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NOTE!— We have mailed to the pastors and sessions of our congregations a large poster calling attention to the needs of our Mission Boards and amount required per member to carry on the work for the coming year. These should be placed in a conspicuous place in each church so that all may see them.  
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## LOS ANGELES NONOGENARIAN HONORED BY HIS DAUGHTER AT BIRTHDAY FEAST.

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To have lived through ninety-seven of the most interesting years in a nation's history is an experience to befall a few human beings, but that is the splendid experience of Samuel Hedges, father of Mrs. S. H. Finley, 1633 East Fourth street, who, on Friday, June 4, reached his ninety-seventh milestone, an event fittingly celebrated by his daughter.

Many special friends of Mr. Hedges were bidden to the home of Colonel and Mrs. Finley, to enjoy the fellowship of the occasion and partake of a bountiful birthday feast prepared by Mrs. Finley and her daughter, Miss Gailene Finley.

When all had freely partaken of the repast, the Rev. Samuel M. Ramsey, pastor of Mr. Hedges' church in Los Angeles, led in a very touching prayer of thanksgiving and supplication for the venerable guest of honor. Dr. Ramsey

had also prepared a poem in commemoration of the event, which, when read by Miss Martha Ramsey, aroused the sympathetic interest and admiration of all the guests as well as the one for whom it was composed.

The afternoon was devoted to interesting reminiscences by the older members of the congenial group, reaching back to the introduction of the steam railroad in the United States a few miles from where Mr. Hedges was born.

An incident of peculiar interest was related. Mr. Timothy Hedges, an uncle of Samuel Hedges, in 1840 was a prominent citizen of New York City. The Whig Party contemplated nominating Timothy Hedges for the Vice Presidency of the United States, but he refused to be a candidate. John Tyler was then placed in nomination. William Henry Harrison died one month after his inauguration. Had Mr. Hedges accepted the nomination he would have become President in 1841.

Gathered to celebrate the happy birthday with the hosts and honoree were the Rev. Samuel M. Ramsey, D. D., Elsie Dwan, Theresa Rustemeyer, Lela Rustemeyer, Christine Norshun, Susan McIvor, Anna McHauptly, M. G. McGuire, Joseph Rustemeyer, Martha Ramsey, Mrs. G. B. Ellis, Mrs. Emma McBride, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Witter, Mrs. A. J. Alexander, Timothy Hedges, Bessie Shedy, the Rev. Milford Tidball, Mrs. Mina Tidball, William Hedges and Amelia T. Hedges.—“Santa Ana News.”

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### A PROFITABLE COMMUNION

Communion services were held in the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, East End, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the last Sabbath of June, the 27th day of the month. The occasion was one of great spiritual pleasure and profit. Twelve persons were added to the membership of that strong, faithful and growing congregation. Thirty-seven persons have been received into membership there.

May the Holy Spirit be poured out in large measure upon the pastor, officers, members and children continually.

A FRIEND.

FIDLER—CHESNUT

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A pretty wedding was solemnized at the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Duanesburg, June 26, 1926 at 2 o'clock, when Miss Edith Vinita, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Chesnut, became the bride of John Ward Fidler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Fidler of Duanesburg. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. J. McClure, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of West Charlton. The bride was given in marriage by her father. The bride's mother who played the wedding march, was accompanied on the violin by Miss Paulina Minich. The bride was gowned in satin and Venitian lace and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. Her veil was of silk illusion net. Her attendants were Miss Gladys Wilber as maid of honor and Miss Ida Moore of New Paltz, and Miss Helen Larson of Duanesburg as bridesmaids, flower girls, Roberta Kelly and Ethel Gaige wore white dresses and carried baskets of daisies. The maid of honor wore a peach gown of georgetta with a large picture hat and carried pink roses. Miss Moore wore a gown of blue georgette with picture hat and Miss Larson wore a green georgette gown with picture hat and carried white peonies. The best man was Boyd Devendorf, of Minaville. The ushers were Nathan and Myron Fidler, brothers of the bridegroom. Mrs. Chesnut wore a gown of black silk with jet trimmings and the mother of the bridegroom wore old blue crepe de chine with ecru. The church was beautifully decorated with a bank of daisies and ferns around the pulpit. The balcony and seats were trimmed with yellow and white ribbons. A wedding luncheon was served to about 80 guests on the church lawn. The bride was the recipient of many gifts. After a wedding trip through the eastern states they will reside at Duanesburg. The invited guests were:

