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EDITORIAL.

We desire to call the attention of our readers once more to the necessity of contributing as soon as possible to the various Boards of the church. Do not put it off until the last few weeks of the Synodic year as that makes it hard for the Boards to meet their obligations.

In this number of the Advocate, we are giving a short history of the Darlington congregation, and also a letter from the pastor, and his photograph, that you may see what a Reformed Presbyterian minister looks like after being fifty years in one charge.

LETTER FROM DR. SAVAGE.

DARLINGTON, PA.

January 12, 1926.

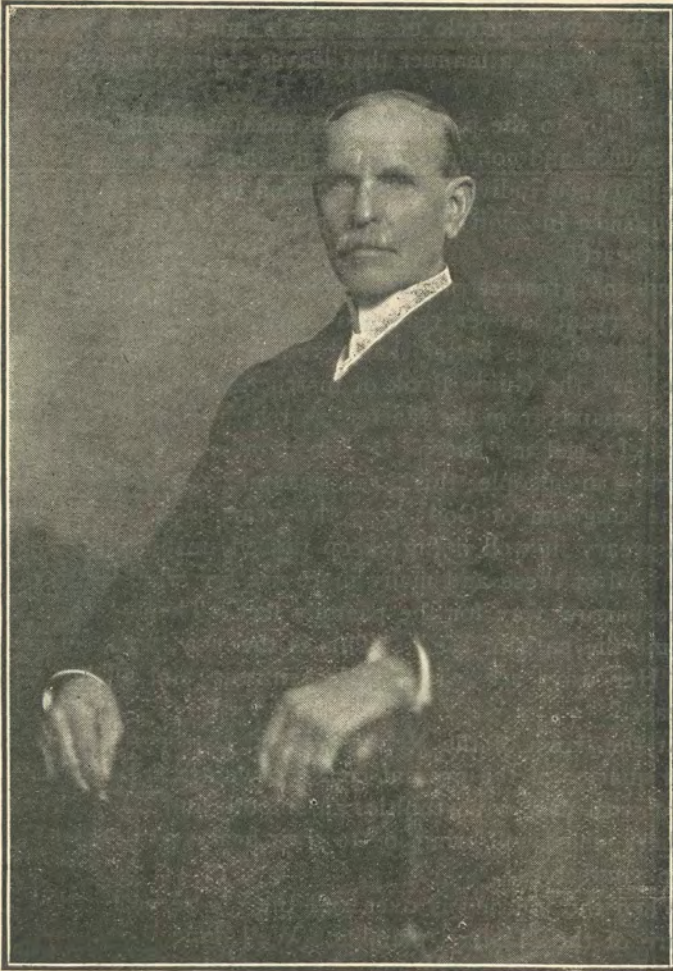
In the light of recent events, failure to recognize the honor bestowed upon me, and neglect to reply to the many letters overflowing with love and esteem which I have received, would be a lack of courtesy and would detract from the true standard of character of a servant of the Master; so it is with joy and

thankfulness of heart that I send this letter to the readers of the "Advocate" and to the dear friends in Christ who put aside their usual duties and labors of love to place tributes of honor upon my brow. How much we appreciate kind words and demonstrations of affection while we are bearing the burdens of the day!

These letters from life-long friends, or friends of more recent years, are all appreciated, and all were read with pleasure and profit. It is indeed a privilege and an honor to be permitted to look into the recesses of these great hearts and see the high ideals and noble aspirations governing the impulses and inspiring the writers of these charming letters. May they all attain the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

In the fifty years that have passed since the beginning of my gospel ministry, there has been much of sadness it is true, as generation after generation has fallen asleep in Christ and been laid reverently in the tomb, when pastor and friend has mingled his sympathy and his tears with the words of comfort and hope extended to the sorrowing friends. In a pastorate continuing for so long a period, there are experienced many trying scenes, and conditions which are not met in a short ministry. The babe who has been dedicated in baptism and who has grown up under the watchful care and counsel of the shepherd, and who is so well fitted mentally and spiritually to render assistance in the Master's service is suddenly removed, or one who has borne the burdens for many years and who is an ever-ready counselor is laid to rest, or in God's providence, affliction of whatever nature it may be, is laid heavily on some whose gentleness and cheerfulness have endeared them to the hearts of all; these are a few of the many sad experiences in a pastor's life, among which also are dark pictures of lives blighted by sin.

