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EDITORIAL.

The Old Year, 1925, has gone and the New Year, 1926, has come. We wish you all a Happy New Year. If we try we can do better this year than we did last year, but it remains to be seen whether we will or not. It should be made a better year for our missions and the College any way.

On account of other matter we are obliged to omit the C. E. Topics this month. We are giving all space possible in honor of Rev. Alexander Savage, D. D., on the fiftieth anniversary of his pastorate.

Rev. Alexander Savage, D. D., Honored—An Extraordinary Event Celebrated.

In the Darlington R. P. Church, on November 27, 1925, at 8 P. M., an event was commemorated that was of so unusual a nature that notwithstanding the disagreeable condition of the weather, it filled the house with an audience whose attention and appreciation gave evidence that it was rendering a delightful service—that of honoring a man whom they loved.

This celebration was in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of Rev. Dr. Alexander Savage's faithful and efficient pastorate; and the honor, love and esteem in which he is held, not only

by his own people, but the whole community and adjoining counties, was manifested by the fact that they began arriving at 6 P. M. and remained until the closing exercises after midnight.

The pulpit had been removed and the platform extended, and all was covered with white cloth and decorated with flowers and ferns. The chairs on the platform, numbering sixteen, were also covered with white and the seat of honor was decorated with ribbons of gold. The chairs were occupied by Rev. Houston, of the U. P. Church, and Rev. Henry, of the Presbyterian Church, Darlington; Rev. J. M. Reed, of the Covenanter (O. S.) Church; Rev. J. A. Calvin, of the U. P. Church; Rev. Kirkbride, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. McKisson, of the Nazarene Church, New Galilee, Pa.; Rev. D. T. McCalmont, of Valencia, Pa., formerly pastor of the New Galilee U. P. Church; Rev. J. R. Wylie, of College Hill, formerly pastor of the New Galilee Covenanter Church; Rev. D. Harold Hammond, of the R. P. Church, Fairview, Pa.; also four of the sons of the congregation; Dr. W. R. McChesney, President of Cedarville College; Dr. F. A. Jurkat, Professor in Cedarville College; Rev. Ralph S. Elder, of Belle Center, Ohio, and Rev. Carl Elder, of Bellevue, Pa. On the platform also were Prof. T. M. Stewart and the chairman, Mr. S. A. Duncan.

After these persons took their places the 100th Psalm was sung and Rev. Houston led in prayer. After prayer, while the audience remained standing, and amid continued applause, Dr. Savage was escorted to the platform by Mr. W. J. Imbrie and Dr. R. W. Watterson, Ruling Elders, and occupied the seat of honor during the evening.

The local orchestra, with Mrs. Glenn Watterson, of Darlington, at the piano, rendered excellent music.

An appealing feature of the program, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Kerr, of New Galilee, was the procession of small girls and boys, each carrying a pink or a white carnation, fifty in all, which they presented to Dr. Savage as they passed him on the platform.

Mr. W. J. Imbrie read a history of the Church, which brought forward many facts not known to the present generation.

Mrs. Blanche Bray Marshall, of Beaver, favored the audience with three vocal solos. Mrs. Marshall is a well-known singer, and her music is always pleasing.

An original poem was read by the writer; as it will appear elsewhere in the "Advocate," by request, an opportunity will be afforded to form your own opinion.

All the ministers present were called upon, and responded

in such a manner as to convince every one that their remarks were sincere. Without having had the aid of a notebook it would be difficult to remember and to classify the beautiful things that were said and ascribe them to the rightful authors. In the category of obligations to Dr. Savage were respect, love, gratitude, honor, reverence, faith, kindness and generosity. On the other hand, attributed to him were kindness, gentleness, patience, goodness, sympathy, generosity, helpfulness, love, faithfulness, stability and wisdom.

The ministers who are called "sons of the congregation" expressed their gratitude to Dr. Savage for the influence for good he had on their young lives; for his liberal offer of the use of his library, and the benefit such a gold mine was to a boy of limited advantages. The abiding interest he manifested in their welfare and the material gifts won the hearts of these boys who took him as an example of what a minister and a pastor should be. They expressed their pleasure in being present to honor Dr. Savage at this time.

It was remarked by one of the visiting ministers that an occasion of this kind is very unusual, as a pastor seldom remains in charge of the same field for fifty years. If it be an unusual occurrence it is also an unusual pastor and an unusual people as six young men have entered the ministry under Dr. Savage's pastorate. Besides the four already mentioned there are Rev. Paul W. Duncan, of Coulterville, Ill., and Rev. Samuel McChestney, of Idaho, also Mr. Carl G. Duncan, who has spent one year in the theological seminary. Many others have attained to positions of honor and responsibility. It has been said that more teachers have entered the profession from Dr. Savage's congregation than from any with which it has been compared.