Mr. & Mrs. Moore, Miss Clara Moore Mr. & Mrs. Wilber, Gideon Roscoe Albert. & Alice and Walter Willber; Mr. & Mrs. Vrooman: Mrs. Larson. Mr. & Mrs Brown; Leroy; Elmo; Edith Brown Mr. & Mrs. C. Burt: Mr. & M s. Sears and Miss Florence Sears of Duanesburg. Mrs Turpening; Misses Alma: Lucy; & Mary & Max Turpening of Albany. Mr. & Mrs, Furbeck of Hornell: Mr.& Mrs. Robins Phila. Pa. Mr. & Mrs. Merritt Eagle Point Ore. Mr.&Mrs. Heim; Mr. & Mrs. Brown Schenectady. N, Y, Mr & Mrs Goaring Mrs. Rodgers. Marissa. Ill. Mr.& Mrs. Staley: Governors Corners N, Y

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### LETTERS FROM KENTUCKY

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May 4, 1926.

Dear Friends:

Mr. Stewart and I got back last week from a vacation spent with home folks in Ohio, ready to get at the work again. Although the vacation was not long, yet it helped us a great deal. It always does one good to see what others are doing. We expect to take the rest of our vacation later as it was impossible to leave so long just now.

Things are progressing nicely here. We have plenty of garden stuff, especially all the peas, onions, lettuce and radishes that we could eat. We will have green beans before so very long. Our garden is real nice this year, only it will not be large enough to serve us when school starts. It will take lots of beans and potatoes then.

School starts the 13th of July. Our teachers this year will be Miss Calla Turner, whom you all know or have heard about and Miss Maude Howell from Berea, Ky. Both girls are consecrated to their Master's work.

We are indeed sorry that we have neglected acknowledging the receipt of an organ sent by the Darlington Congregation from the home of Mrs. Mary Harrison, of New Galilee, Pa. We have it here in the dormitory and is a source of joy to all of us. It is also used in connection with the primary work of the Sabbath School. We certainly have appreciated it even though we neglected to give thanks through the Advocate.

The people here have put out quite a bit of corn and the most of them have it hoed the first time. We had a fine rain on last Saturday, which helped everything to grow.

The radio fund has reached the sum of \$23.75, and we certainly thank those who have contributed and hope that the sum will soon reach the \$100 mark.

Should any of you be desirous of helping a needy boy or girl along life's pathway you can do so by the giving of a scholarship, which amounts to only \$10 a month for nine months. There is no greater work than that of helping needy boys and girls to prepare themselves for life's work.

Asking for your prayers and continued interest in the work, I remain,

Yours in the Master's service.

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July 9, 1926.

Dear Friends:

It happens to fall to my lot to write our monthly letter this time. It is more than two years since I last wrote. It surely doesn't seem that long.

When I went away the last time, Mr. Stewart had plasterboarded some two or three rooms of the dormitory. At this time every room has been plasterboarded except the kitchen and pantry, and they are all papered except the halls and one bedroom. The dining room has been papered this past week. Only those who have lived in the dormitory before can appreciate its condition now. It is certainly neat, clean and attractive. The other day when we were washing Mother Stewart said that if we didn't have enough line for the clothes we would hang some of them in the attic. I didn't say anything but I hoped that we would have enough for I wanted none of them to go into the attic. My memory of the attic was that when people went into it they didn't look the same when they came out. As soon as I had a little time off I went up to investigate conditions. I really didn't know that it was capable of being made into such a clean place. It has been ceiled and is just as clean as the sitting room. It certainly makes a convenient place to hang clothes on wet days and also a fine place in which

to store things.

The electric lights furnish another great improvement. It has taken a few nights to decide that I am really on Turkey Creek. They are not only nice from the point of convenience, but it is a relief to be able to sit in one's room without hearing lamp chimneys being smashed in the adjoining rooms. Mr. Stewart and I were just laughing today about a certain little boy, who was just in his awkward stage, who must have broken at least a dozen chimneys the last year I was here. We couldn't punish the child because he was just as sorry as we were. He couldn't do without a lamp chimney not only because of the smoke from the lamp but because there was so much danger of setting the house on fire. The funny part was that this boy always insisted on having a good lamp and chimney. We are certainly thankful to our friends for these improvements and we trust that the results of our efforts here will be a token of our gratitude.

