



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A MAN WHO HATED THE BIBLE

"I wouldn't accept your Bible as a gift. I wouldn't allow one to remain in my house, if you paid me for doing so. It's full of lies, obscenities and rank superstition," said a man to the colporteur who had called upon him.

Before the colporteur could make a reply the man added: "If I had my way, I'd burn every Bible, tear down every church, and compel every preacher to make an honest living by working for what he got; for, you see, I'm an atheist, and I've uncovered their fraud."

The colporteur knew of a certain minister in that town who for months had fearlessly led a campaign against graft, lawlessness and vice. He named this preacher and asked, "Don't you think Dr. ——— has earned his board?" The atheist instantly replied, "Certainly I do. I admire his courage and stand by him in his crusade, in spite of his being a preacher. Oh, I admit there are a few ministers who mean well and do some good." Then he added, "Say, by the way, I've got something one of those preachers wrote that's mighty fine—the old

boy who wrote that surely knows his stuff—I wonder if you can tell me who he is. I'd like to hear him some time."

Who Wrote the Beatitudes?

All the while this man was looking through a pile of papers on his desk, searching for what he said was "an extract from a sermon." He said, "You, being acquainted with the preachers, perhaps will be able to tell me who preached it; for I'd like to know if he has anything more like that to say." The clipping was found, a two-column boxed quotation from—the Sermon on the Mount.

The colporteur read it, drew from the atheist the admission that "if the church believed in such a doctrine, or preached such a gospel, or if the Bible had anything like that to offer its readers in place of its exploded myths, falsehoods and superstitions, he would no longer oppose them." And then, opening his Bible to the fifth chapter of Matthew, he began to read Christ's sermon on the mount.

The atheist came over to the colporteur and followed the lines, finally taking the Bible into his own hands and reading several chapters. Turning to the colporteur, he said, "I must confess that the only knowledge I have ever had of this book has come to me through those who didn't believe in it. I was raised in such a home, have confined my reading to that kind of literature, and have associated with people who believed as I did. I have never before in my life read a chapter out of this book." Needless to say the man bought a Bible, and without a doubt has discovered many things of interest in its pages. We can only hope that he has read with an open heart those promises, which, if accepted by him, will mean the saving of his soul.

IS THE WORLD GETTING BETTER?

The following article is from the *World Evangel*, and should be read by all:

An esteemed reader of World Evangel has been studying the crime wave, the prevalence of infidelity and such subjects, and is perplexed why World Evangel editorially, not long ago, intimated that the world is growing better. The editor gladly complies with a request to make explanation.

In the first place I believe that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, not only of the individual; but of the race. Today there is more Gospel preached and lived, and more Bibles printed and read than ever before in the world's history. If the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, it necessarily follows that these conditions will bring about a betterment of the world.

A Black Picture.

But the age has gone dance mad, jazz crazy, and modesty is crucified upon the cross of fashion. No wonder delinquency among women has dropped from 24 years of age to girls of 16; while the bulk of men criminals has been shuffled off on to mere boys. Yea, Unitarianism and infidelity are running rampant throughout the nation. Boys and girls are more and more becoming cigarette fiends. The drug habit is spreading. Great multitudes of preachers are becoming galley-mongers, and bidding for popularity at any price.

So one might continue, indefinitely, to draw a picture on a black board with charcoal and then hang crepe upon it and weep himself sick over it.

The above picture is correct. No informed person will deny it. But we have been looking at the picture in silhouette only. The background is the ideal, and none of the beauty of the picture is shown in this silhouette.

Before we can rightly judge any one period, we must take into consideration many of the periods before it. When Paul, by Divine inspiration, prophesied the triumph of the Gospel he did not confine his vision to one period, but he had a sweep of all time!

Illustrations From Nature.