The ministers also spoke of his kindness to them when they came into the community, of his helpfulness and of the pleasure they had in associating with him at all times and in all circumstances. They referred to him as the pastor not only of his own church but of the community; not in an aggressive way, but by being known so well for his noble Christian character; his presence is desired on all occasions. The number of funerals he conducts for those outside greatly exceed those for his own people.

For Rev. Ramsey, who has not seen the good Doctor for several years, a brief description is permissible. His hair still furnishes a head covering. He wears glasses only while reading. He preaches as he always has, without the aid of manuscripts. He hears everything. His teeth are well preserved; this is remarkable, considering the number and variety of fowls encountered in fifty years of pastoral visits, reunions, wed-

dings, picnics and anniversaries. His voice fills the auditorium, the vestibule, and the gallery; if it ever soared into the belfry there is no evidence, as the birds have never complained of being disturbed. He stands as straight as a soldier, and is the embodiment of optimism. To sum it all up in the language of some of the ladies (and they were not afflicted as Paul was, either) "he was the handsomest man on the platform." Now this is confidential, as there were fifteen others there, and a broad statement of this kind should not be permitted to spread any further. The ministers who were not present and who sent sorrowful regrets may take this as a grain of comfort.

Dr. Savage received many messages of congratulations. Among them were letters from all the members of Synod who were not present. The letters extended from Vermont to California, and from Montana to New Mexico. He also received in honor of his golden anniversary many valued gifts from friends at home and at a distance, from the congregation, the Women's Missionary Society, and from the churches of New Galilee. These were varied, beautiful and useful. Prof. T. M. Stewart, an octogenarian, who had a seat on the platform, was a member of the church here when Dr. Savage arrived on the scene. He had the honor on this occasion of presenting a purse from the congregation, which he said contained a large sum of money. He advised that this be laid by for old age, and admonished against too much liberality. Other speakers were Hon. John G. Marshall, Prof. C. S. Nagel and Hon. J. W. Carson.

The speakers of the evening were eulogistic, humorous and eloquent, and in like vein when opportunity was afforded, Dr. Savage in his dignified and graceful manner and with a fluency of speech that is often coveted, but seldom acquired, expressed his pleasure and appreciation in being thus honored.

After the benediction by Rev. Reed, all present who desired were invited to come forward to speak to the honor guest. The audience was estimated at 600, but from the length of time the procession occupied in passing, it is surmised that some of the ladies may have come the second time for another hand clasp.

It was a joyous occasion, and one that will not soon pass from the memory of those who were present.

It would seem impossible for a man to attain to such eminence as is verified by the size of the audience, the tokens of affection and esteem, the tributes of praise, and the volume of love expressed in all of the great number of letters received by him; constant vigilance and the aid of the Holy Spirit may be a satisfactory explanation; but along with these was strict adherence to what might be called his motto text from which he preached on March 1, 1876, at the beginning of his pastor-

ate. It was selected from Psalm 104: 34, "My meditation of Him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord."

Yours for service,

EVA D. NAGEL.

TRIBUTE TO REV. ALEXANDER SAVAGE, D. D.

This poem is a tribute to Rev. Alexander Savage, D. D., pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Darlington, Pa., from the Women's Missionary Society of the church, in honor of his fifty years of faithful and successful ministry, and in recognition of his kindness, faithfulness and generosity to the society. It was composed by Mrs. Eva D. Nagel, president of the society, and read at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Savage's service as pastor, November 27, 1925, in the Darlington church:

The years have passed on eagles' wings;
 So swift and sure their flight,
 That half a century is brought
 Within our view tonight

Some friends are here of former years,
 Some who recall the day
 A blue-eyed Irish youth appeared,
 Who could both preach and pray.

For that the church was looking then,
 And so the young man stayed;
 But the lode star that held him here
 Could not have been a maid.

The other candidates who came
 All had to say good-bye,
 For who could win a single vote
 Against that smiling eye?

Results have shown that no mistake
 Was made in any way:
 The charm that worked upon them then,
 Is working still today.

The days and years have glided by,
 As days and years will do,
 And through each one when duty called,
 He to his Lord was true.

The ones who were but children then,
 Have seen life in its prime,
 And many times have changed their views
 From those of "father's time."

But, while in other things they've changed,
 Their friendship loyal is;
 The pastor who was father's friend,
 Can call them friends of his.

It is a fact when first he came,
 He wore a tall, silk hat,
 And when he rounded up his flock,
 Upon a horse he sat.

