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There are a few contributions for the Advocate on hand that came too late for the August number but will appear in September issue. We hope then to get all these published as requested.

We still have some of the pamphlets on hand regarding the Boards of the church and their needs. Let us know how many you need and we will send them post paid.

Some are kept from temptations and in small ones which do daily occur are overcome: to the end that, being humble, they may never presume on themselves in great matters while they are worsted in so small things.

Look for beauty in the commonest things and commonest persons; it belongs only to those who find it and has a value be yound that of gold. This search will not interfere with duty, but may soften its asperities, for a beautiful life is the choicest blossom of a dutiful one.

Nothing is easier to bear than the troubles of your neighbors.

A renewal of your subscription to the Advocate is solicited.

FIFTH CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA

Sabbath, June 8th, was a great day in our church, and one long to be remembered by the congregation, when we dedicated a massive pipe organ to aid in the praise service in God's House. For several weeks workmen had been engaged in beautifying the church building. The walls have been painted in a light color, the pews have been made like new, and new rushions made, covered in green, making them very inviting and comfortable; the carpet has been renovated; new side lights have been installed; a new platform has been built to accommodate a choir of forty, around which is a railing and curtains in harmony with the rest. New pulpit chairs are being supplied by the Ladies' Aid Society. A baptismal font, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Henry, also will add to the furnishings, so that all seems in such harmony as to make the entire place beautiful, costing several thousand dollars, which is almost subscribed and will be fully when this is printed.

Our Pastor's subject was "The Organ in Our Worship," after which there was a dedicatory response, followed by prayer. The services were well attended all day.

We observed Children's Day in the afternoon and all did their part well. In the evening service the subject was "The Secret of Success."

God has been blessing our church in every way, and we thank and praise Him for al! His kindness to us. At our last Communion the sight was a glorious one. Three hundred and eighteen sat down at the Lord's Table to remember His death and love for us. Twenty-three were received into membership. Over \$900 was given to Missions that day.

And now we are going to be more faithful in trying to reach out after the lost, and we are praying that a real revival may come over our entire church.

DARLINGTON, PA.

The Woman's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Jennie Watterson, Darlington, Pa., on May 7, 1924. The leader of the devotional exercises, Miss Merle Caughey, chose as her subject "What Opportunities Do Missions Offer for Life Service?" The Scripture lesson was read from Acts 16: 9-10; also Mark 6: 7-13. Appropriate references and selections were read. A beautiful poem was read by Mrs. Watterson.

A general discussion of our Foreign Missions was very interesting. This was a profitable meeting and was much enjoyed by those present.

On June 4, 1924, the society met at the home of Mrs. Anna Sawyer, Darlington, Pa. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. S. Elder, whose subject was "Faith;" the 11th chapter of Hebrews was taken as a Scripture lesson. The references selected were appropriate and the remarks interesting.

A good article was read by Mrs. Stella Duncan.

Dr. Sawyer gave a brief report of the proceedings of Synod, which was much appreciated by those present.

Many good articles are read from time to time that cannot be included in these reports; also remarks are made and thoughts expressed that are uplifting and helpful not only in the religious and social life, but in a personal way.

The sentiment expressed at this time was, "How I do enjoy these meetings and how sorry I am when prevented from attending!"

It is by attending meetings of this kind regularly that one receives the full benefit and maintains an interest in missionary work.

By meeting at the homes of the members we have a little visiting time after the closing exercises and just for the benefit of those who have not been present. I want to tell you that our hostesses have been wonderfully thoughtful and generous in providing extra incentives to attend other meetings. As these kindnesses are neither compulsory, obligatory nor expected, they are thankfully accepted and gratefully received.

Just a few words more before I close.

The esteemed Editor and publisher of this magazine is a modest person and does not like to "cry his own wares" even when produced at a loss to himself. If each subscriber would put forth a little effort and secure one new subscription for the Advocate it would lessen the weight on the heart and increase the weight of the purse of this worthy servant of the Lord.

Sincerely yours,

EVA D. NAGEL.

THE LAST MEETING OF SYNOD As reported in the local paper in Coulterville.

On Wednesday evening of last week at 8 o'clock the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America opened its session in this city in the R. P. Church with the Rev. Thomas Whyte, of the Third R. P. Church, of Philadelphia, preaching an excellent sermon on the subject, "God's Judgments Have a Silver Lining," using as his text Ezek. 1: 4. Rev. Whyte was honoreed by being selected as Moderator of the Synod, in which capacity he served nobly and well.

