



VOL. LXIII.

NO. 2

 The 
Reformed Presbyterian
= ADVOCATE =
FEBRUARY 1929

Published by the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church
in the interests of its Principles and Institutions
A MONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR
CHRIST'S CROWN AND COVENANT

CONTENTS

Editorial	21
Letter from India	22
An Early Experience	25
Letter from Republican City	26
Cedarville College and the Seminary	28
Letter from Kentucky	29
Is Jesus Coming near?	33
Oh! Send Us Light	37
C. E. Topics	38

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY
REV. R. W. CHESNUT, Ph. D., Editor
Duanesburgh, N. Y.

= Terms: \$1.00 Per Year in Advance. =

Entered as Second Class Mail Matter
Acceptance for Mailing at Special rate of Postage provided for in Section 1103.
Act of October 3, 1917, authorized June 12, 1923

ADVOCATE PRINT, Duanesburgh, N. Y.

Reformed Presbyterian ADVOCATE.

Stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Published the first of each month by the General Synod of the Reformed
Presbyterian Church at Duanesburgh, N. Y.
Subscription, \$1 Per Year in Advance.

VOL. LXIII.

FEBRUARY, 1929.

NO. 2.

EDITORIAL

—:O:—

The Ninth Anniversary of the Prohibition Amendment to the National Constitution has just been celebrated pretty generally throughout the whole country during the middle of January. Possibly no other Amendment to our Constitution has been so vigorously opposed and defended as the 18th. No other one is far reaching and important may be the reason. No other one with so many enemies and friends. It effects not only the United States but other nations also. In Paul's time he met real opposition when his teachings interfered with the old customs manner of getting money. The liquor traffic was the most gigantic source of crime, money and misery that the world has ever seen.

We could not expect to see the system go down without a struggle. An evil that has destroyed Kingdoms and Empires should not be expected to meekly submit to defeat and death.

The incoming Administration seems to give promise of a more vigorous enforcement of the law and by the co-operation of the temperance citizens should accomplish much more than has been done in the past.

The following points issued by the Anti-Saloon League should be carefully observed as a means to this end:—

An adequate prohibition enforcement law for New York State.

Proper observance of the prohibition laws by all citizens, as a matter of patriotic duty, and of protection to themselves and others.

Proper enforcement of the prohibition laws by public officials upon all who do not willingly obey.

Creation of a proper respect for law, a right attitude toward law and an intelligent public opinion on the prohibition question through education and informational publicity,

By the preparation and distribution of literature,

By public addresses,

By joint debates with the opposition,

By discussion groups in educational, religious and social circles,

By reaching foreign speaking groups,

By use of the radio and motion picture,

By cooperation with Home Mission Boards and other bodies

By booths at county fairs,

By the use of every legitimate means made possible by the League resources, that will make known the truth and the arguments about the nature and effects of alcohol, the evils of the liquor traffic and the benefits of prohibition.

To these ends the assistance and the support of every friend of prohibition in the State are invoked.

—————:o:—————

LETTER FROM INDIA

—————:o:—————

In Camp, Chhapar, Nov. 29, 1928

Dear Friends:—

This is Thanksgiving Day and naturally my thots turn to friends and loved ones in America. I think America has a great deal to thank God for this Thanksgiving Day. For the many prayers that have gone up to God from the churches and individuals, yes, and from those of us who are so far away and yet are keenly interested in all these matters in our homeland, have been answered, and Prohibition has once again conquered. Thank God for that!

This is our third Camp this year and we move again next Saturday. We are certainly kept busy; our mornings are very

busy with patients. Our hospital or dispensary is God's out of doors and, if you should fly over us in an airship someday, you would see a crowd of men and women and children in front of our medicine tent, each awaiting their turn. You would also see several ox carts, for patients come from other villages, sometimes they are too sick to walk and come in an ox cart, and sometimes it is because it is a woman who is kept in pardah and then the ox cart is heavily draped over with a cloth. You would also see Dr. Taylor pulling teeth by the score. Occasionally he will perform a minor operation. If there are major operations we advise them to go to the Government hospital, because we can't take care of such cases out in the jungle. This morning Dr. Taylor was busy examining the boys of the school we have in this village, so I had all the patients myself, except some that Dr. Taylor had to take care of after he came back.