He sometimes says, "Don't tell the girls
 When that by me was done."
 I am quite sure he wouldn't tell,
 If he would say which one.

But now he drives a "Princely" roan,
 Whene'er he makes his round,
 And passes autos on the road,
 With chauffeurs on the ground.

In summer sunshine, or in rain,
 No road too long appears;
 And when the winter snows lie deep,
 If duty calls, he hears.

In Sabbath school and missions too,
 There was no doubt or fear,
 Because at the appointed time
 He always would appear.

The Lord has blessed his efforts here,
 His work was not in vain.
 They say, "It is a better place
 Because of him, 'tis plain."

You may have heard what he has said:
 "His people are the best,
 The lines that fell in Darlington,
 To him were truly blest."

When Dr. Savage goes to call,
 The little folks draw near,
 Then, many tokens of his love
 Change hands, and disappear.

His knowledge of the Word of God
 Has always been his stay;
 And books and Bible head the list
 Of things he gives away.

The marvel is, that when he calls,
 The sick folks oft to see,
 And carries gifts to cheer them up,
 There is no scarcity.

If folks but knew the heights and depths
 To which his kind deeds reach,
 The ones of which they've heard
 Would be "a pebble on the beach."

In every home, both rich and poor,
 With death and sorrow near,
 Have clasped his hand and heard his words
 Of comfort and of cheer.

They welcome him in every home;
 He is an uplift there;
 For to the One who gives good gifts,
 He kneels in earnest prayer.

The young folks, with their courting done,
 Seek him to tie the knot,
 And when his blessing is bestowed,
 A finished work is wrought.

His praises have been sung oft times,
 With gentleness the theme,
 But other Christian graces too
 Caused peace to reign supreme.

So that is why we're gathered here,
 And why we magnify
 The anniversary of him
 With fifty years gone by.

Lost youth, which men are searching for
 Has never been restored;
 But time well spent is never lost
 To him who serves the Lord.

"And in old age when others fade,"
 May his work fruitful be,
 To multiply his blessings here
 And through eternity.

LETTERS OF CONGRATULATION.

Rev. Alexander Savage, D. D.,
 Darlington, Pa.

My Dear Brother:

It is with great joy that I congratulate you upon your long service in the ministry. There are several reasons for doing so:

1. I congratulate you upon being a minister of the Gospel. You long ago devoted yourself to this work. There is no higher calling. You could not find a nobler or a better. You are an ambassador of Christ. To be an ambassador of our country to another country is a great honor. It is a greater honor to be an ambassador of Him who is "King of kings;" higher than the kings of the earth. You have a right to say as Paul said: "I magnify mine office."

2. I congratulate you upon being in the ministry such a long time. Very few enjoy so long a ministry as you have done. You have spent a lifetime in your work. And your life has not been a short one. Fifty years is a large part of any man's life. A whole lifetime devoted to the service of the Master. Truly a splendid record.

3. I congratulate you upon serving one congregation for so long a period. Very, very few indeed ever enjoy such a privilege or such an honor. It requires great ability, as well as great wisdom and devotion for any man to preach fifty years to one congregation. You, by the help of God, have accomplished "the almost impossible." You and the Darlington congregation deserve great praise.

4. I congratulate you upon serving your long ministry in the Reformed Presbyterian Church. You could not have found a more honorable or a more desirable field of labor. We have no word of detraction to say of any church, but we can say of our church in the language of Solomon: "Many daughters (of Sion) have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." In all our knowledge of churches we do not know of any that surpasses ours, in her form of worship, in her adherence to the truth and in her faithful observance of Christ's commands. The revived church, in the latter days, will come nearer our position than she occupies today. When one day we shall stand before the great Judge of all and He shall say to His devoted followers: "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things; enter into the joy of thy Lord," none will have greater reason for joy and grateful praise than those who have been faithful Reformed Presbyterians.

"Until the day break, and the shadows flee away," I remain

Yours brother in Christ,

SAMUEL M. RAMSEY.

6605 Lawnton avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.,

November 20, 1925.

Mr. S. A. Duncan,
New Galilee, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Duncan:

Thank you for the kind invitation to be present at the fiftieth anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. Alexander Savage, D. D., to be celebrated at Darlington, Pa., November 27, 1925.

I wish it were possible for me to be with you on that memorable occasion. Not often does it occur that one continues to serve as pastor of the same congregation for half a century. In such case both pastor and people must be of an unusual sort. For a people to listen to one man and continue to adore him as their pastor for fifty years is remarkable. And for a pastor to abide the infirmities of a people and continue to love them and serve them through many difficulties and discouragements is also remarkable. But it certainly is pleasant to see even the rarity of such Christian charity under the sun.

