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A NOTICE

The Pittsburgh Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church will meet in the First R. P. Church, 7119 Frankstown Avenue, East End, Pittsburgh, Pa., on the second Tuesday of September 1928, the eleventh day of the month, at eleven o'clock A. M., Eastern Standard time — God's time. The Reverend Albert E. Gregg is Pastor.

Sessional Records will be presented at the meeting for examination

A full attendance of delegates is desired.

By order of the Clerk.

CLAY CENTER, KANSAS.

Miss Gladys Benson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Benson of Clay Center, Kansas, went to the Mission in Houston, Ky. as one of the teachers in the school there for this year.

Mr. John Henry the only living member of the original Session of the Republican City Church, is in fairly good health. His mind is as active as of yore, and he retains his vein of Irish humor.

Kansas has a pretty good wheat crop this year, but continued rains threatens its spoiling in the shocks.

and many are in the C. E. Work, it was deemed advisable to discontinue the work of the Band. This organization has been a power for many years with the children, for great good and preparation; but, as new methods come forth the old must needs drop back.

Special work of local interest was planned.

An invitation to hold an all-day meeting in July at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stewart was accepted.

Thus closed an ideal day of Christian fellowship in a hospital christian home, with pleasant anticipation of another such in July.

MRS. S. A. MUMFORD, Cor. Sec'y.

LETTER FROM KENTUCKY

Houston, Ky., June 11, 1928.

Dear Friends:

I am sorry I did not get a letter to you last month, but I was so busy with other things right at the time that I did not get it off. I was preparing to go to Cedarville, Ohio, for a short visit, and to talk with some of the members of the Board about the work for next year. I only got as far as Jackson and some of the neighbors telephoned me that Siller had measles and wanted me to return home. I came home and she did not have measles but was pretty sick for a few days. Ten days from that time we expected my youngest sister, Ida Mae, home from Cedarville where she attended school the past year, but she took seriously sick with pleurisy and I was called there. I was gone two weeks and Siller sure enough had measles while I was away. We are having quite a siege of measles in this community.

For the past three weeks we have had rain and more rain! I have been home a week and there has been only one day that we haven't had rain. Sickness and wet weather together are getting some of the neighbors badly behind with their corn. From the looks of our garden and yard the weeds made more progress than anything else while I was away. We have pulled some of them but I shall be glad when it is dry enough to use a hoe in the garden.

Our school will begin in July. I am not yet just sure of the date but it will not be later than the 16th. I have not heard directly from the Chairman of the Home Mission Board, but I understand we are allowed only three workers in the school room including the teacher the county furnishes for seven

months. However, I'm not blaming the church. If it hasn't the funds I guess it cannot furnish the workers, but I've been wondering if some plan cannot be devised that will enable us to have the fourth worker. The eight grades and two years of high school cannot be efficiently taken care of by three teachers when one of those must preach and superintend the work besides. It is an impossible task and finds the workers worn out at the close of the year. It costs only \$585 to furnish the fourth worker and if each congregation could raise a little extra and if some friends could send \$50 or \$100 each, the amount could soon be raised. Anath Home must furnish the entertainments for the young people in the community if they have any and such work requires no little efforts on the part of the workers.

We are not sure, but we hope that a Mr. Weimer, who graduated from Cedarville College this June, will come here to take up the work. I saw him only once for a short visit but he seems to be a fine young man and I believe he will be a good one for the work here. The people in Cedarville speak highly of him.

There are ten young people here in the neighborhood who are ready for the first and second years of high school, and it is only when I realize that some of these will not be able to go away to high school that I can get up courage to write a "begging" letter. The only objection I have to doing mission work is that there has to be so much asking for material help. I realize, too, that the State of Kentucky should be taking care of some of the work that the Church is having to do. Rotten politics in Ky. have certainly handicapped the common people. Right here in Breathitt County, the politicians are so "clicky" that you almost have to be a member of the click in order to get a school. I look forward to the day when these young people who are being educated in these Christian schools will step forward and deliver the people.

I have just stopped to go to the office and I am now in possession of a letter from Mr. Weimer which says he will not be able to take up the work here on account of his mother's health. I am very, very sorry but I still hope that a good man will be found. One is almost essential to the work here, although a good work has been accomplished in days gone by without a man on the field. We do need a preacher though, and the man who comes here has many other duties besides preaching.

I also received a letter from Dr. John Masson, Treasurer of the Associate Presbyterian Church, which contained a check for \$48 to be used in the work here. Such a liberal contribution from

donors of that church shows that they are beginning to remember us early in the year. With due appreciation to the R. P. Church for the work it is doing in this community at the present time, I do not hesitate to say that this community is greatly indebted to the A. P. Church. The workers from that church that I have known have always been capable and willing workers, and we are more thankful than we can express that that church is still interested in Anath Home, and welcomes our monthly letters to its magazine.