In the afternoon Dr. Taylor goes around to the villages with the preachers to preach and I take my Bible women into the zenanas. We have been having very good meetings indeed.

Dr. Taylor also has an evening meeting, so you see our days are very full.

You will be interested to know that Charles Matthew, whom we have sent to Seminary in Saharanpur has passed his half yearly examination in good shape. He is taking the English course, and as there are just 3 in the English class he is getting very good work, we think. We personally know the missionaries who are teaching him and know they are very good. We are very glad about Charles, for we feared he might not get on with the English as we thought he was not well enough educated in English to undertake it but the missionary in charge is very well pleased with him and his work, and we hope he can keep on with the English course for the books in the English language are better than the vernacular. Next year we hope to send another very earnest young man to Seminary. Please pray for these young men, that they may grow in grace and that they may be thoroughly consecrated to the Master's service and that someday they may feel the great joy of preaching the Word to many who

shall be brot to the foot of the Cross.

We have a new man in Hardwar. You know how we have been praying that God would send us a man who would be able to carry the work of this place, which you know is the seat of Hinduism. We have now a man whom we have for a long time been longing to get but hardly dared hope for, for he belonged to the Methodists and was pastor of a big city church. But Dr. Taylor has called him from time to time to do special preaching to Non-Christians and he was so able to handle these meetings.

While he can handle a debate in a marvelous way, he always makes it a point to bring the Gospel Message out in a very clear way. Well, this summer he wrote to Dr. Taylor about wanting to get out and do non-Christian work and Dr. Taylor advised him to do so and if he thot the place they had called him to was a Call, to go ahead, but we also reminded him that Hardwar was open and were also looking for a man of his type. More correspondence followed and the result was he has left his City Church and has taken up the work in Hardwar the first of November. Please pray that the Power of God may be felt in Hardwar. He feels that this has been a special Call to him and we feel that his coming to us is an answer to our prayers.

Dr. Taylor was not at all well last Spring. He had a cough and fever that he could not seem to throw off. But immediately the Saharanpur Convention was over, he went to the hills for a month and it built him up wonderfully and I am glad to say he is quite alright now and carrying heavy work again.

Our children are all well. The three little ones are with us in Camp and I try to keep them up in their lessons, but with all my other work, I confess I make a mess at school teaching. The boys are in Landour in Boarding School but will be with us the 8th of December. Their vacation is from that time till the middle of March.

Please pray for us that we may be given the strength from day to day to do the work we see is so needy and the work we love to do.

Wishing you all a Blessed New Year,
Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor

AN EARLY EXPERIENCE



By John Crawford Mackey, D. D.

In my youth I often wondered at the conduct of men generally along the line of Spiritual words and works, and found most men, whom I was apt to call irreligious that is, even if they attended the church services, they would lie, swear, cheat, and the like. Not all of course.

While I was trying to compose this situation with my own ideals, in a christian way, it occurred to me to turn the searchlight of truth on my own life and found, while I would not lie, swear or steal, there were other things might be equally bad in the sight of God. Then I began to take an inventory of my own character; and, after I suppose half way through, I said to myself: you had better fix up your own house before bothering about others.

I found that in me these was too small trust in God, an inadequate knowledge of God, only a formal Love of our Lord Jesus Christ, and what obedience there was to the Gospel came by restraint that made me unhappy. And the strange thing about it all was, I actually thought I was on the right way. This happened years ago.

Now the questions I had to settle were between God and myself. But how might I do such a stupendous a work?

Well, I soon began to know that I must persist in believing. But what was I to believe? It was not very long before I knew I was to assemble the facts of the Gospel, giving up my own opinions, if necessary and reach definite conclusions as to God, Christ and the Holy Spirit, the last thing I had ever thought of doing— taking all for granted, and work day and night on this basis.

Now, God is my Father in truest sense, Jesus Christ is my Saviour in a way I never dreamed before. His incarnation, Death, Resurrection and Ascension became unshaken in my experience, and the Holy Spirit very real in all my life.