You are doing the right thing to celebrate such an event, and I know it will be done grandly and with a hearty good will, and I would like to be there to enjoy the good time with you all. The best I can

do, however, is to send congratulations. And I do most heartily congratulate you all—pastor and people. I will be thinking of you all when the day arrives. I will be thinking of Dr. Savage especially. I will see him, in my imagination, passing among you, tears of gladness and of joy glistening in his tender eyes at every manifestation and demonstration of kindness and regard shown to him by those present. But those tears will have a tinge of sadness also as he recalls the names and kindnesses of those not present, those who have gone to join the general assembly and church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven. If Dr. Savage would call the roll of the congregation as it was fifty years ago, how many would answer to their names? It is only natural to remember on such an occasion the absent ones who have gone on before and to wish in our hearts that they too could be present. I do not know that it is true, but it is a blessed thought that comes to me, that somehow and in some way your absent ones will know of and celebrate the day in heaven, or at least joy and rejoice together with you all in your joy. Again I congratulate you all. I congratulate Dr. Savage especially, and wish that he may live to see many happy returns of the day. And my prayer is that the richest blessing of God may rest upon himself, and upon whatever additional service he may be given to do as an under-shepherd of our divine Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in the Master's service,

R. C. MONTGOMERY.

Clay Center, Kansas, November 16, 1925.

Dear Friends:

I count it one of my blessings in life that I have known your pastor and enjoyed his friendship so long.

I count it as another great privilege and blessing to have met with his congregation so often and to have been so closely acquainted with so many of you.

It is not often in these days that a minister will stay in one field for fifty years. Seldom do we have the opportunity to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of a pastorate. Such can never happen without a high degree of merit and faithfulness in both the pastor and the congregation. Fifty years! Why, as old as I am, I was but a little child when Dr. Savage came here and began his work. It is a great honor to him. It is a great honor to this wonderful congregation. It is glory to the Saviour's name that you should have thus labored together while a generation has passed by.

I cannot but revert to the congregation which signed the call and sat down to that first communion of this pastorate. Many of them, I suppose most of them, have entered into the everlasting communion on high. When sickness, or reverses, or the sad hour of parting came,

this faithful servant of Christ came with counsel and comfort, and with the unfailing Word of God and with heartfelt prayers. He has shared your joys and your sorrows. He has joined you in wedlock. He has dedicated your children to God in baptism. He has been a most faithful preacher of the Word. He has been a friend in need, a counsellor, with whom you could trust any private matter. He has coveted no man's silver or gold; on the contrary he is one of the most conspicuous examples of generosity and loving kindness to be found anywhere.

Eleven times I have had the great joy of being with you in your communion seasons. For this I thank both you and him. But each occasion has been a period of uplift and real gain to me. How great is the goodness which God bestows upon us through our friends.

Two things in particular made me happy when I was among you. One was the fact, so evident to me, that you loved your pastor, and that this love found its source in the fact that you believed him to be the faithful servant of Christ. The other was the constant affection of your pastor for you, and that it was your spiritual good which he was so set upon. Truly this has been a love bond and oh, what fruitage to the honor of the Father has this blessed union produced by the blessing of God.

Dr. Savage, I wish I could take your hand and lock into your face and say some things straight from my heart, but even so I could hardly hope to make you know what your very kindly interest in me from my student days all along has meant to me. God has graciously given to me some most excellent friends. How I miss some of them who have been called away—my own pastor, Rev. W. J. Smiley, and his most remarkable wife; my precious friend, Dr. J. L. Chesnut; Dr. I. F. Morton and Dr. J. Y. Boice. How rich heaven is coming to be in loved ones gone before. But God has spared you to us, and we praise Him for that. Each friend takes hold of us in a different way. The things which you have impressed so successfully and so constantly are loyalty, stability and restful unquestioning faith. I never left your presence with any doubts or questionings concerning the eternal verities. Your very manner said plainly, "Thy Word, oh Lord, is settled forever in heaven and Thy faithfulness lasteth forever." We are told to "Covet earnestly the best gifts." I have longed to possess something of your skill in using God's Word. Frequently, after I have endeavored to preach, you have led in prayer and have brought from the Scripture the messages which clinched and drove home the truth.

Thus I would honor you by speaking the truth and by endeavoring to live it. There are different ways of trying to honor a person. Recently some appreciative souls gave the name "Benson" to their newborn son. I esteemed that as an honor to me, but if every parent in your community who desires to honor you were to follow that plan, that section of Pennsylvania which has sent so many noble men into the ministry would soon be populated with Savages.