Friday afternoon's session was given over to the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of Cedarville College, the R. P. Church college which is located at Cedarville, Ohio. The work of this worthy college was spoken of in all its various phases. It was certainly interesting to Coulterville in view of the fact that when the General Synod had met in this city thirty years ago action was begun which led to the founding of this Christian college of today over which Dr. W. R. Mc-Chesney has the honor to preside and direct its educational forces and activities. The program of this afternoon was considered as one of the strong programs of the entire session.

In the evening the exercises of the installation of Rev. Duncan furnished the basis and greater part of the program. Rev. L. A. Benson, of Clay Center, Kansas, presided at this meeting, and Rev. Robert Stewart preached the sermon. Dr. Savage, a former pastor of Rev. Duncan, was selected to de-

liver the charge to the pastor, and when he concluded Rev. Duncan certainly realized that it was some charge. Rev. Benson delivered the charge to the congregation, and with the pronouncing of the benediction the installation service was concluded.

At this meeting of Synod, Rev. Robert Stewart, of Coulterville, who is doing missionary work in Kentucky, told many interesting things about the Home Mission stations in the South and revived quite a missionary spirit among his hearers. The General Synod voted unanimously that each congregation should do all possible to aid in carrying on this important work.

Sabbath morning, Rev. John Parks, of the Fifth Church, Philadelphia, delivered the sermon on the subject of "The Blood," and those who heard it report on it as being a master-piece of pulpit thought and delivery.

Sabbath evening's service was a union service, prefaced by a union meeting of the Young People's Societies of Coulterville. In this meeting advantage was taken of the fact that there were many visiting ministers who could ably assist with the evening's missionary program. Following the young people's meeting came the sermon address, which was delivered by Dr. McChesney to a large and appreciative audience which completely fillled the spacious church. Dr. McChesney is an able, fluent talker and his skill in painting word pictures with which to clothe his thoughts is of the highest order. His address was replete with practical applications and was the subject of much favorable comment.

At 12.30 P. M., Monday, Synod was adjourned by prayer by Dr. Savage. Next year Synod is to meet at Darlington, Pa., in the church over which Dr. Savage presides.

In commenting on this year's meeting many of the delegates claimed that in many respects this was one of the best meetings that has been held in the history of the R. P. Church.

Before adjourning a unanimous vote of thanks was extended to the Grandcote congregation and especially to the ladies of the congregation for the kind generosity and noble hospitality they have at all times shown to the members of Synod in their homes, at the church and for the friendly fellowship and hospitality as evinced as they gathered from time to time around the luncheon tables.

Coulterville in general and the Grandcote congregation particularly feel honored in their being able to act the part of hosts to this fine array of ministers who are using their powers to advance the interest which they represent and for which they stand.

BEFFER FHINGS

Better to smell the violet cool, than sip the glowing wine; Better to hark a hidden brook, than watch a diamond shine.

Better the love of a gentle heart, than beauty's favor proud; Better the rose's living seed, than roses in a crowd.

Better to love in loveliness, than to bask in love all day; Better the fountain in the heart, than the fountain by the way.

Better be fed by a mothers hand, than eat alone at will: Better to trust in God, than say: "My goods my storehouse fill."

Better to be a little wise, than in knowledge abound; Better to teach a child, than toil to perfection's round.

Better to sit at a master's feet, than thrill a listening State; Better suspect that thou art proud than be sure that thou art great.

Better to walk the the real unseen, that watch the hour's event Better the "Well done!" at the last, than the air with shouting rent.

Better to have a quite grief, than a hurrying delight; Better the twilight of the dawn, than the noonday burning sup.

Better a death when work is done, than earth's most favored birth.

Better a child in God's great house, than the king of all the earth

A Bible for the Blind

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

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



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

FOLDING THE FLOCK

Shepherds all, and maidens fair. Fold your flocks up; for the air 'Gins to thicken, and the sun Already his great course hath run. See the dewdrops how they kiss Every little flower that is: Hanging on their velvet heads. Like a string of crystal beads. See the heavy clouds low falling And bright Hesperus down calling The dead night from underground; At whose rising, mists unsound, Damps and vapors, fly apace, And hover o'er the smiling face Of these pastures; where they come, Striking dead both bud and bloom, Therefore from such danger lock Every one his loved flock; And let vour dogs lie loose without. Lest the wolf come as a scout From the mountain, and ere day, Bear a lamb or kid away: Or the crafty, thievish fox, Break upon your simple flocks. To secure yourselves from these. Be not too secure in ease: So shall you good shepherds prove. And deserve your master's love. Now, good night! may sweetest slumbers And soft silence fall in numbers On your eyelids. So farewell: Thus I end my evening knell.