How did it come about? Just by determining to believe the facts of our Holy Christianity.

To be sure it was a struggle, but it was the only way—simply, I might say, stubbornly holding on. You may say how can I find the facts of Christianity that I may believe? This surely is a real question and ought not to be set aside carelessly.

Begin with the inspiration of the Scriptures. How does it come that all our progress is firmly assured? By the mind of man? No. Away back in the ages past it is said "The morning stars sang together." Thousands of years afterwards we discovered that the air is full of music and we now have the Radio, that marvelous invention gathering these sounds and transmitting them to our ears. The origin of light was disputed, but there came the spectroscope to prove Genesis was accurate. Job spake of "the sweet influence of the Pleiades," and David sang of "the light speaking." They were actually teaching away back in past ages some of the later and profound facts and discoveries of the science of optics and astronomy. To the great Book gaining the victory over unbelief and I was satisfied.

"Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—Amen.

—————:o:—————

LETTER FROM REPUBLICAN CITY

—————:o:—————

The W. M. S. met January 2, at the home of Mrs. Russell Stevenson.

As the weather was bad and so many people had the flu there was a small attendance. A nice supper was served at five o'clock and there were six visitors present.

At 2:30 the meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Lyde Chestnut, and Mrs. A. A. Shaw had charge of the lesson.

On the eve of December 14, the "Four Leaf Clover" class of which Mrs. A. A. Shaw is the teacher gave a Kentucky Mission Social at the manse. A delightful program was given by an orchestra from Clay Center. After the program games were played and this was followed by refreshments consisting of ginger bread, baked apples, whipped cream and coffee.

A free will offering was taken which amounted to \$40. and this was sent to the mission in Kentucky. Miss Gladys Benson was a member of this class.

Owing to the bad weather and sickness among so many of our people our prayer meeting has been postponed several times. We are hoping we will soon be able to have our prayer meeting on schedule again.

For the last week we have been having very cold weather. About six inches of snow fell which drifted very badly and made the roads almost impassible.

Mrs. Nevin Chestnut returned two weeks ago from Illinois where she had been for some time visiting relatives.

December 6, 1928

Our last prayer meeting was held at the P. M. Borland home Miss Elizabeth Borland, Leader. The topic which was taken from the Advocate was "The Christians duty as a Voter." It was a very interesting meeting.

Our W. M. S. held a Food Sale in Clay Center, November 10 \$16.10 was taken in.

Our Annual program and cafeteria supper was given Nov. 23, a splendid program had been arranged by the Social Committee and a large crowd was present. A chorus composed of ten voices gave several selections and music was furnished by the Chesnuts, boys.

Thanksgiving Union Services, were held at the First Baptist church in Clay Center. Dr. Benson was chosen to deliver the sermon. A very large crowd was present.

The December meeting of the W. M. S. was held Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Shaw, Mrs. Mina Chestnut had charge of the lesson.

On November 20, the members of Republican City congregation assembled at the Manse to help Dr. and Mrs. Benson celebrate the 24th anniversary of their coming to Clay Center. At noon a cafeteria dinner was served. The afternoon was spent with Readings, Music, and conversation. In the evening another crowd gathered and were entertained with music and

games. At a late hour refreshments were served. The congregation takes this way of showing their appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Benson for their untiring efforts in behalf of the congregation.

Mrs. Mary Foote one of our most faithful members has gone west to spend the winter with her sons.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. White, Mrs. Margaret Curry and Bill White entertained with a Thanksgiving dinner at the Whitehome yesterday. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Chestnut and family of Denver, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Orlie Pearson of Superior, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reboul and son Jack of Belleville, Mrs. Roy Wynn of Topeka, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Chestnut, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chestnut and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Borland and family, Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Benson and son Wallace, Mrs. Georgia Borland and Miss Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chestnut, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Borland, Russell and Miss Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Chestnut, Mrs. John Chestnut, Tom, Whylie and Stanley, Nevin Chestnut and son Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Christenson and family, Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Chestnut and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Borland.

————— :o: —————
CEDARVILLE COLLEGE

————— :o: —————

The closing days of the first semester are at hand. The students are getting ready for final examination. Four of the Faculty were stricken with the influenza, as also were some of the students, but are nicely recovered.

