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## EDITORIAL.

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The year 1924 is coming to a close, and we may well look back over the year and learn the lessons that God in His providence has taught us day by day. As usual it has been a year of trials to many, but to all a year of blessings. Even trials that vex the soul of man, may be his greatest blessing. Our Saviour reminds us of this in the beatitudes. Have we stoped to count our mistakes, or number our blessings? If so we have found them to be so many that they cannot be numbered. We cannot order our own steps, but by the grace of God we can walk by faith, and when the end comes find that "all things work together for good to them who love God."

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We desire to call the attention of our readers that many subscriptions expire with the end of the year. To all such we now solicit the renewal of your subscription for another year. A year's subscription to the Advocate would make an excellent Christmas gift to some friend who does not read their church paper.

**"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"**

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"The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

There was no doubt of joy in heaven at the home-going of Rev. W. J. Smiley. The Saviour wants his loved ones to be with Him. He prayed, "Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory." The only reason for leaving any of us in this world is, God has something for us to do. When we have finished our work He will take us hence. He kept Mr. Smiley until he had completed his work. "He fought a good fight, he finished his course, he kept the faith."

A good many years ago, farther back than most of those who read these lines can remember, I was preaching in the old Hill Prairie Church, now Marissa. It was about the last Sabbath of June. There was then but one house within the present limits of the present Marissa, and that a farm house, some distance from the road. There were only fields of wheat and corn where the town now stands. The church stood in the midst of a fine grove of trees. The custom was to have two sermons in succession each Sabbath, with an interval of half an hour between. During this interval, Mr. J. R. Lyons came to me and said, he wanted to introduce me to a young man. He had just completed his junior year at Monmouth College, and had returned home for his vacation. That young man was W. J. Smiley, and the year was 1868. I regard it as a privilege to have known him so long, and so well. And the longer I knew him the higher I esteemed him. He had the honor that does not come to many ministers, that of being pastor of one congregation for fifty years. No minister in our Church during his generation has been more highly respected than Mr. Smiley. He was an able man; equal to any duty that might be required of him. He was a good scholar, a good preacher, a good pastor,

and a good citizen. He stood high among our ministers. His influence was always felt in any church meeting he attended. He stood high in his own community. Those outside of his own congregation felt there was a man of God among them, whose ability and character commanded their respect. The departure of such a man is a loss to any community. His life should be an inspiration to us all to go steadily on in the path of duty, being assured that such a life will be followed by a glorious reward. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life."

"The longer on this earth we live,  
And weigh the various qualities of men,  
The more we feel the high, stern-featured beauty  
Of plain devotedness to duty.  
Steadfast, and still; nor paid with mortal praise,  
But finding amplier recompense,  
For life's ungarlanded expense  
For work well done, and heaven's praise."

SAMUEL M. RAMSEY.

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#### RESOLUTIONS OF THE BETHEL SESSION.

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The Session and Congregation of Bethel Reformed Presbyterian Church of Sparta, Illinois, feeling very deeply the loss we have sustained in the death of Rev. W. J. Smiley, would adopt the following resolutions:

Whereas, In the purpose of God, who makes no mistakes, He has taken from us our beloved pastor, our leader, our counsellor, our faithful attendant for fifty years, we bow in sorrow, but not as those who have any doubts or fears. He was a friend to all who knew him and was never called upon for prayer or sympathy that he did not respond. He was ever on the lookout for those who needed help in any way and was a most useful citizen and minister in and out of the church for miles around us. Therefore be it resolved,

First. That we bear testimony to his boundless friendship, his wise counsel, his interest in all of us, young and old, that cannot be described, his fervent prayers for us, his pleasant greetings, his congenial companionship and, most of all, his pastorate and other ways that cannot be described by tongue or pen.

Second. That a copy of these resolutions be printed in our local newspaper, in the Reformed Presbyterian Advocate and sent to each minister of the denomination and to the family.

A. B. McMILLAN,  
T. L. McMILLAN,  
D. C. FULLERTON,  
D. M. REID.

Session.

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#### LETTER FROM INDIA.

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Landour, Mussoorie, India, October 1, 1924.