Since my last letter we have received \$17 from Miss Susan J. Cunningham, \$4 from the Tedford girls of Albia, Iowa, and the set of bed springs that the missionary society of Darlington Congregation sent before Christmas time last year. That reminds me, too, that I want to say to anyone sending anything to Anath Home by freight should send it to Athol, Ky., instead of Oakdale. We get off at Oakdale to ride out to Houston, but there is no station there and any freight put off there has no one responsible for it.

The Tedford girls sent their \$4.00 to add to the radio fund. This makes \$52.75 in this fund and I have been told by a friend in Xenia, Ohio, that he thinks we can get a good radio for Houston for \$75. We are by a radio as we are a man. We don't want one unless it is a good one. Personally I do not plan to be here longer than September but I think that Mother Stewart and the other girls need a good man to look after them.

As usual my letter is growing lengthy and I must say "good night". Our letter for next month will tell the workers. If I have failed to acknowledge any gifts, or to mention anything else I should have, please feel free to inform me. If at any time you wish to ask questions, the workers here will be glad to answer them.

Sincerely your friend and co-worker,
CALLA B. TURNER.

PERSONAL LABOR REPORT. JOHN C. TAYLOR.

From April 1, 1927 to March 28, 1928.

The most of April was spent in Hardwar, the latter part of which I began running temperature which broke on our arrival in the hills. I only staid up five days to help get the family settled, then came back to Hardwar for the sale of the surplus stores left over from the Mela.

I spent a good part of May inspecting the village schools

and giving examinations. One day I found the heat so oppressive, I took off my shirt, soaked it in water, put it on again and had a man fan me. I had done this stunt a number of times before with no evil effects but this time it resulted in a severe case of acute jaundice which I did not recover from for nearly a month.

Our Union Summer School was held as usual. Our school teachers could not get off so we did not have as many men at the Summer School as we usually have. Faithful work was done and all were helped a great deal especially by the class conducted by Rev. Abdul Haqq, a Mohammedan convert who had a class on meeting and answering the questions and objections to Christianity of Mohammedans and Aryas. --

Mr. Chanan Khan, the man we had put on after the Mela, to take charge of the Hardwar work, was with us only about a month when he went down with Typhoid which developed into Static Pneumonia. He was in very bad condition when they brought him from Hardwar and he died here in Roorkee a few days later. His death made it necessary that I go ahead on my own initiative, pay down some money and get a piece of ground for a cemetery. The Government authorities had some months previous issued a notice that there was no more room for Indian Christians in the big cemetery so they must make their own arrangements. I had been working on this ground purchase and urging co-operation between the three Missions to unite but nothing worth considering had been done, nor would it have been done for months more if I hadn't gone ahead. As it was, I spent days and days on the purchase, registration, forcefully ejecting the tenants, settling the damages due them. The two acres that we bought were owned by 4 people and farmed by 7 different men who had occupancy rights. "I'll say", the land tenure in India is strangely and wonderfully held. We finally got an arrangement whereby each of the three denominations, Methodist, Mission of Church of England and the Reformed Presbyterian, share equally in the expenses of the new cemetery, each Mission being given it's own plot. Of our share of this expense, the Roorkee R. P. Church has paid 150 Rs. and the Mission has undertaken the remainder.

I took part of my vacation the latter part of August and the 1st. week of September, then I had to be in Roorkee for the Mohammedan Mela, where we again sold Scripture portions, and Bibles, and did very well altho I was not able to do all I wanted to do on account of the motor failing me and I did not

have time to repair it. So we couldn't give our lantern lectures.

On going to the hills again later in September I took my slides on Temperance with me and again gave them in Woodstock School, also in two other large schools, one a Church of England school and the other an Adventist School. It was very much appreciated both places. I had an appointment at another place but my lantern failed me and so I lost out. I was asked to give these lectures by the W. C. T. U., and they made the arrangements in these three schools for European and Anglo-Indian children.

This year our Camping Evangelistic work has been the most trying of any that we have ever had. Objections and debating began in our 1st. camp in our evening meetings. And the people of that vicinity are still blaming us for the disappearance of a Mohammedan boy about 14 years old, who ran away from home just the day we left their village.

In our next Camp those two Brahman young men came. I was just sure Sharma was a spy from the Camp of the Arya Samajists and that he was talking against us and our teaching behind our backs, and many were the sleepless nights we spent praying that God would convict and convert him. In the next place we had even more bitter debates and the people began to try to get Sharma to go back. The other lad was more worldly wise and gave such severe and sarcastic answers that they soon left him severely alone. Beginning with our fourth Camp, which was the first week in December and until the time we came in to Roorkee the end of February we did not have a Camp where it did not rain and in one place we could not move for over three weeks and then we had to go off up through the jungle towards the hills to a place where we had not intended going, in order to get round a long strip of low lying ground.

