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EDITORIAL

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has recently been severely criticised by some of America's so called great men for the part it has been playing in influencing public opinion in the moral features of government. This was to be expected, as there are many in our country whose manner of life is such, that they do not like to have it exposed. Even the government sometimes needs criticism. Arthur M. Free, of California, had a bill up to Congress for an investigation of the activities of the Federal Council, but fortunately he became better informed as to the facts and withdrew the bill, for the reason that he had just discovered that he had no grounds on which to proceed.

More recently, another misinformed critic of the Federal Council, an Army Reserve Officer, has withdrawn his widely heralded charges, and publicly retracts his statements at the Reserve Officers' Convention.

He says, "I am duly appreciative of the indefensible position in which I now stand."

We hope that the Federal Council will go on with its good work, and that the entire Church of Christ will uphold the Council in the brave stand it has taken for good government along the entire line of Christian principles.

THOUGHTS ON THE SABBATH

The Sabbath was ordained not for one man, or a few, but for all men.

It naturally follows that what is good for us, is good for others, and that we should not impose on others the necessity of working on the rest days, except in cases necessary for the general welfare of the family and society. The Sabbath was made for man, and so was Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. And it does seem to me that, as God made all of them, he ought to have a goodly portion of at least one of them.

Keeping the Sabbath holy gives more real rest than holiday and pleasure-seeking and worldly amusement or idleness can possibly give. It bestows new life, freshness of spirit, inspiration and uplift.

Anna Chesnut.

IT'S YOU!

If you want to work in the kind of a church
 Like the kind of a church you like,
 You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
 And start on a long, long hike.

You'll only find what you left behind,
 For there's nothing that's really new;
 It's a knock at yourself when you knock your church;
 It isn't your church—it's YOU.

Real churches aren't made by men afraid
Lest somebody else go ahead;
When everyone works and nobody shirks,
You can raise a church from the dead.

And if while you make your personal stake
Your neighbor can make one, too,
Your church will be what you want to see—
It isn't your church it's YOU!

MY CHURCH AND I

My church is the place where the Word of God is preached, the power of God is felt, the spirit of God is manifested, and the love of God is revealed.

It is the home of my soul, the altar of my devotion, the hearth of my faith, and the center of my affections.

I have united with it in solemn covenant, pledging myself to attend its services, to pray for its welfare, to give to its support, and to obey its laws.

Hence I owe it my zeal, my energy and my prayers. When I neglect its services, I injure its good name, I lessen its power, I discourage its members, and, most of all, I chill my own soul.

I have solemnly promised in the sight of God to advance its interests by my life. It claims first place in my activities and highest place in my mind. I am delighted to be in this service and I this day gladly renew my sacred covenant before God, with Christ as my Redeemer and the Holy Spirit as my Comforter.

FIFTH CHURCH PHILADELPHIA

The year 1927 was a banner year for our church in every

way, we have been growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and there always follows a real good spirit in the church, each esteeming others better than themselves, a real unity, a Christlike Spirit, and God is pleased.

Under such conditions it is not necessary to say very much about money, for it seems to come without any effort, if people are right it affects the pocketbook.

On Wednesday evening, March 21st., a congregational meeting was called to elect additional Elders, and on Sabbath morning, April 1st., the following were ordained and installed, Samuel Black, William J. Cardwell, Thomas McCready and George E. Potts, everybody seemed much pleased with the new addition to our Session. We are very proud of our Choirs, who are doing good work in assisting in the Church Services, our Senior Choir do well and rendered very effectively a Cantata "Gethsemane to Calvary" on Sabbath evening, April 8th. Our Junior Choir are wonderful, and sing on Sabbath mornings, and they have the attention of every one present as they sing the Gospel.

In connection with our Communion Rev. R. C. Montgomery preached on Wednesday evening, April 11th., and the Rev. Thomas Whyte on Friday evening, April 13th., grand messages for the occasion, and on Sabbath morning, April 15th., we met together to remember our Lord's death by sitting together at His Table, it was a very solemn occasion and had its effects upon every one of us. A large number communed, eighteen were received into membership, and a grand offering was given for Missions, and every one of us was conscious of the presence of our Maker. If it is possible to have such a good time down here, what will it be to sit down at a table with the redeemed in Heaven?