The College has received Miss Arbuckle's legacy of \$25,000 and has been notified of the legacy of Miss Harriet Ritchie which will amount to \$5,000 or \$6,000.

The Committee appointed by the Synod of Ohio, Presbyterian Church U. S. A. visited Cedarville College recently and reported to the Committee of Christian Education of the Synod of Ohio at Columbus Jan. 3rd. This last Committee definitely and decisively resolved: "that on account of the heavy financial obligations resting upon the Synod of Ohio, especially in regard to

the college at Wooster, the Committee could not find itself ready to receive Cedarville College." Cedarville College will continue to do its work and will reach out wherever it can to receive aid and increase in strength and influence.

Yours sincerely,
W. R. McCHESNEY

—:o:—

OUR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

—:o:—

Our Theological Seminary began its present session Sept. 17, 1928 and has continued up to the present with seven students in attendance. There are three professors teaching in the seminary; Rev. C. M. Ritchie, D. D. who was born and reared in our church, and who received his theological training in our Philadelphia seminary, was chosen to succeed Rev. S. M. Ingmire and is teaching Homiletics and Comparative Religion. The young men in the Seminary are preparing for final examinations of the first semester; they have been faithful in attendance and diligent in their studies.

Yours sincerely,
W. R. McCHESNEY

—:o:—

LETTER FROM KENTUCKY

—:o:—

Houston, Ky., Jan. 9, 1929

Dear Friends:

The holiday season is over and everyone is back to his or her work. We had a very enjoyable time during the entire season. Our school exercises were well attended. We had only two days vacation, but the young folks here who had been away to school came in to see us during the evenings and made us feel that we were having vacation, too.

Hugh and Rufus Deaton and Clayborne Campbell former students of Houston Academy spent apart of their vacation with us. They are now attending high school at Buckhorn.

About ten days ago the flu epidemic broke out in the school

and community and since that, whole families have been sick at once. It isn't nearly as bad, or as hard on them as it was in 1918. For about a week our attendance decreased 50%, but this week it is much better. Some of the dormitory family have been sick. Mrs. Campbell, our matron and Mary Turner, the primary teacher had the worst cases.

Mr. Henly Mc Intosh's family have had it pretty hard. It seemed worse because the family was all sick at once. Mrs. Alice Turner is still quite sick with it and we have just received word that "aunt" Polly Turner died at noon today. She took pneumonia with the flu.

Our family now numbers twenty. I had a request last evening for rooms for nine more. We cannot accommodate all these; However without putting three in some of the beds. Some of the beds are poor and I don't feel it would be right. I have planned to take twenty-seven. I feel sorry to have to turn any away. We shall need another dormitory, a high school, a church building and a minister. I trust before a great while we can have these. This is a needy field. It makes us happy to have all these boys and girls to work with and for, and we ask for your prayers that we may be able to prove a blessing to them.

Those who know Mr. and Mrs. Chester Turner will be interested to learn that they have a little girl, whom they have named Zenia Lois. If she had come a few hours sooner she would have been a Christmas gift.

We appreciated the Christmas boxes sent for the children by Sparta and Cedarville Congregations, and also from Miss Susan J. Cunningham, Richmond, Kan. We would not have had enough, but Mrs. S. A. Benson of Clay Center, Kan. sent money to be used for that purpose. We are certainly thankful for everything sent and assure you that we try to use wisdom and judgement in disposing of it. Other gifts received since our last writing are: a box from the Bethel Congregation of Richmond, Kansas, which makes \$100 given by that Congregation this year, \$39 from Clay Center Congregation and \$10 from Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rae, Stafford, Kansas. The "Four Leaf clover" Class of

the Clay Center Congregation put on a social and asked everyone to contribute and the result was the \$39 from the Congregation for the mission. We have also received \$25 from the Women's Missionary Society of the Pittsburg Congregation for repairs.