Church history is very plain in its teaching that there has never been a uniform advance of righteousness in the world. There are always the ups and downs. Mountains have their foothills and these foothills must be gone up and down before we reach even the foot of the mountain. Those of us who have climbed mountain peaks know that we often see the "peak" a few paces ahead, but when we reach that spot, we look farther and see that we were deceived, for the peak is still farther on. This may be repeated many, many times before we stand upon the summit of the mountain. And that is the way it is in reference to the world growing better.

Those who are not accustomed to mountains, but are to the seashore, have the same truth illustrated there. The tide is out. We are standing near the edge of the water. A billow sweeps in and spends its force just as it reaches our feet. Then it recedes and we can follow it back into the depths of the ocean for many paces. But look out, it is coming back at us again. We run ahead of it and it drives us a little farther than the point from which we started. Its force is now spent, and it recedes. This continues little by little, billow after billow until we are finally driven up among the rocks that line the seashore. This happens because the tide is coming in.

Since the days of Jesus Christ and the apostles the tide of humanities' salvation has been coming in, not rising steadily as does the water in a bucket being filled at the faucet; but as the ebb and flow of the water of the incoming tide. And this shall ever continue until the kingdoms of this world shall crown Christ as their king.

A Backward Look.

Is this fiction? or is it fact? A glimpse into church history will make it clear.

During the apostolic age the church was founded and started on its way to conquer the world. In the course of

events, too much of the world got into the church, and as a result Roman Catholicism gained mastery of that which the world spoke of as the church. This apostasy of the church continued worse and worse until the days of Martin Luther, who was born in 1483 and died in 1546. During his life the Protestant Reformation was launched, and then the receding waters in the sea of humanities' life began to come in.

In course of events the power of this billow of righteousness was spent and there was the consequent ebb.

Wesley's Day.

John Wesley, born in 1703, died in 1791, lived in the period when the receding waters again began to come in. During the earlier part of his life there was a great apostasy throughout the church. Infidelity was more rampant in schools than now, criminals and crime more prevalent, the moral tone of the people, and the condition of the church were much worse than today. During Wesley's time the incoming was very manifest and it is gratifying to notice that the insweep seems higher and farther than the insweep during the days of Martin Luther.

It is cheering to notice that during this period America was coming to her own, and being a Christian nation the inflow in America was as it was on the continent and in England.

In the course of years this inflow spent itself and there was the consequent outflow; but it did not go as far out as did the outflow after the Luther Reformation.

The Nineteenth Century.

The nineteenth century saw a repetition of the outflow and inflow of the fifteenth and sixteenth and the eighteenth centuries, but each succeeding one went out less and came in farther.

We are now coming nearer our own day and it is perhaps easier to know the exact condition of affairs during the early

years of the nineteenth century. It is in reality gratifying to notice that the conditions in the colleges, on the streets, and elsewhere were worse then than they are now. But they never got to the same low level as in the period just preceding Wesley, or the period just preceding Luther. To state it in another way, let us say Martin Luther had more reason to say that he lived in a day of complete apostasy than did Wesley, and Wesley had more right to say that he lived in a day of complete apostasy than did our forefathers of the nineteenth century, and our forefathers of the nineteenth century had much more reason to say that they lived in the days of the great apostasy, than do we even at this time.

Our Day.

The tide is coming in. We must not say it is going out just because we see a temporary outflow. The love of our Heavenly Father and the power of Jesus Christ are pulling, and if we sit under a juniper tree out on the ocean beach, we are apt to be engulfed.

Your editor joins with you in deploring the shameful spiritual conditions that are seen in the churches, and the depravity that is seen in the world. History assures us that these conditions prophesy that there is to be a turning of events, and when that begins, the insweep will be such as this world never before experienced. This is so because it will start inward from a point this side of where it started inward in the last century. It always has been true, and will be true today.

Some Advantages.