It was at our first Camp after Christmas that Sharma was decoyed away and made a prisoner, carried to Roorkee and locked in a room from which he escaped to return to us. But the pressure placed upon him was incessant and the temptations placed before him were great. The promises made him were simply unlimited and finally he went away. We have been very much cut up about it and are praying for him daily. He was such a fine likable young man. He had seemed so wonderfully happy with us and had made such a good profession that we believed him to be a truly converted soul. God knows and can keep His own. Please join us in continual prayer for him.

Our District Schools have prospered, three of which are in

splendid condition, one of which from the 1st. of November has become recognized by Government and the Government Inspector visits it regularly and we get a small "grant in aid." All these schools are for low caste boys who would never get a chance to learn if we did not give it to them. We expect to get one of the other schools recognized some time this year. One of our best schools was closed down because the master, Masih Dayal, one of our own training lads, took smallpox and after a long drawn out sickness died. Then the cut came and we made no attempt to get a new teacher so lost all the advantage we had in that place.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN C. TAYLOR.

PERSONAL LABOR REPORT. ELIZABETH TAYLOR

From April 1st., 1927 to March 27th., 1928.

Another year of service in India has come to a close and I shall briefly write a report of the work done among women.

April was a busy time at the Hardwar Mela. These days were full from morning till night and we pray that the service rendered there may bring forth fruit in the Kingdom. A Mela of this kind is a time of sowing the fruit of which time and eternity will reveal. The spirit of helpfulness all through these busy days was beautiful, each trying to do his and her share in this splendid opportunity of distributing and preaching the Word among so many Pilgrims. The 21st. of April we returned to Roorkee and the 28th. we went to the hills.

During the summer I was busy with W. C. T. U. work. I also had charge of the work among English soldiers' wives and children as the lady who had charge heretofore went to England. These meetings which were held every Wednesday afternoon in the S. S. rooms of the church, were a source of much inspiration to these ladies of the British Army and we pray that the lessons their children received during these days in the children's meetings may be a guide and stay to them in temptations and trials that are sure to await them in years to come. There were on the average of 50 to 75 children and 20 to 25 ladies who attended these meetings. Missionaries from different Missions gave the Message each week. Most of the Army people belong to the Church of England but they do not have evangelistic services of this nature and we missionary ladies find it a very fine field of service. The ladies certainly appreciate the time and labor

we put into these meetings and we feel greatly repaid just knowing the gospel has been well received. At the last meeting of the children there were a large number who pledged fidelity to Christ. It was a very inspiring meeting we had that day. I wish you would pray for this particular work, for, very likely, I shall again have charge of this work this summer. As usual, I gave quite a bit of my time this summer to giving Osteopathic treatments, the fees of which we have used in installing electric lights in our Boarding here in Roorkee. I am planning on using my fees this summer in putting electric lights in the Mission bungalow here. They have only just brought electricity to Roorkee and all the bungalows are taking advantage of it. Heretofore we have only used kerosene lamps.

The 4th. of October we came from the hills and after two weeks vacation, on the 16th. the four children were put in Boarding School. The 26th. of October we went to Hardwar to see the work there and worked in the zenanas.

The 4th. of November, we began our Camping season in Nanhera where we staid until the 11th., when we went to Chaurra Kalan. It was night when we arrived at this Camp, so we hurriedly put only the little tents up for that night as we were all very tired. Our zenana work in this Camp was very good. I had Mrs. Mihi Lal with me as Bible woman.

The 19th., we moved to Nauserheri where we always have a good reception in the zenanas. If there is one village in our district where I might say we touch all the women, it is Nauserheri. We have no worker there since Babu Mihi Lal died and they look forward to our coming and when we get there they make it a point to come to our meetings. Of course we cannot go in all the houses, but when the women of this village know we are there they manage to get to a house where we are having a meeting. So we always feel when we leave this place that the women's work has certainly been done. It was in this Camp that one of the Brahman young men who had come to us and of whom we have written in previous letters in the Advocate, came down with a very severe case of pneumonia and it required much care to pull him through. A case of pneumonia is always a serious thing even where there are the comforts of a home and when you think of us living in tents, camped alongside a big pond, the chill of November nights, and Roorkee, from where our necessary supplies are brought, seventeen miles away, you can figure that it took some care to pull him through. However, we were able to take him to our next Camp with us where he

recuperated.

We moved to Fatephur on the 28th. of November. In this Camp, on the 3rd. of December, our children joined us, coming down from the school in the hills. The 12th. we moved to Biharigarh. We had good work among the high caste and low caste women in both these places. About this time we noticed that Margaret had Ringworm. She got it in Boarding School where they had quite an epidemic this year. On the 21st. we came to Roorkee for the holidays of which we have given an account in the Advocate.

