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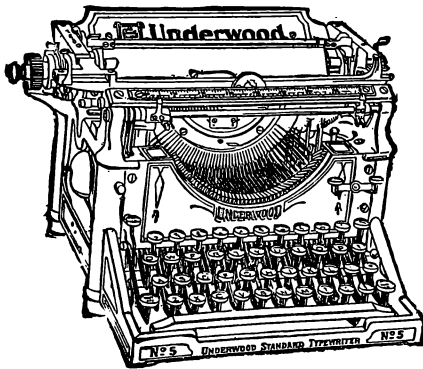
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... EDITORIAL ...

O. E. BRYAN. Editor

GETTING READY FOR THE SPRING DRIVE.

O. E. Bryan.

Strenuous preparations are being made throughout our country for the great Spring Drive along the battle front in Europe. All of us are intensely anxious as to the outcome of this military campaign.

There is another campaign that concerns all loyal Baptists. It is the Spring drive for Home and Foreign Missions. We will have three distinct campaigns in Kentucky this coming Spring. Bethel College is arranging for a special campaign. Home and Foreign Missions must have their regular place and the Louisville Sanitarium will come in for special emphasis the first of May. With these three great interests before us now and with our Budget Debt, Kentucky Baptists are facing responsibilities larger than they have ever faced before. We must not do less for the military campaign of our nation, but we must do more for our denominational work. The Lord has greatly blessed the Baptists of Kentucky in material wealth. One dollar is worth just half as much as it was two years ago. We will have to give twice as much this year as we did two years ago to maintain the same standards of sacrifice. Indeed, our task would be no sacrifice if Kentucky Baptists would take the obligation to heart and move forward in a solid phalanx to do these great things.

Let us spend much time in prayer while we set new standards of giving throughout this entire State in this hour of the world's emergency.

Budget Churches everywhere are responding nobly. Our receipts have been as good or better than in any previous year up

to this time, yet money coming from the regular Budget Churches is not enough to meet our general needs.

We are confidently expecting a great year in the Master's service. We believe that Kentucky is going to show to the world this year that she is both willing and able to take care of her denominational affairs.

All money should be sent to the State Board of Missions, 205 East Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky.

OWENSBORO MASS MEETING.

J. W. Beagle.

January 30th we had a Mass Meeting and a Conference Dinner at the Third Church, Owensboro, Ky.

It was the beginning of big things in Daviess County Association. It was the beginning of the Enlistment Campaign to go out and "over the top" of their apportionment and that far on the Budget Debt. The brethren were there ready for a big program, and hailed it with delight.

We had to start big. God had men prepared and five hundred dollars led the way with \$300, \$200, \$100, \$50 and \$25 following for the Kentucky Budget and Debt. Pastor Sam P. Martin went right up on the mountain top and his people followed to hold up his hands.

The entire Association caught the vision. Pastors were eager for the fray, ready to lead their people to victory.

The big follow-up campaign is on from Church to Church and the Every-member Canvass is the order of the day. Our motto is: "Enlist Every Baptist in All the Work of Our Lord."

Every loyal Kentucky Baptist should make a contribution to our Budget Debt within the next few weeks. If this was out of the way, we could move on with the greatest program we have ever had.

ENLISTMENT MEETING OF DAVIESS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Sam P. Martin.

The Executive Board of Daviess County Association, realizing the tremendous problems before the Baptists of Kentucky, after earnest prayer and consideration, unanimously decided to make an earnest effort to enlist the entire membership of the whole association. To this end a committee was appointed consisting of three brethren residing in the City of Owensboro who, together with an Advisory Committee, located in different sections of the field, after careful consideration, mature deliberation and much earnest prayer, devised the following plan:

Rev. J. W. Beagle was secured from the State Board to lead in our campaign of Enlistment. A Conference Dinner and Mass Meeting was planned, to be composed of all pastors and as many laymen as could be induced to attend. The meeting was held with the Third Baptist Church, of Owensboro, January 30, 1918. Circular letters, postal cards and printed programs were sent to pastors and laymen previous to the meeting. Notwithstanding the exceedingly inclement weather and almost impassable roads which made it practically impossible for the out-of-town members to attend, yet the meeting was well attended. It was evident that those in attendance were there on the King's business.

The church, through her good women, prepared and served a splendid dinner. The program was carried out to the letter with additional brief talks by the brethren as the Holy Spirit directed. Brother J. W. Beagle was at his best when he laid on our hearts the needs, the opportunities and personal obligations. The spirit of the occasion gripped the hearts of all present.