Dear Friends:

We sure have been having a time of it. It began to rain on Friday about noon, it rained all afternoon, and all night it just poured, and Saturday it continued to pour all day and, besides, the wind was just blizzardy. Saturday all night again it poured and all Sabbath it poured and again Monday, but it cleared up by evening, and we thought it was over, for the clouds had lifted and the sun came out, but after supper it started agzin and rained all night and all morning Tuesday, but by noon it cleared again and Tuesday P. M. (yesterday) and today have been nice. In three days 18 inches of water fell. We are absolutely cut off from everything up here. They say bridges are down and telegraph wires so we can't even send a wire anywhere, and there has been no mail for two days now, and they don't expect any for a few more days; the trains are not running, as the rails are under water for miles. If you had seen the rain come down up here in the mountains and then

think that all this water had to run off down there on the Plains you would not wonder at this condition. We can't remember anything like it. There were quite a number of folks who had planned to go to the Plains Monday and Tuesday; some went on down, others just cancelled their trips. Some of those who went down are still sitting down there at the foot of the hill in hotels and waiting for the time when the trains will run again; others, when they found out they could not get trains out, came back up here again, for it is much more comfortable up here. It is hot down there and then the expense and inconvenience of a hotel. We have our motor waiting for us down in Rajpur, so we do not have to depend on the train, but we are told the motor road is broken up and that it is not passable, but there is more chance of us getting home on the motor road than the other folks by train, as it certainly would not take as long to fix the motor road as the rail. We planned to leave tomorrow but think we may get through Saturday, although we have heard that even the motor road would not be open until Monday. Belle got away Friday morning and I had a letter from her from Lahore, so she is at the Sialkot Convention these days. Our cook and ayah are very worried about their village. They live in a little village which lies just between the old course of the Ganges and the new course of the Ganges and the cook was saying tonight he knows the only place for the people of their village would be for them to climb up trees. He said they have some good big trees in the village. Miss Morris said today that she heard there were some villages just washed away and that a lot of people climbed up in trees and that they were having elephants go after them. Of course, we are all wondering how our people are faring on the Plains and all anxious to get there just as soon as we can possibly get there. There will be a lot of suffering after this for some time, and we want to get to the people, and we are planning to go now on the 4th, but may not be able to go till Monday, the 6th, and since the boys were going to have ten days' holiday anyway, beginning the 9th, we have decided to take the boys down with us. Carl's teacher comes back from the annual

meeting on the 21st and comes right through Rurki, so she will pick up the boys at the station and bring them back to Boarding. That will give them a nice little vacation, and they are tickled to go back home. They have been up here since the middle of March.

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH TAYLOR.

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### LETTER FROM KENTUCKY

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Houston, Ky., November 10, 1924.

Dear Friends:

This contribution is likely to be both my first and last, as the public school term will probably be over before it comes my turn to write another letter. Mrs. Butler and Miss Wilson have given their impressions of our school, and the former has taken pleasure in renewing many old acquaintances from her stay here some years ago.

With the completion of fodder and potato gathering and sorghum making, and the cessation of the open-air graveyard services, the attendance of our day and Sabbath schools is increasing, our day school attendance being almost perfect last week and all seats being filled with some standing at our Sabbath service. We are anticipating special services the third and fourth Sabbaths of November, the first with the collaboration of President Guerrant, of the neighboring school at Highland, and for the second of which we are trying to secure a visit from President McChesney or some other of our church leaders, in connection with our Rally Day and Communion service.

We are trying to stimulate a more active interest in music this year, singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" in outside formation at flag raising each pleasant day, and a suitable psalm while marching to and from opening exercises, the favorites so far being "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past" and "When Our Hosts to Battle Go." We are also planning a choir for the coming special services and a mixed program for Thanksgiving. We are just

now undergoing an epidemic of making stringed instruments out of chalk boxes, after models made by some of the teachers, and hope soon to see the working of the "Power which soothes the savage breast."

Our playground is being pretty thoroughly utilized this year. Having improvised a gymnasium horse and vaulting buck out of sections of log set on posts in the ground, we ordered two or three lengths of various sizes of iron pipe, have constructed a double see-saw for the little folks and plan to put up one or two horizontal bars for exercise. We got the students to help us clear the grass from the running track laid out by Mr. Duncan, as well as from the basketball court, and both are in use practically all the time out of school hours. Miss Wilson is responsible for a volleyball and net, which also command an active interest and participation.