Christianity now has more to build upon than ever before. The nations of the world, for instance, are earnestly seeking to abolish war. Slavery has been driven practically from the face of the earth. The greatest nation on earth has outlawed the saloon, and many other nations are headed in that direction. The church has about learned her lesson in sectarianism and denominationalism, and everywhere is a burning desire for Christian unity. The young people, as never before, are

laying hold of problems suited to their age, and certainly the mistakes made by them this century will not be made by the young people of next century. The churches are learning that half-hearted service does not pay. They are learning that only the divine Word of God is the lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway. The church is learning that there is salvation in no name, other than Jesus Christ; and that forgiveness of sins can come only through the shed blood of the crucified One. Never before in the world's history have the churches been in such a splendid shape for the real advance movement. True, they have been more spiritually minded, but they at that time had not learned some lessons which have now been learned.

All in all, the outlook is exceedingly bright. God rules and victory is ahead.

Some Aids to Victory.

The most persistent question now is, What immediately preceded the inflow of the fourteenth and fifteenth, the sixteenth and eighteenth and nineteenth centuries? In every instance it was a coming back to the Word of God, and a more full and complete obedience to its teachings, and the spirit of evangelism in the hearts of the people and the experience of the churches.

If this decade is to experience the eternal joy so dearly treasured by the Christian people in the days of Luther, Wesley and others, we too must get back to God's open Word, obey even more fully than they its sacred teachings, and pray and work for a revival, not only in our local congregations, but throughout the world.

What an irresistible and mighty power a universal revival would be today—more irresistible than ever before in the world's history.

During the days of Luther there were about one hundred million Christians on earth, but they were mostly Catholics (Roman and Greek). In the days of Wesley, this number came to be about doubled. But today the number is multiplied by more than six and a larger per cent. than ever are Photestant.

To this add the means of communication, the press, the radio, and the better means of transportation, therefore easier to assemble in great centers where preaching is being carried on. Taking all these facts together, the coming revival is destined to farther out-reach, out-bless and out-magnify the name of Christ, than any other like experience of mankind.

In this connection it should be said that there is nothing else in all the world that will save the human race other than a universal Christian revival. Then to this end let us join in bending every effort in word, in deed and in prayer.

Let's sing the Hallelujah chorus of Christ's triumphal entry, for He must walk our streets, preach in our churches, rule in our homes and teach in the schools of our nation, and of the world.

Viewing the matter in the light of the world's history, we must conclude that the world is growing better. God's power to save has not been devitalized. Victory is ahead.

DUANESBURGH, N. Y.

The Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Duanesburgh Congregation, October 9. There was a good attendance and the day was an ideal one. During the summer there has been a good attendance from people who are not members. Some times these were more than half the audience. There has been some sickness among the members, and on Sabbath evenings after our Communion, Mrs. Mary A. Cullings, after a brief illness, passed away at her home. Mrs. Cullings was one of our most faithful members and will be greatly missed both within and without the church. She had reached the age of 72 and had always attended this church. She had been a member for 55 years. The funeral service was held at her home on Wednesday, October 12, and the interment was in the Church Cemetery.

The Sabbath School has been conducted during the summer as usual, and we hope to keep it up during the winter months if possible.

Some needed repairs on the church buildings have been made recently which improves the general appearance.

LETTER FROM KENTUCKY.

Houston, Ky.

October 10, 1927.

Dear Friends:

Life is rushing along as busily as ever at Houston. Even though we do live 12 miles from a railroad, get the news 24 hours after most of you get it, and are in other ways far removed from the rush of city life, we often find ourselves making such original remarks as "How time flies!" Or, where has this day gone?

There is always something interesting to do, or something to plan. For example, this past week Mother Stewart has performed a miracle with our pantry. The pantry was a dreary, dark place which one entered when he had to and got out of as quickly as possible. But now!—we all declare that if company comes we shall entertain them in the pantry. And Mother Stewart did it with leftovers of wall paper and a good many hours of hard work and skilful planning in combining wall papers, borders and binders until now the pantry is the prettiest room in the house. The kitchen now looks dreary and dark in contrast with the pantry and makes us long for nice new wall paper and new linoleum to change it into a cheerful, clean place. You know—when you think of how much time mothers must spend in the kitchen in making life more pleasant for the rest of us—the kitchen ought to be the most attractive room in the house. We are hoping that some good friends will help us to brighten up our kitchen.