With great enthusiasm the Conference unanimously decided to contribute the amount that had been asked of our Association by the State Board, and more than that amount, and that contributions in excess of the apportionment be applied to the liquidation of the Budget debt. The sums of money voluntarily offered for this work by a number of brethren present were a surprise and an inspiration to us all. Among the subscriptions for organized work in the state were one for \$500, one for \$300,

two for \$200, and many who are less able but equally liberal responded with amounts ranging from \$100 down to \$5.

We believe one of the speakers on the program spoke prophetically when he said that this is "the Birthday" of a new day of Baptist response to the Master's call. We confidently expect our contribution to the debt will be as much or more than our apportionment. We commend to the Executive Boards of Kentucky the prayerful consideration of the above plan which has the following outstanding features:

First—Far reaching in its inspirational work, as it brings together the Association- al workers.

Second—Discovers and brings out big laymen for their organized denominational work.

Third—Sends out to the various churches a new enthusiasm among their leaders.

Fourth—It touches the depths of the deepest springs of the spiritual nature, and brings the personal life into the closest fellowship with the Holy Spirit. This was clearly evident when a discussion of the Old Time Religion brought us to flood-tide of spirituality.

Deep interest was manifested when the Budget debt was being discussed. We believe the above plan affords a sure and speedy way by which the entire debt can be liquidated without in any way interfering with special campaigns now before us, but thereby clear the way, insuring the largest possible success for those campaigns.

To the surprise and delight of all those in attendance, Secretary O. E. Bryan came in during the meeting, and while he did not take part in the discussion, he added greatly to the enjoyment and spirituality of the meeting by his excellent sermon on, Old Time Religion.

"OLD 46."

When the snow had covered the earth, obliterated the roads and blocked the streets; and winds had piled the snow into mountainous drifts and filled the valley and travel, either afoot or by rail seemed impossible, I found myself thus cut off from my appointment seventy miles away. The only broken path before me led through

the Railroad shops to which the workmen had ploughed their way through the snow. By the courtesy of a friend in charge, I was permitted to pass through the shops. A number of locomotives, bright, strong and beautiful, were in the shops. I asked why they were there and was told some were there for repairs and others awaiting track conditions that would permit their use. When my train, consisting of three coaches, was drawn into the station by two engines, they left it. Later an engine larger, stronger and equipped with snow boards, backed up and was coupled to the train. The men smiled and said, "Old 46 has got to break the way." Soon we were off and ploughing through drifts. Hurling tons of snow from the track, the great, throbbing, struggling monster fought its way over the seventy miles and left a clear track for lighter engines to follow and do their accustomed work. I reached my appointment because "Old 46" could break the way.

In these strenuous days, when increasing demands of our great Baptist work in Kentucky, the multitude of calls that must be heard and answered,—the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the Liberty Loans, etc—the calls for increased production of factory and farm, the unprecedented opportunity for making money have almost overwhelmed us and all our plans for missionary work, we are snowed under. We need, and with God's help must have, some men of more than ordinary power to lead out and break the way. Oh! for a few "Old 46's," who can and will clear the way. It can be done. Are there not some of God's servants to whom He has given large means who are willing with contributions of \$1,000, \$500, or \$250 to do the work which will make it possible for other workers to follow?

Mr. Asa F. Candler, the Methodist philanthropist, of Atlanta, Ga., in giving \$1,000,000 to the new university, gives some STRONG REASONS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: "In my opinion, the education which sharpens and strengthens the mental faculties without at the same time invigorating the moral powers and INSPIRING THE RELIGIOUS LIFE is a curse rather than a blessing to men; creating dangerous ambitions and arousing selfish

passions faster than it supplies restraints upon these lawless tendencies in human nature; stimulating into activity more of the things by which men are tempted to wrong than it quickens the powers by which temptation is resisted with success.

"I AM PROFOUNDLY IMPRESSED THAT WHAT OUR COUNTRY NEEDS IS NOT MORE SECULARIZED EDUCATION, BUT MORE OF THE EDUCATION THAT IS FUNDAMENTALLY AND INTENTIONALLY RELIGIOUS. I SEE NO WAY BY WHICH SUCH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CAN BE SUPPLIED WITHOUT INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY THE CHURCHES.

