THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR

It is somewhat early to write such a title, for the second week of December is not yet ended, and no visible reminders of the coming holiday are visible, save in the department stores, where the whole month is devoted to the stimulation of the purchasing power of the people, judging by the crowds already thronging the floors of the great buildings. Alas, three of New York's great marts are advertising, in addition to their usual wares, the fact that they are stocked with wines and liquors for holiday consumption. What should the Christian do in such a case?

However, the fact that at present the Christian Intelligence is issued only twice a month, on the first and fifteenth day, makes this number the last for 1933, and hence any reference to the Christmas season must be included now, or else become late by holding it over to the first January number. From one point of view it might be better to minimise reference to Christmas, for to very many readers the year that is now in its last month has not been particularly exhilarating. Sorrow has come to many, and disaster has visited homes in some places. The organized work of Christ, grouped in our churches and directed by our Boards, has had a year of struggle to maintain its ongoing, and faith has been tested in many ways every day. The vision of placid prosperity in church life, so real a few years ago, has faded into a dull fog, and there has come to the majority of thinking Christians a realization that "the former things have passed away," and the future carries no possibility of any return to the hectic rush of the years just before 1929.

Apart from the causes which have reduced the income of all Christian enterprises, the political and commercial overturn in the United States, and the unrest in Europe and Asia are so grave and far-reaching as to give the deepest concern to every Christian, and the overturn of the Eighteenth Amendment this very month promises to produce a revolution in the tastes and appetites of the nation which no one cares to predict. All in all, the steady, sober-minded citizens, especially those who are trying to live after the pattern of Jesus Christ, find it rather hard to shake off the feeling of defeat which the daily papers detail with such particularity. However, it must be remembered that the main reason why these occurrences have such a powerful effect upon hearts and minds and nerves is their nearness. By and by a better perspective will show them all in due proportion, and if needed a clear judgment may be given then. Those who are living ten years hence will probably wonder why the world was so disturbed over situations which have disappeared then. In the meantime the Christians,—the followers of Jesus,—everywhere should comfort themselves and their friends with thoughts like these:

God the Father and Creator has not died during the depression. None of the laws of nature have been abrogated or repealed. Every tree in every forest bore its burden of leaves and fruit; every star in every constellation swung in its appointed course through the year; and to every man who called to Him God gave an answer, as He has always done.

Jesus Christ's words to man lost no iota of their force and necessity this last year. Their potency is just as great as they were ten or a hundred years ago, and men and women and little children the world round accepted Him as their Saviour during 1933, as gladly as ever, and are now striving to live their lives patterned after His.

The power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of men is as manifest now as ever to those who have made Him their Comforter. By the strength which He gives the heroic struggle of millions is made possible. The "Lo, I am with you always" is manifested in the way disciples everywhere hold to their faith.

The comradship manifested by neighbors, relatives, and even strangers is one of the wonders of the time. How eager some people are to help wherever a need is brought to their attention. How lavishly people have been in initiating and maintaining avenues of relief for those in dire need.

And so we look ahead to Christmas, chastened, but not utterly cast down, holding to our faith in the verity of God, and the ultimate overcoming of evil by good, accepting the chastising of the Father in the belief that it is for our good, and confidently accepting what He who loved us gives to us in the belief that He cannot fail of His purpose.

May the Christmas season find us all glad to remember the far-off birthday of the Saviour, and even in our own straits may we be willing to share with others, so that the ideal of the Gift of God may be shown to the world. May our acknowledgment of discipleship be clear-cut and genuine, and may we make no compromise with evil in any way. This is a time to be stout of heart and convinced in mind of the way in which we must walk if we desire the blessing of God. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given!"
A New Heaven and Earth

BY CHAS. EDWIN LYMAN

Stand firm, O Christian,—times are moving fast, Foundations quake, and tempests fill the sky. Lose not thy hold, nor midst it stand aghast; Dost thou not hear the Master say, "Tis I?" 'Tis in the making—a new Heaven and Earth. As in Creation, darkness we must know, The first trial—the pain—then comes the birth Of God's eternal Kingdom here below. Christian awake! and keep thine armor bright, Bear in thy hands the trophies thou hast won! Already are the eastern skies alight— Lord Jesus, it is Thou, the Rising Sun! Ah, then will vanish all our cloud of fear, As earth takes up the cry, "The Lord is here!!"