This week, Thursday and Friday, Miss Turner, Mr. Turner and I are going to Hazard to attend an educational meeting. We are anticipating an interesting and enjoyable time. School will be closed for two days, so Grace, Siler, Gladys and Hugh are going home for a few days. We are all very busy preparing for our trips. Johnathan, who lives nearby, will stay with Mother Stewart at nights and visit his home during the day.

Saturday night we received a package from the Women's Missionary Society of Cedarville containing clothing for the

girls. There were several pretty dresses for each girl and some sweaters and a coat in the package. We thank the ladies who sent them, and are sure the girls will be greatly pleased. They have not seen the things yet, but one night this week we shall have them try on the dresses and sweaters and decide upon the ones for each girl. You can imagine what a pleasant and exciting event that will be.

We are having a lovely fall. The days have been warm and sunny except for a few cool ones sprinkled in here and there. The warm weather has coaxed a few blossoms out on an old apple tree near the house, and it seemed very much like spring a day or two ago when I saw a Kentucky Cardinal flitting about in the tree.

The good weather has helped keep up our school attendance. Very few children miss school. I wish all could realize how much good the Mission does for the community through the children. We have prayer meeting every Wednesday afternoon. The children take part. Last Wednesday we had about eight sentence prayers from the children and 20 others gave some thought on the topic in their own words.

We have a good Sunday school attendance, four classes in all. Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening. The young people have been leading the meetings and we are having good meetings. The people do miss the preaching though; last Sunday we expected two neighboring preachers to preach for us. The house was crowded, but we were disappointed. Something prevented the preachers from coming. We need a minister very much.

Have you begun to think about Christmas? We have and we hope you good people will remember our boys and girls. We know you will, as you always do. But Christmas comes so quickly and things should really be sent two or three weeks before Christmas. We often have bad weather; the creeks get up and mail is delayed. Last year the mail was delayed so that we did not have presents for all on our Christmas tree.

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Murray Finney, Monmouth, Ill., for their gift of \$90 for a scholarship. We also thank a member of the Sparta congregation for \$10 and the Sparta Christian Endeavor for \$10, both gifts to apply on scholarships, and we thank the Bethel congregation of Rich-

mond, Kans., for its gift of \$35 on a scholarship.

Yours sincerely,

MAUDE HOWELL.

AN APPRECIATION.

MRS. LIDA ALLEN MONTGOMERY, born Dec. 20, 1854, called home Aug. 22, 1926, lived a busy and useful Christian life.

After years of faithful service she was called suddenly to her heavenly rest and reward. Early in life she professed her faith in Christ, and soon afterward decided to share the life and labor of a minister of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Her life was guided by God, and He developed in her a beautiful Christian character. Its light was never dimmed and its heavenly fragrance pervaded her personal influence, her home, the sphere of her church relationships and the entire circle or her associations.

From her childhood she had been trained to think of Christian faith and service as the most important thing in all earthly experience. The privations and self-sacrificing economies embraced in the life of a "witnessing" minister did not turn back the currents of her devotion. When she plighted her troth to her beloved companion, her hand, her strength, womanly graces and her heart were unfalteringly dedicated to the helping of her husband in the great work of preaching the gospel. She cast in her lot with him in a strange city. As their dower they had the ardor and enthusiasm of youth. They proved adaptable to the new conditions. For more than 23 consecutive years Mrs. Montgomery was the mistress of the manse in the Third Church of the Covenanters, Philadelphia. Her kindness and friendship speedily won the hearts of the people. Many are the testimonials borne to the beautiful christian home established and maintained among this people throughout the years.