Although our Hallowe'en party was held on a drizzly evening, a comfortable attendance was present, and everyone seemed to enjoy the entire evening. Pumpkins were brought in and carved into faces during the week, and were taken up supplied with candles to light the scene of our party. Apple "bobbing," "Ruth and Jacob" and other games made up the program, which was concluded by passing ghostly objects in the dark, singing patriotic and other appropriate songs, and candy made and served by the dormitory staff.

About this time Miss Foster fell against our rear stone wall and got a bad gash in her forehead, causing swelling about the eyes, but is now happily recovered, and, in fact, made little complaint of the injury at any time. Receipt is gratefully acknowledged of a scholarship from Richmond, Kansas; also, of \$5 from Mr. Dennis, of Stafford, Kansas; \$100 from a member of the Cedarville congregation, and \$10 from Brant Deaton, whose two brothers are in our school this year. As the Arabs say when receiving a gift, "May God lengthen your life," and prosper the hands of these generous givers.

Yours in the service,

CLARENCE C. BUTLER.

### FAIRVIEW

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The new Fairview Church is about ready to be occupied by the faithful Fairview congregation. About six months ago the old building was torn down to make ready for the new. Our present House of Worship was formerly occupied by the West Middlesex congregation. This building was salvaged and removed to Fairview and rebuilt, with the result that Fairview now has a very comfortable and neat church. It will be equipped with a basement, fitted with a furnace, a kitchen and a room for social gatherings. The auditorium will be seated with a set of modern pews, and it together with a gallery will seat about 300 people.

The congregation have done much of the work themselves. Excavating, hauling and grading have been largely donated by the members. November 5, a number of the members came out and by night the interior of the building had been cleaned by the women, and the grading had been largely accomplished by the men and teams.

The night of October 9 was a joyous one for our women. They had planned and worked for their bazaar and chicken supper, and much to their astonishment they learned that they had cleared during the evening \$400.

We expect to enter the new church the last of this month, and it will be a happy congregation when they dedicate to the worship of God this fine country church.

REV. D. HAROLD HAMMOND.

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### DARLINGTON, PA.

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The Woman's Missionary Society met at the Darlington Church, Tuesday, November 11, 1924, at 11 A. M.

This being the annual meeting, it was observed by a dinner, which was up to the standard or perhaps a little above former Darlington Church dinners. When all present had been served, including a number of visitors, the good things that still remained were proof of the abundance of the supply, as the

fragments were gathered into more than twelve baskets.

The meeting was called to order and conducted by the president. It was opened by singing Psalm 72: 8-11, followed by prayer by Rev. Houston, of the United Presbyterian Church, of Darlington.

"Power in Christian Life and Service" was our subject, and the Scripture lesson was read from Acts 2: 16-21 (Spiritual Outpourings); I Corinth. 12: 1-11 (Spiritual Gifts); Gal. 5: 22-26 (Spiritual Fruit). A paper on the subject was read by the leader.

Mrs. Anna Sawyer read an interesting article about China. Miss Phil Arnold gave an instructive talk about China, and closed with a reading on "Thanksgiving," which was much appreciated. This was followed by a touching song rendered by Mr. Chester Nagel, entitled, "The Three Calls," representing three calls made by the Holy Spirit.

Addresses were made by Rev. Houston and Rev. Henry, of the Presbyterian Church of Darlington, also by the pastor, Dr. Savage.

This being Armistice Day, the remarks were largely of a patriotic nature. Mrs. Henry also spoke; her remarks, emphasizing the importance of missionary work, were very appropriate.

The yearly reports by the officers were encouraging, and the offering for the day, amounting to \$81, was a substantial proof of the interest that is manifested in this important work for the Master. This amount will be increased when offerings from those who were unable to attend are received.

Four names were added to the roll at this meeting. Mrs. Esther Kerr, Mrs. Mary Marshall, Miss Florence Russell and Miss Olive Nagel were cordially received into membership. We are glad to welcome these young friends, who have the ability to take an active part and assume responsibilities in carrying on this work.

The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: President, Mrs. Nagel; Vice President, Mrs. Patterson; Secretary, Miss Caughey; Treasurer, Mrs. Watterson.