God alone knows whether I may have the chance to place an

appropriate floral piece on your casket when in His own time He calls you to your reward, but the case is urgent; I shall wait for no casket; may the Master spare us that for many years—but the flowers are yours now. "Honor to whom honor is due." I present you the bouquet of a brother's love, of the high regard and admiration of my heartfelt thanks for your example, inspiration and friendship, and I am sure that there must be some sweet satisfaction to your heart as you look back over the way in which the Master has led you; you will be saying "The Lord hath been mindful of us and He will bless us."

L. A. BENSON.

Runnemedde, N. J., November 24, 1925.

Mr. S. A. Duncan,
New Galilee, Pa.

My Dear Friend:

I deeply regret my inability to accept your kind invitation to be present at the exercises connected with the celebration of your pastor's fiftieth anniversary. But I wish you to convey to Dr. Savage and your congregation my hearty congratulations.

In honoring your pastor, you are honoring our denomination, for Dr. Savage 's the incarnation of Reformed Presbyterianism. While he has witnessed within our church many changes and departures from our faith and custom, yet he never wavered. He is today what he has always been a stalwart champion of our covenanted principles. With an open Bible in one hand, the old banner of the covenant in the other, proclaiming in no uncertain sound the kinship of Christ and His royal prerogatives, Dr. Savage stands before us as an heroic figure.

His belief in the Bible as the inspired Word of God, Jesus Christ as the Saviour of sinners, the church as the divine institution for the salvation of society, his loyalty to principle, his intellectual ability supplemented with a good knowledge of the Scriptures, an extensive vocabulary, pleasing personality and a splendid delivery give Dr. Savage a place in the first magnitude of divines.

I will never forget the prayer Dr. Savage made at the close of General Synod when it met in Coulterville in the spring of 1924. As I listened to him speak with God, I was carried into heavenly places. I could see the streets of pure transparent gold, the redeemed dressed in robes of whiteness, the Saviour at His Father's right hand. As he closed his prayer by stating that the church militant will one day become the church triumphant and shall rule and reign with Christ forever, I felt like saying with Paul, "For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain." Blessed and thrice blessed are the people who are privileged to enjoy the ministrations of such a distinguished and Godly minister.

I have not only learned to admire and respect Dr. Savage, but I have learned to love him. I believe my affections are reciprocated by

him. So I join with the members of his congregation and many well-wishers in praying that the Lord will spare the life of your pastor for many years.

Again extending my congratulations, I remain
Your sincere friend,

THOMAS WHYTE.

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Ye orbs that tremble through infinity,
And are ye, then, linked only with our eyes,
Dissevered from our thoughts, our smiles, our sighs,—
Our hopes and dreams of being, yet to be?
Oh! if all nature be a harmony
(As sure it is), why in those solemn skies
Should ye our vision mock, like glittering lies
To man all unrelated? Must I see
Your glories only as a tinselled waste?
If so, I half despise your spectacle!
But, if I deem that ye form aëras vast,
And do, by mighty revolution, tell
Time to intelligent existences.
Awe struck, I do assist at your solemnities!

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OUR COLLEGE

Since our last letter to the "Advocate" several speakers have appeared in the Chapel. Among these were Dr. Wilson, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Clifton, who spoke on "Fox Hunting," based on the scripture "take us, the little foxes that spoil the vine," and United States Senator S. D. Fess, of Ohio, who spoke on the outstanding political problems such as (1) disarmament, (2) the payment of debts owing by European Powers to the United States and (3) the World Court. S. C. Wright, Judge of the Greene County Probate Court, spoke on "Observance of the Law," and Senator Leroy Mitchell on "Patriotism."

American Education Week, November 16-22, inclusive, was observed with appropriate exercises. Rev. J. G. Flacks, a converted Jew, spoke on "Religious Education;" State Secretary H. L. Seamans spoke on the "Student Friendship Fund," and Dr. Ben J. McClellan, of Xenia, spoke on "Health." The week ended with the Bible Reading Contest. The judges were Rev. V. F. Brown, D. D., Pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Xenia, and Prosecuting Attorney J. C. Mitchell and Attorney J. A. Finney. Various members of the student body, and Dr. J. A. Talcott, Director of the Department of Music, and Prof. Harley H. Smith, Head of the Department of Education, furnished and supervised the music for the various occasions.

"Good English Week" was observed in all departments of the college, November 16-20, inclusive. Everybody was enjoined to speak correctly and in the chastest of the English tongue. Placards were placed over the college buildings. These were of a unique character, reminding faculty and student that a campaign was on in earnest for the use and cultivation of proper English. Miss Doiby and her English classes had supervision

of this work.