"Under our political system the limitations upon the civil government in matters religious PUT SUCH EDUCATION BEYOND THE REACH OF THAT POWER. And I can not agree for a moment that the best type of religious education is that which some claim is propagated in an unwedded state, outside any and all churches, by institutions which are subject to neither civil nor ecclesiastical authority and which acknowledge no responsibility to the people whom it proposes to educate."

1829 — GEORGETOWN COLLEGE — 1918

Some Churches have voted to adopt the Budget System, yet they do not have any method of dividing the money. All goes into one treasury. The pastor and local expenses are paid first and what is left is sent to the State Board. This is not according to the Budget Ssystem. A true Budget Church divides every dollar as it comes into the church treasury. Some of the best Budget Churches give Fifty Cents to Pastor and local expenses and Fifty Cents to Missions and Benevolence out of every dollar. Fifty-fifty is the standard.

To take Mission money for local expenses is not fair to the State Budget, whose Treasurer has to advance one-twelfth of the annual Budget each month. We have heard of District Association Boards using the regular State Budget money to tide their District work over through the hard Winter months, aiming to refund the Budget money when times are good. This is not fair to the State Budget and the Treasurer who has to advance the money regularly.

Let the Treasurers of the District Boards forward every dollar in their hands at the first of each month. It is sorely needed to take care of our running obligations and our Debt. We are not sounding a low note, but we are asking for fair play.

Dr. Powell is making splendid headway in Oklahoma on the campaign for Foreign Missions.

The good ladies of the W. M. U. are getting ready for their Spring campaign. We are confidently expecting them to raise their regular apportionment and the \$7,000 they promised on the Foreign Mission Debt. It is a delight to see Kentucky women move forward.

Dear Brother Editor:

I have visited the following churches in Ohio Valley Association in the interest of our great work: First Church, Henderson, Dr. O. R. Mangum, pastor; Audubon, Henderson, Rev. Albert Halliwell, pastor; Corydon, pastorless; Uniontown, Rev. Jesse Neal, pastor; Sebree, Rev. J. H. Coleman, pastor. Rev. Franklin Hardin, Association- al Evangelist, was with me at most of these places. On account of the severe weather, some appointments were called off.

At Sebree, we made the every-member canvass with most gratifying results. One hundred dollars was added to Pastor Coleman's salary, and the increase for missions and benevolence was something over one hundred dollars over last year.

Too much cannot be said in favor of the every-member canvass. It is the easiest and best way to enlist all the members of a church in systematic giving to the Lord's work.

The pastors are giving me a cordial welcome. God bless them all.

Don Q. Smith.

NOTES FROM EVANGELIST C. D. STEVENS.

Have worked during the month of January in the Big Sandy. Was with Pastor Daves at Pikeville for a few days in Bible Institute. Had the privilege of speaking to his people a number of times on various phases of the work and of conferring with them in private about all of our work. En-

joyed very much being with Pastor Daves and his people and seeing the fine work they are doing. Besides leading the Church into larger things along all lines of development, Pastor Daves has led his people in the building of large, commodious Sunday School quarters, costing several thousand dollars.

While at Pikeville had the privilege of meeting brethren from various sections of the Big Sandy. It was a pleasure to talk with these brethren about the work and to plan with them about the future of the work. From them we learned much of the needs and conditions in this section.

Took advantage of opportunity for brief stay with Pollard, Catlettsburg and Louisa Baptist Churches. Delivered an address at each of these places on our State work. Regret that could not spend more time with Pastors Pierce and Gaugh, and see more of the good work they are doing at these places.

Spent about two weeks in revival meeting at Paintsville with Pastor Grumbles and his noble people. Suffered the last week of the meeting most intensely with a severe case of Iritis, which kept me laid up under treatment of physicians several days after the meeting closed. My eyesight has not yet fully recovered.

During the meeting, the weather was bitter cold. Snowed most every day and thermometer hovered around zero and below. Crowds, of course, were small, only a few lost people attended the meeting under these conditions, yet the meeting in its effect on the Church was one of the most satisfactory to me have conducted.

Pastor Grumbles, though new on the field, is winning the hearts and confidence of the people. The outlook for fine work is good.

Paintsville saints, though not numerous, are as noble a band of Christian workers as have found. Brethren of the LaViers, Thomas and Daniels type are not to be found every day.

We made an every-member canvass and raised a Church Budget of something over \$800, \$240 of which is for the State Budget.

Brother H. LaViers, who is Moderator of the Enterprise Association, is much interested in the Baptist State work.

This interest he manifested by pledging \$100 to the debt on our Baptist State work.