Always the home of gracious hospitality, its kindness and open heartedness became far famed in the Covenanter Church. Many could write of the blessing and joy of being received into

the precincts of that generous hospitality. It was an occasion in the life of a young minister to be invited to assist Dr. Montgomery in a communion season, not less for the opportunity of being entertained by Mrs. Montgomery than of helping in the ministry to his delightful people. Among many happy memories in ministerial fellowships, the communion seasons affording sojourn in Mrs. Montgomery's home have for many a minister an outstanding place in memory's records.

To this day on every hand, one hears in Third Philadelphia, of the fine way in which Dr. and Mrs. Montgomery kept open house to their people. Mrs. Montgomery had her own personal duties in the home: she had her own children, four of them: well did she perform the duties of wife and mother. Yet she was never unwilling or apparently unable to do her full part in cultivating the social life of the congregation. The beautiful and extraordinary relationships of this people who lived so like a large and loving family were due in no small measure to her genius for Christian sociability and hospitality.

Into subsequent fields of gospel service for 15 more years she carried these same gifts and graces. She did not spare herself. She spent her life for others. Her highest service however, was in her own christian home where she was a true and devoted companion to him with whom her life was united, and to whom she was a cheering, comforting and inspiring spirit: and where she was always a self-sacrificing wife and mother. Now that she rests from her labors and has entered into the eternal joy of her Lord and Saviour, husband and children rise up and call her blessed. We reckon Mrs. Lida Allen Montgomery among the blessed who have died in the Lord, and who, in him live on forever. She there waits for a little in her Master's presence and service, and in happy fellowship with loved ones gone before, against the coming of dear ones, still on this side of the veil, when for them also the Day shall break, and the shadows flee away. For His redeemed, Jesus Christ "hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light."

FINDLEY M. WILSON,

OUR BURDEN BEARER.

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee."

Psalm 55,22,

Our sorrows and bereavements,
Our troubles great and small.
We ought to take to Jesus,
For He can bear them all.

He is so good and patient,
So loving and so kind,
We need not fear to tell Him
What we have on our mind.

Tell Him about the heart-ache;
And disappointments too;
Tell Him that very often
You scarce know what to do,

Tell Him you have His promise
That He will carry you,
And that the promise also
Includes your burden too.

Tell Him that you are trusting
The promise He'll fulfill,
And that He will give to you
Submission to His will.

Then leaving all your weakness
With Him divinely strong,
Forget you bore the burden,
And bear away the song.

R. C. M.

OUR COLLEGE

The thirty-fourth year of Cedarville College opened September 7. The president of the college presided. The Scripture was read by Rev. R. A. Jamieson; the prayer was offered by Dr. W. P. Harriman; a duet was sung by Misses Oglesbee and Johnson, accompanied by Miss Iliffe. The address was given by Rev. Q. I. Evans, D. D., pastor of the Westminster Memorial Church, Dayton, O.

Wednesday evening, September 7, the Y. W. C. A. held their annual "get-acquainted tea" in College Hall. The program was in charge of Miss Iliffe, Miss Burns, Miss Watson and Miss Wilson.

The Y. M. C. A. gave a party for the student body, Thursday evening, September 8, in the Alford Memorial Hall. Frank Graham, the cheer leader, had charge of the entertainment. The annual pep meeting was held September 12 on the college campus and the students marched in a body through the streets of Cedarville.

Cedarville College now has a faculty of 20 members. On account of the increased enrollment in the regular college and the addition of the Ohio State Normal School of the Department of Education, the faculty was increased by six additional members, namely: Miss Martha Dean, A. B., Cedarville College, '27, Department of Latin. Miss Dean is a "summa cum laude" graduate. Miss Dorothy O. Julien, of Springfield, Mo., has the chair of Social Science. Miss Julien is a graduate of Missouri State College for Teachers, attended the Columbia College of Expression, of Chicago, and is doing work in the University of Chicago toward her Ph. D. degree. She has taught in high schools of Raleigh, Carthage and Springfield four years. A. J. Hostetler is the head of the Department of Education. He is a graduate of Ohio Northern University, with the degree of B. S. He has taken post-graduate work in the University of Chicago. During the past five years he has been in charge of the Tuscarawas County Normal School. Miss Jennie M. Lust has taken her collegiate work at Ohio University and Ohio State University. Miss Abigail Bristow received her B. A. from Wittenberg and her M. A. from Columbia University. For the past five years, she has been in the Richland County Normal School at Mansfield. Miss Frieda Chapman has her A. B. from Ohio University. She has taken post-graduate work at Ohio State and Columbia Universities and has been director of the Licking County Normal for the past five years.