OUR SEMINARY

Our Theological Seminary was opened in 180%. It is one of the oldest seminaries on this continent, being 117 years old. The Board of Superintendents met in annual session at Cedarville, Ohio, the location of our seminary on the 19th and 20th of May. They heard and approved the reports of the pro-

fessors and passed the annual recommendations. Two students were recommended for a diploma from the seminary, Gavin S. Reilly and George LaClede Markle, the latter to receive his diploma upon the completion of his studies in the fall semester. The superintendents are Revs. Thomas Whyte, A. M., B. D., pastor of the Third Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia; L. A. Benson, D. D., pastor of the Republican City Congregation, Clay Center, Kansas, and Harold D. Hammond, A. B., pastor of the Fairview Reformed Presbyterian Congregation, Fairview, Pa. There were four students in attendance upon the seminary sessions this year. Several new students will enter this fall. The fall semester will open September 10, 1924. For particulars as to courses of study, etc., write to the Dean, W. R. McChesney, Cedarville, Ohio.

OUR COLLEGE

The twenty-seventh annual commencement week of Cedarville College was ushered in with the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class, Sabbath evening, June 1, by President McChesney. His theme was "God's Challenge." The text was "Go forward," Ex. 14: 15. The heads of the discourse were: 1. A Challenge to Confidence; II. A Challenge to Consecration; III. A Challenge to Consummation. Every available seat in the R. P. church was filled. The Junior Class had most tastefully and beautifully decorated the church with flowers. Special music was furnished by a double quartette of college students led by Professor Talcott, head of the music department.

Monday night, June 2, the Senior Class gave their annual play, 'Adam and Eva,' to a well-filled opera house. They cleared \$115. The play proved to be very popular with the audience.

Tuesday evening, June 3, the Faculty gave their annual reception to the alumni, students and friends in honor of the graduating class in the R. P. Church. An orchestra from Springfield furnished the music. About three hundred people

were present. Refreshments in the form of cakes and punch were served.

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Wednesday, all day, from 9.30 in the morning till 5 o'clock
in the evening, the annual Cedar Day and the thirtieth anni-
versary of Cedarville College were observed. About three
thousand people were in attendance. The program was as
follows:
Invocation Rev. James L. Chesnut
Scripture Miss Dorothy Oglesbee
Song—"O God, Our Help
Address of Welcome Rev. J. Alvin Orr, D. D.
Address of Welcome
Response S. G. Funsett, Mayor of Cedarville
Song—"Alumni,"
Mrs. William Anderson and Mrs. James L. Chesnut
Response Supt. H. C. Aultman, Greene County Schools
Duet Misses Helen Iliffe and Eleanor Johnson
Address-"The Problem of Christian Education."
President R. Ames Montgomery, D. D.,
Center College, Danville, Ky.
Dedication of the Science Hall President McChesney
Queen of May Grace Lyle, Marianna, Ark.
Queen of Flowers Florence Smith
Flower Girls:
Rebecca Galloway, Eleanor Hughes and Elizabeth Funsett
Pages Marguerite Spracklen and Gertrude Eby
Queen's Court:
Misses Sharp, Gray, Brown, Rector, Outram, Carson,
Elder, Owens, Wilson
Duet Misses Johnson and Oglesbee
Processional Queen and Followers
March of College Classes, Departments and Alumni
Chorus—"In June"
Queen of May Crowned
May Pole Exercises
Seniors Give Torch of Tradition to Juniors
Minerva Miss Meddles
Solo Miss Stuckey

The vast audience ate dinner in the campus and in the Alford at noon. Classes from various high schools ate with the faculty and their guests in the gym.

Thursday, June 4, the Board of Trustees met in College Hall for their annual meeting. There are fifteen members. All were present but two. It was found that \$21,000 had been receiver for all purposes during the year and that about the same amount had been spent. All but \$640 of the debt had been paid off. The indications are that there will be increase of 50 per cent. in the Elementary Normal this year and 25 per cent. in the regular college attendance. Two members of the Faculty resigned, Misses Somers and Porter. The place of the former has been most acceptably filled by Prof. Harley H. Smith, a widely-known schoolman in Ohio and a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Thursday evening the Alumni held their banquet. Over ninety were present. The evening was spent in social chats and speech. Refreshments were served, a three-course supper. The affair was held in the R. P.Church.

