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THE PARSONAGE COMMITTEE

At the last meeting of our General Synod a committee was appointed to raise \$1500 among the women of our church and to see that a house be erected at Houston, Ky., which should be used as a parsonage by our missionaries. The members of this committee have been announced in a recent number of the "Advocate." We are enthusiastically endeavoring to secure the necessary funds and are pleased with the interest that seems to be prevalent throughout the denomination.

To any one who has ever visited this mission field in Kentucky no special appeal is necessary, for the real need of just such a house as we plan to erect is so apparent. We can scarcely expect a family to make a permanent home there unless there is some house in which to make a home.

We have estimated the number of women in the denomination at six hundred. If this estimate is at all correct you can readily see what is necessary to reach our goal. If each woman could just give \$2.50 to this cause the \$1500 would be in the hands of the treasurer at once.

It's a real challenge to the women! Isn't there some bit of self-denial that you would really enjoy in order that you may have the joy and satisfaction of serving God in this definite piece of work? Or isn't there some particular blessing you have enjoyed or are enjoying for which you would just like to show your gratitude by depositing a thank-offering with

your treasurer for this Parsonage Fund?

It is a real service not only to our missionaries, for it will bring them happiness, but to the community in our Kentucky field, giving them inspiration for better homes and better living. Above all, it is a real service to our God, whose work we are striving to do.

We must not fail!

Write to any member of your committee:

Miss Alberta Creswell, Cedarville, O.

Miss Mary Smiley, Sparta, Ill.

Mrs. R. W. Watterson, Darlington, Pa.

Mrs. H. Troland, 1937 East Allegheny avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

LETTER FROM INDIA

Landour, Mussoorie, India, September 10, 1925.

Dear Friends:

We were indeed sorry when word came that no one could come out this fall. We were so in hopes the work in Hardwar could be strengthened but I suppose we shall have to exercise in patience.

Dr. Taylor has been up in the hills with us for three weeks now. He certainly looked worn out when he came up but I am glad to say the mountain air has done a lot for him these three weeks. He had a great deal of work all summer on the Plains and with the excessive heat and constant exposure to malaria, he just kept going until his vacation was due by taking quinine. I am glad to say the children have all been quite well this summer with the exception that Margaret had typhoid fever but is quite well again and back in school. We shall be going down to Roorkee the end of this month and then the three older children will have to go in boarding school until about the 10th of December.

He left the work on the Compound in charge of Rev. Edwin Fiske, with the exception of the Training School, which Rev. K. Manoah again has taken the responsibility of as he did

last winter while we were out in the District. Mr. Mitchell in Hardwar has written us that Nirmal Singh, the man who has been our colporteur, has gone to the Seventh Day Adventist people because they offered him more money. He has been doing quite good work and we were sorry to lose him. He also says he has been able to get in touch with a number of fakirs who he hopes to be able to get to spend some time at least in our Training School. He had brought one man to the Training School just before Dr. Taylor came to the hills. Dr. Taylor feels a very special call to this work among this class of men and would like nothing better than teaching these men himself, for so many of them are so dissatisfied with anything they have found in their pilgrimages and in Hinduism as a whole and are definitely committed to a search for the Truth; but such a thing is not possible until someone comes out and relieves Dr. Taylor of some of the work he is carrying now. Mr. Mitchell has been very successful in getting in touch with these men and is getting a very good reputation among the permanent residents of Hardwar.

We ask you to remember us in prayer for our winter's work. As soon as we leave the hills the end of this month we shall be busy making preparations for our winter's camping season.

With kindest regards to all our friends in the Home Churches and praying for your work there, we remain,

Yours in His service,

ELIZABETH TAYLOR.

LETTER FROM KENTUCKY

October 7, 1925.

Dear Friends:

It hardly seems possible that the third month of my time here at Anath Home has come to a close, for although it does seem ages since we left home in Ohio, still we have been so busy and so happy in our work that time flies before we realize it. And we are beginning to realize also that the summer is

passing away. This very morning as I begin this letter Miss Wilson and I are sitting by the kitchen stove, and the heat feels very comfortable. The autumn rains have begun, and it is very damp and chilly when the sun is not shining, although it has not yet been cold enough to frost.

We had been having a very bad drought and for weeks the dusty creek and the fast drying verdure seemed crying for water. We have been having rain again the past few days and truly we thank God for it. The lack of water had made the hillsides begin to take on the autumn colors earlier than usual, but now the dry leaves have fallen and the trees are quite green again, just waiting for the touch of Jack Frost's wand to give them their full beauty of riotous colors.

Between the showers of the past week we have had some glorious days when the sky was wonderfully blue with fleecy white clouds scurrying after each other or drifting idly. On those days these mountains and the sky reminded me of what the mountains and the sky of famous Greece must be like, although unlike Greece, many of these hillsides are covered with trees.