We need at least two more scholarships to make our budget meet our needs. We are trusting that some one will send these before the close of school. We also need money to buy new batteries for our Delco. The batteries we have now were bought second hand. They have lasted well, but are getting very poor now. The man who cleaned the engine last summer told me we should have them right away if we wanted to save the engine. Poor batteries necessitate running the engine more. Our engine has only been used three years. I expected to get batteries sooner, but when I discovered the kitchen and the school house had to be covered the money had to be used for that. The batteries will cost \$220.

May the blessing of Our Heavenly Father rest upon all of you throughout the year. We ask for your continued prayers in the interest of the work here.

Sincerely yours,

Calla B. Turner

—:o:—

Few Chinese Women in the U. S.

—:o:—

A great deal of the missionary work for Chinese in the United States has overlooked their social segregation and practical celibacy as obstacles to the work. This statement is quoted from an editorial in **The Congregationalist**, which goes on to say: "Of the Chinese immigrant in continental United States, there are sixteen men to every woman, according to the last census. The proportion of men to women was very much larger in the earlier years of Chinese immigration. The inadequacy of Christian work among the Chinese in the United States is partly explained by this abnormal social condition. Strong Chinese churches have been built up only where there was a normal family life.

And the children of Chinese families in America provide the greatest promise and the greatest opportunity. The hope of Christian Americanization for the Chinese communities is in the American-born Chinese. Nearly one third of the Chinese listed by the census are American citizens by right of birth. In San Francisco, there is a Chinese chapter of the Native Sons. These Chinese Americans are not, however, free from the social and economic restrictions imposed upon their parents. The Chinese young men suffer a special hardship in not being permitted to seek wives from China."

Religious Conditions in Europe

The condition of religious minorities in several parts of Europe is still grave, according to a report made at the July meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America by Dr. Charles S. Macfarland, General Secretary of the Council. The report is based upon an extended itinerary this spring and early summer, which included most of the countries on the Continent of Europe, except Russia.

"Violent attacks on minority groups seem to have ceased," Dr. Macfarland reports, "except the anti-Semitic outbreaks. The most difficult situation appears still to be in Roumania. The Lutherans are declared to be unable to supply their pastorates because only those of Roumanian nationality are allowed to serve and Roumanian citizenship is hard to acquire. The law limiting the existence of minority churches to those of a certain size deprives many small communities of any church life. The repression of their school still continues. One main school, legally restored to the Reformed Church three years ago, is still held back."

"Although the new Law of Cults has been passed," the report explains, "it is not yet in operation. It does not apply with equality, gives preference to the Orthodox Church and allows too much state interference in religion." Summarizing the situation as a whole, it is described as "implicit in the whole political problem, in which it is to be hoped the League of Nations

may have increasing influence. The stupidity of conquering nations in their attitude toward alien minority subjects is a sad fact of history and is being repeated."—**The Christian Intelligencer.**

Mexican Friendship Project

In furtherance of the Friendship School Bag project, Mrs. Jeannette W. Emrich went to Mexico to represent the Committee on World Friendship Among Children at the public presentation of the Bags on Mexico's Independence Day, September 16th. Dr. Moises Saenz, Assistant Secretary of Education, reports great interest among adults as well as children of Mexico in anticipation of the distribution of the Bags. Dr. Saenz reports the formation of a Mexican Committee on World Friendship among Children, under whose auspices the distribution of the Bags will take place throughout the country. On this Committee are two representatives of the Department of Education, one for the University Women, one for the Association of Catholic Schools, one for the Federation of Christian Workers, one for the Journalists' Union, and one from the Parents and Teachers Association.

It is estimated that there will be between 25,000 and 26,000 Bags to be distributed among 15,000 primary schools, having 1,250,000 pupils.

:o:

IS JESUS COMING NEAR?

:o:

By Milton C. Wilcox

Nearly seven centuries before Christ, the call out of Seir was heard: "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come." Isa. 21:11,12 The world, with the sixty centuries of its long, long night of sin and sorrow and woe, has been longing, hoping, for the better day. The morning is about to break—the morning of God's everlasting day, undimmed by the clouds of sin and death. God's

plea is still fresh and strong to all needy ones of earth, as to Edom of old, "Return, come." As Jesus said it at His first advent, so should His heralds cry it at His second: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:5.