When I return to Houston, I'm not only concerned with the changes that have taken place about the mission station but the improvements that have been made in the homes and lives of these people. The one sanitary improvement I notice this time is the number of people who have begun to screen their homes. This may seem a little thing to you but I can well remember the first screens I ever saw. Of course they were here in the dormitory. The people used to think that the flies just had to be endured.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week I attended a teachers' conference in Jackson. Monday of this week Mother Stewart met me at Wolfcoal, a distance of eleven miles from here, and we went to Leslie County to visit some friends. Some of you know about Hugh and Rufus Deaton, who have been in the mission for about three years. Their home was one in which we visited. Clayborne Campbell is the other boy in whom we are very much interested there. His mother is a widow with six children. Her husband died two years ago. He had never been well since he had the Flu in 1918. To me, Mrs. Campbell with her six children constitute one of the most interesting homes I have ever known. She married before she was

sixteen and of course she went to school very little. However, she learned to read and write fairly well. She is certainly a woman of great faith. Her husband belonged to the Masonic Order, and when he died they offered to take the children. In fact, they rather insisted, but that meant she had to be separated from them. She made it a matter of prayer, for it meant everything to her to give them up and she also realized what it meant to deprive her children of the opportunity to get an education. The more she prayed about it the more she felt that the Lord wanted her to keep them. Her oldest boy is fifteen. He finished the eighth grade here last year. Her next child is a girl of twelve years old. The oldest boy has told his mother that he will gladly work his way through school if she can keep him clothed until he can get through high school. The girl has scarcely gone to school at all. She, as I have said, is twelve years old and is only in the third grade. She has always had what the people here call the phthisic. If the mornings are damp, which they usually are here in the fall, she can't walk to school. Her mother had hoped that she could come and live in the dormitory this fall, where she would be close to the school house. Mother Stewart and I didn't tell her not to come but we didn't encourage her, for the three boys will come, all of whom will have to have scholarships, and we didn't know whether we could get enough for them or not. The Bethel Congregation at Richmond, Kans., has always provided one for Hugh, but so far as we know Rufus and Clayborne are unprovided for. We have told them that they can come, though. It so often happens that our boys and girls who are most anxious to come to school have the least means.

I felt like I was asking a good deal of Mother Stewart to ask her to make the trip with me but we both felt that it was well worthwhile. Mother Stewart rode eleven miles horseback to Wolfcoal. We then rode the train for twelve miles and horseback five more miles before we got there. We got there at 8.30 Monday evening and visited with them all day Tuesday. Wednesday we got up at 4 o'clock, had our breakfast and were on our way to the station early. We retraced our journey and were on Turkey Creek by 1.30 P. M. that day. Our sixteen-mile journey on horseback included two good-sized mountains

you would call them and the road was almost entirely right in the creek bed. The scenery was perfectly beautiful. The vegetation here is prettier to me than in the Rockies, but of course our mountains are very small hills compared with them.

Our school begins Monday, July the 12th. A Miss Howell, who has been taking a normal course in Berea College, will be one of our teachers. She is a splendid girl and we are glad to have her with us.

There seems to be good evidence that a railroad will soon be in the process of construction up the Middle Fork River. If these plans are carried out there will be a railroad station within about five miles.

We extend an invitation to you to visit us. We would be glad to have any of you.

We certainly desire your co-operation this year, especially in the form of prayer.

Sincerely,

CALLA B. TURNER.

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#### LETTER FROM INDIA

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Roorkee, U. P. India, May 20, 1926.

Dear Friends:

I have a magnificent report to make on the results of our school boys' work for the year. Before going farther I wish to say it is due to the persistent and efficient work of Rev. Edwin Fiske, who being their housefather and in charge of both their Scripture lessons and their study period, has been able to get them to do some remarkable work this year.

Mrs. Taylor, I believe, told you about the Sabbath School examination, which also showed conclusive results, and now this report; first from the Methodist Girls' School, where our little boys go, all five passing; then, the City Primary School, where ten out of eleven boys passed; finally, the High School, where all nine boys passed.