But along with the sadness there are joys—joys unspeakable. There is the sinner redeemed and the pleasure of seeing a transformed life. There are the pleasures of long-continued friendships, unbroken by the faintest shadow of doubt or one note of discord. There are the pleasant visits in the Christian



REV. ALEXANDER SAVAGE, P. D.

homes where the pastor is welcomed and where he sees the fruits of sanctified love. There is the pleasure of seeing new homes established and of rejoicing in the evidences of prosperity on every hand. There are the social meetings in the community where people of all creeds mingle and exchange jests and banter in a manner that leaves a pleasant recollection but no sting.

What joy to the pastor's heart when peace is established in the church and continues to reign, when differences arising outside between individuals are ignored in the church for the sake of peace in Zion! How it endears such friends to the pastor's heart!

And the greatest of all joys is the joy of service. The faithful servant is ever ready to obey the commands of the Master; "to obey is better than sacrifice." On the journey of life we have the Guide Book of instructions in which we find these commands from the Master: search the Scriptures; preach the gospel; feed my sheep; feed my lambs; watch and pray; comfort ye my people; this do in remembrance of me; seek ye first the kingdom of God; keep thy heart with all diligence; be not weary in well doing; keep thyself unspotted from the world. All of these and many more are fingerboards to point out the narrow way for the pastor's feet. Then—"Thou wilt show me the path of life." "This is the way, walk ye in it." And, "Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

At the dawn of the New Year and the beginning of the second quarter of the present century, we are still journeying onward with new opportunities to smooth and cheer the way for others which will bring joy to their hearts and added blessings to yourselves.

When the journey is over and the life service ended, we are sure of the Master's plaudits, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

May the God of peace be with you and sanctify you wholly, and present you blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Signed) ALEXANDER SAVAGE, D. D.

HISTORY OF DARLINGTON REFORMED PRESBY- TERIAN CONGREGATION

Prepared and read by W. J. Imbrie on November 27, 1925, at the Darlington Reformed Presbyterian congregation anniversary celebration.

The congregation of Little Beaver, now known as the Darlington Reformed Presbyterian, was organized in the year 1833, with the Rev. George Scott as pastor, at a salary of \$300. The records of the organization show the number of families to be 53 and the number of members 115. In the year 1835 a church building was erected on the plot of ground now occupied by the White Church, at a cost of \$600. The records do not mention the names of the elders of the congregation until April, 1846, when the names of Robert McChesney, James Caughey and William Scott are mentioned as ruling elders.

Soon after were added Robert Russell, Charles Silliman and James Scott. These representative men of the congregation had charge of the affairs of the congregation for some time. We note a part of their work was to call to account those who did not attend church services regularly on Sabbath. On December, 1858, the names of only four of the ruling elders appear on the records, those of James Caughey, William Scott, Charles Silliman and James Scott, the others having finished their work and passed on to their reward. Accordingly on the tenth of February, 1859, Samuel Caughey, James Mitton Imbrie and James Patterson were chosen and ordained elders. In October, 1863, Rev. George Scott resigned his pastoral charge of the Darlington Reformed Presbyterian congregation, having been pastor for thirty years. Rev. Robert White was called the same year, to take charge of the congregation as pastor. Rev. Robert White remained pastor about three years. After a vacancy of several years, Mr. Joseph Moffett was called February 21, 1870, and ordained pastor. About this time or a year before, the Free Presbyterian congregation united with the Darlington Reformed Presbyterian, forming an organization with preaching in two places. Rev. Joseph Moffett

remained pastor until 1874.

During the three pastorates there were received into the church 207 members. The members of the congregation in January, 1876, numbered 204. The members of Session were John Rayl, Charles Silliman, J. D. Reed, David Fields, James M. Imbrie, Samuel Caughey and James Patterson. The congregation had been vacant for two or three years. About this time there came a young man from Philadelphia, after the close of the Seminary in Philadelphia, whose name indicated that he belonged to a race of people that were fast disappearing from the face of the earth.

This young man, Mr. Alexander Savage, after preaching two or three days, notwithstanding his unfavorable name, captivated the hearts of the members of the congregation, and they voted to call him to be their pastor. On the request of the congregation to the Pittsburgh Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Dr. John Alford was appointed to moderate a call for Mr. Alexander Savage. The call was moderated in May, 1876, and forwarded to the Philadelphia Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. In due time and in regular form, the call was presented by the Philadelphia Presbytery to Mr. Savage and by him accepted. Accordingly, after Mr. Savage had completed his course at the theological seminary and been duly licensed he came to Darlington in March or early April, 1877.