The 9th. of January we again started out to Camp going to Hadipur and on the 18th. we went to Kala Bans. This Camp was a great trial to us for it rained nearly all the time and as our tents are getting old they leaked and it is certainly a marvel that none of us got sick for it would rain two days and then perhaps a day of sunshine when we would put all the things out to dry and the next day it would rain again and everything get wet again. And this was such a place that we could not get in to Roorkee or we would have gone in to the bungalow. The Military who were camping about 6 miles from Roorkee were all recalled but we could do nothing but stay out until the weather got better. Dr. Tayler managed to get out with the men, tramping through all the mud and rain but the women's work was greatly hindered.

The 11th. of February we moved to Salempur where we have a boy's school and we had good zenana work here as we had the schoolmasters wives to help in this work.

The 19th. we came to Roorkee as it was impossible to get oxcarts to take us to Shahpur where the Roorkee church had planned to hold the Evangelistic Campaign. As I have said before the weather was so bad in February, the roads became so bad one could not travel over them and the price the men charged to take our luggage was exorbitant, so we came back to Roorkee and closed the women's work for the season, altho Dr. Taylor went out by train to Shahpur and the men carried on the Campaign.

Yesterday I went to Dehra Dun to the Government X Ray Institute and had Margaret's head treated for Ringworm. We hope this will be successful as she is not able to go to school until it is cured.

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH TAYLOR.

SPARTA, ILLINOIS.

The Women's Presbyterial of the Western Presbytery will meet at the home of Mrs. Henry Dickey August. 31, 1928.

Mr. James Montgomsry, Sr, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Benson, on the morning of August 1, 1928.

INFLUENCE OF ADULT BIBLE CLASSES UPON THE SCHOOL

By R. J. Hemphill

That every individual has some influence, is a fact so plain that no one, I think, will attempt to refute it; and this influence, whether conscious or unconscious of it, we are constantly exerting for good or evil every day of our lives.

But it is of the influence of Adult Bible Classes upon the Sabbath school I wish to speak, making a few observations.

In the first place, then, let us inquire briefly, who are considered adult members?

I answer, all those of both sexes who have arrived at the years of maturity; all young married persons, and all those who are well advanced in life.

Perhaps you are ready to inquire, "What are some of the ways in which adult classes have an influence upon the school?"

I remark first: By their attendance they honor the school. There is wonderful power in the sympathy of numbers. A small meeting seems to lack interest. A large one carries with it enthusiasm and inspiration. Many people do not appreciate the value of numbers in a meeting, or they would not so frequently be found absent. Ministers know, full well, how discouraging it is to preach to empty pews.

To occupy a seat in the house of God every Sabbath has a happy effect. It has, no doubt, occurred to many of you that good audiences have a vast deal to do with good preaching.

There is one thought in this connection that I would like to emphasize, and that is the advantage of being punctual. It has been said, and said truly, "Punctuality is the life of business."

I will venture a little farther and say, "Punctuality is the life of religion."

In every congregation, I believe, there are a few who are always late. Some of them are what might be designated as punctually late; that is, no matter what the hour of service be, they are always just so many minutes after. Hence, if they left their homes so much earlier, they would not fail to be on time. For lack of punctuality there seems to be no redress. It is not considered an "unpardonable sin."

Much of this infirmity, doubtless, like all others, is owing to habit. We see this in the case of those who are invariably punctual. It is as easy for one to be present at the proper time as it is for the other to be too late.

Let us, then, cultivate the habit of being punctual in our attendance at the Sabbath school. It certainly has a great influence for good.

Again. By their example they help the school. It is a beautiful sight to see persons of mature years every Sabbath in the Sabbath school. A thing of goodness, like a "thing of beauty, is a joy forever." There was a time, within the recollection of persons now living, when the Sabbath school was composed of the superintendent, the teachers and the little—

*An article left in Mr. Hemphill's Bible at the time of his death, Dec. 23, 1925.
boys and girls—not an adult was to be seen in any class.

The parents were either at home, or if at church, were probably sitting under the shade trees, or in their vehicles, engaged in conversation. Happily the scene has changed. Now it is not an unusual thing to see the children, the parents, and even the grandparents, all in the same Sabbath school.

We should never lose sight of the fact that, by our example we may be moulding the character of some who are younger than we. There may be some in each of the Sabbath schools, in this village, who are taking you or me as their models, and instead to do as they see us do.

Let me give an illustration. A man was about to undertake

a journey on foot, in winter. His little boy, very naturally said to him, "Father, I want to go with you." "O no, my son," replied his father, "the snow is too deep." "Yes, but father," said the boy, "I'll walk in your tracks." The truth of religion is most powerful, not as set forth on the printed page, but as it is exhibited in the daily life. "Living Epistles" of which the Apostle speaks, are the ones people like best to read. Let us not forget, dear friends, there may be some one walking in our tracks.

Again. By their presence, they give their sanction to the work, and encourage the young. When we attend any meeting, whether social, political or religious, we are supposed to be in sympathy with its object. If however, our views are not in harmony with it, we are not very likely to countenance it by our presence: and so if we desire the success of the Sabbath school we will, by being present, approve of what is being done, and thus encourage those who are younger, to participate in the work. We should by our own action, as well as our own words, say to the youth, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good."