This pledge being a free will offering, was over and above his regular contributions to the denominational work. And it is to be credited to Paintsville Baptist Church. If 300 or 400 brethren or churches in Kentucky would manifest their interest in this matter as has Brother LaViers, the entire indebtedness on our State work would be eliminated, and Secretary Bryan's hands would be loosed to do much needed State work.

May the Lord of the Harvest send laborers and may he also raise up supporters for these laborers while they labor.

The outlook in the Big Sandy is very good. Should I respond to all the calls I have there, will be engaged some months. Enterprise Association has accepted its apportionment and has set about to raise it. Greenup Association has appointed an Associational Evangelist and is trying to raise his salary in that Association. Harlan County is in sore need of an Associational Pastor Evangelist. In the Big Sandy, I have found the readiest response in subscriptions for the mission journals. May others catch the spirit!

THE COUNTRY CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Jeff D. Ray.

The relation between the country church and Christian education is vital. Each has been a blessing to the other. In many ways country churches have been the beneficiaries of Christian education, but in quite as many ways has Christian education been the beneficiary of the country church.

Let us consider first how Christian education has helped the country church:

1. It has given to very many country churches a better trained ministry. While there is too much ground for the complaint that the educated preacher seems to regard his country church as a way station where he somewhat impatiently awaits a call to town, it yet remains true that at some time in its history practically every country church in Texas has been helped by the pastoral ministrations of a man who has received more or less training in our Christian schools.

2. It has given to a large number of country churches leaders in church activities who got their inspiration and equipment for aggressive church work in our Baptist schools. If our schools from Baylor to the smallest academy do not make better Christians and more active church workers of the boys and girls sent up from our churches they are failing at a fundamental point. Granting the exception of an individual case here and there the evidence is in-

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NOTES.

W. D. Powell.

The needs and opportunities for world missions are such that it challenges the best there is in us. Baptists, by enlarged gifts to Foreign Missions, must show to the world that they really intend to do something big. It will be dishonorable to beat a retreat in an hour like this. God is leading us in an unerring way—gifts to missions are insignificant compared to gifts to patriotic purposes.

We must Christianize Kentucky, but we must have a vision of bringing the world to Christ. This is a great time to lay up treasure in heaven.

The First Church, in Oklohomoma City, has reduced the debt on their house of worship from \$81,000 to \$38,000. Dr. Hulton is the aggressive pastor.

Many of the churches in the state are in debt for their new buildings.

Nobody else can do the job that God has marked out for you. Never ask Him to get some one else, nor to wait until you are through.

"Want to help for woe or weal?

Listen, Bub,
Put your shoulder to the wheel,
Not the hub."

The finding of the layman has contributed enormously to the development of our churches and the promotion of missions. Our Foreign Mission Board needs 139 new missionaries.

... SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT ...

WALTER L. BROCK, General Secretary.
PAUL POWELL, Field Secretary.
205 E. Chestnut Street, Louisville, Ky.

SERIOUS OMISSION.

At a camp meeting, where hats were used as collection baskets, the preacher said:

"Let us sing while the hats are coming in."

The pianist, after some fumbling with the pages, turned to him and said: "I can't find it."

"Beg pardon," said the preacher, not understanding.

"Why," replied the pianist, "I can't find that song, 'While the Hats are Coming in,' in my book."—Christian Herald.

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Yes, he is a busy business man during the week. Unless you knew him, you would hardly suppose that he is the manager of the best Sunday school in his association. I had gone to his office for the express purpose of finding out, if possible, the secret of his success. A clerk courteously informed me that Mr. Carney could not be seen, as he was in a conference with the heads of the departments.

That night I reached him over the phone, "I was getting my Sunday program in shape when you called just now, it takes about five or ten minutes each evening to properly run a Sunday school," he said, "besides, there is the weekly teachers' meeting, and at least once a month, a meeting of the workers council."

I ventured to ask what a workers council is? "Why, that is a meeting of the teachers and all the officers, and is as essential to the successful operation of a Bible school as it is to my manufacturing business. Neither can do the best work unless there is a good team spirit and a thorough understanding of the relation between each department."

Here, then, I had found a man who was trying to do as good business for his Master as he was for himself. A man who did

not wait till he got to church to select the hymns or decide—what to do next. This superintendent uses ten minutes each Sunday in a Bible drill taken from the Bible section of the New Normal Manual, as outlined in the Superintendent's Quarterly. He keeps in touch with his pastor, the secretary, and each teacher. His workers believe in him because he plans his work skillfully. This confidence has brought about loyalty. No teacher thinks of being absent without notifying him well in advance, so that a substitute may be appointed for the coming Sunday.