It is true that the hope of God's pilgrims of all ages is about to meet its glad fruition in coming of Christ the King? Listen to God's witnesses:

—:o:—

Twelve great lines of Prophecy

are given us in God's inspired Book, twelve great, divine time-tables of earth's schedule through this night of sin. These time schedules began, some of them centuries before Christ, some of them after the first advent, all differing in scope and covering different phases of earth's onward march, but all focusing on this "time of the end," and concertedly testifying that the earth-journey is near its end, that the kingdoms of this world are soon to pass away, and that the everlasting kingdom of Jesus Christ is about to be ushered in.

Four of these great time-tables are found in the book of Daniel, chapters 2, 7, 8 and 9, and 11 and 12. Seven are found in the Revelation, chapters 2 and 3, 4 to 8:1, 8:2 to 10, 11, 12, 13, and 17. One is found in Matthew 24, and repeated in Mark 13 and Luke 21. Trace them all through, one index finger on the prophecy, the other on history, and they tally; the time-tables are found to be correct. All proclaim that the kingdom of God is at hand. The last signal lights are in sight.

The closing time for which the ages have waited is with us. It has been with us for a generation, marked off definitely by at least seven different statements and references. These are: (1) "The time of the end," not a point, but a period. (Dan. 8:14, 17, 19; 12:4, 9.) (2) "The cleansing of the sanctuary," the closing work of Jesus as our great High Priest. (Dan. 8:14; Heb. 9:23, 24.) (3) "The hour of His Judgement," involving every case in unchangeable, eternal decision. (Rev. 14:7; Eccl. 3:17; Rom. 14:10, 12.) (4) The finishing of "the mystery of God."

the ending of the day of salvation offered us in the gospel of God's dear Son. (Rev. 10:7; Eph. 1:9, 10; Rom. 1:16, 17; 1 Tim. 3:16.) (5) The days of the voice of the seventh trumpet, when the angel is "about to sound." (Rev. 10:7; 11:15.) (6) "This generation" in which God finishes His closing work. (Matt. 24: 29-34.) It shall not pass till all is fulfilled. (7) The giving of God's last threefold message to the whole world. (Rev. 14: 6-12.) (8) The last watch of the night, when God delivers His people. (Matt. 24:14; Rev.6:14-17.)

"THERE SHALL BE SIGNS"

said Jesus in reply to the question of His disciples. (Matt. 24:3; Luke 21:25.) These signs are hung out everywhere, in earth, sea, sky, and seen in the moral, social, political and religious world. Space will not permit a detailed description or the quoting of proof texts. We need only to name these omens and precursors of His coming to call them to the minds of our readers. Mark these: God permits His warning judgements, manifest in storm and tempest, in cyclone and tornado, in tidal wave and earthquake, to visit the earth in increasing frequency in this generation. Through the intervals between these calamities stretch great processions dying of famine and pestilence. Men are striving for world peace as never before, yet never before were war preparations rushing on as at present.

NEVER BEFORE SINCE THE DELUGE

were iniquity, lawlessness, crime, and sin of every form manifest as they are now, even among people who know, and many of whom profess Christianity.

"This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come," we read in 2 Tim. 3: 1-5. Evil men and seducers wax worse and worse; there are great apostasies in religion, because of abounding iniquity; on every hand are seen enormous wealth and corresponding poverty; intemperance, vice, and social evils are widespread; so much so that the days of Noah and Lot are again with us.

FORGETTING GOD AND HIS LAW

Men are teaching the first recorded double lie of the devil. "Ye shall not surely die; — ye shall be as gods," and therefore the Book is set aside, and in its place are put man's hypotheses, — often confessedly mere conjectures, as in the teaching of evolution and other uncertain sciences,— until in the minds of the multitudes man, who was created in the image of God, is degraded to the level of the beasts of the earth.

A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE

Of the costs of the harm done agriculturists by insect pests is between one and two billion dollars annually. Read Joel 1:2.