On Sabbath evening of the same date we had Sabbath School night, Mr. George McCandless, Superintendent of the School conducted the service, in which nearly every class took

part, beginning with our infant department, and ending with the Bible Class. One of the grandest pictures in connection with this service was fifteen young men as they stood up in front of the church and sang "Face to face with Christ My Savior, face to face what will it be". It was the best night we have had, everyone doing their part well. We are going on to greater things by the help of God.

DARLINGTON, PA.

The annual Thank Offering meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the R. P. church was held Thursday, April 5th., 1928 at the home of Mrs. Eva McHattie near New Galilee. This being a special meeting, a dinner was one of the interesting features. The tray service was used, and there was no doubt in the minds of those present that this dinner compared favorably with former efforts along this line. At least expressions of satisfaction were heard on every side.

The society was well represented, and a number of visitors were present.

After dinner the meeting was called to order and conducted by the writer. The subject of "Giving and Receiving" was the one chosen for this occasion. The meeting was opened with Ps. 96: 8-9 and Rev. J. A. Calvin of the U P Church, New Galilee, led in prayer.

The Scripture lesson was read from Luke 18: 18-30. The following references were read by the members: Mal. 3: 10; Acts 20: 35; Prov. 19: 17; Luke 6: 38; 2nd. Corinth. 9: 6-8. A paper on the subject was read by the leader. The Devotional exercises were closed by singing Ps. 116: 17-19.

Calling the roll and reading the minutes of the previous meeting by the secretary, Mrs. Esther Kerr, were next in order.

On the Literary program was Mrs. Anna Sawyer who

read an appropriate article on "Giving", mentioning many things besides money, among them being love, joy, faith and praise; also on the program was Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson who read a poem "Holding the Ropes", describing the dependence of those "who go into dark places" upon those faithful ones who are deeply concerned in the result.

Rev. Calvin gave an interesting talk. Several of the visiting ladies spoke briefly of their pleasure in being present; among them were Mrs. Calvin, Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Harbison of New Galilee, also Miss Linnie Long, Mrs. Dodds, Mrs. J. R. Wylie and Miss Lizzie Dodds of College Hill. The pastor Rev. Alexander Savage, D. D., spoke touchingly of the past years in which he had enjoyed the pleasure of meeting with the society, of the success of the work, and also commended the women for their faithfulness.

The treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Watterson, reported that the offering for the day amounted to \$135.00.

A vote of thanks was tendered Rev. Savage for his liberal thank offering of \$50.00. A vote of thanks was also given the hostess for her kind hospitality.

After the appointments for the next meeting, the society adjourned.

The meeting was closed by singing Ps. 67: 1-7, followed by prayer and the benediction by Rev. Savage.

Sincerely Yours,

EVA D. NAGEL

LETTER FROM KENTUCKY

Houston, Ky., April 9, 1928.

Dear Friends:

Our house seems big because the "patter of little feet, has ceased in it. School closed March the 30th. and there are only four of us left. Jonathan is getting ready to go to Berea

where he will continue his school work. Mother Stewart is packing her trunk to leave for Iowa. They will both probably leave Thursday. That means that Siller and I shall be here alone. Siller is one of the girls who came to us in July. She felt she would rather stay here this summer than go to her home, and we decided it was best to keep her. Her mother has been dead for some time and unfortunate for many children some step-mothers aren't nearly so good as they might be.

I don't believe that Siller and I shall be very lonely even if we do miss the folks, for there are many, many things we can do to employ our time. Mother Stewart said the other day that she could see forty-thousand things that needed to be done. Those who know her realize that she is quite exact in her judgment. However, after nine months in the school-room I'm glad to have a chance to cook, make garden, raise chickens, etc. I don't know that I'm very anxious to clean house, but that happens to be an ordeal that most folks must live through at least once a year. It is one of the thorns that comes with the spring roses.

We have just finished papering and painting our kitchen and with its new linoleum it is about the nicest room in the house just now. Mr. James Atchison sent the money to fix the kitchen. All of the rooms in the house had been papered since the kitchen and pantry had had anything done to them. We wouldn't feel ashamed for any of you to see them now.

People are very busy getting their plowing done. We have hardly had enough warm weather to make us feel that April is here. The flowers and trees are not so far along as they were this time a year ago. We are glad they aren't because if the fruit trees bloom early they are much more apt to be killed. We have had a cold dry winter and the older people say that means a good crop year. I notice that some of the people speak of the past winter as a "bad winter". I presume they have reference to the cold. It is true, we have had more snow and ice than we usually have in Kentucky, but

such a winter is better for the people here than a warm rainy winter. There isn't nearly so much sickness.