On the 26th day of April, 1877, he was ordained by the Pittsburgh Presbytery, he having been previously certified to the Presbytery, to be the pastor of the Darlington Reformed Presbyterian congregation. As previously stated, the members of the congregation numbered 204. These families and members were scattered over a territory of perhaps ten miles square. The Rev. Savage was young and strong and began his work with energy. The old White Church had become unsafe, and the congregation concluded to erect a new church building. In the spring of 1898 the work was taken up and the house built and finished and dedicated in the same year free of debt.

Dr. David McKinney, of Cincinnati, preached the dedicatory sermon.

Three of the elders having passed on to their reward, five others were elected on August 22, 1889, namely: Messrs. Benjamin McFarland, Josiah Long, Jeremiah Brittain, S. Wallace Fields and William J. Imbrie. Through the work of Rev. Savage, notwithstanding the removals and deaths the congregation now numbered over 300. As the years passed on it was again found necessary to elect more elders. Accordingly, in May, 1907, John M. Creighton, James McGeehon, John Fields and Samuel A. Duncan were chosen and ordained ruling elders.

For the next ten years the affairs of the congregation moved on harmoniously. Again it became necessary to select more elders to fill up the ranks of the elders as several had died. Therefore, in October, 1917, another election was held and Messrs. Robert Dawson, John G. Marshall, Fred Caughey, Morris Rhodes and Dr. R. W. Watterson were chosen and ordained. Of the first selection of elders but one is still living, namely W. J. Imbrie. The same is true of the second, S. A. Duncan only surviving. Fred Caughey is the third of the names on the list of elders or represents the fourth generation. From the list of members in 1876 just nine are living and still members of the congregation; ten others are living but are not now members. Seven young men of the congregation studied for the ministry. Five of these have been ordained and have settled charges. The other two have not yet completed their course in the seminary.

In 1899, in recognition of Rev. Savage's work for the church and college, Cedarville College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Savage has now almost completed fifty years of service as pastor of the Darlington Reformed Presbyterian congregation. He has been a faithful pastor. No work was too hard or the roads too bad to impede him in his work. Always ready to administer consolation to the sick and aid to the needy in all kinds of weather, hot or cold. And now, as his fifty years of service or seven years of Sabbaths, is almost closed and when we look back and note how many of the faithful men, his

helpers, have been removed, we nevertheless rejoice that he has been spared by Almighty God to work so long, so faithfully and effectively among us for so many years. And we hope and pray that he may yet be spared to go out and in before us for many years to come.

"FIFTH REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,"
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1876—"Golden Anniversary"—1926.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Fifth Church was celebrated in a very fitting manner, commencing on Sabbath, January 3, 1926. The Pastor preached an anniversary sermon at 10.30 A. M., taking as his text Leviticus 25: 10, "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family."

At 2.30 special exercises were held in the Sabbath School. Miss Charlotte Harper, of the County Sabbath School Association, brought a very interesting and suitable message to us.

At 7.45 the Rev. Thomas Whyte, Pastor of the Third Church, preached and spoke in very tender terms of the former pastor, showing the co-operation that exists between the two churches, a large congregation being present.

Monday, January 4, was the annual meeting of the congregation, and was well attended. The reports showed it was the best year financially for the church. The Pastor's salary was increased \$500. The sexton, organist and choir leader were also remembered.

Tuesday, January 5, was "Neighborhood Night;" a wonderful spirit of co-operation was manifested between pastors and congregations of the vicinity. Addresses were made by Rev. R. Montgomery, D. D., Rev. R. N. Colman, Rev. Thomas Whyte, Rev. L. E. Rife and Rev. Walter Ritter.

Wednesday, January 6, Mr. Robert M. Gailey, of the Hunter Grammar School, and Mr. John D. Mahoney, of the West Philadelphia High School, brought to us very encouraging messages.

Thursday, January 7, there was a grand entertainment, followed by a social season. Many former members were present. We had a full house and a real good time.