Father: By attending they learn to appreciate the work. Our mission is to do good, as well as receive good. We are to mould and shape the things around us, as well as to be moulded and shaped by them. Life should be a grand series of efforts to accomplish something worthy of immortal souls; not simply an idle waiting through the continued roll of years, for the inevitable end. There is work to do, noble work for every one. The opportunity will soon be gone. We should delight in Sabbath school work.

Lastly: They glorify God in the use of the means of salvation. When the Massachusetts Legislature was discussing the propriety of granting an act of incorporation to a missionary society, one of the members remarked, it seemed to be an arrangement for exporting religion, when, in fact, we had none to spare. He was answered that religion is a commodity of which the more we export, the more we have left.

We are taught in Scripture that joy shall be in heaven, over

one sinner that repeneth. If we can be the means of saving a single soul, we will not have lived in vain. For our encouragement let us think of the closing words of the Epistle of James, "Let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins."

May we all so live that the world, and especially the community in which we dwell, shall be made better by our having lived in it, "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

BIBLE SOCIETY PROGRESS

New York, N Y.

More than ten million copies of the entire Bible or parts of the Bible is the new record circulation figure for 1927 reported by the American Bible Society in the 112th. annual report of the Board of Managers of the Society just made public. The total number of issues is 10,034,797 copies published in 166 different languages and dialects.

Nine of the Society's ten agencies in the United States report a distribution of Scriptures greater in number than the preceding year. In this distribution more than a hundred languages are represented, including several North American Indian and immigrant dialects. It includes tens of thousands of Gospels given to flood sufferers in the Mississippi Valley, hundreds of thousands of issues called for by the nation-wide Gospel reading program in January and February, thousands of Scriptures placed by sale or gift in homes reached by a house to house canvass made by colporteurs, missionaries and volunteer workers, gifts to Indian school children, to penitentiaries, to Federal and local hospitals, to struggling churches and Sunday Schools, and to many other needy fields.

The statistics of the Society also state that in the West Indies, Mexico, Brazil and Japan an increased distribution in the number of copies of complete Bibles occurred. In Japan this increase was more than ten per cent over the previous year which

had also shown a gratifying growth. In Egypt the sales increased over fifty per cent.

In China, for the third year in succession, over three million copies of the Scriptures have been circulated by the American Bible Society. The Society is constructing a new Bible House on one of the leading streets of Peking. From the present outlook the building will be completed by September first, and a formal opening is planned for October. The Brazil Agency, located in Rio de Janeiro, has completed fifty years of Bible work. The population during this time has increased two and one-half times, while the circulation of the Scriptures has increased twelve and one-half times. Nearly 50,000 more copies were circulated in 1927 than during the preceding year.

The first complete Bible in the Luba Lulua language, spoken by some 2,500,000 natives of the Bantu race in the Belgian Congo was published last year by the Bible Society. It is the 169th. language in the world into which the whole Bible has been translated through the efforts of Bible Societies. A second edition of 10,000 Bulu New Testaments was also printed for West African missions. Translation work, in cooperation with certain American missions was done in Central America, South, East, and Central Africa and in some of the American Indian dialects.

In the Phillipine Islands the task of replacing 14,000 linotype pages of Scriptures in dialect, destroyed by the Japanese earthquake, and the equally important task of reducing these pages to permanent plates for storage were completed. In all there are seven dialect Bibles in plates. In addition to the moulds kept by the Agency in Manila a duplicate set is now in the New York vaults to guard against another disastrous earthquake.

The Society has never received so many appeals for grants of Scriptures to individuals, institutions, missions, and for campaigns as in the year just closed. The response is limited by lack of funds to cover this phase of the Society's work. The budget of the Society for 1928 amounts to \$1,345,426 including esti-

ated local receipts in foreign countries. Approximately one-half of the total of this appropriation must come from the contributions of churches and individuals.

"YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS"

—Samuel M. Ramsey

This does not mean they shall be visionary, or unpractical schemers; or that they shall see unreal things, which exist only in the imagination. But it means they shall see the real things, the things which are of most value, and should be most desired. It means that young men shall have clear views on the most important matters which concern their lives. We all want to see things as they really are. It may amuse us, but it will be of no real value to us, to see things distorted, or exaggerated, or in false colorings. We must see things in their true light, in the light of Him who is the light of the world, in order that we may have a right understanding, and a right appreciation of them.