Friday morning brought the Commencement Day. Edgar A. Guest, America's greatest living poet, was the orator. He gave a most wonderful address. The opera house, which seats upwards of a thousand, was filled to overflowing long before the exercises began, and that before 9.30 in the morning. The following was the program:

Processional--"Success"

Overture—"La Cascade"	Will Huff
Invocation	Rev. W. R. Graham
Overture—"Poet and Peasant"	F. von Suppe
Commencement Address	
Selection—"Bright Star"	

Conferring of Degrees,
By President W. R. McChesney, Ph. D., D. D.
The President's Farewell Address
Waltz-"Sobra las Olas" Juventino Rosas
Announcements by President McChesney
March—"The Cup Winner" Louis Tocaben
BENEDICTION
March—"Specialist" W. H. Kiefer
Music by Cedarville Methodist Sunday School Orchestra
For the Degree of Bachelor of Arts—
Lucinda Josephine Caskey, cum laude. Cedarville, Ohio
Thelma Mae Deacon, summa cum laude Xenia, Ohio
Lois Elder Selma, Ohio
Mary Lucile Johnson, magna cum laude, Cedarville, Ohio
Clara Christina Kyle Cedarville, Ohio
Grace Adell Lyle Marianna, Ark.
Nettie Frances Shaw Yellow Springs, Ohio
Marion Foster Stormont, magna cum laude,
Cedarville, Ohio
Charles A. Townsley Cedarville, Ohio
Donald Sharpe Wickerham Springfield, Ohio
Hazel Marie Williams, magna cum laude,
Cedarville, Ohio
For the Degree of Bachelor of Science—
Andrew Harper Bickett Xenia, Ohio
For the Diploma from Cedarville Theological Seminary—Gavin Sinclair Reilly St. Peter's Bay, P. E. I.
For the Diploma of Graduation in Piano—
Helen M. Iliffe
For the Diploma of Graduation from Preparatory Dept.—
Wilbert W. Anderson Industry, Pa.
Mary Rebecca Beam Xenia, Ohio
Hannah Leona Kalp Pittsburgh, Pa.
William Elmer Snell Loveland, Ohio
William Frederick Wills Springfield, Ohio
For State Provisional High School Certificate—

Lucinda Josephine Caskey Cedarville, Ohio
Thelma Mae Deacon Zenia, Ohio
Lois Elder Selma, Ohio
Mary Lucile Johnson Cedarville, Ohio
Marion Foster Stormont Cedarville, Ohio
Donald Sharpe Wickerham Springfield, Ohio
Hazel Marie Williams Cedarville, Ohio
For the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity—
Rev. Homer Henderson Detroit, Mich.
Rev. John Walter Watson Oil City, Pa.
The fall semester of the College opens September 10, 1924,
at 9.30 A. M. Send for a catalogue and other literature to the
President, W. R. McChesney, Cedarville, Ohio.

OBITUARY

John, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ervin, deceased, departed this life at his home in Coulterville, Ill., Wednesday, May 28, 1924, at 4.55 P. M., aged 78 years 11 months 4 days.

Mr. Ervin was born June 24, 1846, at the Ervin homestead, where Mrs. Eliza Boylee lives at the present time. On April 1, 1869, he was united in marriage to Nancy A. White. To this union were born three sons and three daughters, one boy and one girl dying in infancy, the others remain, namely: William J. Ervin, East St. Louis; Mrs. Charles Stokes, Coulterville; J. K. Ervin, of Collinsville, Ill., and Mrs. Fred McBride, of Coulterville. Besides these children who mourn his loss, there remain his wife and the following brothers and sisters: Robert Ervin, Paul Valley, Okla.; James and William Ervin and Mrs. Eliza Boyle, all of Coulterville, Il., and David Ervin, Bartlesville, Okla. Also there remain five grandchildren, Frances and Solon Ervin, of East St. Louis, and Prentiss, Helen and John Harold Ervin, Collinsville, Ill.

Mr. Ervin after his marriage lived near his father's farm for twenty-five years and was a good farmer. Then he moved to Coulterville, where he lived until the time of his death. After coming here he worked in the mines for twenty-five years, or until five years ago, when he met with an accident and sustained injuries which rendered him unable to engage further in active work.

Mr. Ervin joined the Grandcote congregation when a young man and at all times was a faithful attendant at all church services.

Uncle John, as he was familiarly known by all, made friends wherever he went, his jovial good-nature being an asset which always stood him in hand. This cheerful spirit remained with him to the last. He was a good neighbor, and there was no happier family circle than his. He believed that "All doors are open to those who smile," that "All circles welcome cheeriness," and that he who contributes to the happiness of fellow-humanity would win the commendation of his Master.