It is interesting to look back over the history of a church for fifty years. The Fifth Church was started about the year 1870 with twenty-eight members, meeting for some time in Friendship Hall, and later meeting in Zimmerman Hall at Frankford avenue and Adams street, where the Rev. William H. Gailey was ordained and installed as pastor on January 6, 1876. On that occasion the Rev. A. J. Wylie preached the ordination sermon from the text, "He must increase, but I must decrease." John 3: 30. Rev. David Steele, D. D., addressed the people. Rev. Matthew Gailey addressed the pastor.

In 1877 a lot was secured on Front street, above York street, and a small building erected at a cost of over twelve thousand dollars. It was opened for public worship on May 13, 1877, and on November 20 of the same year this amount was raised.

The present building was completed and dedicated March 31, 1889, at a cost of forty-five thousand dollars.

In the year 1911 the church was put in beautiful condition at a cost of twenty-four hundred dollars.

Two years ago the church was thoroughly renovated, a new pipe organ put in, new lights, platform, everything done up new on the inside. A new roof, walls pointed, etc., at a cost of several thousand dollars. The church is entirely free of debt. The growth in membership has been steady and continuous during the years.

Rev. W. H. Gailey served the church faithfully for over forty years, and was called to his reward on May 18, 1916. "His works do follow him." A memorial tablet will be erected to his memory in the church in the near future.

Rev. John Parks became Pastor November 19, 1916, and God is blessing his labors these years. Just one of the charter members remain with us, Miss Sarah Black, who was presented with a beautiful pin, and a bouquet of flowers, the gift of Rev. Gailey's family.

Every one who sees our building now says it is beautiful. It was interesting to hear the favorable comments that were being made by former members who have been away from us; some for several years; many came from a distance to our anniversary services.

The outlook is very bright. We have a good, loyal people, and we hope by God's Grace to go on to greater things in the years that are before us.

LETTER FROM KENTUCKY

January 12, 1926.

Dear Friends:

As I start this letter I am wondering how many of you folks are having the real winter weather that we are. The ground is covered with the heaviest snow that has ever fallen since I have been in Kentucky. If we had enough smooth ground it would be fine sleighing, but as it is we just have to go over the rocks and ice in the creeks. We are enjoying the ice very much, as we have been making quite a bit of ice cream. We secured a freezer last summer and now that we can use it we certainly enjoy as long as we can stay in the house having partaking of the cold dessert.

Our Christmas program this year consisted mainly of a pageant entitled, "In the Light of Christmas," which we thought brought before us very plainly the true meaning of Christmas. Our Christmas tree looked very pretty this year, as we could light it with the electric lights. Besides the gifts and candy treat that was given by the Home, we were certainly thankful to Mr. H. R. Parker, manager of Powell-Hackney Grocery Co., Jackson, Ky., who sent us two boxes of apples

to distribute to those who were here.

The Radio Fund is growing quite a bit as we now have \$13 and we just continue thanking those who give. I have just a very small set of my own but we are unable to get as many stations as we would like and are not able to get any in the daytime at all.

The attendance at church and Sabbath School is keeping up very well for this time of the year. On that real cold Sabbath day when I noticed by the papers in some places they had no church at all we had 35, and that has been our smallest attendance this year.

Miss Robson will leave us now in about a week as the free school closes but our school will continue here for two months. Miss Robson goes back to Cedarville to pursue her college course and two of the Eighth Grade girls are going to Berea College to continue their education.

It can hardly seem possible that spring will soon be here again, but we are reminded that it is when people now are commencing to enquire concerning garden seeds, seed oats, onion sets, etc.

Felix McIntosh and I just yesterday finished putting the wallboard on the dining room, and it surely has changed the looks of things altogether. As soon as we get the paper and get it on, this place will begin to look more like home. We certainly appreciate what the good people of the church have done in sending the money to fix up these rooms.

As we study human nature by reading the daily papers and also by noticing those with whom we come in contact day by day we realize the vast need of Christ in the human heart. Oh, may the day soon come when humanity shall see how they are bound as slaves by sin and come to the great realization that Christ come to break the bands with which we are and were bound. Oh, that we all had more of Christ's love, then we would be able to do more for Him and as God's servants be used of him in the bringing of His Kingdom here upon earth.

Very sincerely yours,

ROBERT W. STEWART.