Psalm 51: 9-13 sung, and the meeting was closed by Dr. Savage, who lead in prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Sincerely yours,

EVA D: NAGEL.

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HELP ONE ANOTHER.

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"Help one another" the snow flakes said,  
As they cuddled down in their fleecy bed;  
"One of us here would not be felt,  
One of us here would quickly melt,  
But I'll help you, and you help me,  
And then what a big white drift we'll see"

"Help one another," the maple spray  
Said to its fellow leaves one day;  
The sun would wither me here alone,  
Long enough ere the day is gone,  
But I'll help you and you help me,  
And then what a splendid shade there'll be."

"Help one another," the dewdrop cried,  
Seeing another drop close to its side;  
"This warm south breeze would dry me away,  
And I should be gone ere noon today,  
But I'll help you and you help me.  
And we'll make a brook and run to the sea."

"Help one another," a grain of sand  
Said to another grain just at hand;  
'The wind may carry me over the sea,  
And then, oh, what will become of me?  
But come, my brother, give me your hand,  
We'll build a mountain and there we'll stand."

"Help one another," a penny said  
To a fellow penny round and red;  
"Nobody cares for me alone,  
Nobody'll care when I am gone,  
But we'll stick together, and grow in time  
To a nickle, or even a silver dime."

"Help one another," I hear the dimes  
Whisper beneath the Christmas chimes;  
We'er only little folks, but you know  
Little folks sometimes make a show,  
Ten of us, if we'er good and pure,  
Equal a big round dollar, sure.'

And so the snow flakes grew to drifts,  
The grains of sand to mountains,  
The leaves became a pleasant shade,  
And dewdrops fed the fountains;  
The pennies grew to silver dimes,  
The dimes to dollars. brother!  
And children bring this Christmas gift  
By helping one another.

## CEDARVILLE COLLEGE.

Cedarville, O. Dec. 1, 1924.

Dear Friends and Patrons of Cedarville College:

The time is approaching for the fourth payment on the Endowment and Building Fund subscriptions. We urge a prompt payment of this instalment, because of the immediate needs of the college.

Recent statistics show that it costs the College \$168 to maintain a student in College, over and above the tuition he pays. on a 6 percent basis, this means \$2,800 of endowment for every student, or \$280,000 for 100 students. Last year we had 108 students in the regular college course, and \$140,000 of endowment, just one half of what we should have had; the gifts of friends to the current expenses, and miscellaneous receipts were all that saved us from a deficit. To rely on such receipts constantly is precarious and unsatisfactory.

A prompt payment of his subscription by everyone on or before January 2nd, 1925, will enable us to make profitable investment all the sooner, and these will bring us the necessary revenue. If you can pay the fifth instalment with the fourth it will be all the better, and we shall appreciate your co-operation.

We thank you again for what you have done and are doing, and trust you will give this matter your prompt attention

Respectfully yours, W. R. McChesney, Pres.

F. A. Jurkat, Treas.

## OUR COLLEGE

A statistical report of of our college might be interesting to our readers and at the same time point out the financial needs of Cedarville College.

The Treasurer's report shows the following facts:

Balance, May 15, 1923	\$ 339.71
Tuition	6043.75
Income from Endowment Funds	9157.11
Board of Education	216.
Seminary appropriation	500.

Cedarville Twp. Library Rent	560.
Forward Movement	100.
Endowment Fund Refunders	439.44
Entertainments	203.04
Miscellaneous	37.
Philadelphia Presbytery	364.33
Pittsburgh Presbytery	510.
Ohio Presbytery	494.41
Western Presbytery	363.55
Special Donations for repair funds	2071.
Total receipts	21,188.65
Disbursements for salaries, coal gas, light, repairs etc.	22,662.51
Deficit May 20, 1924	1473.86

Between \$600 and \$700 of a deficit remains on the repair and paint fund of last year to be raised this year.

We need money badly for the current expenses of the college notwithstanding the increase in the number of students.

As the number of students increases the teaching and equipment expenses increase in proportion.

The enrollment of students at this date, November 23, 1924 is 203, or counting none twice, 168. This is the largest enrollment in the history of the college.