OVER HERE.

We have Sergt. O'Toole's word for it, and he is a man of honor, that new things are coming to pass in the army. Last Sunday morning, he was on a street car, speeding to Sunday School—a regular thing for the sergeant when he isn't on Sunday duty—when he noticed an officer, seated directly in front, who was busily engaged in studying his lesson from the Quarterly.

Now Sergt. O'Toole wasn't startled, because some one was studying a Sunday School lesson from a Quarterly, for even as a boy in the little Indiana town, he had seen the teachers of his Sunday School doing this self same thing. But this was an army man and an officer, so naturally he glanced across the aisle to see if any one else was beholding the spectacle. It happened that just across the aisle sat another officer, completely absorbed in reading a little khaki-bound volume which Sergt. O'Toole readily recognized as a New Testament, just like the one given him by the camp pastor and which was now in his blouse pocket.

The sight of two officers who were not ashamed to show their colors swelled his big Irish heart with the pride of belonging to His army, He who was betrayed and gave His life, His all, for humanity.

Maybe you have a boy in the army, maybe a brother, or a friend. If so, send his name and military address and we will gladly furnish him with a soldier's Quarterly, a convenient size printed especially for the boys in khaki.

More than one hundred students at the University of Rochester have enlisted in the army or navy.

A Presbyterian church at Etat, Africa, has 16,000 members who use the duplex envelope. Last year they doubled their gifts.

If we fail to take part in the conflict, we cannot expect to share in the benefits and honors of victory.

NOTICE!

We still furnish the Kentucky Mission Monthly and Home and Foreign Fields for 60 cents per year.

WHAT TO DO.

It is readily acknowledged that one of the best ways to make a nail hold is to clinch it. Also when we have a new man in the Sunday School, the best way to hold him is to give him something to do. Men who come to the Sunday School after a week of activity are not always content to take a passive part in the Bible School. We give below several suggestions for activities both on Sunday and during the week.

Home Department for trainmen.

Mission in isolated district.

Systematic search for new pupils.

Weekly trace of absentees.

Following removed members.

Sunday afternoon services in public institutions.

Giving publicity to the church and its school.

Taking religious census.

Every-member canvass.

Visiting the sick.

Mission study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U.

At the last meeting of the State Board of Missions the work of the B. Y. P. U. department was combined with that of the Sunday School. There is no reason why these two interests should not go hand in hand. If there were two secretaries, each giving his attention mainly to one of the objects, their work could be so related as

to add increased efficiency and save much expense. When visiting churches, either secretary might look after the needs of both Sunday School and Young People's Union, thus obviating the necessity of a separate trip by the other field worker.

PAUL POWELL RESIGNS.

As the Mission Monthly goes to press, we have word of the resignation of Brother Paul Powell, who leaves the Teacher Training work in this state to accept the office of Sunday School Secretary in Alabama. This new position is not only a decided compliment to Mr. Powell, but affords, at the same time, a large opportunity for service. The experience of Mr. Powell will be invaluable to him in his new field. He enters upon his duties in his office as a full-fledged Sunday School Secretary. His novitiate is a thing of the past. It has been reported on a number of occasions that Paul Powell ranked among the first of the Southern field men. His resigning will be a decided loss to Kentucky, as he has been uniformly satisfactory in his work. He had been re-elected for another year. He leaves Kentucky and Kentucky people with regret. Kentucky will watch with interest his work in Alabama, and congratulates her sister state in securing for her Sunday School Leader a man so tried and true.—Walter L. Brock.

THE SOLDIER BOYS.

While we are supporting the boys at the front and in the Training Camps with food, clothing and ammunition, we must not overlook their spiritual needs. Much has been done by way of providing them with Testaments and now our Sunday School Board has provided a pocket size quarterly lesson help to be given free distribution.

The Sunday School Department, at 205 East Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky., now has on hand a supply of these valuable pamphlets and in order that the boys from your community may have them at once, we request that names and addresses be forwarded promptly. Where possible, be sure to give military address in detail.

Let pastors and superintendents co-operate in giving the names of enlisted boys who are "on the march with the Master."

... WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT ...

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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 205 East Chestnut, Louisville, Ky.

FOR HIS GLORY.

(Written by a Training School Girl.)