Those of you who know Chester Turner will be interested to learn that he and Laura Griffith were married this winter. It has been sometime ago but it has not been mentioned in the letters. They are living at his home now, but are going to build a house below his father's. I mean farther down the creek. Laura is a fine girl and will be a good homemaker. Her mother died when she was quite young leaving her the entire responsibility of the home and younger children and she has proven herself equal to the occasion.

As we look back over the school year our blessings have been many. I don't believe I have ever been here when we were blessed more abundantly. We had quite a bit of difficulty in getting workers, and there were other things that were somewhat discouraging at the beginning of the year. Our God sent the workers and abode with us just to the extent that we desired. Time sped on and the nine months have passed quickly. The rough places will become smooth when God is the leader. This thought was well brought out in our Easter lesson. On their way to the tomb they wondered who would roll away the stone, but when they reached the place they found that the Angel had already removed it. How Jesus loves to remove the obstacles that obstruct our paths when we meet the conditions—faith, hope, love.

We appreciate the cistern that is now complete and in use. House cleaning is much easier when we have plenty of clean water. The filter is good, for the water is clear as can be. It has all been paid for by a good friend who does not wish the name published.

Another thing I feel I'd like to speak of is the splendid way in which the members of the Associate Presbyterian Church have remembered us. In looking over the books I find that they have given four whole scholarships besides other donations, and best of all they have furnished a powerful worker. Those who know Mother Stewart realize that this

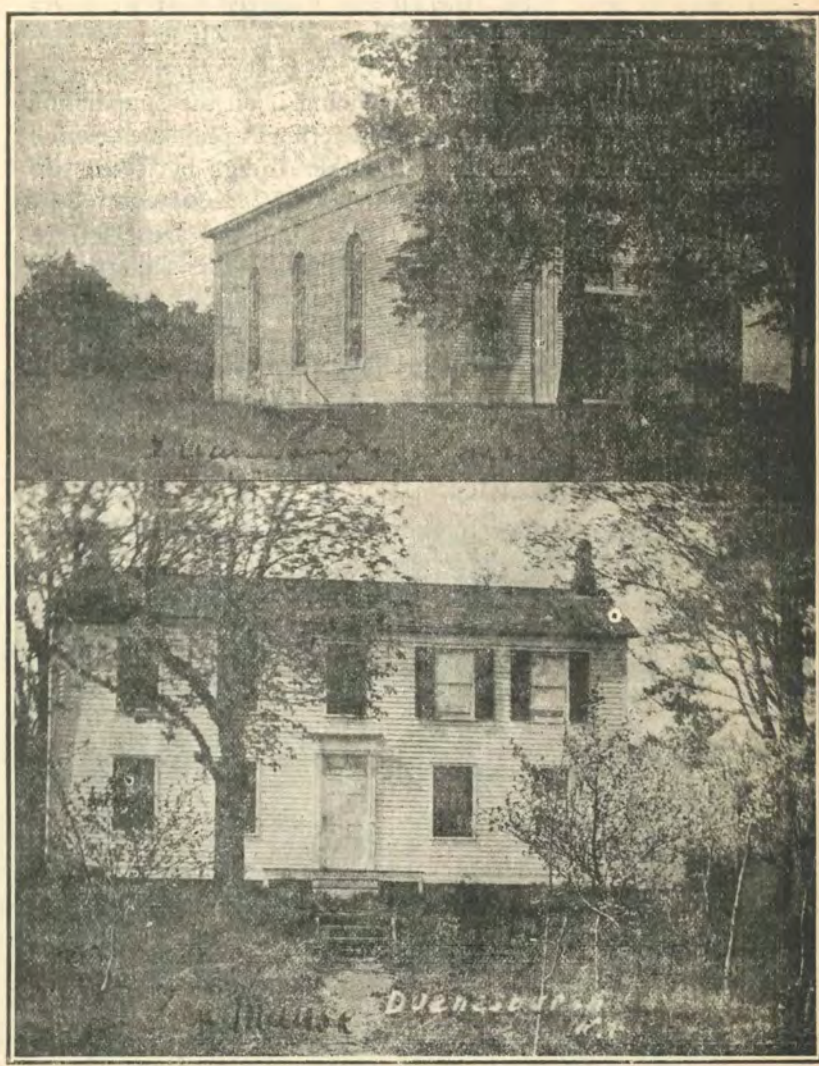
statement is true. Miss Hornell and I agreed that we never knew any woman who could do as many different things and do them as well as Mother Stewart can. I would not dare write this if she knew it, but I'm doing it on the supposition that she will not be here when the letter is published, and a scolding three months off, with other things between, will not be nearly so bad as it would now. We read our letters to her before we send them (I mean the magazine letters, of course) for her approval, but I shall leave this part of mine out when I read it to her. Her health has been good this year and it is our prayer that she can return to Houston this year to continue her work here. At times the work is rather hard on her but she enjoys it and I believe she is happier than she would be any other place. A woman that is as useful as she is cannot be content unless she is helping the other fellow get ahead. She loves the people here and they all love her. It is noticeable how the children respond to the religious training she gives them. Then she has remarkable patience in teaching the girls to sew, cook and do the general housework. She is very active and takes an interest in everything that goes on around the place. To me her ability at her age is plain proof of what regular habits, cheerful spirit and wholesome living can do for a person. She gives liberally of her time, energy and money and says, "I do not want my donations mentioned in the letters."