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"FOREIGN MISSION CONFERENCE"

It was my privilege to be present at some of the meetings in the Foreign Mission Conference, held at Atlantic City, January 12 to 15. I was very much impressed that in the purpose of our Lord Foreign Missions has the central place. We sometimes talk of our missionary societies in our churches, and we no doubt mean well, but I believe every member of the Church

should belong. There is something lacking if we are only interested in our own little corner, or even in our own land. It might be well if we had in our Sabbath School rooms a map of the world, and train the eyes of our children and young people to look upon it very often, and I don't believe it would hurt our older people to gaze upon it, too, and then remember John 3: 16, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." If we would meditate upon this for a few minutes there would be a deepened individual concern for the presentation in the world. The cry of the world is for "Jesus." The need of the world is "Jesus." From India, Africa, China, Japan, everywhere, comes the call, "Come over and help us." Japan has changed her public school system, taking out the war spirit, and rewriting her text books in the spirit of love, a good example for us. There are at the present time ten thousand (10,000) foreign students in our American colleges. Some are Christians when they come to us, others are not. Are we making the right kind of impressions upon them?

After listening to some of the needs, I want to make an appeal to our entire Church to do more than ever for the "Foreign Mission Cause." What a privilege is ours, we who cannot go, to have a part in sending others to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to speak in a language that we do not know, that our Master's Kingdom may be advanced. We want every member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church to be a member of the "Missionary Society" and it cannot be said that any of your money is spent in paying secretaries large salaries; we have no paid officers.

If we could all hear those who are in service on the field, and listen to the crying need, we would be moved to tears. I suppose there was a thousand delegates at the conference, and there was one thirty minutes spent in devotional exercises which I will never forget. We had silent prayer for a few minutes. At the close all sang, "More Love to Thee, O Christ, More Love to Thee." It seemed to me we were having some old-time experiences. "And when they had prayd the place

was shaken where they were assembled together." What answer shall we give to our Master if we have failed to do our best to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth?

JOHN PARKS.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Mrs. Annie Irvine, formerly a member of the Fifth Church, Philadelphia, died last May, leaving the sum of \$450 to the Foreign Mission Board. This amount was received from her estate by the Rev. John Parks and turned over to the treasurer, Mr. D. M. Reid. In making your will would it not be a good thing to follow this sister's example and leave some of your money where it would be used to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It would pay!

OUR COLLEGE

January 13, 1926.

The first semester of Cedarville College will close January 29, and the second semester will open February 2. The Rev. H. L. Plymate, of Greeneville, Ohio, will make the opening address. Several new students are expected to enter college on that date. Rev. V. F. Brown, D. D., Pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Xenia, Ohio, will deliver the sermon on the day of prayer for colleges, February 5. Washington's birthday will be observed by closing the college on that occasion.

The new bulletins for October and January are out and are ready for distribution to any who may wish them. The annual catalog will come from the press about April 1. An orchestra has been in training most of the first semester and has given one public performance. The Junior Class is working on its play, "The Lion and the Mouse," which is to be given in the Cedarville Opera House, January 20.

The subscriptions to the building and endowment fund of Cedarville College have been coming in pretty well. As most of you know, this is the fifth and last annual payment on the building and endowment fund which started in the summer of 1921. Anyone in the Church who has not paid his or her subscription will oblige and help the college materially by arranging to do so as soon as possible. A number of the congregations and some of the missionary societies have given generously already to this year's current fund. We trust that pastors and congregations will kindly keep the college in mind and contribute as liberally as they can.

A campaign is on to secure one hundred Freshmen by September, 1926. Quite a number of these have already been enrolled and the prospect, not only for reaching this enrollment but going over the top, is very good. The basketball season is on in full force and Cedarville College is winning its full share of the games.

The students and faculty have had the privilege and pleasure of listening to addresses by Dr. Charles Galloway, a physician, of Chicago, and by Dr. W. A. Galloway, a physician of Xenia. The former spoke on the advantages and benefits of the Y. M. C. A. and the latter spoke on the original inhabitants of Greene county, with reference especially to the Shawnee Indians, whose handiwork in the form of a mound and a fort are within a mile's distance from Cedarville.

We trust that all throughout the Church who are friends of the college will interest young men and young women in attendance at the college next year. Kindly send us names and addresses of any young persons who are thinking of college or whom you would like to see come to Cedarville College.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. McCHESNEY.

OBITUARY OF MR. ROBERT JOHN HEMPHILL

Mr. Robert John Hemphill was born in Belleman, County

Antrim, Ireland, November 2, 1837. He was one of a family of six children, two daughters and four sons, born to Matthew and Mary Hemphill. The three brothers had preceded him in their home-going.