"For His glory He has called us,
 Laborers with Him to be,
 Saved with wonderful salvation,
 Kept to serve Him faithfully
 For His glory!
 For His glory!
 Sing we to eternity.

"Toil we in the crowded cities,
 In the hills or on the plain,
 That the Savior in our homeland,
 Lord of Lords may rule and reign.
 For His glory!
 For His glory!
 So we labor not in vain.

"Go we into lands far distant,
 Taking light to souls in sin;
 May our shield then be before us,
 Helping victories to win.
 For His glory!
 For His glory!
 Truth and love abide within.

"Living for His glory,
 Learning Him through all our days,
 Seeing Him in every shadow,
 Finding Him in pleasant ways.
 For His glory!
 For His glory!
 Will we give Him ceaseless praise."

WE NEED

Only three months before our books close for this Convention Year, and we need for Foreign Missions, \$12,813.06 (including the extra \$7,000); for Home Missions, \$6,429.45; Sunday School Board Bible Fund, \$45.36; Training School Expense, \$81.96;

Training School Scholarship, \$8.31; and Margaret Fund, \$43.43.—(M. G.),

FIRST THINGS FIRST.

What are our first duties? In these days of urgent calls for Red Cross sewing and knitting, and the many other things for the comfort of our soldiers, and of our Allies, things necessary for their health and even life, perhaps, are we not apt to overlook some duties that are even nearer and more pressing? Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and that command comes first to the Christian. No tie of country or kindred is so binding as our loyalty to Christ, nor dare we remit our efforts to keep His commands through any earthly claims. Our missionaries have gone out in our stead, their support promised by us through our boards and conventions. They can look to none but us for food and raiment, and whatever is necessary for the upkeep of their work. Let us then meet our obligations to them first, and afterwards give of time and means for other demands. A writer from Canada, where war demands have been far greater than here, tells of sustained missionary interest, and reports of the best year yet from more than one great missionary organization, adding, "Where sacrifice and self-denial are the watchwords, there seems to be no limit to the powers of achievement."

A story is told of an old Dr. Dale, who entered church very late one day, just after the offering had been taken up. He was called on to lead in prayer, but, first he walked down the aisle, laid his offering upon a plate, and said, "Now I can pray." We are constantly urged to pray more for our missions, but think you our prayers will be heard unless we give as the Lord has prospered us for the support of His cause?

The severe weather has hindered our meeting together for missionary study and prayer, and giving. Let us make enforced home-keeping a season for more special private prayer, more study of God's Word, and of the work and needs of our missionaries. Then shall we be moved to give, generously and lovingly, putting aside our offering week by week, and teaching the

children the joy of making some sacrifice that their gifts may be larger.—E. S. B.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS—MARCH 3-9, 1918.

To the President of each society—Patriotic appeals remind us of the inestimable value of our homeland and of the dangers which assail it. To the Christian such appeals also call to mind the inestimable spiritual value of a Christian America and also the hard battles which must be fought against sin before our country can in any true sense be called Christian. To help in this spiritual warfare, the Woman's Missionary Union again plans for the observance of the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions. It is sincerely hoped that the young people will be encouraged by the W. M. S. to observe their programs and to have as abundant thank-offerings as possible. It will doubtless hearten the young people if one or more W. M. S. members attend their March meetings.

The Home Mission Board will have heavy additional expenses this year because of the new work among the soldiers. For this and other obvious reasons it is sincerely hoped that the thank-offering will be at least \$22,500, which will be a 10 per cent increase over last year's similar offering. This can easily be done if each of us will give 10 per cent more than we individually gave last March. Early in February the envelopes should be distributed and the offering should be forwarded as soon as possible after the March week. Let us remember, please, to pray daily that the offering may be at least \$22,500.

Additional helps for this program will be found in: (1) Home Mission study books, which may be purchased from the Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; (2) ROYAL SERVICE, price 35c a year from W. M. U. Literature Dept., 15 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, Md.; and (3) Home and Foreign Fields, price 50c a year from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

It is truly hoped that on or near Sunday, March 3rd, the pastors will preach on Home Missions and will commend the observance of the week by the missionary organizations of the church. The above mentioned magazines should be placed in the pastor's

hands, and if necessary some home mission book should be secured for him.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE WOMEN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Dear Comrades in Service:

It is a distinct pleasure on the part of the Home Board to be able to tell you that the blessings of God were never more largely manifested on the work of its missionaries than in the present year. As you know, our Board has the distinction among the Home Mission Boards in America of reporting each year the largest ingathering into the churches through baptisms and otherwise. This record is being maintained in the present year and, in addition, we are steadily enlarging our missionary efforts to encourage the nurturing of the converts.