A ONE MINUTE SERMON

BY REV. M. G. GOSSELINK

XLIX. The Book of Nature

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork."
—Psalm 19:1.

We see God in the changing seasons; in the foliage; and in the history which He has carved upon the rocks and written in the layers of the soil. We hear His voice in the wind; in the thunder; yes, "Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of His waterfalls." Elizabeth Barrett Browning has poetically said, "Earth's crammed with Heaven, and every common bush afire with God."

By looking at His marvelous works and into the vast spaces of the heavens, we can read God's thoughts after Him.

Mrs. Christine Van Raalte Gilmore

BY REV. JAN KAREL VAN BAALEN

PART II.

IF it be true that one's biography begins three hundred years before one's birth, how much in Mrs. Gilmore's life is accounted for by the foregoing facts. Here's was a father who knew how to instill ideals into his children. Here's was a mother who on her deathbed confided to her husband that, as a young girl, she had asked the Lord for a husband "with whom she might not be ashamed to pray to God."

How much, for that matter, Mrs. Gilmore delighted to discuss that old story. She could tell by the hour of the early hardships, of the kindness of Indians, and she admired her illustrious father to the very end of her life. Again, she would ask about the Old Country, and desired to know all that she could learn of the scenes of that earlier history. And well she might, for she had something to be proud of. Yet her pride was never one of indolent resting upon the laurels of a departed generation. Noblesse oblige was written indelibly upon her soul. "We shall have to account for this life," one might hear her say. As Dean of Women at Hope College she has influenced many young women during a quarter of a century; as Board member or Vice President of various Women's Missionary organizations, Mrs. Edith H. Allen aptly characterized her in Golden Years in Miniature in these words, "Mrs. Gilmore had the resoluteness, force of character and resourcefulness of the pioneer, together with clear imagination, perfect poise and the capacity for instant decision when needed, also a deeply religious and devoted nature. She was notable as an organizer in the days when women's work was new and less understood. She was a wonderful platform speaker, gifted in the use of both the English and Holland languages. She was indefatigable in all Kingdom service."

Due, perhaps, to her Eastern education as a young girl, she spoke flawless English, without a suspicion of a foreign brogue; and I remember well my great surprise when, after I had heard her converse many a time in English, she suddenly began to quote her mother in the purest of Dutch.

The story of Mrs. Gilmore's many-sided and devoted activity was eloquently told by Mrs. John H. Dykstra and President Wynand Wickers, when the funeral services were conducted in Hope Memorial Chapel, on Saturday, April 15th. To them, as well as to Dr. Thomas W. Davidson, the pastor of Hope Church, the mourning relatives of Mrs. Gilmore owe a debt of gratitude for their beautiful words, so evidently proceeding from hearts filled with loving admiration of the deceased.

Yet the most marvelous feature of this long life of eighty-six years has not been told. Perhaps she herself did not often tell it in the later years. It was my privilege to hear it from her own lips once, and that in the earlier years of my ministry. Feeling quite alone in a strange land, having some difficulty in adjusting myself a second time to entirely new surroundings, I called on Mrs. Gilmore one afternoon, a somewhat blue and disappointed young bachelor minister. She was quite alone in those days, and perfectly able to take care of herself. With the ever present courtesy she invited me to supper, adding profuse apologies that she would not be able "to prepare an elaborate meal; just a few simple things, if that is satisfactory."

During the meal I started to unburden my heart, and was listened to with serene patience and grave attention. It was then I heard the words from her beloved husband, quoted also at the funeral by Mrs. Dykstra: "Father used to say, 'The empty wheat lifts itself high; remember, child, it is the wheat that feeds the hungry, which bends low and hangs its head.' So, if you expect to be a fruitful minister, you must look for trials and disappointments." She, however, added these encouraging words, "And bear in mind, too, that often the darkness is deepest just before the dawn." She then assured me that the Lord gives grace sufficient for every cross, and pointed to the fact that she had lost within the space of two weeks her husband and two children. I am convinced that such a blow would have killed the ambition of many a good Christian woman. But Mrs. Gilmore rose above her troubles in the faith and with the courage of her father and mother, and started out upon that well-nigh fifty year career of Kingdom work.