Although we are "shut in from all the world without" by the hills and miss here some of the comforts and luxuries, etc., yet it seems that we are nearer to God among the mountains, and our faith is stronger here than where we have all of those conveniences but everything is rush and hurry and everybody too busy to think.

Our Anath home is a happy place and a beacon light in this community. Our loved "Mother Stewart" is an example of loving service and Christian living among us, as well as a mother to us all, and I am sure that the influence of her noble life goes much farther than she realizes. Although she has many duties here in the home she finds time to visit among the people, who love and appreciate her. Then Rev. and Mrs. Stewart are also showing us the beauty of self sacrifice and Christian service and are doing much for the cause of Christ in this place. They are still sleeping in the back of the new store, but we are hoping that they will soon have a home of their own, through the efforts of some of you.

The corn is mostly laid by now for the various purposes for which it is used here. The cane crop is being cut, and "stir-offs," where the cane is made into molasses or sorghum, are the chief social attractions now, affairs especially interesting to boys and girls because they satisfy the sweet tooth as well as the social instinct. Apple-cuttings and bean-stringings will soon be things of the past.

Our Rally Day program, last Sabbath, was a great success. The school children were nearly all present and entered into the real spirit of the songs they sang and the exercises they gave. Although it had been damp and rainy early in the morning, the sun shone out by the time to begin the program and we had a very good attendance. Several people were there who had never been there before. Mr. Stewart's sermon after the program was inspiring and I believe many lives will be a little better because of that Sabbath Day's program.

The electric lights which were installed about a month ago are giving us good service and we surely appreciate them. Mrs. Charles Lauterbach (Louanna Stewart), who visited us last month, was very kind in making us the gift of an electric iron. It would make the work of the home so much easier if we just had an electric washer. When Mrs. Lauterbach was here she started a radio fund for the mission. No one was to give more than a dollar and if raised we will appreciate it very much. The ladies of the Cedarville Congregation sent us a gift of four beautiful rag rugs and they certainly brighten up our rooms. Each of us teachers and Mrs. Stewart have one of them. The following contributions have been received: The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Unity Congregation, \$15; Mrs. Alice M. Johnson, 502 North, Ave. 54, Los Angeles, Calif., \$5, and Mr. L. L. Porter, \$5. We wish to sincerely thank these kind friends and the many others of you who have made this mission a possibility.

Quite a few of our larger school boys have had to miss school during the past month in order to help at home with the corn and other work preparing for winter, but they are back in school again and after a visit from our truant officer I think we won't have much more attendance trouble until the weather

gets too bad for some of the little fellows to get here. Other pupils are interested and happy in their work. We are trying to brighten their lives and teach them not only to be good citizens by obeying the letter of the law but to show them that the only way they can have a worthwhile and happy life and be true citizens is by being true Christians. These children, like all others, are very susceptible to the good and true and also to the false and mean. The responsibility is ours of influencing them aright. There are as many temptations for young folks here as elsewhere. Ours is the opportunity—and yours. We need your prayers and your help if we are to succeed.

Your friend in Christian Service,

GLENNIS LAMBERT.

CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Paul W. Duncan, of Coulterville, Ill., visited his home folks in Enon Valley, Pa., the first part of October, and assisted Rev. Alex. Savage with his Communion services on the second Sabbath of the month.

The Western Presbytery met in Sparta, Ill., on October 8. Rev. Benson, from Kansas, was able to attend and dispense the Communion for the Sparta congregation.

The Duanesburgh Congregation held Communion services the second Sabbath of October. The weather was so stormy that no week-day services were possible.

The Coulterville Congregation is moving along nicely from recent reports. In June, Children's Day was observed and a profitable meeting was held and enjoyed by all. The mid-week prayer meeting, C. E. and S. S. are all doing well. The C. E. had an auto contest between the Lincoln and Packard. The Packard came out ahead. The fall Communion was held the last Sabbath of September. The assisting ministers were Revs. A. T. Moore, of Coulterville U. P. Church, and J. R. McIlroy, of Sparta. The day was fine and all had much to be thankful for.

DARLINGTON, PA.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Darlington Church has, with unflinching regularity, convened during the past months at various places, but the writer, although present at all the meetings, was unable to keep pace with the flight of time and send in the reports with corresponding regularity.

A brief synopsis of these meetings is perhaps the best way to keep those who are interested in touch with the work.

On May 6, 1925, at 2 P. M., the Society met at the home of Mrs. Jennie Watterson. The leader of the devotional exercises was Mrs. Iva Graham. The subject was "Fellowship." The Scripture lesson was taken from the second chapter of Acts. Miss Matilda Wallace read a selection on "Care of Mothers of Abyssinia for their children." Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson read a selection on "Unattained Longings."