Never have the needs and opportunities been so large as now. By Convention order, the Board is expending a HALF MILLION DOLLARS on its regular work, and in addition is now conducting an effort for our soldier boys in the camps that will require \$60,000 more for home missions.

Mindful of the unfailing readiness with which our women and young people respond to the needs of Home Missions, we beg to call your attention to the fact that there was never before a time when the heartiest and most prayerful effort was quite so much needed on the part of every society in the Woman's Missionary Union. Thousands of the members of your societies have sons or brothers in the army. Practically every home in the South has one of its dear ones or intimate friends in military service. We fraternally urge liberal extra offerings that the Board may be able to take care of its army camp work.

Some of the strong laymen of Kentucky have volunteered their services to help in the coming Home and Foreign Mission campaign.

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disputable that our Baptist schools make our boys and girls better Christians, stronger Baptists, and more active and efficient workers in Baptist churches.

3. Christian education has helped country churches through the teachers it has fur-

nished for rural schools. I have never tried it, but am sure the result would surprise you if at your next county teachers' institute you would ascertain how many of these teachers got their training in a denominational school. Although the denominational school is not in the business of making teachers, and although the state is in that business with many splendid institutions for that sole purpose, yet I have no doubt that a good majority of teachers who have had college training are from Christian schools. If anybody says they are as good as the best and a little better for Kingdom purposes, he will be disappointed if he thereby expects to start an argument with me.

4. But country churches have been the beneficiaries of Christian education in ideals, goals set and opportunities offered. Who can estimate the quickening along these lines that has come to our country churches from the student-getting campaigns of Burleson and Crane and Luther and from similar campaigns by their successors in all our schools year by year. In two recent campaigns, we raised more than a half-million dollars, but these campaigns were worth to us far more than their money values in the kind of assets I am now discussing. We could not have had the quickening if we had not raised the money; or shall I say that we could not have raised the money if we had not had the quickening. Doubtless there is truth in both ways of putting it, but which ever is right, it yet remains true that if we could have had the quickening without raising the money it would have been worth more than half a million dollars.

But the honors are not all on one side. The country church has made noble contributions to Christian education. (1) In supplying a student body. Many, perhaps not a majority, but certainly a large per cent of students in our Christian schools come from country churches. There is no doubt that our country people are more loyal to the denominational school in the matter of patronage than those in town. The town Baptist is more apt to give his money to the denominational school, but the country Baptist is more apt to give his boy or girl. (2) In supplying leaders. Practically all the presidents of our colleges and academies are men furnished to the college by

country churches. The same is true of the men who lead in every campaign for education, and the same, with perhaps a little less unanimity, is true of the men who are giving the money to maintain our Christian schools. (3) In supplying a stable conservation to modify, and check and, if need be, rebuke possible vagaries of lecture room or laboratory. More than once with my knowledge has incipient heresy been nipped in the bud when the professional prospective promoter of it heard from the boys in the forks of the creek.

The one sentence by way of conclusion is that if Christian education means so much to the country church, then the country church ought to give to it its loyal, hearty, sacrificial support; and if the church means so much to Christian education, then Christian education ought to cherish the country church and nourish it with its warmest and best blood.

WHO SHOULD ENTER THE MINISTRY?

By Arthur S. Phelps.

"There! that's the kind of a pastor we want!" says a member of the pulpit committee, when he reads a list of the qualifications that put a man at the front in the Christian ministry; "the men we have been hearing as candidates lack these qualifications." Do you know why you haven't found the kind of a man you are looking for? It is because he doesn't exist. The average clergyman is as far from the top of the clerical ladder as you are from the top in your business. And then, too, the salary you propose to pay would never land him. It takes money to buy books, hold a worthy place in the community, wear attractive clothes, entertain a host of company, and run a busy automobile.