College adjourned on November 11 in memory of the men who gave their lives during the recent war for humanity. It also adjourned November 25, at noon, until December 1, at 8 o'clock A. M., for the Thanksgiving season.

The results in football are as follows:

Urbana, 0; Cedarville, 27.

Earlham, 13; Cedarville, 0.

Defiance, 0; Cedarville, 0.

Findlay, 15; Cedarville, 0.

Rio Grande, 26 Cedarville, 0.

The final game will be played at Xenia, between Capital University and Cedarville. A number of dates have been made with colleges throughout the State for the basketball season. Last year Cedarville College girls had the champion team in southwestern Ohio. We are hoping to hold the same position **this year for both teams of the college.**

The second semester of the college will open February 2, 1926. The Rev. C. L. Plymate, of Greenville, Ohio, will deliver the address on the occasion. Thanksgiving services were held in the Chapel, November 25. Rev. H. L. Dungan delivered the address. College will adjourn for the Christmas holidays December 23, at noon, and resume its work January 5, at 8 o'clock A. M.

We wish all of the readers of the "Advocate" and other friends of the College a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The football season is over with results about fifty-fifty as between Cedarville and the various colleges which our team played. The basketball season is on. Cedarville College will have two teams in the field, representing both sexes. A good list of games at home and away from home has been secured.

Since our last writing, the young people of the Methodist Church entertained the college faculty and students in the parlors of their church. Various games are played and splendid refreshments were served. All enjoyed themselves.

The annual Bible Reading Contest was held in the R. P. Church, November 22. There were ten contestants. Miss Ada McKay won the first prize of seven dollars; Miss Winifred Stuckey won second prize of five dollars; and Miss Martha Dean won third prize of three dollars. Good music was furnished by the college choir under the supervision of Prof. H. H. Smith. The readers of the "Advocate" will recall that this annual Bible reading contest was started years ago through the generosity of the late John Alford, of Beaver Falls, Penna.

Mr. W. J. Alford has given twenty thousand dollars for the expansion and remodeling of the present Alford Memorial Building. The plans have been drawn up by McCurran Brothers, of Xenia, Ohio, and the contract has been let to them to begin work upon the building as early as the spring weather will permit, with the expectation that it will be ready for use by the opening of the college year, beginning in September, 1926. It will be extended twelve feet on each side and eighteen feet in the rear. The wall inclosing the vestibule will be removed, lengthening the building thereby eleven feet towards the front. An entrance will be put on the front; a basement will be excavated to contain the furnace, a coal room, and shower baths and lockers for the men. On the first floor of the building there will be shower baths and lockers for the women. Also on the first floor there will be a kitchen. As the gymnasium will be used for all public occasions, such as commencements, banquets, receptions and dinners, as well as for gymnasium purposes, there will be a stage sixteen feet wide and thirty-two feet long with wings on either side of it. Bleachers will be placed on the sides of the gymnasium to accommodate five hundred people and when it is used for commencement occasions it will seat nine hundred people. The building will be stuccoed on the outside in gray, and it will be one of the most beautiful buildings in this region as well as one of the best gymnasiums.

The work of the college in the class rooms is progressing nicely. We have had more than the usual number of visitors in Chapel and in the class rooms. We are in a campaign to secure one hundred Freshmen for the fall of 1926. We appeal to every friend of the college throughout our Church to interest young people in your own and only college. Send us the names and addresses of these young people and we shall be glad to forward them literature.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. McCHESNEY,
President.

KENTUCKY LETTER

December 8, 1925.

Dear Friends:

Christmas time is drawing near but we are hardly over the effects of our Thanksgiving dinner yet. I hope that everyone had as nice a dinner as we did but it is doubtful if everyone had a dinner that came from so many and so far as ours. Our turkey came from the Stewart brothers, of El Paso, Texas; celery from Mother Stewart, of Coulterville, Ill.; cranberries, nuts, marshmallows and dates from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lauterback, of Boston, Mass.; and pears from my father in Cedarville. My, how we enjoyed it all. We took a picture of the table before we ate but as yet have not seen the results. But the table was a sad sight when we left it an hour later. We wish to take this opportunity to thank all who helped us have such a fine Thanksgiving dinner.

Starting on Thanksgiving afternoon were special services continuing throughout the rest of the week and closing with the Lord's Supper on Sabbath. Rev. Faul, of Canoe, Ky., assisted Mr. Stewart. We indeed were helped by his messages and our hearts were filled with joy to have two come forward and give themselves to Jesus Christ. Miss Ludema Gabbard and Mrs. Dora Turner united with us. They want your prayers to help them live this new life. This last Sabbath Miss Dora Turner made a profession of her faith in Jesus Christ. We are so thankful that these three have heard the call and have answered it. Pray for them.