The meeting on June 3 was held at the home of Miss Mattie Duncan. The leader was Mrs. Blanche Elder. The subject was "The Unfinished Task." The Scriptural reading was the 8th chapter of Acts. A selection, "The Abiding Presence," was read by Miss Mattie Duncan.

The Society met on July 1 at the home of the writer. Leader, Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson. Subject, "How and where we should spend the Sabbath." Mrs. Ettie Duncan, Mrs. Esther Kerr and Mrs. Mary Marshall read appropriate and pleasing selections.

August 5, at the usual time, the Society met in the Darlington Church. In the absence of the appointed leader, the president was in charge and read a paper on the subject of "The Helper in Our Prayers," using the 8th chapter of Romans as a Scripture lesson. Mrs. Watterson and Mrs. Kerr read very interesting articles. The name of Mrs. Imbrie was added to our roll at this meeting and the Society cordially welcomed her into our union. Let me whisper an introduction. This is the second union Mrs. Imbrie has entered recently, being the bride of Mr. W. J. Imbrie, whose name frequently appears in the "Advocate."

The meeting in the Darlington Church, on September 2, was led by Mrs. Anna Sawyer, whose subject was "Jesus, the Great Teacher." The Scripture lesson was taken from the 6th chapter of Luke. Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Graham and Miss Merle Caughey contributed to the edification of those present by reading some good selections.

In the Darlington Church, on October 7, was held one of the best out of many good meetings. The leader, Miss Matilda Wallace, chose "Habit" as the subject. The points

brought out, and the thoughts presented by the selections read, were very instructive. Selections were read by Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Watterson, Miss Caughey, Mrs. Kerr and Miss Olive Nagel.

At all of the meetings, the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit is sought by prayer. Too frequently in prayer the recognition of the Third Person is thoughtlessly or intentionally omitted entirely and the names of the Father and Son only are used.

A careful selection of Psalms discloses the fact that verses may be found that are concurrent with any subject chosen.

The attendance at all the meetings has been good, and the collections have been liberal. As the members are scattered over a "vast expanse" of territory, it sometimes means real sacrifice to reach the meeting point.

A letter from Darlington would not be complete without reference to the pleasant meeting of Synod in May. It was a pleasure and an honor to have this distinguished body of Christian gentlemen in our midst. Many of them were friends of long standing who had not only pointed the way upward, but had gone before us many times to the top of the Holy Mountain. It was also a pleasure to meet the new friends and make their acquaintance.

Before Synod convened, one of the young ladies of our Society confessed that she hoped she would be permitted to entertain a delegate who would be so well satisfied with her culinary skill that he would remain permanently. No doubt she meant for better or worse—cooking. As the delegates all seem to have escaped, Cupid surely was asleep in one of the church pews.

The annual meeting of the Society will be held in the Darlington Church, November 4, beginning at 11 A. M. Join the Missionary Society of your church. Subscribe for the "Advocate."

Sincerely yours,

EVA D. NAGEL.

YOUR PEDIGREE

Rev. T. Ruth.

It was Herbert Spencer who suggested "that it is often very profitable to look into the pedigree of an idea: Where did it come from? Who brought it forth? What sort of people were they? Were they wise or not? Were they sincere, were they earnest, were they sound, and sober in their conclusions in other respects? Or were they given to wild, emotional fancies, and driven by every wind that blows?"

Pedigree counts for something. It counts for much. Every stockraiser knows this. So does every educator and religious worker. It is a fine thing to come from a good stock. What about the pedigree of your Church? Who were its progenitors? Had they good traits? Were they sound and strong in the essentials? What of their worship? Their doctrines? Their practice? Were these calculated to benefit mankind, to uplift the world, and to please God?

We trace our pedigree back to the Covenanters in Scotland; to the Reformation period in the seventeenth century; when the King James translation of the Bible was brought forth (the best translation on the whole the world has ever seen), when the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms were framed (the best compendium of Bible doctrine ever framed). Our forefathers were not ignormasuses. They may not have had post-graduate work at the universities, or special courses in Bible study, but they had what is far better, the guidance and help of the author of Scripture, the Holy Spirit Himself.

Where did our simple form of worship come from? Not from worldly-minded churchmen. Not from men proud of their intellectual attainments, or social standing among those high in the estimation of the world, but from men endowed with "wisdom from above," whose sole aim was to worship God "in Spirit and in truth." Her teachings have ever been in strict accordance with the word of God, given to a lost, and sinful world, as its "only rule of faith, and practice." And the practice of the Church, though far from what it ought be, has ever been a strict endeavor to follow closely all the divine commands, to walk with God and to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." Our Church has always desired to give to Christ the full glory due unto His Name; a duty sadly neglected by many. "He that knoweth not the Son, honoreth not the Father." They that withhold rightful honor from Christ withhold, at the same time, the glory that should be given to the Father. Our sires were the peers of men of any age, men "of whom the world was not worthy." We need not be ashamed of our pedigree. Our only fear should be lest we may be a shame to it.