1. The kind of man the Christian ministry welcomes, and whom the public likes to hear, is a man who likes the task. Not a man who is hampered by pompous professionalism, who has the idea that the world can hardly wait till he makes his first appearance on the stage, and then will look up at him in breathless adoration, and go away saying "Ah!" But the man the passion of whose life is to throw himself at the glorious work which called the Car-

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penter of Nazareth from His bench. The call of God is seated in human inclination. God doesn't resist the impulses of human nature—the things we like to do. Why should He make a man so he liked to do something, and then rise up early and send a prophet to tell him it is a sin to follow his inclinations? The horse that you have hard work to hold back by the bit is the one that goes fast when you turn him free on the road. Professionalism is the bane of prophets and apostles. Every auditor agrees with Abraham Lincoln: "I don't care for cut and dried sermons. When I hear a man preach I like to see him act as if he was fighting bumblebees."

2. The man who likes his task will go into training for it. He will go through college and the theological seminary. Preaching is as important as cooking. It is an insult to the intelligence of a modern congregation to say that a seminary-trained man "has been educated away from the people." The Bible has suffered much at the hands of its friends. The word of God is too precious to be garbled and made ridiculous by the exposition of ignorance. Ignorance is intolerant. It is arrogant. It is loquacious. Says Fielding in "Pasquin": "But know, I never will adore a priest Who wears pride's face beneath religion's mask,

And makes a pick-lock of his piety
To steal away the liberty of mankind."

3. He should be a man of good taste. Refinement and high culture are born in some men, and cultivated in others. Every man has a right to the best. Let him live and move and have his being in the ripest culture that the world knows, in music, literature, art, travel; let him light his candle at the sun. The hours one man throws away make his neighbor a scholar. Why should you sit and let the procession pass you? The man of God in manners, conversation and dress, should be the gentleman.

4. The ministry seeks men with red corpuscles in their arteries. "Manhood is the best sermon." The humanity of the servant commends the divinity of the Master. "Phillip Brooks was a saint," said his friend, "but he was so human you didn't mind it." The men in the pews are beckoning to men for their pulpits. Christianity covets for her preachers the most popular boy in the high school yard, the center-

rush on the university football team, the man on the curb whom his fellow workmen like to sit next to. Nothing is so contagious as manhood. Bishop Warren Chandler said recently at Atlanta, Ga.: "A sissy religion, represented by a sissy preacher, drives men from the church. There must be virility in religion, if the men are to be held." Manly men are most likely to be happy in the ministry—it gives them a chance. Who else would dare to face a profession in which its ministers are "idolized" at thirty, criticized at forty, ostracized at fifty, Oslerized at sixty, and canonized at seventy," and cannonaded all along the line?

5. Men with red corpuscles in their arteries will know how to laugh. Prof. Amos R. Wells says this is the first qualification to be looked for in selecting a pastor: "None of your professional te-hes that go no deeper than Adam's apple, but a laugh that lights up the eyes, and grips the very soul of him, and shakes it out in the jolly breeze of human brotherhood. The laugh that is a ticket of instant admission to every child's heart. I never knew a minister that had it and was a failure." God loves a laugh more than He does a whine. Laughter is twin brother to tears, and many a successful preacher has found his way to the heart of his congregation thus. Never laughter for laughter's sake. "It is pitiful to court a grin, when you would win a soul." But laughter for Christ's sake. The brook's chief mission is not in the noisy rippling of its waters; but many a man has found his thirsty way to its mossy brink by hearing its laughing voice singing down on the mountain side.

6. The men who will choose the ministry are the men who are too high-class for the business world. It is often said that a man who can succeed in the ministry can succeed anywhere. But there are countless men at the top of the ladder in the business world who are not large enough to touch both shoulders at the passage gate into the ministry. The zest for commercial competition which, business men tell me, is the only pleasure in the game of making money, would give a true minister ennui. There are men whose great natures no small interest can satisfy. Such men find the modern ministry a field in which the most restless ambition is never satiated. "It is the largest field for the growth of a human soul

that this world offers," says Phillips Brooks. I have met men who resisted God's call in early days, who have never been satisfied anywhere else.

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Some money comes in designated for the Debt, but not near enough.

Our General Enlistment Men are sending in some splendid reports.

A Chinese workman tore up a New Testament and papered his wall. The reading of the Bible on the wall resulted in his own conversion and that of his whole family.

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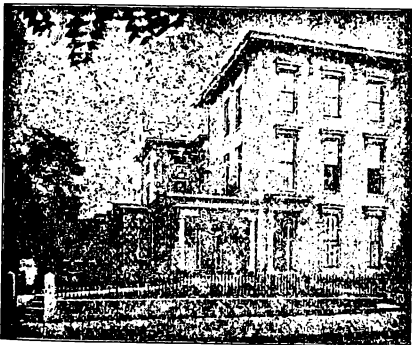


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