We are in the midst of practicing our Christmas program. The main part will be a pageant "In the Light of Christmas," which will be given by the pupils of the school.

We have already received two packages of Christmas presents, one from Cedarville and the other from Mrs. Hammond's class of Fairview, Pa. We want to thank them both for these presents and know that the boys and girls will appreciate them. There are a number of babies which can wear the dresses that Cedarville sent.

I have been wondering if the people or congregations who have furnished rooms here wouldn't like to make some sheets for the beds. Our sheets are completely worn out and have been sewed together so many times that they are so narrow that they will hardly go across a bed. Cedarville sent us a few last year and they are the only good strong ones we have. So I wondered if you would not like to furnish your own sheets

and pillow cases for your rooms. If each room had four sheets and four pillowcases that would be enough, also each sheet and pillow-case could be marked so they could be told from the rest. We would appreciate getting these sheets, as they are needed very much.

The work started last spring in the Junior Agriculture Club has been finished very nicely. Of course everything was not done just as we would have liked that it should but we have great reason to be thankful as there is quite an interest now for the building up of the livestock of the creek. May we always have your prayers that we just may be used as instruments in the Lord's hands for the developing of this portion of his vineyard, both materially and spiritually.

Yours in the Master's service,
MRS. ROBERT W. STEWART.

CEDARVILLE, OHIO

Cedarville, Ohio, December 4, 1925.

The Rev. W. P. Harriman, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Cedarville, Ohio, was entertained by the four adult Bible classes of the R. P. S. S. at the home of Mrs. Ella McDonald in Cedarville, November 30. A covered dish supper was served to about eighty people. Dr. McChesney, the teacher of the Mizpah Bible Class, presented the Rev. and Mrs. Harriman with a beautiful electric lamp in appreciation of their six years' service in the church and the community. About a year ago the congregation gave him a beautiful gold watch and at their annual meeting gave him an increase in salary of \$200. Mr. Harriman has worked efficiently and faithfully during his pastorate and has done much good. During the last year forty-seven new members have been received.

Rachel, Rev. Harriman's young daughter, has been quite ill. We are hoping for her speedy recovery.

The Kentucky Parsonage Committee are very happy over the response to their plea for funds. It was suggested that the \$1500 could be easily raised if each congregation would give a sum equal to \$2.50 per woman. The Duanesburg Congregation is the first to go over the top, sending a check for \$86. which means an average of between three and four dollars per woman. We think this shows an exceptionally generous spirit in the hearts of the Duanesburg women.

Unofficial word comes from the Darlington Congregation that they have \$300 ready to contribute to the fund; other congregations are working diligently and give promise of meet-

ing the suggested quota.

ALBERTA CRESWELL,
Chairman.

AN UNFINISHED WORK

Samuel M. Ramsey.

We sometimes wonder what is before us in the history of the world. Not only in the settlement of the discordant affairs of the ambitious, and suspicious, nations, nor of the achievements in science, and mechanical inventions, but more particularly, what will be the spiritual progress and achievements of the future? What can God's people look forward to, in the generations to come? Is our present civilization and Christianity doomed to decay, or will they grow brighter and brighter until the perfect day? From what we learn in the Bible there is likely to be a decline, "falling away," among the Churches of this, and succeeding times. The devil is being stirred to great wrath, and effort, because he knows his time is short, yet, notwithstanding these depressing factors which meet us we believe there is a brighter day ahead, to which all of God's people can confidently look. All Christians are looking forward to a period of a thousand years when "they shall reign with Christ." The devil is not going to rule this world always. Our Lord is stronger than he, and will overcome all his enemies. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein." If this world and all in it belongs to Christ, he will surely one day control it.

But how can this be brought about? To our weak faith it seems almost too much to expect. Sin is so strong, and God's people are so weak. Many are ready to ask "How can these things be?" We do not believe it will be brought about by any striking or spectacular occurrence. "The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation." We believe this great change will come through the ordinary means of salvation as taught in the Scriptures, the reading, and the preaching of the Word, accompanied by the working and power of the Holy Spirit. And this is just what is promised, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, that I will pour out of my Spirit on all flesh." And that will be all that is necessary to convert this world. There are some who seem to think that this will not be God's way—that something more will be necessary. But we must not set limits to the Holy Spirit. He is God. He can do all things. He can do anything he wants done. Nothing is impossible with him. He could convert this world in a day if he so desired. A general outpouring of the Holy Spirit is

promised. This promise was only partially fulfilled at the day of Pentecost. There have been many partial fulfillments of it, but never yet a complete fulfillment of it. But it will come, because God has promised it. What a blessed time that will be when the Spirit is poured out upon every nation in the world, on every city, every town, every church, every community. Then "every knee shall bow to him, and every tongue confess that Christ is Lord."