"So shall our King greatly desire thy beauty. for he is thy Lord, and worship thou him." "Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth."

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Mrs. David Curry, Mrs. Martha Russel, Coulterville, Ill; Miss Maggie Tabing, Miss Rose Blair, Cutler, Ill; Miss Nettie McMillan, Sparta, Ill; Mrs. S. J. McMillan, St Louis, Mo; Miss Harriet L. Ritchie, N. Y. City; Mrs. M. McMillan, Mrs. E. A. Hanna, Mrs. Sarah Curran, Philadelphia, Pa.

OUR HELPER IN PRAYER

August 5, 1925.

"The Helper in our Prayers." Rom. 8: 26-27.

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

"And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the Saints according to the will of God."

There are two things to be considered:

1. Our **weakness** in prayer.
2. The **help** of the Spirit in prayer.

The apostle speak in the first person. He says, "We know not what we should pray for as we ought." He puts himself among the rest. If so great a saint as Paul knew not what to pray for, how can we expect to be able to go about that duty in our own strength!

In the matter of our requests, we are not competent judges of our needs. We are short-sighted and very much biased in favor of our physical wants. We are often like children who cry for fruit before it is ripe and fit for them. We ask for things that are not for our own good, perhaps at that time, and when we do not receive them at once, we help ourselves to a substitute often to our own sorrow. The natural heart is filled with envy, jealousy, covetousness, anger, impatience and sin. There is folly and weakness and distraction in prayer; the

graces are weak, the affections are cold and the thoughts are wandering.

When the Holy Spirit directs and rules the heart it increases our faith and enlarges our sense of divine love. Our thoughts are continually replenished with a steadfast hope of the good things God has prepared for them who love Him.

In the Spirit-filled heart there is kindness, gentleness, purity, truth, integrity and every other virtue. The Spirit in the heart helps us as we help one that would lift up a burden. He helps with us, we putting forth the strength we have, and doing our best. The Spirit makes intercession for us, dictates our requests, indites our petitions, draws up our plea for us. Christ intercedes for us in heaven, the Spirit intercedes for us in our hearts. The Spirit as an enlightening Spirit teaches us what to pray for; as a sanctifying Spirit works and excites praying graces, as a comforting Spirit silences our fears and helps us over all our discouragements. The Holy Spirit is the spring of our desires toward God, "with groanings which cannot be uttered" intimates the strength and fervency of those desires which the Holy Spirit works. There may be praying in the Spirit as in the case of Hannah when there is not a word spoken.

The Spirit in the heart never contradicts the Spirit in the Word. Those desires that are contrary to the will of God do not come from the Spirit. The Spirit interceding in us melts our will into the will of God. "Not my will but thine be done."

To a hypocrite, it is dreadful that God searches the heart, for there are many things he wishes to conceal both from God and man, but to a sincere Christian nothing is more comforting than that God knows the heart, for then He will hear and answer those desires which we fail to find words to express "He knows what we have need of before we ask." Matt. 6:8. He knows what is the mind of His own spirit in us. And as He always hears the Son interceding for us, so he always hears the Spirit interceding in us, because His intercession is according to the will of God.

"Dear Holy Spirit, who can know
The Comforter Thou art,
Till they have felt deep need of Thee
Within a broken heart?"

The griefs, dear Lord, that I have borne
Within this heart of mine,
Have brought me closer to thyself
Have kept my hand in Thine.

Dear peaceful Spirit, Thou hast borne
 My sad heart far away
 Into a gulf of tender love
 Which melts it day by day.

O comforter and guide thou art
 Who shows to me the way,
 Wilt thou not dwell within my heart
 And teach me how to pray?

My heart's desire and prayer is
 That I be filled with Thee
 And drink my being full of love
 From Thine immensity."

OBITUARY

Died at her home, at Sparta, Illinois, Thursday morning, August 20, 1925, Mrs. Anna Luella Smiley, wife of the late Rev. W. J. Smiley, in the 71st year of her age.

Anna Luella McMillan was the first daughter of Hugh Harvey and Joanna (Winter) McMillan, was born about a mile south of Cedarville, Ohio, June 8, 1854, being at the time of her death 71 years 2 months and 12 days.

She was the oldest child in a family of five, consisting of three sons and two daughters, of whom one of the latter died in infancy.

She became a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (N. S.) of Cedarville, Ohio, in early childhood under the ministry of Dr. J. F. Morton.

On October 28, 1878, she was united in marriage to Rev. W. J. Smiley. To which union were born four sons and four daughters, one of whom, Anna M., passed on to her reward in 1910.