The question is being asked "Why so few of our young men are seeking the gospel ministry as their life work? Why is there a dearth of ministers in all the churches?" We believe it is because our young men are not seeing visions. That is they do not see realities in their true light; and do not appreciate realities at their true value. Paul asks the question "Do ye look on things after the outward appearance?" By this he means we should not look on, or judge things by their appearance only, or by the appeal they make to us. Appearances are often deceitful. We always suffer more or less when we are deceived, or mistaken in our estimate of persons, or things. How great will be our loss, or harm, if we choose trivial things instead of valuable things; little things instead of great things; worthless things instead of the most important things? The Bible gives us God's vision: i. e. it enables us to see things as God sees them; to value them as God values them. The young man without a vision, sees in the ministry only a rather prosy life, with a great many deprivations, with little enjoyment, little

prominence in society, little financial reward, and an old age of rigid economy to make ends meet. But how does our Lord look on it? Let him answer the question, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things — enter into the joy of thy Lord." Or listen to him again. "No man hath left worldly things, worldly gain, worldly friends, worldly enjoyments, or worldly honors, but shall receive in this life a hundred fold and in the world to come, life everlasting."

A true vision will enable us to see as Paul did: "While we look not on the things that are seen, but on the things that are not seen. For the things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are not seen are eternal." In the Bible "the invisible things of Him are clearly seen." There were those in Paul's day, as there are in our day, "who became vain in their imagination, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." When our young men see things, as Paul did, they will be ready to say as he did, "I count all things but loss, for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." This vision will enable us to see the great love of God, and Christ, in saving us; the great need of those who are still out of Christ that the Gospel be presented to them; the great joy and privilege of bringing comfort, and encouragement to those already in Christ, and helping to build them up in the faith; and the great reward that comes to those who are faithful ministers of Christ. "There is laid up for such a crown of righteousness, which the Lord shall give at that day." I do not believe there is any other vocation in which one can engage that will give such real comfort, such enjoyment, such satisfaction, such content, as that of the ministry. I have been in the ministry for nearly sixty years, and have never for one moment regretted having entered it. If I were again to choose a life work, I would without the least hesitation choose the ministry. There can be no higher honor than to be "an Ambassador for Christ".

"Covet earnestly the best gifts."

"The wise shall inherit glory."

"Wherefore I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."

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CEDARVILLE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

The commencement week of Cedarville College opened Sabbath evening, May 27th. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by President McChesney, from the text in First Corinthians, 16th. chapter and 9th. verse. The exercises were held in the United Presbyterian Church at Cedarville, which was crowded to its capacity. The large choir from the Central Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio, rendered the music. On Monday evening, the Senior Class gave their annual play to a large audience in the Opera House. On Tuesday forenoon, Cedar Day was observed with the crowning of the May Queen, Mary Webster, the daughter of Rev. J. G. C. Webster, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Clifton, Ohio. The various classes gave their stunts. Mr. Edward Wones delivered the annual College oration. In the afternoon, a baseball game was played between Cedarville and Antioch College, with a victory of 8-6 in favor of Cedarville. On Tuesday evening, the faculty gave the annual reception in honor of the graduating class to the students, alumni and friends of the College. On Thursday, the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Cedarville College was held. One of the gratifying reports of this meeting was that \$31,000.00 had been added during the year to the endowment fund of the College. The endowment fund of Cedarville College at present is \$225,000.00 and its buildings and campus are estimated at \$200,000.00. A committee of six members of the Board of Trustees was appointed to devise ways and means to secure an additional endowment of \$400,000.00. Friday was annual Commencement Day. The orator was Judge Florence E. Allen of the Supreme Court of Ohio. Thirty-eight young men and women received degrees and diplomas, of whom twenty-seven received the degree of Bachelor of Arts; three, diplomas in Piano; eight, the diplomas of graduation from the two year Elementary course; and two, the diploma of graduation from the Preparatory Department. Of these, Marguerite Blanche Donaldson, Mary Lois Estle, Helen Margaret Iliffe and Mary Clark Webster graduated magna cum laude and Wilda Marie Bickett, Mary Ciminelli, Ada Louella McKay and Calvin Thomas Weimer cum laude. Louis Day Kennedy, Nelson Horatio Thorn, Calvin Thomas Weimer and Edward Simeon Wones will pursue

courses to prepare for ministers of the Gospel. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. Edward Everett Burcaw, Port Clinton, Ohio, Rev. John Parks, Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. Charles Leslie Plymate, Dayton, Ohio, Rev. William Allan Pollock, College Springs, Iowa, and Rev. Robert Woodbridge Ustick, Springfield, Ohio. The attendance at Cedarville College during the past year was two hundred and two. There will be a large increase in attendance for the next year.

OBITUARY

Miss Lucetta E. Hughes was born six miles south of Sparta, Ill., on Sept. 23, 1859. She grew up and lived in that community until about one year after the death of her father on Feb. 22, 1886, when she with her mother moved to Sparta. After the death of her mother in July of 1892 she lived for four years with her sister, Sarah Ennis. In 1896 she moved to her home on N. St. Louis St., where she lived until the fall of 1925, when on account of ill health she disposed of her home and moved to 512 E. Main St., where she lived the remainder of her life with her two nieces, the Misses Lillie and Sophia McIntyre.