In the face of all these evidences of imminent coming of Jesus, many men have no moral standards, having set aside the law of God—God's divine standard of righteousness. Scoffers abound, saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?" thus fulfilling another very definite prophecy of the Word. (See 2 Peter 3:3-7)

The message is, "Return ye, come." Repent, believe, come to God, the Living One. Come to His word, which is winning marvelous victories in the darkest regions of the world. Confess and repent, whether you feel like it or not. Pray God for a conscience quick, sensitive, responsive to His voice. By the help of Christ Jesus, the mighty Saviour, the soon-coming King, live the true life, the pure life, the positive life. Demonstrate to all the world that, above all the calculations and theories and hypotheses of men, Christ Jesus can recreate, remake, and rebuild to the glory of His grace every fallen human being who will yield to Him.

All the predictions of His word echo and re-echo as never before throughout the earth, telling humanity that Jesus is coming soon. How shall that great day meet you,—as the night of eternal death, or as the breaking of eternal day with its life and glory and joy in the kingdom of Christ Jesus, your Friend and Saviour?

Mountain View, California.

NOTICE: All matter for Publication in the Advocate should be in the Publisher's hands not later than the 15th of the Month. We aim to have the Advocate ready to mail during the first week of each month.
Publisher.

OH. SEND US LIGHT!

—:o:—

By Pearl Waggoner Howard

Multitudes in Christless darkness,
Millions in the deepest night,
Crave with hunger something better,
And from superstition's fetter
Seek relief and long for hope;
Yet they still in blindness grope.
Loud they plead their soul-sick need:
"Oh, send us light!"

Long they call, but while we tarry
Thousands perish in the night,
Vanquished by the loads they're bearing
And the weight of their despairing,
Waiting light that never came.
Who, oh, who will be to blame?
Can our ear refuse to hear,
"Oh, send us light"?

Ye whose souls are Christ-illuminated,
Share this wondrous gospel light!
Send it out till every mourner
In earth's dark, remotest corner
Shall have seen the Day Star rise
In the erstwhile blackened skies.
Naught but light can scatter night,
And the Bible is the light.
"Oh, send us light!"

Guatemala City, C. A.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

—:o:—

The following have paid \$1. each for the Advocate unless otherwise indicated.

Wm. Dunn, Clay Center, Kan. Mrs. S. K. Rife, Anthony Kan. Susan Cunningham, Greeley Kan Mrs. S. J. McMillan, St Louis Mo. Matilda McCollum, Xenia O J. S. Steuart, Mrs. Jessie Robb, Mrs John White. Coulterville Ill. Miss Nannie McMillan, Sparta Ill. M. E. Rhodes, Linnie Long, Beaver Falls. Pa, Mrs. Wm. Sawyer, Darlington Pa. Amy B. Young, Enon Valley Pa. May Shuster, Mrs. Fred Jurkat, \$3. New Galilee Pa. W. H. Creswell, \$2. S. M. Murdock, \$3 Cedarville, O, Rev. S M. Ramsey, Sierra Madre Cal. Mrs. Bessie Wilson, \$2, Pittsburg Pa. Sarah Hay, Samuel Sinclair, W, S. Boice, \$2. James McAallister Phila Pa.

—:o:—

It would help the publisher a great deal if those in arrears would send in the amount due this month. Statements are being sent out and we ask a prompt reply. We have bills to pay that can easily be paid if all will pay what they owe us. Please send it in promptly.

—:o:—

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

—:o:—

February 3, 1929

Topic: "The Challenge of Christ to Youth of the World. Matt. 10: 16-42. (Christian Endeavor Day.)

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Christ sends us forth not into a life of ease but into one of danger at times. Missionaries often take their lives in their hands (v.16).

Christ challenges us to keep contact with heaven. Only in this way can God speak to us (vs.19, 20).

Christ challenges us to take a stand for principal. We must follow the truth wherever it leads, in spite of all opposition (v.21).

Christ challenges us to whole-hearted service, fearing nothing, daring the impossible. Think of Paul or Livingstone (v.28).

Christ challenges us to decide what kind of life we want to live, an easy or a useful one. We stand at the parting of ways.

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

- 1 What is the biggest challenge to youth today?
2. How can we arouse youth to interest in Christ's challenge?
- 3 What is Christ's challenge to you?