There are other things I'd like to speak of but my letter is growing lengthy and I must stop. May God bless us all as we work together to advance His Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven.

Sincerely your friend,

CALLA B. TURNER.

Is your Subscription to the Advocate due? An early renewal will be appreciated.



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AN OLD-FASHIONED MEETING

Just an old-fashioned meeting,
 With old-fashioned songs;
 Just old-fashioned people
 With old-fashioned wrongs,
 And old-fashioned sorrows,
 As humbly they plod
 On old-fashioned highways,
 To carry to God.

Just an old-fashioned meeting!
 A long time ago
 An old-fashioned sermon
 Made youthful eyes glow;
 And old-fashioned friendships
 Were solid and fine,
 When old-fashioned people
 Prayed God for a sign.

Just an old-fashioned meeting
 That softened with tears
 All hearts growing bitter
 Through burdensome years.
 Returning to childhood
 A green path we trod,
 And worshipped together
 An old-fashioned God!

—Anne Campbell.

SOMEBODY

Somebody made a monthly pledge,
 Testing his purse to utmost edge;
 Somebody paid it through the year,
 Brightening the world with Christian cheer.
 Was that somebody you?

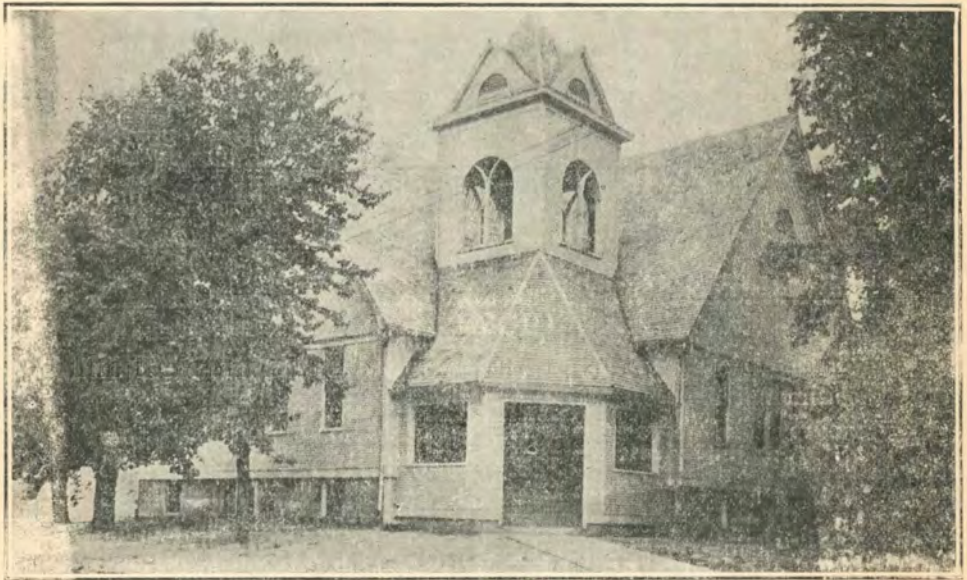
Somebody handed cheerfully in
Money to help God's cause to win;
Somebody kept his promise to pay,
Writing each check on schedule day.
Was that somebody you?