The fourth annual payment of the subscription to the Endowment Fund, will be due January 1, 1925. It is desired that all who subscribed will pay on or before that date in order that the college may invest the funds and get the interest from the funds. All contributions for Cedarville College should be sent to F. A. Jurkat, Treasurer, Cedarville, Ohio.

Yours sincerely, W. R. McChesney.

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Mrs. Earl Liddle, Duaneburgh, N. Y. Miss Sarah E. Curran, Philadelphia, Pa  
Mrs. Susan J. Hanna, Mrs. Carrie Harbison, Cedarville, O.

## PENNSYLVANIA'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

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*"Give three cheers for Pennsylvania  
And our Governor, for he's great  
With our great White Ribbon Army,  
We will surely clean our State."*

This was the note that rang throughout the entire Pennsylvania W. C. T. U. convention, which was held in the historic city of Pittsburgh, October 14-17, a city situated in what Lincoln styled the "State of Allegheny," at the junction of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers, and in which still stands the old Block House where Ft. Duquesne and later Ft. Pitt stood. Blessed with the mildest and most beautiful of October days, the 1924 convention surpassed all previous conventions, with a delegation of 455 and a company of 745 at the banquet table.

Everyone was bubbling over with enthusiasm, and no sooner had the Custodian of the Governor's Enforcement, Mrs. Leah Cobb Marion, reported that nearly half of the \$250,000 pledged, had been raised, and a letter read from the Governor as to how the fund had been used, than many of the women were on their feet, pledging one, two, three and five hundred dollars as individuals, counties or unions, until about \$10,000 were raised right on the spot. A resolution was sent from the convention to Governor Pinchot pledging again our hearty support. In the carrying out of an original plan by the Ambridge Union, Beaver county, a beautiful law enforcement quilt was presented to the Governor. This was embroidered in many autographs, and was the means of rolling up \$110 for law enforcement. Every stitch in it spelled loyalty to the Governor. It is expected that we shall see the completion of this task when we meet in convention in 1925 in the city of Harrisburg, the home of our Governor.

The devotional service throughout the convention was inspirational and led by Mrs. Azuba Jones, national and State organizer, lecturer, and State evangelistic superintendent. Her Welsh accent and her rare originality make her an unusually attractive speaker. As a token for the jubilee year she presented to the convention a

handsome embroidered banner, all handmade. Our own Madame Layyah Barakat, a native of Syria, but for many years a resident of Pennsylvania, conducted the Bible readings. Her presence is always felt because of her deep spirituality and her spirit pervades the whole convention. Her unique interpretations bring the Bible truths nearer to us because of her having lived in the land where these truths were spoken.

The music of the convention was the best ever under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Karns, our music superintendent, and Mrs. M. W. Devinney, of Allegheny county, who had charge of a local choir. Our faithful Miss Shuck presided at the piano. Special selections were sung by Mrs. Christine Miller Lucas, Mrs. Pearl Best Ackerman, Miss Margaret Sanner, Mrs. Dora Moorehead and Mrs. Helen Brown Fowler, daughter of Mrs. Laura Brown, deceased, who was our organist among the colored race.

And oh, the reports of the superintendents! The sparks flew as the news from the "firing line" was told by the superintendents. No one had time to tell all she wanted to tell. Everyone was full to overflowing about her department. One unique feature of the convention was the Superintendents' Luncheon, held on the evening previous to the opening of the convention, and was a decided success. This gives the superintendents an opportunity to get better acquainted and to learn how they could co-operate with one another.

"Things increase at a tenfold rate,  
Whenever we co-operate."

The special feature of the first day of the convention was the magnificent address of our State president, Ella M. George, on "The First Lap in the Race," which was delivered in her usual clear ringing tones, which reached every corner of the large auditorium. This was a wonderfully comprehensive history of the National W. C. T. U. Since Pennsylvania's Jubilee Convention will be held next year, she will dwell more particularly on her history and achievements for next year. In her "In Memoriam" she paid a touching tribute to every member of the Executive Committee who had passed on since last convention, as well as to our beloved Culla J. Vayhinger and Deborah Knox Livingston.