When the deceased was about twelve years of age, he came with his parents to this country, settling in Rock Island, Ill. Later, the family moved to the vicinity of Houston, Ill.

On September 1, 1864, Mr. Hemphill was united in matrimony with Miss Mary Stuart, who has remained his loving and helpful companion through all these many years. They settled on a farm at the edge of Marissa, Ill., where they lived for the greater part of the time till their coming to Cedarville, Ohio, some four and a half years ago.

To this union were given nine children, six sons and three daughters, three of which number have preceded their father to the glory world.

Having been born of Christian parents, raised in a Godly home, and brought constantly within the influence of the Sabbath School and the Church, he united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Marissa, Ill., known as the Hill Prairie Congregation, at the age of about eighteen years. Soon he was elected to the office of Ruling Elder, and later, for over forty years, discharged the duties of Clerk of Session, remaining in active connection with the congregation till the time of its dissolution only a short time before his coming to Cedarville. Here he and Mrs. Hemphill united with the Reformed Presbyterian congregation, and a little later he was elected to honorary membership in the Session.

During the four and a half years of his residence in our midst, he had gained a large number of friends, all of whom admired the fine elements of his character, manifest even to those who were least acquainted with him. He had been in comparatively good health during a large part of this time, but recently he has been suffering from a malady with which he had been afflicted before leaving Marissa, and it has been evident to those who knew him that the end could not be postponed for long. It did not therefore come as a surprise when we

learned that on Wednesday morning, December 23, 1925, he had fallen asleep, at the age of 88 years, 1 month and 21 days.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Hemphill, of Cedarville, Ohio; Mrs. Dr. C. M. Ritchie, of Warrendale, Pa.; Mrs. Albert Elmer Huey, of Cedarville, Ohio; Mr. W. J. S. Hemphill, of St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. Robert White Hemphill, St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. Samuel Curry Hemphill, Cullterville, Ill.; Mr. James Stuart Hemphill, Des Moines, New Mexico, who, together with fifteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, remain to mourn his loss.

Of his twin brother it was said at the time of his departure from this life—and the words may well be applied to him whom we today mourn—"The Church has always been his second home. Nothing but the unavoidable caused him to be absent." Our friend had missed only two Communion services during his seventy years of church connection. He was noted for his rugged honesty, and his unswerving loyalty to truth. The memory of those surviving is enriched with the priceless legacies of his religious councils, his loyalty to the Church, his devotion to his home, and his fidelity to his friends. One of his most vital energies was his faith in God and Christ. It sustained him in life; it comforted him in death. On it he drew for daily guidance, and on it he rested in the great final peace. The arms that held him up in life's storms and trials did not fail him when all earth's resources receded.

We desire to add our testimony to what has been thus far said. Ours has been the rich privilege of sitting at times, and talking with him about the things of God. Invariably our visits have sent us out feeling that his words were a benediction. His words seemed always, "With grace, seasoned with," that wisdom which meditation on the Word had imparted. To listen, as he so aptly quoted the Word of God, was to be impressed with the surpassing value of such words laid up in the mind, and treasured in the heart. His home-going was a victory, a triumph. He was always ready waiting for the summons to come.

For those who mourn, we pray that the comfort of God, the God upon whom he so implicitly relied, may comfort and

sustain you through all the coming days.—Read by W. P. Hariman at the Funeral services, Cedarville, Ohio.

DEATH NOTICE

Died on January 2, at 2.30 A. M., in the Howard Kelley Hospital, Baltimore, Md., Rev. John B. Wilson, D. D., Pastor of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, E. E., Pittsburgh, Penna. The body of Dr. Wilson was brought to his beautiful home, 7307 Idlewild street, Pittsburgh, Penna., with great reverence and due honor. There it rested until Tuesday, January 5, when it was removed to the new and beautiful church building at 1.30 P. M., and there rested in state for one hour, when large numbers of the members and friends of the congregation of which he had been the faithful pastor for many years assembled. The solemn funeral services began at 2.30 P. M. in charge of Dr. Miller, a friend of Dr. Wilson for many years, as they were fellow-students in the theological seminary at Xenia, Ohio. Rev. Savage offered the invocation. Drs. McFadden, Miller, Wishart and Revs. Gregg and Hammond also took part in the services. The services were solemn and comforting to the family and friends and glorifying to God. After singing the Twenty-third Psalm and pronouncing the benediction, the remains were conveyed to the Homewood Cemetery, and with affectionate hands were placed in the tomb to sleep until the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised up in glory, and shall be perfectly blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity. Comfort one another with these words.