Somebody let the year slip by,
Heedless of payments piling high,
Somebody said, "No more delay;
Quickly I'll settle that debt today."
Was that somebody you?

Somebody's pledge was only a scrap,
Paper that had no value, mayhap;
Somebody's soul grew shriveled and small;
Failing, he grieved the Lord of all.
Was that somebody you?

—Anonymous.

(Copied from Church Business)



The Reformed Presbyterian Church, Coulterville, Ill.
Where Synod meets May 16, 1928.

GIVING AND RECEIVING

Eva D. Nagel

Read at the Thank Offering meeting of the Darlington Missionary Society, April 5, 1928.

Some of the thoughts presented here are not original as it would be difficult to bring out all new ideas on a subject upon which so much has been written, but to reverse the order and place giving before receiving, or in order to receive, is perhaps unusual.

In Matt. 10: 8, Christ said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." This statement is founded upon law, for wherever we find an inflow of substance, there should also be an outlet to make room for receiving more. This fact we know to be true from our observation of natural things. If we fill a receptacle with a visible substance it will hold no more than its capacity permits. If we wish to add more, some of the contents must be first removed. This fact applies to both physical and mental capacities.

As a rule man can think of only one thing at a time, and his mind is filled with, and emptied of ideas, as he realizes them or lets go of them.

Taking in and giving out is the universal law. It is the law of righteous adjustment. It is manifest in all creation. It is the law of all growth, including the vegetable and animal kingdoms.

The law of giving and receiving must be obeyed, if we desire to be successful in our undertakings, whether we are seeking health, wealth or happiness.

There must be a righteous adjustment in all departments of being, if everything is to work out satisfactorily, and if one's life is to be established in harmonious relations. "For none of us liveth to himself."

No one can get anything for nothing. Every thing that

we receive must be paid for—in some manner—at some time or other. That statement does not mean that money is always the medium of exchange, but in some way we must make compensation for what we get.

This being the law it is well for us to study the actions and reactions of the law, that we may learn to free ourselves of unrighteousness.

In the realm of nature, we see a stream of water from the hills flowing into a basin: if this depression or reservoir has no overflow the contents become a stagnant, useless swamp, and it is something to be avoided, but where there is an outlet, the contents, by the constant inflow, are kept fresh, sweet and desirable. So the person with the grasping, miserly hand, that holds on to everything within reach, acquires a sour, disagreeable disposition, and he is generally avoided by his fellow men.

What he accumulates and stores up is useless to himself and others, and is neither enjoyed by him nor anyone else. While the person with the open hand and the sympathetic nature is usually surrounded by loving friends, and like the fable of the enchanted purse in which when one coin was removed another was stirring, this kind of person finds that when the hand is opened to let go of something for the good of others, it is closed upon a corresponding good: proving that "Before we ask, He will answer."

Metaphysicians know that many ailments are caused by tense, grasping mental habits. To overcome such infirmities, one should practice the open heart and the open hand, giving freely and without regret. When one does this he is open to receive the greater good that is awaiting his recognition and appropriation.

Everyone who tests this method will find that it pays. It will broaden the vision and give a larger outlook upon life, greater success along every line of endeavor, more joy and happiness, and more real soul satisfaction.

Let us practice the open hand; let us learn to open and close the hand at the right time. Let us be cheerful givers. It is written that "the Lord loves cheerful givers." Let us strive to be beloved of the Lord. As such we shall attain our own, which means abundance of all things.

Money and worldly possessions do not always make one rich. Only when one becomes established in right relations with God and with his fellow man can he be called rich.

In the Scriptures it is written: "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." The kingdom of heaven is omnipresent and contains all things needful to man. By his faith-force man can draw from Omnipresence all that he desires. Then why fear lack when the storehouse of all good stands open?

No one is too poor to give an equivalent of what he receives. Man is the offspring of God, and all of God's riches are for all His children. We must learn the truth of our being, learn that we can create and draw to us all that we need. If we can draw to us what we need, why fear to give a just recompense for what we receive?

This process may be illustrated. In nature there is a constant drawing upon her resources. The rain falls upon the land and plant life draws to itself what is needed to sustain it and produce the desired results. In time all that has been received is given back. The surplus water also flows back to the ocean and is again taken up by evaporation and distributed; so the process goes on and on—nothing is lost and there is no lack.