Her husband preceded her to her Father's house—that place where "they shall go no more out"—on the 29th of October, 1924.

She leaves to mourn her departure one brother, J. C. McMillan, of Columbus, Ohio; four sons, Dr. James H., Indianapolis, Ind.; Wilmer W., Dallas, Texas; Robert K., Sparta, Ill.; John R., St. Louis, Mo.; and three daughters, Mary L., Helen J. and Margaret all of this city.

"Her children shall rise up and call her blessed."
"Them that sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."

The funeral of Mrs. Anna Luella Smiley, widow of the late Rev. W. J. Smiley, whose death was briefly noted in last week's issue of the News-Plaindealer, was held at the Reformed Presbyterian Church on North St. Louis street, where her late husband was pastor for almost fifty years, at 2 o'clock last Saturday afternoon. A large concourse of friends attended the services. Rev. Paul W. Duncan, of Coulterville, was in charge, assisted by Revs. McIlroy, Copeland and Carson, of Sparta, and Scott, of Jordan's Grove. Interment was made in Caledonia Cemetery.

The pallbearers were A. B. McMillan, D. C. Fullerton, D. M. Reid, Alfred Smiley, Smiley M. Braden and John R. Smiley. Flower bearers were Mrs. Lillian Brown, Mrs. C. E. Sproul, Mrs. G. F. Eiker and Misses Myra and Martha Foster.

Mrs. Smiley died at her home on North St. Louis street at 8.55 o'clock last Thursday morning after a year's illness of liver trouble. She was born a mile south of Cedarville, Ohio, June 8, 1854, being therefore aged 71 years 2 months and 12 days at the time of her death. She was the oldest of a family of five children born to Harvey and Joanna McMillan. Of her father's family only one brother, J. C. McMillan, of Columbus, Ohio, who was here for the funeral, survives.

Shortly after Rev. Smiley came to Sparta as pastor of the R. P. Church, then located at Eden, he went back to Cedarville and married Miss McMillan on October 28, 1875, bringing her to this city soon after the wedding. Rev. Smiley died at his home here on October 29, 1924. To Rev. and Mrs. Smiley were born four sons and four daughters. One daughter, Anna, died in 1910. Surviving are Dr. James H. Smiley, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Wilmer W., of Dallas, Texas; Robert K., of Sparta; John R., of St. Louis, and Mary L., Helen J., and Margaret, at home. All of the children were here for the funeral.

The deceased became a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, New School, at Cedarville, Ohio, early in childhood. She was faithful in her duties as an assistant to her husband in his church work and was a devoted mother to her large family.

MRS. ANNA L. SMILEY.

The Women's Missionary Society of the R. P. Church, Sparta, Ill., wish to offer a tribute of love and respect to the memory of Mrs. Anna L. Smiley, who entered into rest August 20, 1925.

Whereas, God in His divine wisdom has seen fit to remove from

among us one of the charter members of our society and one who has been with us in our joys and in our sorrows for almost fifty years, we wish to bear testimony to her sincere Christian character, her quiet unassuming helpfulness in the church and in the community which endeared her to every one.

In the home she was an example of faith and true piety, having no greater joy than that her children be found walking in the truth. As a neighbor she was full of good works and alms deeds which she did. As to the church might well be said of her: She "loved the habitation of God's house and the place where His honor dwelleth."

We shall miss her, but we know our loss is her gain, being assured that she has gone to be with Christ, which is far better.

Our prayer is that God almighty will grant us grace to follow the example of her virtuous and Godly life; that when our work here on earth is finished we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for them that love and serve Thee through Christ Jesus our Lord.

LUCETTA E. HUGHES,
MRS. ROSS COPELAND,
MISS NETTIE McMILLAN,
Committee.

OUR COLLEGE

The first month of the collegiate year has ended successfully. Monthly tests have been given and the results show for the most part a group of students who are earnest and progressive thinkers; they know what they are here for and are endeavoring to do their best work. The present year portends to be one of the most interesting and helpful in the history of the institution.

The United Presbyterian Young People's Christian Union entertained the faculty and the students in their church parlors the evening of September 24. Nearly all of the college was present and had a splendid time.

The student body of the college, according to their annual custom, had a very delightful breakfast at the famous Indian mound, about a mile below Cedarville, the last Thursday of September.

On Thursday night, October 8 the Y. W. C. A. entertained the college students and faculty in a "Treasure Hunt." Starting from the college they went to the North Cemetery, thence to the Alford Memorial Gymnasium, thence to the Carnegie Library, thence to the Hagar Strawboard Paper Mill, thence to the Abel magnesia plant, thence to the Indian mound, where they enjoyed a weiner roast.