The student body numbers 214. Seventeen different denominations are represented and eight States. To accommodate the Department of Education, the Science Hall has been rearranged and this department occupies the entire upper story of the building.

The Y. M. C. A. chose, at its first cabinet meeting, Mr. W. W. Galloway, manager of the Hagar Straw-board and Paper Company, as community adviser and Professor Hostetler as

faculty adviser. The girls' council is made up of Misses Ada McKay and Wilda Bickett, from the Senior Class, and Irene Shannon, from the Junior Class.

The new Encyclopedia Brittanica has been added to the reference books in the Library.

Dr. W. E. Biederwolf, an evangelist and lecturer of national fame, accompanied by his singer, Mr. Grimes, gave a very interesting and helpful address in the chapel, September 14.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church gave its annual reception to the faculty and students of the college September 12, followed by the annual report of the Epworth League, of the Methodist Church, September 26, and the Young People's Union, of the United Presbyterian Church, gave its annual reception October 6.

The Cedrus Staff has chosen Dr. F. A. Jurkat as its faculty adviser. Work has been already begun on the annual Cedrus. The staff will give a play the latter part of November.

The Junior Class has already begun work on its play, which will be given the latter part of December. The Senior and Freshman Classes have organized and elected their officers.

The Philosophic and Philadelphian Literary Societies are making their drives for new members—the former society has given a very good, opening meeting.

The first game of football was played with Ashland College, September 24, at Ashland—score was 12-6 in favor of Ashland. The second game was played September 27, at Antioch College—score 38-0 in favor of Cedarville. The next game was played at Capitol University—score 13-6 in favor of Capitol. The next game was played with Rio Grande College—score 12-6 in favor of Rio Grande.

A double tennis court—one of the best in the State of Ohio—has just been completed, and games are being sought with Wittenberg, Antioch, Dayton and Wilmington. The baseball diamond has been rebuilt this season and the football field has been replotted.

DEATH OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE GREAT COMMISSION PRAYER LEAGUE

By One Who Loved Him.

Some men are known because they are often seen and heard. Others are seldom, if ever, seen or heard, and yet are well known the world around.

Of the latter class was Mr. Thomas E. Stephens, the Director of the Great Commission Prayer League, who departed to be with Christ on Monday, August 29th.

Mr. Stephens was stricken with a form of sciatica the 26th of June and confined to his bed for nine weeks. In the latter part of July, it became necessary to take him to a hospital for an operation on account of an abscess that had formed below his hip. During his last illness he suffered intense pain but never complained, and the nurses who ministered to him often remarked that he was a most patient sufferer.

Mr. Stephens was educated for the ministry, and in 1891 became a local preacher in the Methodist Church. During the years following he held student pastorates at Clinton, Overbrook and Richland, Kans. After completing his several years gave unsparingly of his time and strength to the cause of temperance. He was the author of "Prohibition in Kansas," which wielded a wide influence for righteousness.

In 1907 he became associate editor of the "Home Herald," of Chicago, successor to the "Ram's Horn," and in June, 1909, became managing editor of the Moody Church Herald, which work he continued until December, 1916, when the church organ became a weekly instead of a monthly.

In September, 1906, he was appointed business manager of the Testimony Publishing Company. From 1909 until 1915 about 3,000,000 copies of the 12 volumes of "The Fundamentals" were published under his direction and were sent free to approximately 200,000 pastors, missionaries and evangelists throughout the world through the generosity of two

Christian laymen of California.