In Mrs. Gilmore's attractive living room hung the best picture of her father, Dr. Van Raalte. But in her bedroom, facing her pillow, rested upon an easel, throughout the forty-eight years of her widowhood, a life-sized portrait painted in Rembrandt's style of her beloved father, Dr. William C. Van Raalte, who was born in 1825 and died in Holland, Michigan in 1894. The portrait was painted by Rev. H. J. J. Stuyvesant, of Willets Point, New York. This portrait, which was finished two years ago, is one of the few things that Mrs. Gilmore brought with her from the Netherlands.
The Week of Prayer, 1934

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has issued the annual call for the Week of Prayer, which will be observed from January 8 to January 13. The suggested program is ready for distribution. It states:

"The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, through its Department of Evangelism, invites all our churches to join in the observance of the 'Week of Prayer.' How better can we usher in the new year than by united prayer before the Throne of Grace, that our hearts may be cleansed by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and that we may clearly discern the Truth and receive strength to fulfil the same in all our living. The topics presented are world-wide in their scope both for individual and social life. These are offered only by way of suggestion, with the hope that they may serve to quicken mind and heart to face the great problems which confront us all today.

"It is a time when the church ought to give itself supremely to prayer. Sir Oliver Lodge is authority for the statement that, 'however great may be the undiscovered forces of nature, the undiscovered forces of prayer are greater.' By prayer we gain a new sense of the immanence of God. Conscience is reborn. Duty speaks with a commanding voice and in the practice of the presence of God, we come to know Him in whom we live, and move, and have our being.

"It is a time of vast concerns. Great problems face us. We are in a crisis. But the Church has had a habit of facing crises. It was so in apostolic times, and every age since then has faced exigencies hard enough and vast enough to snap its sinews, and all but break its heart. But there is standing One before the nations, who says, 'All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth.' 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world!' He has been victorious in other ages, why not in ours? May this 'Week of Prayer' help the Church of the living God to consecrate itself to the noblest of all tasks—The following and the imitation of Christ, and the advancement of His Kingdom on earth.'

The topics suggested follow a similar sequence to those of other years. For each day there is a "Call to Prayer," with appropriate passages of Scripture for reading. Then follows suggested subjects for prayer, under the heads of "Praise and Thanksgiving," "Con- trition and Confession," "Request for Ourselves," and "Intercession for Others." The daily topics are:

- Monday, January 8, "Christ and the World's Need."
- Tuesday, January 9, "Christ and the Home."
- Wednesday, January 10, "Christ and our Economic Life."
- Thursday, January 11, "Christ and our International Life."
- Friday, January 12, "The Church of Christ."
- Saturday, January 13, "Christ and World Missions."

Copies of the program, containing all the suggested items, may be obtained from the Federal Council, 165 East 22nd Street, New York City, price 5 cents each; 25 cents a dozen; and $1.50 per hundred.

Kew Gardens Bulletin—Among the many tasteful and informing church bulletins which are sent to the Editor from time to time the one issued by the Kew Gardens Church on Long Island, N. Y., deserves commendation for its tasteful appearance. An item worth thinking about by other churches reads as follows: "Our guests are kindly requested to sign their names in the Guest Book in the vestibule of the church. An appreciation card will be sent in the Monday mail to those who give complete addresses."
East Orange Christmas Letter

(The Editor has been glad to print, for several years past, the chief points of Dr. W. Warren Giles' Christmas letter to his people of the East Orange, N. J., Church. Once again he has furnished an advance copy, and is willing that it be shared with our readers. Some of the letter relates to parochial subjects, and is, therefore, not printed, but the survey of trends and possibilities given by Dr. Giles will be appreciated by every reader.)

In all your life did you ever know a period when it was more difficult to be truthful and, at the same time, cheerful? With four years of wreckage behind us, and the Lord only knows how many years of liquidation before us, what can we say worthy of Christmas, which will not affront the intelligence of thinking men? What!

I reply, first of all, "forgetting the things which are behind," we must frankly admit that the good providence of God was never more manifest in superabundant provisions than at this hour; for not even the stupidity and maladjustments of man have diminished by aught the perennial tokens of His love. Fact!