In the 6th. chapter of Matt., Christ said, "Take no thought for the morrow, or be not unduly concerned about the future." "Your heavenly Father feedeth the fowls of the air" — "Are you not much better than they?" "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

We might be as unconcerned about our daily needs, as

are the birds of the air and the flowers of the field, if we exercised trustful dependence upon God's promises.

What we receive depends upon ourselves. Matt. 13: 58 reads thus: "And He (Jesus) did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief." The people in His home country refused to benefit by His power and teachings. They were self-satisfied and although he was able to give them untold blessings, they did not call forth this power because of lack of faith.

The law of giving and receiving cannot be changed: if you wish to receive something good you must give something good. The following story will illustrate this point. A wealthy young man admired a young woman and wished to gain her favor. He could well have afforded to give her a real jewel. However knowing that the lady did not know the difference between paste diamonds and real ones, he sent her an ornament that was only an imitation. She valued the gift, not for its intrinsic value, but because she had great respect for the young man, and she never learned that the gift was of little value. Years passed and they ceased to communicate with each other. The young man met with financial losses, and became very needy. Hearing of this, the young woman, desiring to help him sent back the jewel of paste.

Whether we be conscious of the fact or not, what we give comes back to us in some form as an equivalent. Perhaps it is only a thought or a word, but thoughts as well as words are things that count. The thought of the afflicted woman that the touching of the hem of Jesus garment would be enough brought its reward. Why try to limit God and His power!

Often it is to our benefit to let go of some of our material possessions that are cluttering our dwellings; so the mind also needs a clearing out occasionally to make room for newer and better ideas.

Let us give freely of what we have, that we may receive

freely of the more beautiful and the more satisfactory, and by giving largely grow more and more into the stature and likeness of Christ.

"He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things." Rom. 8: 32.

OUR SEMINARY

The present session of the Theological Seminary opened Sept. 7, 1927 and will close May 15, 1928. Three students are in attendance. Three professors are giving instruction to these students. The prospects are for seven students next year. The students are faithful, earnest and diligent in their work.

OUR COLLEGE

The closing events of the Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio, are as follows:

Commencement Week

May 27, Sabbath, 7:30 P. M. -----	Baccalaureate Service
May 28, Monday, 9 A. M. -----	Final Faculty Meeting
May 28, Monday, 8 P. M. -----	Senior Class Play
May 29, Tuesday, 7:30 P. M. -----	Faculty Reception
May 30, Wednesday -----	Cedar Day
May 30, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. ----	Recital of Department of Piano
May 31, Thursday, 9 A. M. ---	Meeting of Board of Trustees
May 31, Thursday, 6 P. M. --	Alumni Banquet and Business Meeting
June 1, Friday, 9:30 A. M.	Commencement Exercises

There are 27 candidates for the degree of Bachelor of

Arts. There are 7 for the two-year Normal Diploma. Judge Florence E. Allen of the Supreme Court of Ohio will deliver the Commencement address.

The Junior-Senior Banquet was held in the Engineers' Club, Dayton, Ohio, April 26.

The new catalogue is out as is also the Cedrus for 1928.

We are trusting that the report to Synod will show the college treasury without a deficit. In order to do this we need liberal contributions at once from the members of our church in every congregation.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. McCHESNEY

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

May 6, 1928

Topic: "How to Choose A Life Work." Eccl. 9: 10; Thess. 4 9-12.

(Consecration Meeting)

BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Seek God's Will. Psa. 37: 1-9.
 Tuesday—Do His Bidding. Gen. 2: 15-17.
 Wednesday—Consider Moral Values. Prov. 13:7.
 Thursday—Those Who Drift. Matt. 20: 1-16.
 Friday—Our Work May Choose Us. Phil. 3: 7-14.
 Saturday—Be Equal to Your Calling. Luke 9: 57-62.

COMMENT

One good way to find a life work is to work hard at the job we've got. Often better things open up (Eccl. 9: 10).

Our whole attitude toward life and others is important. Our first job is to be kind, courteous, generous (v. 9).

In ancient times there was little choice of life work. One was usually born to one's tasks, following the family trade. Choice makes greater responsibility (v. 11).

What is our aim in choosing a life work? Mere gain? To become rich and powerful? Or to make a decent living and a beautiful character? (Vs. 11,12.)

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. What can be worse than a misfit?
2. How may we know the Lord's Will?
3. What kind of reading will help us?