The beginning of the Great Commission Prayer League Mr. Stephens' greatest work, was in February, 1910. Shortly afterward the eight-page leaflet entitled "Suppose" was issued, which attained a circulation of about 9,000,000 copies.

During his last illness he named a committee to sponsor the work of the League.

In October, 1919, he became a member of the editorial staff of "The Sunday School Times," preparing each week the material for the Family Worship Column. And three years later he began the publication of the "Pray for Revival" appeals which have appeared in a large number of evangelical periodicals each month throughout the English-speaking world.

He evidenced the likeness of his Master in a wonderful degree and the fruit of the Spirit was so evident in his life. He was always sympathetic, kind and humble. He fulfilled the law of Christ by bearing the burdens of others with patience and much prayer. He was a wise counsellor and many came to him for advice concerning their problems.

That a mighty prayer warrior has fallen is apparent to all who knew him. Upon whom shall his mantle rest? Who will follow in his train?

The funeral service was held in the Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, of which Mr. Stephens was an elder, on Wednesday, August 31, at 2 o'clock. In the absence of Rev. P. W. Philpott, D. D., pastor of the church, who was on vacation, the assistant pastor, Rev. Harry Herring, presided. Others taking part in the service were Rev. Charles P. Meeker and Dr. Charles G. Sterling, of the Chicago Hebrew Mission; Rev. Norman H. Camp, Bible teacher and evangelist, and Rev. James M. Gray, D. D. The last-named, at the request of the family, brought a message from the Bible, I Peter 4:12, 13. Mr. A. F. Gaylord, business manager of the Moody Bible Institute, and an old-time friend and fellow-worker with Mr.

Stephens, read an obituary record, and Mr. J. D. Hall, a fellow-elder of the Moody Church, read a minute concerning Mr. Stephens to be placed upon the records of the church. Also an unusual testimony from the residents of the neighborhood in which Mr. Stephens lived, was read by the assistant pastor, Mr. Herring.

A memorial service was held in the Moody Church on September 18, when Dr. P. W. Philpott and Dr. R. A. Torrey spoke of the far-reaching and faithful ministry of the Director of the Great Commission Prayer League, and when messages of sympathy and appreciation from many of his friends and co-laborers were read.

MRS. STEWART'S DEATH

Mrs. Emma Stewart, aged 66 years, of Little Beaver township, died at 10.30 o'clock Saturday, following an illness of about 10 weeks, due to a complication of diseases. She is survived by her husband, Thomas M. Stewart, one son, John Q. Stewart, and three daughters, Mrs. Mary Shannon, Mrs. Martha Leslie and Mrs. Grace Gilkey, and eight grandchildren, also two sisters, Mrs. Morton, of Zanesville, O., and Mrs. Shanor, of New Castle, and four brothers, Walter, William, Benjamin and Charles Miller, of Cleveland, O. She was a faithful member of the White Reformed Presbyterian Church. She was loved and highly esteemed by a large circle of friends and neighbors. Funeral services were conducted at her late home Monday at 2 P. M., by Rev. Savage, D. D., her pastor, and Rev. George Neill, of Bethel U. P. Church, and her nephew, Rev. James Stewart, a missionary in Syria for 30 years, but has resided in New Castle the past five years. Mrs. Stewart's three brothers, Walter, William and Benjamin Miller, and three nephews, Charles, George and Roy Stewart, were pall bearers. Interment was in White Church Cemetery.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

November 6, 1927

Topic: "What Should Be the Christian's Attitude Toward War?"
Matt. 5:9, 38-48 (Consecration Meeting).

Bible Readings

MONDAY—A Prophet's Vision.—Micah 4:1-5.
TUESDAY—Good Advice.—Heb. 12:14.
WEDNESDAY—Real Warfare.—Eph. 6:10-20.
THURSDAY—A Christian Soldier.—Acts 10:1-6.
FRIDAY—A Christian Principle.—Rom. 12:19-21.
SATURDAY—Fellow Conscience.—Acts 5:28, 29.