She was the last of a family of ten children born to John Milton and Eliza McClure Hughes. She early in life professed her faith in Christ uniting with the Bethel R. P. Church of Sparta and was active and faithful in her church work until she was confined to her bed just one week before her death. She was a teacher and faithful worker in the Sabbath School for a period of 35 years and will be greatly missed in all the work of the church. Seldom was she absent from the services of the church.

Miss Hughes passed to her reward on Sabbath afternoon at 3:30 at the age of 68 years, 7 mo., and 13 days. She was a weaver until ill health caused her to cast her loom aside. Hers was not to suffer and she was conscious and knew her loved ones until the last.

The influence of such a godly life as hers is what preserves society and makes a community a desirable place in which to live. She leaves to her posterity a legacy more valuable than gold or titles, the legacy of a noble, consistent, Christian life.

Left to mourn her departure are the immediate members of the home, Miss Lillie McIntyre, Miss Sophie McIntyre and Miss

Mary Thompson, a number of nephews and nieces and a host of friends.

How fitting these words seem to be.
 Of all the thoughts of God that are
 Borne inward unto souls afar,
 Along the Psalmist's music deep,
 Now tell me if that any is
 For gift or grace surpassing this—
 He giveth his beloved sleep.

MISS LUCETTA E. HUGHES

The members of the Missionary Society of the Bethel R. P. Church of Sparta, Illinois, hereby express their great loss and sorrow in the death of their co-worker, Miss Lucetta E. Hughes, who was called from the privileges and duties of the church below to enter upon the higher enjoyments of the church above on Sabbath evening, May 6th., 1928, in the sixty-eighth year of her life.

The Missionary Society was organized in 1884 and soon after its organization Miss Hughes became a member and continued a member until her death. She was ever loyal and faithful in advancing its interests as she had opportunity. In all departments of the church work she was ever ready and willing to serve the Master. She had an unusual knowledge of the Scriptures and delighted in the worship of the sanctuary.

Thus ends the life of faithful service and when the end came needed no hasty preparation of the great change which comes to all sooner or later.

"Life's race well run,
 Life's work well done,
 Now comes rest!"

Committee,
 Mrs. A. B. McMillan.
 Mrs. D. M. Reid.
 Florence Montgomery.

A TRIBUTE

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Hannah (nee McFarland) was born 1863 in Beltonanegan, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, Ireland, and departed this life from her home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,

March 25, 1928. She is survived by her husband, Mr. John Hannah and two daughters, Miss Elizabeth A. Hannah, and Mrs. Lillian Hannah Young.

In early life, Mrs. Hannah was confirmed in Clare Episcopal Church, Kildress Parish, Ireland. In the year 1885 she came to America, and on April 24, 1894 was married to John Hannah in the Episcopal Church of the Redemption, 22nd., and Callowhill Sts. Philadelphia, Rev. Thomas R. List officiating.

Mrs. Hannah was faithful to every trust a devoted wife, a loving mother, a faithful friend, a loyal and zealous church member, and ever ready to do her part in the work of the kingdom of her Lord. Blessed with a cheerful disposition and nature, she was the light, life, and inspiration of any circle in which she moved.

She will be sadly missed in many places but especially in that home where hearts and lives are left sad and lonely. But she has been called to a higher and nobler service, and to blessedness unending. For Mrs. Hannah to live was Christ and to die was gain.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours: and their works do follow them."

To the husband and children we extend sincere sympathy: and may the God of all grace, who keepeth watch above His own, comfort and sustain them in this dark hour of trial.

OUR DEAR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Loved ones have gone; we see them not,
 We miss them every day.
 In midst of sorrow and of grief,
 Where are they now? we say.

They are not dead, they are not lost,
 They just have gone to rest
 In Father's house, —the heavenly home,
 And mansions of the blessed.

He, who for them prepared the home,
 Was first to welcome them,
 And loved ones who had gone before,
 Were next to join with Him.

Then all the hosts of glory sang
 The praise of Christ their King,
 He who, all those for whom He died,
 From earth to heaven doth bring.

That they may ever be with Him,
 And in His glory share,
 And dwell in midst of blessedness,
 He did for them prepare.

So help us, Lord, our grief to bear,
 And from sad tears refrain,
 For all our Dear Departed Ones,
 In heaven we'll meet again.

R. C. M.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

August 5, 1928

Topic: "Personal Conviction vs. Following the Crowd." Acts 5:
 27-29.

Consecration Meeting.

BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Aaron followed the crowd. Ex. 32: 1-8.
 Tuesday—Jesus followed Conviction. John 18: 28-40.
 Wednesday—The Way of the Crowd. Matt. 24: 36-42.
 Thursday—Elijah followed Conviction. 1 Kings 18:17-39.
 Friday—When Peter failed. Matt. 26: 69-75.
 Saturday—When Stephen triumphed. Acts 7:54-60.