In other words, whatever our deficits, they are not occasioned by famines, pestilences, withheld harvests, or other symptoms of supernatural displeasure. On the contrary, in spite of our very real hunger, we have been so embarrassed by an excess of wheat, cotton, cattle and hogs, that we are paying their producers to lock up their ploughs and halt their plantings. Think of it! HUNGRY! and hanging up our shovels and our hoes!

What does it mean? Simply this: while our problem today has economic aspects which are undeniable, basically it is religious. By that I mean it is the result of moral disorder. For that reason its solution will be found only under the guidance and in the fellowship of that Blessed One, who came to establish God's kingdom.

Now a word as to the great world in which we live! Can we scrutinize it, say hopeful things about and speak truthfully. We certainly can. For, in spite of all the walls, whines and whimperers of highly cultured pessimists, we are facing the light; and it is not twilight.

I know what objects obstruct that light, what shadows they cast, and what apprehensions they excite. But what of them! There are at this moment spots on the sun. But as the darkest spot on the sun is brighter than the brightest electric light you ever saw, so the most ominous situation, in our present crisis, is noontide compared with the gloom on the eve of Gettysburg. Let me make it clear.

The statisticians alarm us by reminding us that the national wealth has shrunk $115,000,000,000 since 1929. What of it? The shrinkage is all on paper. In 1929 we credited ourselves with something we never had, and in 1932 cried because we thought we had lost it. How silly!

Our leading editorial writers assure us that we have bankers, who are hopelessly wicked, and proceed to prove it by calling the roll of the men who have fallen into evil ways, (truly a pitiable line-up!) But these men are so much more stupid than they are wicked, we can only smile at their clumsy misdoings. The fact that they are caught so easily and frightened so abjectly proves they are merely blotches upon the face of the body politic.

They recall for us the definition of the Investment Trust Manager, as a man, "who believes everything that economists and brokers tell him, and goes on acting upon their advice until he has nothing and knows everything."

Our statesmen of various schools and stripes, under the guise of a "New Deal," will cost us $11,735,000,000, are puzzling us with unintelligible theories concerning a dollar of whose value, at home or abroad, no man can be sure. While they talk of "commodity values," "managed dollars," "deflation" and "relaxation," the nation, in its desperate situation, is on its knees entreating God against "INFLATION." Mark my words! He will save us; and nobody will pray harder than the President.

No! the things which we have to fear are those moral lapses born of alienation from God, and issuing in such a horror as the return of the saloon. No economic problem is even comparable to that; nor will the billion dollars in revenue derivable from its re-establishment take care of the derelicts it will create, to say nothing of their innocent kin. But one day, not far off, it, too, shall go.

The millions upon millions of Christ's devoted disciples in this land will bear just so much, then, in righteous wrath, they will arise; and woe be to the party, policy or system which opposes them.

In Europe we are told that war is inevitable, when not a nation has a cent for its prosecution, and nobody seeks it. While the failure of parliamentary government is pitiable, the persecution of the Jews is a blunder irreparable. If Mr. Hitler would spend a half hour reading the history of Assyrria, Babylon and Rome, he would discover what invariably has happened to peoples who have persecuted the Jews, and call off his emisaries. Whatever the sins of the Jews, Jehovah has always monopolized the privilege of administering the necessary discipline and has called in no other. It is well to leave the Jews alone. They will be here to decorate the grave of their last persecutors. Furthermore, if Mr. Hitler hopes to see Germany fight during his lifetime, let him remember that if the guns roar again, they will sound Germany's requiem. But he won't, for Europe is getting wise with the wisdom of God and laboring for better things. In the uprooting of the old imperial despotisms, we have foreglimpses of a better day.

Thank God for the coming Christmas with its precious memories and perennial joys! In the sweet fellowships of our firesides, let us return to God, to our Lord, our Church, and one another. And while we sit at the family board, let us not forget those to whom Christmas brings the poignant grief of "the vacant chair."

Honesty and Gratitude

By F. M. Potter,
Treasurer, Board of Foreign Missions

It was as she cast her gift into the treasury that the steward said to himself, "My master is over me; I have nothing left, no prospect of ever having anything more."

For these testing times there come many long, long thoughts to even an ordinary human being as he sits down over against the treasury and watches the gifts, small and great, which are cast in. Perhaps if he thinks aloud it may be not without profit.