Comment.

Christians should be peacemakers. Strife and brotherhood are opposites (v. 9).

Stern justice is impossible in this world. None of us get just what we deserve. Love goes beyond justice (v. 38).

We can help to diminish the war spirit if we love our neighbors, for then war would hardly break out (vs. 43, 44).

The Christian's life principle is to be perfect in love, as God is the perfect Lover. Each conscience must interpret this for itself (v. 48).

Practical Questions.

1. What are the causes of war?
2. Could the sentiment, if put in operation, stop war?
3. How can Christian people promote the spirit of peace?

November 13, 1927

Topic: "The Good and the Bad in Newspapers and Magazines."
Matt. 4:23-25; Jude 10-13.

Bible Readings

MONDAY—Newspapers as Heralds.—Isa. 40:1-11.
TUESDAY—Newspapers as Interpreters.—Hab. 2:1-8.
WEDNESDAY—Amos as a Cartoonist.—Amos 7:7-9.
THURSDAY—Newspapers That Corrupt.—I Cor. 15:38.
FRIDAY—The Short Story.—Luke 15:11-32.
SATURDAY—An Editor's Prayer.—Psa. 26:1-12.

Comment.

If Jesus had lived in our day and taught as radically as He did long ago, He would have been "news," something unusual, in the newspapers (v. 23).

Newspapers may be a tremendous power for good by reporting the good things that happen and not merely the bad (v. 24).

The muckracker is not modern. He existed in the old days, railing, mocking, decrying the good, hindering the good and true (v. 10).

Practical Questions.

1. What good things have you noticed in the newspapers?
2. What service are good magazines doing?
3. How do we know the good from the bad paper or magazine?

November 20, 1927

Topic: "Blessings We Often Forget."—Psalms 103:1-18.

Bible Readings

MONDAY—Health.—Isa. 38:1-8.
 TUESDAY—Sanity.—II Tim. 1:7.
 WEDNESDAY—Prosperity.—Deut. 8:11-20.
 THURSDAY—Home.—Luke 9:57, 58.
 FRIDAY—Peace.—Isa. 48:18.
 SATURDAY—Hope.—I Pet. 1:1-5.

Comment.

We forget, most of all, that our blessings are from God, proofs of His loving care (v. 2).

It is when we lose our health that we realize what a boon good health is. This, too, is from God (v. 3).

If God gave us what we deserve we should be destroyed. Mercy and pardon are daily blessings. God is pitiful (v. 3).

Material good comes from God, giver of all gifts. The old custom of thanksgiving before meals was a good one (v. 5).

Practical Questions.

1. What is the greatest blessing in your life?
2. How may we show our gratitude to God?
3. What is the result of forgetting to be grateful?

November 27, 1927.

Topic: "If I Were to Be a Home Missionary, Where Should I Want to Work?"—Mark 1:35-45.

Bible Readings

MONDAY—Work for Our Own People.—Matt. 10:1-8.
 TUESDAY—Work in the City.—Acts 3:1-10.
 WEDNESDAY—Work in the Country.—Acts 8:26-40.
 THURSDAY—Work in Homes.—Luke 10:5-12.
 FRIDAY—Work Among Friends.—John 1:40-51.
 SATURDAY—Work Where There Is an Opportunity.—Matt. 4:18-25.

Comment.

No doubt even Jesus prayed for guidance as to where He should labor. We need to pray (v. 35).

If we have a divine message people will come to us no matter where we are. The message is the important thing (v. 37).

The missionary is influenced by need. He is attracted where the need is greatest (v. 40).

The missionary is a maker of missionaries. Every one he helps becomes a booster and passes on the message (v. 45).

Practical Questions.

1. How much does America need Home Missionaries?
2. What Home Mission Field appeals to you?
3. How can we best support Home Missionaries?

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