On Tuesday evening, October 13, the Y. W. C. A. held its annual committal services for the recognition of new members. The meeting was very well attended and was in charge of the officers of the organization. Several solos were sung and Miss Dolby led in prayer. Practically all of the new girls of the college were recognized as active members of the association. At a recent meeting of the girls, Miss Lieving was chosen as their faculty adviser. The young women are looking forward to a progressive year.

On Wednesday morning, October 7, the Y. M. C. A. heard Mr. Wilson Galloway, manager of the Hagar Strawboard and Paper Com-

pany, in a most excellent address on "Religion in Business." On Wednesday morning, October 14, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. listened to a very interesting talk by the Rev. Curtis E. Shields, chaplain to the prisoners at the prison farm located at London, Ohio, a branch of Ohio State Penitentiary.

The football team of Cedarville College played its first game of the season October 10 on the home ground against Urbana College and won a victory by a score of 27-0. The team plays Earlham College, October 17 there; Defiance College, October 24 here; Findlay College, October 31 here; Rio Grande College, November 14 there, and Capitol University, November 21 at Xenia.

The Board of Trustees of Cedarville College will meet in special session Wednesday evening, October 21, to make a final decision of the offer of Mr. W. J. Alford. It is regrettable that no one so far has been found to meet his proposition to give twenty thousand dollars toward the remodeling of the Alford Gymnasium. As it will be remembered, in the summer of 1921 Mr. W. J. Alford offered to give ten thousand dollars toward the remodeling of the gymnasium if someone else would give ten thousand dollars for the same purpose and he offered also to give an additional ten thousand dollars for the maintenance of the gymnasium, provided someone else would give an additional ten thousand dollars for its maintenance. The interest accrued on the maintenance fund was to be used for that purpose from year to year and whatever of this interest accrued over that amount was to go to the current fund of the college. In other words, Mr. Alford's offer was to remodel the Alford Gymnasium at an expenditure not to exceed twenty thousand dollars, provided someone else or a number of other persons would give twenty thousand toward the endowment fund. Is there anyone in the church or do you know of anyone outside the church or any number of persons who will give twenty thousand dollars toward the endowment of Cedarville College in order that the college may secure the twenty thousand dollars from Mr. Alford for the remodeling of the gymnasium?

The literary societies, the Philadelphian and the Philosophic, are meeting each week, alternately, and have had very interesting meetings.

The president of the college recently sent a personal letter to each of the pastors in the General Synod making an appeal to them to help him carry out the resolution of General Synod at its last meeting to raise three thousand dollars for current expenses this year. This action was passed unanimously by General Synod and has the cordial backing of all of the members of our recent Synod. The college needs the money and we are anxious to have it raised as soon as possible. When the pastors of the different congregations make an appeal, we earnestly ask the members of the various churches to be prepared to give as liberally as they possibly can.

The annual Thanksgiving sermon of the college will be preached in the college chapel Wednesday, November 25, at ten-thirty o'clock by the Rev. Mr. Dungan, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Troy, Ohio. He is also chairman of the Committee of Education of the Presbytery of Dayton.

The attendance of the college at the present writing is one hundred and seventy-eight—ten more than the report of a month ago showed. One more State is represented, making nine States and one foreign country in all.

Yours sincerely,
W. R. McCHESNEY.

OUR SEMINARY

The 118th year of our Theological Seminary opened in Cedarville College, September 14, 1925. There are eleven students in attendance, an increase of five over the number of last year. Three of these are preaching to congregations near to Cedarville. Classes are organized in Systematic Theology, New Testament Greek, Church History, Elementary Homiletics, Advance Homiletics, Biblical Theology, Pastoral Theology and Archaeology.

MEETING OF THE W. P. M. S.

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the W. P. M. S. of the Western Presbytery met in the Concord Reformed Presbyterian Church at Cutler, Ill., August 13, 1925.

The meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. Duncan.

Our recording secretary being absent, a motion was made and carried that Mrs. Robt. Copeland be our secretary pro tem.

Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Henry Dickey. Her subject, "My Answer to the Missionary Challenge." This was opened by singing Psalm No. 138, verses 1 to 6; also Psalm No. 102, verses 13 to 18. She read Isaiah 6, verses 1 to 8, and Isaiah 9, verses 1 to 7. She spoke of the great sacrifices missionaries must make to go into the mission field, and then closed by prayer by Mrs. Dickey and singing Psalms 68: 32-35; 98: 1-4.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Walter being absent, Miss Helen Ervin gave the address of welcome.

Mrs. R. John Stewart being absent, Miss Nancy Gallagher answered to the response.

Reports from the Sparta, Coulterville, Republican City, Los Angeles and Cutler Societies were all read and approved.

Coulterville Mission Band report was read and approved.

Miss Elizabeth White did not give her reading.

The different committees were then announced.

We then adjourned for the noon hour by singing Psalm 89: 14-17.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1.30 by the president. Psalm 46: 8-11, was the opening number.

Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Duncan. "The World's Need and the Unfinished Task." Matt. 28: 16-20. She spoke of Jesus meeting all difficulties. Man can do nothing alone, but through Jesus we can do all. Much has been done, but there is still more to do. If each Christian will do his part soon all will be done. The mission fields are open for all kinds of occupations. The United States has the financial ability; have we the spiritual ability? The unfinished task lies in the home field as well as the foreign field. Bible readings, Romans 1: 13-17; Isaiah 40: 9-11. Closed by prayer by Mrs. Duncan.

Mrs. D. M. Reid had charge of the prayer service. She opened this by singing Psalm 2: 6, 7, 8. A few moments of silent prayer and then Psalm 51: 1-3, and 7-13; Psalm 143: 7-11. A short sentence prayer service which Mrs. Reed led was closed by Mrs. Copeland. Quite a number of the ladies took part in this prayer service. Mrs. D. C. Fullerton was absent, but her reading was read by Miss Nettie McMillan. The subject, "A Sermon in Verse."

A letter was read by Miss Ethel Lamont from the Kentucky mission. She said their mission was progressing nicely and that a great interest was being taken among the people in regard to the new building and had offered to help with the work as much as possible.

A letter from Miss Ramsey was read by Mrs. Duncan. They have 28 in the Home Department. She tries to visit each home once every three months. She spoke of visiting a poor family and the mother was without money to buy dinner for her family and were expecting to be turned out of their home the next day. She gave the mother five dollars, although she felt she could not afford to, and when she returned home she had received a check from the S. C. E. for \$15. They have eight classes in Sunday school—five of the teachers from their own church and two from the Covenant Church. Miss Ramsey is superintendent. They have three babies on the Cradle Roll, one girl three years old to be promoted this fall. Rev. Ramsey has baptized all these babies. They still use pins for perfect attendance. Contest for six weeks had to be extended until the middle of October. They try to have children bring Bibles to Sunday school. They give them a cheap Bible if they have none, also give Rainbow book marks to the scholars learning the names of the books of the Bible. They try to have as much variety as they can in the opening and closing exercises of the Sunday school.

The L. M. S. made jackets and stockings last Christmas and sent to the India mission and hope to send some to the Kentucky mission this year. They try to visit as many homes as possible, but they need more workers.

Mr. Ramsey still preaches, but not able to go to prayer meeting at night. Their house with five others was sold in February and expect to store their things until after vacation. They had lived in the same house for 25 years and Mr. Ramsey had hoped to spend the rest of his days there, as it was so near the church.

Roll call was answered by 37 members. The offering was taken at this time. Paper, "The Young Women's Place in the Missionary Society," by Mrs. Ross Copeland. The young woman was given no place or work in the missionary society, but in later years she was to take the older women's place. The C. E. was doing a great work in training co-workers to carry on work in later years. The M. S. should be made interesting for young people by giving them minor parts, inspiring each other for greater work. The Mission Band trains small children, but when they reach the 'teen age she drops out, but could she not take some part in mission work that would be interesting? If a girl becomes interested at this age in mission work she will likely continue to do so. She spoke highly of organizing a Young Woman's Missionary Society. More interest could be taken by the girl guided by an older member.

The thank offering service was conducted by Miss Nancy Gallagher. Psalm 65: 9. Read 1 Cor. 9, and while singing Psalm 96: 5-8, the offerings were brought forward. Closed with prayer by Miss Gallagher.

A letter from Mrs. Taylor was read by Mrs. Roy McMillan. She spoke of girls in the foreign field in need of a teacher. Mr. Taylor teaches boys. She was so glad that Miss Smiley was coming to India and hoped she would make her home in their home.

The minister hour was opened by Rev. Duncan. He spoke of Mrs. Duncan's and his life while at the Kentucky Mission. He said the first year they had their own bedroom, but ate with the family; the second year and the last year they had two rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have done likewise. It would take \$1500 to build a home, this home to be used by whatever missionary would be there. It is a sacrifice for any one to go there. We should try to give them as many joys as possible. Ruth, Esther, Mary, Dorcas and other women have done great things. We should all try to do things worth while—things to be remembered.

More women are in the mission field than men.

Since the World War many great men, among them our national leader, have gone to their reward.

Many changes have taken place, bringing opportunities to others to do more work, especially young women, as the older ones are called home.

Mr. Copeland spoke of the great need of workers. The world today needs more workers than ever before. God does by us as we do by Him.

There is great need in foreign and home fields. God has given us money in trust and we are to put it to a good use. Put more interest in work; do more this year than ever before. Set a goal and with God's aid we will reach it.