For one of the principal speakers for the convention we went over into Ohio and borrowed one of their true friends of law enforcement, the Hon. John G. Cooper, member of Congress from the Nineteenth district. Mr. Cooper is most loyal to our cause and a sincere Christian man. We congratulate Ohio on furnishing such a member for Congress. Another part of our program worthy of mention was the Diamond Medal Contest arranged by Miss Frances Jones, of Philadelphia. "Brickie" was the subject of the selection which won the medal. An Alumni Association was formed at this convention. A new feature of the convention was the march of the county treasurers. To show honor to the women whose task is too often a thankless one, this was arranged by the State treasurer, Mrs. Ella B. Black. Their counties had sent them as delegates and each had one minute in which to tell her story.

To be in accord with the jubilee celebration all those who had been toilers in the field for 40 years or more were brought to the platform and introduced. Allegheny county feels honored to have living yet, a number who had sung, knelt and prayed before saloons, and who are left to relate the story of the early days. Pittsburgh and especially "Brimstone Corner," was one of the 26 places where altar fires burned in Pennsylvania.

The banquet room was none too large to hold all who wanted to be accommodated. This was a wonderful gathering. The jingles and songs made all feel young. Our State president was at her best as she acted as toastmaster and introduced the various speakers. As she was introduced by the hostess, county president, Mrs. R. B. Robinson, a huge basket of chrysanthemums, blending with the colors in her banquet costume, was presented by her 20 nieces and nephews, who filled one table. After the last course had been served, a waiter very deftly placed upon the speakers' table an immense birthday cake of three layers, upon which were 50 candles. This, with a beautiful silver cake knife, was a gift to our State president from a few friends of the Allegheny county union.

She was also the recipient of other beautiful tokens. Flowers in profusion; and no sooner had the ballot of the convention been cast for her as our leader for another year, than an expression of

loyalty and love was shown in the presentation of a handsome traveling case, amber lined to suit the Golden Jubilee, and fitted with every convenience for traveling. The other State officers were also showered with flowers and remembrances.

For the second time the convention listened to the Child Evangelist, Mary Agnes Vichestain, of Pittsburgh, a girl of 15, endowed with a power and a speech not many of her age possess.

One of the many encouraging things that were heard was the corresponding secretary's report on the splendid work of the counties. Mrs. Wetzell reported 938 unions in the State and 83 new ones formed this year. Rev. Maude T. Seymour, a State organizer, employed for a whole year, made a wonderful record in that she brought in a harvest of 1560 new women and organized 38 new unions besides L. T. L. and Y. P. B.'s.

LINNIE J. LONG,

State Publicity Superintendent.

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## OBITUARY

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Jane Rosborough Wilson, eldest daughter of William H. and Margaret Miller Wilson, was born on the farm south of Sparta and spent the greater part of her life there, removing to Sparta with her parents 11 years ago. The early days of her life were strenuous, and the responsibilities of securing a home in the pioneer days and the bringing up under her of a large family in which she fully shared, resulted in a very willing mind but a weakened body which was unable to keep pace with her willing spirit.

She became a patient sufferer while in the morning of life and remained so until the day of her death. While in her girlhood days she made profession of her faith in Christ under the pastorate of Rev. W. J. Smiley, deceased, where she remained a faithful and devoted member until the time of her death. A regular attendant at Divine services, even when failing health rendered her physically unfit, she was found in her pew on the Sabbath.

Eleven months ago He, Who makes no mistakes, laid her on

a bed of suffering from which from day to day she had borne testimony to God's sustaining grace. She was a patient sufferer, a willing and unselfish worker for others, and a steadfast believer in her Saviour. The ties that bind parents and family were broken 10 years ago, July 24, 1914, when the mother went to her reward and later the father on February 1, 1921. A daughter, Mary Elizabeth, dying in childhood, preceded them, leaving behind Mrs. Emma Dunn, twin sister; J. W. Wilson, on the old homestead; Mrs. J. T. Finley, of Sparta; J. A. Wilson, of Burlington, Iowa; Miller, on the farm south of town; Martin, of Sparta, and Mrs. D. M. Reid, of Sparta, with whom the twin sisters made their home after the family home was broken up. Many loved ones mourn her departure and many waited to receive her into the home above.

Funeral services were held at the Reformed Presbyterian Church, on North St. Louis street, at 1.30 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, October 14, 1924, conducted by Ray M. Davis, of Xenia Seminary, who has been supplying the congregation, assisted by Rev. J. R. McIlroy and Rev. M. K. Carson.