February 10, 1929

Topic—"Jesus Teaching Us to Strive. Matt. 20: 20-28.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

In Christian service it is the spirit of it that counts. Pride makes true service impossible (v.26).

Service in the view of Jesus consists in the giving of life. It is not merely giving things or doing things, it is giving vitality, time, life itself (v.28).

Jesus taught His disciples to serve by serving them and serving others in their presence. Acts speak louder than words.

Healing the sick was part of Christ's service as it is of ours. Whatever alleviates pain and distress is divine service and acceptable to God.

Jesus taught His disciples how to teach, for teaching is a tremendous service. To give sight to mental blindness or ignorance is a wonderful boon.

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. What service is most needed today?
2. Where and when shall we begin to serve?
3. What are the rewards of service?

February 17, 1929

Topic—"How Much Should We Strive for Material Things? Luke 12: 13-31.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

This incident shows Jesus' estimate of spiritual as compared with material things. Material things are necessary, but spiritual things are more important (vs. 13, 14).

Too much attention paid to material things easily leads to covetousness. God means each one in this world to have his own, but not to grab the other fellow's share (v. 15).

Life is not for the accumulation of things, but the development of character. On this point the world is all awry and needs to turn around and be converted (v.15).

It is right to enjoy life, but not to the exclusion of forming character. To be rich toward God is the one thing needful (v. 21).

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. What use should we make of material things?
2. How may we know when to stop striving?
3. What is the stewardship of material things?

February 24, 1929

Topic—"Why Is Christianity the Only Adequate Religion? Acts 4:8-12; John 3:16.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Christianity satisfies because it fills us with the spirit, with heaven itself, with power to live the Christ life (v.8).

Christianity is the only religion that has a personal Saviour. It is more than a doctrine, it is trust in a person (v. 10).

Christianity offers not merely paradise, but salvation—release from power of sin now. It offers forgiveness, joy, health, wholeness (v.12).

Christianity is the only religion that sets up God Himself as a model to be followed. "Be ye perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect" The meaning is to be perfect in loving.

Christ's ideals as revealed in the Sermon on the Mount appeal to the moral sense of mankind. They are ultimate practical truth. No other religion makes such an appeal.

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. What is the greatest feature of Christianity?
2. How does the teaching about the love of God raise Christianity above other religions?
3. Why should we respect the good in other religions?

March 3, 1929

Topic—"Recruiting for Christ. Matt. 9:35-38. (Consecration meeting.)

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

"Jesus went about." The recruiting officer must go where recruits may be found (v.35).

Jesus' way to recruit was to teach, preach, explain, heal. He was a conversational evangelist (v 35).

Jesus had a passion for souls. His greatest joy was to help people to understand God. Read John 4:32,34.

Youth can be recruited for Christ far easier than age. The young mind is not yet set. It is open to ideas, to conviction. Youth wants to be won if the challenge is big enough.

Begin recruiting within your own circle. Try to win people you know, in your home, in your work, in your community. That means, of course, that you live Christ first.

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

1. What should we ask the recruit to do?
2. How long should we try to win a given person?
3. What is the reward of soul-winning?

Cedarville College,

CEDARVILLE, OHIO.

Prepares young people for definite Christian service. Located in the northern part of the beautiful and healthy Miami valley. Co-educational. Character building. Christian school of the highest type. Sound, safe, strong. New science hall. New Gymnasium. Modern preparatory and collegiate departments. Classical. Scientific. Music. Educational. Agricultural and Physical Educational courses.

Degrees A. B., B. S., and B. D. Expenses very low.

The second Semester of the Current Year opens February 4, 1929

The First Semester of next Year opens September 11, 1929

W. R. McChesney, Ph. D., D. D., President

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

CEDARVILLE, OHIO.

Our Seminary was established in 1807. It has a full faculty and modern courses. Regular seminary course of three years, leading to a diploma.

Students in the Seminary may take courses in the college under the supervision of the faculty. They have the privilege of the large college library and the college laboratories.

Young men of our own church are asked to consider the Gospel ministry.

Open to students of all churches.

For further particulars write to

Rev. W. R. McChesney, Ph. D., D. D., Dean