The boys from the Methodist Hostel did not begin to come up to our record. The teachers in the different classes have

complimented Padri Sahib on his boys a number of times and thought it is almost impossible for others to get boys enrolled in the High School on account of overcrowding. They have told him that they will take any boy he brings and is responsible for. This from non-Christian teachers in a Government School means more than it may seem on the face of it. Most of the Missions in India are afraid to trust their boys in Government schools with non-Christian masters, fearing most of all that they do not get a fair chance. Our experience does not lead us to suspect any such dealings. Our girls being in other Mission Girls' Schools did just average work; about one-fourth failed.

The young man, Charlie Matthew, whom the Mission is supporting in Ewing Christian College in Allahabad, having passed this year's work, is back in Roorkee and has been out with our village school teachers holding examinations and advising the teachers as to methods. None of our village teachers of schools for low caste boys are trained and he has been trained. The enrollment of our village schools fell off during the harvest, which is just over, but it is now picking up again.

A number of our boys from Roorkee have gone to their villages but the boys whose parents live here in Roorkee, together with the four orphans and four boys under industrial training, I have been working with daily and expect to have all of them able to make the common bed used all over India and handle the most simple tools, so as to be able to do a little of their own repair work. It, no doubt, seems strange to you, but it is worse than pulling teeth to get even our Christian boys here in India to do any work that is not especially in their line, "that is carpenter's work," one particular caste does it, and the caste idea dies hard.

This summer, thus far, has been quite an exception, for though it is very hot out in the sun, yet, at nights and even midday in the bungalow with all the windows and doors shut, it has been very nice, not at all like the oppressive heat we usually have at this time. We have had several little showers of rain also, which is out of the ordinary. Usually, we see no rain from early in February till the middle of June. God is being especially good to us and we praise him for it.

Pray for us that we may be able to make the right use of the opportunities that we have about us on all sides and all the time, but especially now that I may be able to get into vital touch with those boys with whom I am working daily. I am out in the district so much of the time at other seasons of the year that I cannot keep in touch with the boys, but at this time while preparing for Summer School for the Preachers and overseeing the general repairs in preparation for the rainy season, I usually get time to help these young people.

I came very near forgetting to mention the fact that the six school girls now on the Compound are having a special sewing class with the wife of one of the Elders of the church. She herself was one of our old orphanage girls.

Let me urge you to do more praying as well as more giving for the work. If we could only have Miss Smiley or some one like her for that Widow's Rescue Home in Hardwar. You do not see the need but we do and how our hearts ache for these girl widows, who have become a burden in their homes and so very, very often their closest relations are glad to let them stay in "sacred" Hardwar, and these girls themselves are "without God and without hope in the world." Will you not help to show them that there is a hope and salvation for even them?

Yours in His service,

Sincerely,

JOHN C. TAYLOR.

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#### OUR COLLEGE

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The Thirtieth Annual Commencement of Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio, occurred June 4. There were twenty-four in the graduating class. Seventeen of these were candidates for the degree of A. B., one for the degree of B. S. Three graduated from the two years' Normal Course for elementary teachers. One received the diploma of graduation in Piano, Pedagogy and Harmony. One graduated from the Preparatory

Course in Piano. Three graduated from the Sub-Freshman Department of the college. Thirteen received the Ohio State Provisional High School Certificate. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. Marinus Seymour Purdy, Newburgh, N. Y.; Rev. Vinton E. Busler, Eaton, Ohio; Rev. Milton G. Hanna, New Philadelphia, Ohio; Rev. Walter Wylie Morton, Louisville, Ky., and Rev. W. P. Harriman, Cedarville, Ohio. The speaker of the day was the Hon. Clyde Kelly, M. C. of the Thirty-third Congressional District of Pennsylvania. The personnel of the class was:

Margaret Lucile Anderson, Springfield, Ohio.  
Elizabeth Barnett, cum laude, Dayton, Ohio.  
Freda Crowell, Burnettsville, Ind.  
Lawrence Garfield Currie, Xenia, Ohio.  
Ruth Moore Dobbins, Cedarville, Ohio.  
Donald C. Funk, Bellefontaine, Ohio.  
William Franklin Gerren, Hookstown, Pa.  
Lena Moorehead Hastings, Cedarville, Ohio.  
Marston Turner Hunt, Waynesville, Ohio.  
Elmer Charters Jurkat, Cedarville, Ohio.  
Robert Henry Kyle, Cedarville, Ohio.  
H. C. Marmon, Tennessee City, Tenn.  
Harold P. Myers, Cedarville, Ohio.  
Mary Elizabeth Outram, magna cum laude, Cable, Ohio.  
Helen Juniata Thompson, cum laude, Alpha, Ohio.  
Charles A. Townsley, Cedarville, Ohio.  
Ethel R. Beals, Xenia, Ohio.  
Rosezella Harner, Xenia, Ohio.  
Ruth E. Wright, Oxford, Ohio.  
Eva K. Johnson, Xenia, Ohio.  
Clarabel Hunt, Waynesville, Ohio.  
Gavin S. Reilly, Camden, Ohio.