About a year ago a letter was received from the pastor of a small church in the West which had suffered greatly from the depression of 1929. One of its inhabitants, finally collapsed after seventeen years of faithful service and a new one had to be installed. A note was given at the bank to meet the emergency, and just as the time for its payment expired, other obligations arose and the note could not be met. All this happened while there was money in the bank given for benevolences, which was not drawn upon, as it was
The High Cost of War

You cannot kill thirteen million soldiers, kill and maim twenty-four million non-combatants, and think it will have no effect upon life. You can't spend ten thousand dollars for every hour since the birth of Christ killing men, which was the cost of the World War, and think it will bring no lengthening shadows. You can't blow up the earnings of one million men working forty-four hours a week over a period of two thousand years, which represents the cost of the war in terms of labor, and think nothing will happen. It is high time we stand up fearlessly and in God's name cry out against such an order.

Let's Be Honest With Our Church

The Editor has written one or two articles with the above title, and possibly others may be forthcoming, for the matter of getting into a proper understanding of church finances deserves deliberate examination. In the issue of October 15, which was the last to appear, an illustration of the situation was given from the experience which the Grove Church, of New Durham, N. J., had recently. The story came from a local newspaper, probably not too friendly with the church, and like all such accounts it should have been rechecked. As a matter of fact the Consistory has been going over all its finances for a long period, bringing the methods up to date, and stopping leaks here and there. There was no idea of censoring the Consistory in the mind of the writer. Consistories are brought face to face with conditions for which at the beginning they had no responsibility, but in time the burden must be taken by them. The Grove Church Consistory has been doing this courageously, and deserves commendation for its patience and zeal.

In a recent book, "Know Your Local Church," (published by the Standard Publishing Company,) the writer, Mr. Bert Wilson, has an exceedingly stimulating chapter on "The Treasurers of the Local Church." It would appear that among the churches with which he is acquainted most, treasurers are no rarity, for he tells of a group where there are forty churches, with 21,412 members and 305 treasurers, only one church having a single treasurer, and the others ranging from 2 to 44! His first comment is that a large number of treasurers in any church reflects non-correlation of budgets. He pro-

ceeds, "The methods of handling the funds of the churches and their auxiliaries are almost unbelievable. Some have their own bank accounts, and pay out money on the order of the department leaders. Others write checks without order or consultation with anybody. Some deposit the church account with their own personal account...One treasurer deposited with his wife's account the money belonging to a Sunday school class. Some treasurers keep the cash on hand and pay it out as needed. One boy who did not know how to handle the money turned it over to a widow as his deputy. In several known cases the treasurers used the money personally, but repaid it as it was called for. One woman reports that she has been treasurer of one department for several years. She has kept the money in a bureau drawer, and in all that time she has "never lost a penny." Many treasurers in recent days have accounts in closed banks. One church discovered that its various departments had accounts in nine different banks. A number of churches report that some departments are prosperous with bank balances, while others are in arrears. They say there seems to be no way of balancing properly the whole program, so that all will be able to prosper together, or to take the 'cuts' together.''

After giving some pages of suggestions for remedying the situation, Mr. Wilson raises the question, "Should a Church Treasurer be Honest?" Here also a blunt, but actual situation is faced. "Without attempting to be rude or over-critical, the conviction is recorded that in a host of churches the treasurer is not expected to be too honest. The church board would not put it that baldly. But the board members have a lurking feeling that in one way or another the treasurer should pay the local expense bills. And the other way is, to use for current expenses money given for some other purpose. Some of the board members by silence, others by contradiction, others by indifference, allow this unethical thing to be done. Some of these officers prefer a treasurer who is honest enough not to embezzle the money, but pliant enough to be used in getting local bills paid by hook or by crook. The plain English word for that procedure is 'dishonesty.' Any officers of the church who practice dishonesty are dishonest.'"
Action of the United Stewardship Council
Upon the "Goodwin Plan"

(Originating in Chicago, a very comprehensive plan appears in pamphlet form whereby churches, and church societies, may receive a percentage of the cost of articles purchased, if certain specified brands are used. A very attractive pamphlet is being circulated, containing commendations from a number of prominent ministers. The United Stewardship Council, at its annual meeting on December 2nd, adopted the following adverse opinion. The Council is composed of representatives of the Stewardship Departments of many communities, and its newly elected President is our Dr. J. A. Ingham.)