May 13, 1928

Topic: "Home Life A Test of My Christianity." Tit. 2: 1-14.

BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Tests for the Family. Eph. 6: 1-9.
 Tuesday—The Life to Live at Home. 1 Cor. 13: 4-7.
 Wednesday—Help the Weak. Rom. 15: 1-7.
 Thursday—Winning Our Friends. John 1: 40-51.
 Friday—A High Ideal. 1 Thess. 5: 14-28.
 Saturday—Paul's Life Stood the Test. Acts 20: 17-26.

COMMENT

Since Christianity is love, one test of it will be the way we treat older persons (vs. 2, 3).

Notice the mental conditions referred to—temperate, grave, sober-minded, faithful, loving, chaste, and so on. Christ makes new persons of us (vs. 3, 4).

We have advanced indeed when people have no evil thing to say of us. Pray for grace to live thus (v. 8).

People do not judge of Christianity by its doctrine, but by the lives of professing Christians. We attract or we repel (v. 10).

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. What hard things do we meet at home?
2. How overcome our difficulties?
3. How can we lighten each other's burdens?

May 20, 1928

Topic: "How to Train for Larger Leadership." Num. 27: 15-23.

BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Joshua under Moses. Deut. 34: 1-12.
 Tuesday—Timothy under Paul. 2 Tim. 3: 10-17.
 Wednesday—Train by Being Faithful. Matt. 25: 14-30.
 Thursday—Train by Taking Counsel. 1 Kings 12: 6, 7.
 Friday—Train by Fellowship with God. Jer. 1: 4-10.
 Saturday—Train by Unselfishness. Gal. 4: 12-20.

COMMENT

There has always been and always will be a need for wise leaders. The supply is never up to the demand (vs. 16, 17).

The leader whom God will choose is ever the one who, like Joshua, has the Spirit, who is seeking God's will and trying to do it (v. 18).

Leadership is a responsibility rather than an honor. To be charged with the care of souls is a serious matter (v. 19).

People follow their leaders right or wrong. Hence the need of care that we lead aright. We can either build or destroy (v. 21).

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. Why want to be a leader?
2. What are our qualifications?
3. What kind of leaders does the Church need?

May 27, 1928

Topic: "What Does It Mean to Me That All Men Are Brothers?" Rom. 15: 1-6.

(Missionary Meeting)

BIBLE READINGS

Monday—God is Father of All. Acts 17: 24-28.

Tuesday—Salvation is for All. Rom. 3: 27-31.

Wednesday—Foreigners are our brethern. Luke 10: 20-37.

Thursday—Sympathy for All. Mark 7: 24-30.

Friday—I Will Help All. Luke 17: 11-19.

Saturday—No One Common or Unclean. Acts 10: 9-15, 34, 35.

COMMENT

There are weak and backward races that we will help to lift if we feel the duty of brotherhood (v. 1).

Brotherhood calls for self-sacrifice. "Not to please ourselves." The weak are to be helped, not exploited as many exploit them (v. 1). "Unto edifying" means "building up." Every missionary is a builder of character, of ideals, of better living conditions (v. 2).

If we stand for brotherhood and kindness and service, we shall know "reproaches" of those that prefer exploitation, narrowness, and profit (v. 3).

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. How can we show brotherhood in our community?
2. How can we do more for missions?
3. What is our influence among others?

June 3, 1928

Topic: "My Plans For A Profitable Summer." Mark 6: 1-6.
(Consecration Meeting)

BIBLE READINGS

Monday—A Time for Rest. Exod. 34: 21.

Tuesday—A Time to Serve. Gal. 5: 13, 14.

Wednesday—A Time to Study. Psa. 119: 33-40.

Thursday—A Time to Travel. John 2: 13-17.

Friday—A Time for Devotions. Psa. 91: 1-16.

Saturday—A Time to Help Others. 2 Kings 5: 1-14.

COMMENT

Summer plans should include rest and health. A vacation that is a steady rush exhausts us. Too much sightseeing may hurt rather than help us.

Plan a course of reading for summer. Some of us read only light novels. Include biography, travel, science, and religion. We should learn to browse among the best books.

Plan for a summer of change. Take up activities the very opposite of your daily tasks. A tired mother wants simply to rest. A cooped-up clerk wants to be in the open air. Plan wisely.

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. Why should we take a vacation?
2. What profitable things may be done while we are away?
3. What is the need of a change in employment?

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