One hundred and one graduates of the college out of a total of two hundred and fifty-five, close to one-half of all of them, were in attendance at the various activities of Commencement week. The loyalty of the Alumni to Cedarville College is marked.

The Board of Trustees reported about \$30,000 added to the Building and Endowment Fund during the year. \$22,000 of this amount goes into the remodeling and expansion of the Alford Memorial Gymnasium, to which Mr. W. J. Alford, Sr., recently gave \$20,000. The total productive endowment of the college now amounts to \$183,000. About \$20,000 of the amount pledged five years remains to be paid. The Board gave the Executive Committee authority to secure a Financial Agent and place him in the field at the earliest opportunity. His work will be to raise funds for the current expenses and the endowment of the college.

The thirty-third year of the college opens September 8, 1926, at 9.30 A. M., in the college chapel. The college is trying to enroll 100 Freshmen this year. A large number of these have been obtained and the outlook for attendance is very encouraging.

Tuition, books and furnished rooms in private homes and heated and lighted may all be had at Cedarville College for from \$350 to \$375 for the collegiate year of thirty-six weeks. Consider how low a cost that is in these days of the high cost of living, and that one is getting a first-class education preparatory to a life service and a good income.

The faculty of the college is college and university trained men and women, who take a personal interest in the students. The college holds a high place in the educational world for thoroughness and its moral and religious influence. It was never in better position to give young people a good collegiate training.

The college has four buildings, viz., College Hall, Alford Memorial Gymnasium, Carnegie Library and Science Hall. It has a beautiful campus of eleven acres. Cedarville is a typical college town. It has beautiful homes, well shaded streets and a fine public school and three flourishing churches. It has always been noted and still maintains its prestige for an unusually high moral and religious influence.

The college offers the following courses of study:

1. Four years' high school teachers' curriculum. Gives the degree

of Bachelor of Arts and the State provisional certificate.

2. Two years' elementary teachers' curriculum. Credit is given toward a college degree from this course. Secures the State provisional certificate.

3. Normal curriculum for elementary teachers.
4. Greene County Normal.

#### COLLEGIATE COURSES

1. Liberal Arts. Gives the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Four years' course.

2. Arts-Education. Our best general purpose course. Fits for any calling. Gives the degree of Bachelor of the Arts and the State provisional high school certificate. Four years' course.

3. Arts-Science. Gives the degree of Bachelor of Science. Four years' course.

4. Arts-Agriculture. Gives the degree of Bachelor of Science from Cedarville College and the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Ohio State University. Four years' course.

5. Agriculture. Gives the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Ohio State University. The first two years are given in Cedarville College. The last two years are given in Ohio State University.

#### MUSIC

The Department of Music offers:

1. Voice Culture and the Art of Singing.
2. Pianoforte.
3. Violin, Violoncello and Viola.
4. Theory, History of Music, and Harmony.

College credit is given in the courses of music.

#### THEOLOGICAL

1. Regular three years' course in Cedarville Theological Seminary. The 118th year is now in session. Diploma is given.

#### SPECIAL

1. Premedical, engineering, dental, pharmaceutical, and journalism subjects preparatory to advanced standing in regular schools along these lines.

We shall begin the new year with continued trust in the Church to support the work that grew out of almost nothing thirty-three years ago and which, by God's blessing and your faithful and generous maintenance, has reached a place of power and mighty responsibility. With firm faith in God and belief that our work is His, let us go on to build up and estab-

lish the college as a fountain from which shall ever flow to the honor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and the glory of God streams that shall make glad the Church of God and contribute to the up-building of human character in all the activities of mankind.

Yours sincerely,

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#### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

August 8, 1926.

Topic: "What Books Have I Found Worth While? Why?"  
Joshua 1:1-9.

#### BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Some book weary. Acts 19:13-20.  
Tuesday—Books that build. Eccl. 12:9-14.  
Wednesday—Books of history. 1 Cor. 10:1-12.  
Thursday—Books with messages. Dan. 6:10-24.  
Friday—Books of biography. John 21:24, 25.  
Saturday—Books worth assimilating. Ezek. 2:6-10.

#### COMMENT

Books should have an inspiring theme, and be written in a clean and plain style. They should be carefully read and studied. Reading for a mere pastime is a waste of time. Read to learn. There are many books not worth reading, and many that are worth reading and rereading. Read books that make you think. Read books that teach great moral truths; books that teach spiritual life and pure religion. Read God's inspired Word.

#### PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. How to get worth while books?
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August 15, 1926.

Topic: "How Can We Prevent Waste?" Luke 15:11-32; John 6:1-13.

#### BIBLE READINGS

Monday—How do we use time? Eph. 5:15-21.  
 Tuesday—Use judgment. Matt. 7:6.  
 Wednesday—Right use of what we have. Luke 12:15-21.  
 Thursday—Cultivate foresight. Prov. 6:6-11.  
 Friday—Using what we have. Matt. 25:24-30.  
 Saturday—Be frugal. 1 Kings 17:1-16.

#### COMMENT

Wastefulness is one of the sins of the times. Waste of time, waste of money, waste of talent, waste of food. These all contribute to the wholesale waste that is going on in these days of fast living. Economy is not thought of or studied as it should be. The way to prevent waste is to stop wasting.

#### PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. What waste do we find in our lives?
2. How may we prevent this waste?
3. Do we waste our time or talents?

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August 22, 1926.

Topic: "Bible Teachings About Prayer." Phil. 4:6, 7; Heb. 4:14-16.

#### BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Pray in faith. Matt. 11:20-24.  
 Tuesday—Sincerity needed. Matt. 6:5-8.  
 Wednesday—We should persist in prayer. Luke 11:1-13.  
 Thursday—In a forgiving spirit. Mark 11:25, 26.  
 Friday—Pray humbly. Luke 18:9-14.  
 Saturday—Unity in prayer. Matt. 18:19, 20.

#### COMMENT

Prayer is one of the duties of all Christian people. Ask for the things we want, or the things rather that we need. The Lord has so invited us to do so. Pray in faith, pray fervently, pray daily, pray in the name of Jesus Christ. We have the promise that the Lord will hear and answer the prayer of the humble.

#### PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. Is it hard for us to pray?
2. Do we have a habit of prayer?
3. What evidence have we that our prayers are answered?

August 29, 1926.

Topic: "How Can We Make Business Thoroughly Christian?"  
1 Tim. 6:17-19.

#### BIBLE READINGS

Monday—By integrity. Prov. 11:1-6.  
Tuesday—By honesty. Isa. 33:13-17.  
Wednesday—By the Golden Rule. Matt. 7:12.  
Thursday—By unselfishness. 1 Cor. 10:31-33.  
Friday—By service. Luke 19:12-19.  
Saturday—By being reliable. 1 Cor. 4:1, 2.

#### COMMENT

Business can be made thoroughly Christian by following the divine directory. We are to provide things honest in the sight of all men. We are to observe the rule laid down in Matt. 7:12. There is no good reason why a successful business cannot be carried on, on Christian principles. Many of the best business men in the world are good and faithful Christians.

#### PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. What un-Christian methods are used in business?
2. Why not trade with dishonest men?
3. Can we be a Christian in an un-Christian business?

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September 5, 1926.

Topic: "Christian Ideals and How to Reach Them." Phil. 3:12-14;  
4:8, 9. (Consecration meeting.)

#### BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Christian love. 1 Pet. 4:8.  
Tuesday—Service. Deut. 10:12.  
Wednesday—Kindness. 2 Cor. 6:1-10.  
Thursday—Purity. 1 John 3:3.  
Friday—Power. Eph. 3:14-21.  
Saturday—Unselfishness. Phil. 2:1-11.

#### COMMENT

What is our ideal of a Christian? What is our ideal of a Christian duty? Set the mark high and then work up to it. It can be attained. It is worth striving to reach. Strive for whatever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report; if there be any praise think on these things. These are the Christian's ideals, and may be attained by the grace of God.

#### PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. What is an ideal?
2. What is our ideal of a society?
3. What is our ideal of a human character?

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