We commend the family and the congregation to the Covenant and gracious care of Him Who is the Father to the fatherless and the husband to the widow; and to the King and Head of the Church, who has said, "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you."

A fuller account of the lifework, sufferings and of service of our esteemed and distinguished brother will be published in due time.

A FRIEND.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

FEBRUARY 7, 1926

Topic: "What Does Christian Endeavor Mean to Me?" Matt. 20:25-28. (Consecration meeting.)

Bible Readings.

Monday—How the Christian should live. Jude 21.
 Tuesday—What the Lord will do. Isa. 41:13.
 Wednesday—How to overcome. Rev. 12:11.
 Thursday—What we are to do. Ex. 14:13.
 Friday—What Jesus Christ came to do. Matt. 5:17; Luke 19:10.
 Saturday—What we should do. Matt. 28:19, 20.

Comment.

We will get out of Christian Endeavor largely of the kind that we put into it. Carelessness and indifference will not produce a blessing anywhere. The Christian Endeavor Society is a medium through which we work for the accomplishment of the best possible service for God. To me it as such will make it a means to the highest end, and that means much to us. It means service, success, pleasure in Christian living and joy in a higher and more consecrated life.

Practical Questions.

1. What benefits have we received from Christian Endeavor?
2. Have we kept our pledge faithfully?
3. How many we often fail to keep our pledge?

FEBRUARY 14, 1926

Topic: "What Is Faith, and What Does it do for Us?" Heb. 11:1-10.

Bible Readings.

Monday—Faith and its fruits. Heb., 11th chapter.
 Tuesday—Justified by faith. Rom., chapter 5.
 Wednesday—A great offering by faith. Gen., chapter 22.
 Thursday—Building an ark by faith. Gen., chapter 6.
 Friday—Crossing the sea by faith. Ex., chapter 14.
 Saturday—Praying in faith. Jas. 5:15-20.

Comment.

Faith is the gift of God. To have this gift is the privilege of the child of God. Paul has much to say about faith. Faith is a Christian's possession. It is his shield. Without faith it is impossible to please God. All our works are useless without faith. A work that is good in the light of God cannot be performed without faith. By faith we offer up an acceptable prayer. By faith we are justified. These and other expressions show the character and use of faith.

Practical Questions.

1. What is saving faith?
2. In whom are we to believe?
3. What does Jesus say about faith?

FEBRUARY 21, 1926

Topic: "Lives Transformed by Christ." Acts 9:1-20.

Bible Readings.

Monday—How to be transformed. Rom. 12:1, 2.
 Tuesday—What must be done. John 3:1-13.
 Wednesday—The early Christian converts. Acts 4:13.
 Thursday—Saul became Paul. Acts, chapter 9.
 Friday—Christians are transformed. I Cor. 6:9-11.
 Saturday—Effects of transformation. Acts 20:18.

Comment.

There is possibly no better example of the transformed life than the conversion of Paul, yet thousands of others have been wonderfully changed by the power of the Word and Spirit. People of all nations and religions have been and are being changed in heart and life by this unseen and irresistible power that conquers the world, the flesh and the devil. This same transforming power will eventually lead all men to Christ, and save the world.

Practical Questions.

1. What has our life been?
2. What is it now?
3. Are we satisfied with the life we live?

FEBRUARY 28, 1926

Topic: "Neglected Areas in the Country." Isa. 35:1-8. (Missionary meeting.)

Bible Readings.

Monday—The Great Commission. Matt. 28:19, 20.
 Tuesday—Assurance of success. Matt. 28:20.
 Wednesday—Reasons for success. Heb. 4:12-16.
 Thursday—Waste places. Isa. 61:4.
 Friday—What is to be done for them. Isa. 72.
 Saturday—The spirit that sends us out. Isa. 6:8.

Comment.

The evangelism of cities has received more attention from the church during recent years than has the country districts. The cities have not received too much attention; but the country has received too little. This has caused a large falling off in country churches in number and influence. What was formerly the garden spot for the church has now become in many places a desolation. It is high time that the church was waking up to see the need of the evangelization of country districts as well as cities.

Practical Questions.

1. What proportion of our country is under the Gospel?
2. What are some of the reasons for this?
3. What are some of the remedies that might be used?

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