The Nominating Committee reported: President, Ethel Lamont; Vice-President, Mrs. J. C. McIntyre; Recording Secretary, Mrs. D. C. Fullerton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Will Ervin; Treasurer, Mrs. N. D. McIntyre.

The Credential Committee reported: Sparta, 11; Cutler, 9; Coulterville, 17.

The Auditing Committee reported they had examined all reports and found them correct.

A motion was made and carried that we continue Miss Ramsey another year.

A motion was made and carried that we send greetings to Mrs. Smiley. Mrs. Ross Copeland and Mrs. A. B. McMillan to convey them. Miss Nancy Gallagher invited the W. P. M. S. to meet at Coulterville next year.

A standing vote of thanks was given Cutler for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this meeting.

We closed by singing Psalm 133, and Rev. Duncan pronounced the benediction. We were then asked to be seated and were served lemonade and cake.

The thank offering was:

Sparta	\$31.55
Cutler	24.65
Los Angeles	5.00
Coulterville	25.00

\$86.20

One-half of this sum to be used for foreign missions and one-half for home missions.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

November 15, 1925.

Topic: "How Can We Overcome the Spirit of Lawlessness?"
Rom. 13: 1-8.

Bible Readings.

Monday—Overcome greed. Josh. 7: 1-26.
Tuesday—Cultivate reverence. Psa. 119: 113-120.
Wednesday—Check wrongdoing. Acts 21: 27-34.
Thursday—Cultivate brotherliness. Mar. 12: 31.
Friday—Obey the laws. 1 Pet. 2: 11-15.
Saturday—Pray for authorities. 1 Tim. 2: 1-6.

Comment.

However imperfect authority is, the idea of authority is divine, and without it the world would be ruined. Authorities are "ministers of God's service." If they are false they are false to God and must answer to Him. Our duty is to do right any way. Love solves all problems. When people can be led to love one another there will be no theft or wrongdoing.

Practical Questions.

1. What laws are commonly broken?
2. How may we know and keep our laws?
3. Why is it a serious thing to violate any law?

November 22, 1925.

Topic: "God's Bounties: How Can We Share Them With Others?"
Deut. 28: 1-8.

Bible Readings.

Monday—To use of all good. Jas. 1: 17-27.
Tuesday—Bounty in nature. Psa. 104: 10-24.
Wednesday—Generous sharing. Acts 2: 32-37.
Thursday—A kindly helper. Job 29: 11-17.
Friday—The Master's principle. Matt. 5: 42; 19: 21.
Saturday—Christian brotherhood. Jas. 2: 14-26.

Comment.

The world has never yet seen the prosperity that would come to a people that really lived a godly life. If such blessings as we enjoy come from partial obedience, what would full and perfect obedience bring? The life of love on earth leads to a life of joy in heaven. Generosity should become a habit, so that we are instinctively generous and kind without thinking of it at all.

Practical Questions.

1. How does our society try to share its blessings?
2. Why should we take care of the poor?
3. How may we share our abilities with others?

November 29, 1925.

Topic: "Victories of Friendly Preaching in China." Acts 2: 38-47.

Bible Readings.

Monday—Friendliness to poverty. 1 John 3: 17-19.

Tuesday—Helpful in famine. Gen. 41: 46-57.

Wednesday—Friendly physicians. Acts 19: 8-18.

Thursday—Friendly instructors. Acts 8: 26-35.

Friday—Friendly in spite of persecution. Acts 16: 19-34.

Saturday—Friendly preaching. Matt. 10: 1-15.

Comment.

To repent is to change one's mind. This is the gospel's challenge to China. The Holy Spirit brings new life, new motives, new thoughts, new courage, new hope, new love—treasures offered to China and to all men.

What China needs today is Christian teachers to show the better way, to live before the people the better life. The Christian life often manifests itself in sacrifice to meet great needs.

Practical Questions.

1. What influence has Christian example of Chinese homes?
2. What victories has the gospel won in China?
3. How may we help missions in China?

December 6, 1925.

Topic: "How Can We Translate Christmas Into Service?" 1 John 4: 7-14. (Consecration meeting.)

Bible Readings.

Monday—Service in coin. 2 Cor. 8: 1-15.

Tuesday—Service in love. John 12: 1-8.

Wednesday—Little deeds of kindness. John 13: 1-17.

Thursday—Service of courtesy. Lev. 15: 32-34.

Friday—Service of comfort. Luke 8: 49-56.

Saturday—Service of hospitality. Gen. 18: 1-8.

Comment.

Service must have a meeting, and Christ gives it—love. Without this we are nothing. God Himself is our example in service. He did not wait to be invited, but sent His Son. Human need is our invitation. We should show kindness, gentleness, helpfulness. We can serve the world by witnessing. We can tell others what Christ means to us.

Practical Questions.

1. What has our society done in former years?
2. What can we do this year?
3. How can we show the Christmas spirit?

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