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#### Mrs. Sarah J. Cochran Dawson.

Mrs. Dawson, aged 83, widow of the late Daniel D. Dawson, passed to her reward at Fairview, Pa., November 5, 1924. Her death was due to the infirmities of old age. Mrs. Dawson was born in Washington county, this State, but has been a resident of Ohio township since her marriage to Daniel Dawson.

Since living near Fairview she has been a faithful and devoted member of the Fairview Reformed Presbyterian Church. In her last years she was not known to be absent from the Sacraments.

Mrs. Dawson leaves to mourn her loss, six children: Robert, of New Galilee; Alford, of Enon Valley; Reed, of Alberta, Can.; Howard, at home; Mrs. Jennie Speerhas, of Black Hawk, and Mrs. Henderson, of Ohio township.

Funeral services were held at her late home Friday afternoon, November 7, 1924, conducted by her pastor and assisted by Dr. Alexander Savage.

REV. D. HAROLD HAMMOND.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

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December 14, 1924

Topic: Count and Share Your Blessings Ps. 107:1-9

### BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Remembering blessings Ps. 103:1-13
Tuesday	The past reviewed Deut. 29:..-9
Wednesday	Blessings of harvest. Ps. 65:9-12.
Thursday	Open heart and hand Duet. 15:7-11.
Friday	Treasurer in heaven Matt. 6:19-21
Saturday	Real riches I Tim. 6:17-19

### COMMENT

The first and greatest blessing we have to count is that God is good and we know it through Jesus. Another blessing is God will not change. His goodness endureth, in spite of all our sin. Do we appreciate that divine friendship that listens to our needs?

### PERTINENT QUESTIONS

1. What blessings have come to us in the past year?
2. In what ways have we been able to share our good things?
3. How can we "share our blessings" in a Christian Endeavor social?

December 21, 1924.

Topic: The Christmas Story in poetry and Song Luke 2:8-16.

### BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Matthew's music Matt. 2:1-12
Tuesday	The eternal note John 1:1-14.
Wednesday	Harmony of good will Phil. 2:1-11
Thursday	Discord no more Isa. 9:6,7.
Friday	Paul's stanza I Tim 3:16
Saturday	The King's song Rev. 5:6-14

### COMMENT

The Christmas story is an angel story. It comes from above, as do all high and beautiful thoughts. It took heavenly wisdom to conceive in the midst of warring nations and races such a thing as "Peace on Earth." The spirit of controversy is alien to Christmas. It kills reverence and love.

December 28, 1924

Topic: The Old Year and the New Ps. 37:1-5; Phil. 3:12-14

**BIBLE READINGS**

Monday	Fleeting years	Jas. 4:14
Tuesday	Old-year mistakes	Jas. 3:1-6
Wednesday	Old-year protection	Zech. 2:5; Luke 21:18-19
Thursday	New year faith	Ps. 31:1-5
Friday	New year guidance	Ps. 23, 24
Saturday	New years service	2 Cor. 2:1-15

**COMMENT**

Do not let the thorn of past experiences stick and fester in the mind. Look away from the evil of men to the goodness of God; recall His mercies and not man's failures. The old year is not dead. It has merely retired to the side lines. The new year will be what the old year helped to make it.

**PERTINENT QUESTIONS**

1. What good has come to us from the past year?
2. How may we make the new year better than the old?
3. What is our biggest hope for the new year?

January 4, 1925

Topic: How Can We Develop the Spirit of Friendliness? Prov. 18: 4; 27:6,9,10. 1 Samuel 18:1-4. Consecration Meeting.

**BIBLE READINGS**

Monday	Gen. 24:15-28
Tuesday	Gen. 45. chap.
Wednesday	Ex. 2:11-22
Thursday	1 Sam. 19:1-7
Friday	Ruth 1:15-18
Saturday	Luke 6:37

**COMMENT**

The art of making friends, all people do not possess. It is something worthwhile. However it is easier to make friends than to keep them. Comparative few people know how to do this. To make friends be friendly. Do unto others as you would others do to you. Kindness, a forgiving spirit and a wisely guarded conversation gets, and holds friends.

**PERTINENT QUESTIONS**

1. Who are our friends?
2. How can we make and hold friends?
3. Do we observe the scripture rule?

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