Then Christ's rule, and authority will be universally acknowledged. Then he will not only be hailed and "crowned Lord of all," but also king of all. Then he will receive "the glory due unto his name," not only as Saviour of the world, but asking of the world. Then kings, and emperors, and rulers; then presidents, and governors, and judges, will recognize Christ's authority, not only in their lives but in their governments as well: when all governments are brought into subjection to Christ's rule; then rulers, and all loyal citizens, will be "right with Christ."

All this is promised in the Scriptures. "All ends of the world shall remember, and turn into the Lord; and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him. For the kingdom is the Lord's, and he is Governor among the nations." "All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve him." Since He gave His life to redeem mankind, "God hath rightly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every one shall bow, and every tongue confess, that He is Lord."

We see not yet all things put under Christ's rule. This is "the unfinished work of God." The pride, and selfishness, and deceitfulness, of the human heart has kept the greater part of mankind from accepting Christ. The power, and cunning, and craftiness of the devil, has delayed the coming of the Kingdom of God. But the prayer which Christ taught us to use, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth," shall yet be answered. The Holy Spirit can, and will, apply the redemption purchased by Christ to millions and hundreds of millions of the human race. "Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee. All the earth shall worship thee, they shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name." Then Christ "shall see of the travail of his soul, and be satisfied." Then "he shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."

"His name forever shall endure,

Last like the sun it shall;

Men shall be blessed in him, and bless'd

All nations shall him call."

OBITUARY OF MRS. MARY HELEN MURDOCK

Mary Helen Andrew, the second child of Thomas Scott and Jane McClellan Andrew, was born near Princeton, Ind., August 19, 1846. When yet in her infancy, the family came to Cedarville, and all her life has therefore been lived in this community.

On October 18, 1883, she united in matrimony to Mr. Silas Matthew Murdock. Except for a brief period at the beginning of their married life, she has lived on the farm where we have all known her, and where on different occasions we have enjoyed the fine hospitality which was so graciously extended.

There her children were born and reared and her tender mother love found expression, and there she would have been satisfied to remain, though she was willing when the business of the son demanded that the family move into the town to live, to make the change, and those of us who have visited her know how happy she was there, near to those she loved, and with two of her children living in the home making it happy and pleasant for her.

When a young girl, the deceased accepted Christ as her personal Saviour, and in the public profession of her faith became a member of the local United Presbyterian Church. After her marriage she had her membership transferred to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of which Mr. Murdock was a member. Through all of the years she has been a faithful, consistent Christian. She delighted in the services of God's house. Oh, how frequently during the days in which she has been unable to attend the regular Sabbath services has she spoken to us of her desire to be present and of her sorrow at being unable to go. Only the other day she spoke to me about this very matter. The Sabbath school, the Women's Missionary Society and every good work of the church received her willing interest and support.

We have never prayed at a bedside where the sick or afflicted one showed deeper appreciation of the helpfulness of prayer. In these days of her last sickness the Word of God had been her strength and her stay, especially the Psalms which have been read in your hearing today, the 46th and the 121st. Time and again, as the suffering has become more intense, she has breathed out a prayer that God might see fit to take her home.

Asked if she had any plans for this service, any desire to be fulfilled, she only had this desire, that her loved ones might meet her in heaven. And so, after the pain and the anguish, after the suffering and the weariness, she fell asleep—and how appropriate it was—just as the church bells were ringing out their invitation, calling people to worship—in our church, the Sabbath of Communion, July 12, at 10 o'clock. You know, I like to think today that while we were in the church yonder partaking of the emblems of Christ's death for us, our friend was gathering with the saints in the house not made with hands, in that city of habitation whose builder and maker is God, in the banquetting chamber of the King Himself.

Her prayer has been answered. Tho absent from the body, she is at home with the Lord.

She had surpassed the number of years allotted by the Psalmist, being 78 years, 10 months and 23 days old.

The departed is survived by one brother, James H. Andrew, and one sister, Mrs. W. B. Stevenson, both of Cedarville, as well as by her husband, Mr. Silas Matthew Murdock; one son, Ralph Andrew; one daughter, Ina May, at home, and one daughter, Mrs. Walter W. Morton, and two grandsons, Paul Clarence and Harold Murdock Morton, of Louisville, Ky., to all of whom we commend the comforts and consolations of the Holy Spirit who alone is able to make all grace to abound in this day of sorrow. May her God be your God forever and ever. May He be your guide even unto death.

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