great leader like Moses is removed depression often follows, Courage remembers that God is not dead. The man who sees God and obeys Him is irresistible, for God gives him victory. Courage today is needed because evil will not stay defeated, but comes back again and again, The liquor fight illustrates this.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. Wherein is my courage liable to fail?
2. How can we develop courage?
3. What instance of true courage has come to your attention?

November 18, 1923

Topic: How obtain a great missionary advance?

BIBLE READINGS

Monday Advance by prayer Matt.9:35-38
 Tuesday By information Acts 11:1-18
 Wednesday By visitation Acts 8:14-25
 Thursday By opening new fields 2 Cor. 10:13-18
 Friday By personal sacrifice 2 Cor. 11:23-33
 Saturday By generous giving Phil.4:10-19

COMMENT

Where there are prophets and teachers in a church, people will get their vision and send out the gospel. Consecration to the Lord for His entire program is needed if we are to advance in mission work. We do not see the whole field, A praying church cannot fail to be a missionary church.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. What is our church doing for missions?
2. How can we increase missionary interest in our church?
3. What is the value of a missionary study class?

November 25, 1923

Topic: What we thank God for. Ps. 103;1-22

BIBLE READINGS

Monday Thanks for food John 6:11
 Tuesday For friendships Philem 1:25
 Wednesday For God's gift 2 Cor.9;15
 Thursday For deliverance Exod,13;3-16
 Friday For harvests Prov,3;9,10
 Saturday For moral support Acts 28;15

COMMENT

We should be thankful for a soul that can thank God, and can understand some of His goodness. Many can not. Let us remember the good things and forget the evil that have come on us. We have still enough to thank God for. The Power behind the visible universe is friendly to us, loves us.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. What daily causes of Thanksgiving have we?
2. How can we cultivate the habit of thanksgiving?
3. Why should God be thanked for good things?

December 2, 1923.

Topic: "Lessons from the Psalms, 12. The Life-Obedience Psalm." Psa. 40.
 Consecration meeting.

BIBLE READINGS

Monday A call, Jer. 20: 7-13,
 Tuesday A response. Acts 26: 19.
 Wednesday From sheepcote to throne. I Sam. chap. 16.
 Thursday Human agents. Acts 16: 1-8,
 Friday Christ chooses. John 15: 16,17.
 Saturday Joy in service. John 4:31-38.

COMMENT

God moves slowly and we must at times wait patiently for Him to reveal Himself to us. The person who serves God best is the one who has been redeemed. To whom much has been forgiven, the same loves much. God delights in voluntary obedience, in love that consecrates itself to Him. If doing God's will is hard, it is because we do not know God well enough. To know Him is to love and serve enthusiastically.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. How can we discover the will of God for us?
2. What fields of labor are open to live workers?
3. How does Christian Endeavor train for life-obedience?

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