The funeral services were held from the R. P. Church on Friday afternoon, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Paul W. Duncan, assisted by Rev. G. W. Hanks, of the Methodist church. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful, and the large attendance was a tribute to the high esteem in which he was held by the community at large. Interment was made in the Coulterville Cemetery.

The immediate family and relatives have the sympathy of the entire community.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

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Miss Matilda Wallace, Mrs. Fred Rohrman, Mrs. Robt. Stinson, John W. Reed Darlington, Pa. Mrs. Flizabeth B, McGeorge, Miss Amy Young Enon Valley, Pa. John G. Marshall, Mrs. F, D. Maratta, T, B. Bradshaw, Beaver. Pa. Mrs. J. G. Russel. New Galilee. Pa. Rev. L. A; Benson \$2, Mrs. Russel Stevenson, Clay Center Kan. Rev. R. S. Elder, Belle Center. O. R. W. Miller, La Porte, Texas, Eliza Parke, Redlands, Calf. Miss Susan Cunningham. Richmond. Kans. Miss Sallie Curran. Mrs McCallam Phila. Pa. Clayton McMillan, Cedarville, O \$2.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

August 10, 1924

Topic: Beautiful Things I See in Nature: Their Lessons. Matt. 6: 26-34.

BIBLE READINGS

Monday Beauty in flowers
Tuesday The city beautiful Ps. 48:1-14
Wednesday Beautiful messages Isa, 52:7-12
Thursday Star beauty Ps. 19:1-6
Friday Wonderful humanity Ps. 8:1-9
Saturday The beautiful sea.

COMMENT

Jesus not only saw nature, He considered it teaching, and they where always to the point. Jesus' illustrations were the result of reflection, meditation, thought; and that road lies open to us. God is always able to do far better for us than we are able to do for ourselves.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

- 1 What beautiful thing do you see in winter that teaches you a lesson?
- 2. How may we develop the power to see lessons in nature?
- 3. How may note book and comera help us learn of nature?

August 17, 1924

Topic: What I find in Romans 12.

BIBLE READINGS

Monday Consecration V, 1 I John 3:14-18
Tuesday Transformation V. 2 2 Cor. 3:14-18
Wednesday Mumility V.3 Matt, 8:5-13
Thursday Co-operation V. 4 Mark 6:7-13
Friday Kindness V. 10 Matt. 22:34-40
Saturday Earnestness V. 11 2 Tim, 1:1-11

COMMENT

It is harder to live wholly for God than it is to die for Him. One aspect of worship is service for others, a feature too often neglected. The spirit of the world and the spirit of Jesus are contrary to each other, and we must choose between them. Selfishness and unselfishness.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

- 1. What thought in Romans 12 most impressed you?
- 2. How can we train ourselves not to render evil for evil?
- 3. What are some present day hyprocrises?

August 24, 1924

Topic: How Selfishness Shows Itself: How Overcome It? Gen 13:1-8.

BIBLE READINGS

Monday Judas' selfishness John 12:1-8
Tuesday The case of Cam Gen, 4:5-9
Wednesday Selfish indifference Prov. 24:11,12
Thursday Selfish self will. Bxod. 32:1-14
Saturday Materialism Eccl. 2:24-26

COMMENT

Selfishness is often a fight for bread, for elbow room. Abraham overcame selfishness by giving the other fellow his choice, trusting God to take care of him. Selfishness chooses always the best for itself. Greed and grab. The unselfish life is blessed beyond all bounds, the outer as well as the inner life.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

- 1. In what directions are you liable to be selfish?
- 2. What is one selfish trait and how can its opposite be cultivated?
- 3; What harm does selfishness do to the soul?

August 31, 1924

Topic: The Importance of Keeping Promises. Josh. 9:3-21

BIBLE READINGS

Monday God, the promise keeper 2 Cor. 1:18-24
Tuesday A stern rule Num. 30:2
Wednesday An upright man Ps. 15:1-5
Thursday The Advise of Jesus Matt, 5:33-37
Friday A kings promise I Kings 1:28-31
Saturday Rash promises Mark 6:21-26

COMMENT

It is as wrong to secure a promise under false pretenses as it is right to keep right promises, once made. In law misrepresentation invalidates a promise, but there are high souls who will not take advantage of this, Promises are really all religious: God hears them, and we should be bound by them.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

- i. Why should treaties be sacredly kept?
- 2. What promise do you find on a dollar bill?
- 3. How does failure to keep promises effect character?

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