COMMENT

The Pharisees thought to bury Christianity under the weight of their authority, as if ideas could be abolished on command (v. 28).

The preaching of the apostles was bound to lay the blame on the rulers and bound to kindle their anger. Courage! (V. 28.)

A man must be faithful to the truth as he sees it. It is this uprightness, or conscience, that makes manhood (v. 29).

"God rather than men" has been the watchword of all the martyrs and great teachers. Allegiance to God comes first (v. 29).

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. What conviction have we that we find opposed?
2. How may we be sure that our conviction is right?
3. Where do we get our convictions?

August 12, 1928.

Topic: "True and False Standards of Success." Matt. 7: 1-3; Josh. 1: 8.

BIBLE READINGS

Monday—The Wealth Standard. Mark 10: 17-27.

Tuesday—The Power Standard. Dan. 4: 29-37.

Wednesday—The World's Standard. 1 John 2: 15-17.

Thursday—The True Standard. Acts 2: 22-24.

Friday—The Way to Success. Psa. 1: 1-6.

Saturday—A good Testimony. Acts 13: 36.

COMMENT

What do we measure success by? Our bank account? Our influence? The publicity we get? Not at all. By character.

Achievement is a partial standard of success, for it means effort. To succeed we must get into the current of life and do our bit.

Many a man has felt that to be head of a great business was to achieve success, only to find that the ruthless fight had robbed him of all his finer feelings. There is no success that destroys the man.

In the churchyard are many gravestones that contain only a name and two dates. Not a word about achievement. Yet achievement may have been real — was real if a life of service had been lived.

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. What do you think is a worth-while aim in life?
2. Why would you call Jesus a success?
3. What temptations keep us from succeeding?

August 19, 1928.

Topic: "How Magazines Help or Hinder Christian Living." 2 Tim. 3: 1-17.

BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Lies that hinder. Ex. 20: 16.

Tuesday—Stories that help. Luke 15: 11-32.

Wednesday—Dark tales that warn. Matt. 27: 3-10.

Thursday—First page news. Hab. 2: 1-14.

Friday—Example may lead astray. Prov. 22: 24, 25.

Saturday—Example may inspire. 2 Cor. 11: 22-33.

COMMENT

Papers that wallow in details of crime somehow help to create criminals by suggesting things to do.

There are many salacious magazines unfit to publish, pandering to sex and immortality of all kinds. Such make a censor necessary.

Magazines and papers that contain articles that stir ambition, that encourage the discouraged, are helpful. They wake us up, start us on a better way.

Even in the worst newspapers one will find articles that are helpful. They may be the sugar that covers the pill; small grains of gold embedded in oceans of mud.

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. What kind of magazines do we read?
2. What are some of the helpful magazines?
3. What are some of the injurious kind?

August 26, 1928.

Topic: "What the World owes to Religious Leaders." 2 Cor. 12: 1-12.

(Missionary Meeting)

BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Christ revealed God. John 14: 9.

Tuesday—Paul's evangelistic zeal. Rom. 9: 1-5.

Wednesday—Peter broke down prejudice. Acts 11: 1-18.

Thursday—An organizer. Titus 1: 1-16.

Friday—Moses who made a nation. Deut. 27: 1-10.

Saturday—Elijah who resisted Kings. 1 Kings 17: 1-7.

COMMENT

Ever since the days of the prophets, leaders of thought have always been men of vision, insight, faith (v. 1).

Not every one of us could be "caught up" to any heaven whatever; we are too gross, too earthly, too self-satisfied (v. 2).

Great leaders have given to the world examples of noble courage, of endurance, of doing their work often in weakness, trusting God (v. 9).

Jesus, like Paul, had a hidden source of energy (John 4: 32). Leaders need this hidden manna that enables them to go on with their work (v. 10).

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. What great religious leaders have we known?
2. Who is a great leader today?
3. How may we become leaders?

September 2, 1928

Topic: "Will the Golden Rule work in Business and Industry." Phil. 4: 8, 9.

BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Jesus believed it. Luke 6: 38.

Tuesday—Abraham tried it. Gen. 13: 5-13.

Wednesday—Christ practiced it. Rom. 15: 1-3.

Thursday—The old principle. Prov. 20: 14.

Friday—The cheat. Acts 5: 1-11.

Saturday—Fairness. Prov. 11: 1.

COMMENT

"Think" That is the key word of this verse, and of life. We go wrong because we are stupid (v. 8).

The Golden Rule will work in business if we think the best of people. It does not work in an atmosphere of suspicion (v. 8).

It is not a "lovely" thing to cheat, defraud, or take advantage of people; and it reacts on our own heads (v. 8).

Paul and Jesus were generous, gave their best, gave a square deal. It worked with them and will with us (v. 9).

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. Why apply Christian principles to business?
2. How many employers apply the Golden Rule in business?
3. How may it be applied to our business?

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