"The United Stewardship Council regrets the tendency, especially marked in hard times, to secure money for church purposes by various commercial devices, rather than by direct gifts.

"We deplore the divisive influence in local communities of schemes which aim to give one merchant or one brand of merchandise preference over another merchant or another brand of merchandise, entirely apart from their respective merits.

"We, therefore, express our unqualified disapproval of the Goodwin Plan or of any similar scheme, because it is to our minds contrary to Christian ideals. The moneys thus secured seem to us practically, though not perhaps technically, a rebate to the purchaser."

The Day of Miracles Is Not Past

In these times, when so much that is depressing appears in print, it is like a breath from the hills to have the joy of recording the following tale. Rev. George Schnucker, D.D., one of the most efficient pastors in the German Classes of the West, was stricken with a mysterious malady some years ago, and several times it was expected that his death was imminent. Doctor after doctor examined him, only to decide that his cure was impossible. He was brought East for examination in the big hospitals, but went back to Iowa unhelped. And the impossible has taken place, for he is so far recovered as to feel able to accept a call to a church. To be sure, in his modest way, Dr. Schnucker declares that it is not a large church, but in his story one can read of a mighty outpouring of grace and rejoice with a brother beloved working again in a fruitful field, after years of inactivity. For which we can praise God, and take courage.

"Yes, we are in Dumont now. I was installed two weeks ago. The little church seemed to be in a dying condition. At first I was afraid to accept their call because my physical condition is still such that I cannot yet put my whole being into the work. But the Consistory came to Parkersburg again and again, begging me to come, and promising to take over all the work that I cannot yet do. At last I came to the conviction that God wanted me to spend my little strength in this neglected field and try to build it up. So I am here. And my determination is to do all that is humanly possible for me in His service and that of the church.

"The Consistory is faithful and keeps its promises faithfully. We have been making pastoral calls all these days. The field is growing, and the families to be visited increase in number. When we came the Consistory gave me the names of 32 families which in some way are to be taken care of by the pastor. But when I began to call on these folks I found dozens and dozens of families of Reformed stock who have become careless and unchurched. This knowledge naturally sharpened my appetite for them. So far we have called on 54 families, and I have another 43 to visit!"

"What has been the result in these three weeks? The church is crowded on Sundays to the first row of pews at both the German and English services. The Sunday school has jumped from 46 to 94 members. The Ladies' Aid increased by 40%. The C. E. Society has 100% attendance of members (24) and many visitors. The people have brought us three loads of oak furnace wood and piled it up in the furnace room. Coal was put in the bin. The cob-shed is full of cobs. The chicken coop was filled with hens, and a number of roosters to be butchered. Also enough feed for the chickens to last all winter. There are potatoes, meat, lard, coffee and sugar galore. Three families furnish us weekly with a pint of cream each, etc., etc. Well, after the lean year at Parkersburg there is an abundance of everything. Surely such love impels me to put all my bit of health and strength into the work of my gracious Master and His needy flock."

Lafayette Church Damaged by Fire

The Lafayette Church of Jersey City, N. J., of which Rev. Harry W. Noble, D.D., is pastor, was seriously damaged by a fire of unknown origin, which was discovered early in the morning of Sunday, December 3rd. It appears to have originated in the organ, for that sustained the most damage, and together with the pulpit the fine instrument is practically destroyed. Some of the stained glass windows also were broken and the interior of the auditorium is completely smoked and spattered with water.

Happily the Sunday school building was not injured and services will be held in this structure until the repairs are completed.

It will be remembered that Dr. Noble's church building was badly damaged at the time of the Black Tom explosion, in 1916, and as a consequence the entire structure had to be reconditioned. The ceiling was shaken down upon the pews and carpet, the windows were shattered, the organ was racked to pieces, and the building looked as if it had passed through a bombardment, as indeed it had. The cost of repairing the building, amounting to thousands of dollars, was finally paid by the Lehigh Valley R. R. Co., which was found to be at fault in the matter.

AUXILIARIES WHICH HAVE QUALIFIED for the GOLDEN ROLL OF HONOR of the WOMEN'S BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS

Classis of Wisconsin
Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Baldwin, Wisconsin.

Classis of Schenectady
Ladies' Missionary Society, Bellevue Church, Schenectady, N. Y.

Classis of Grand Rapids
Women's Missionary Society, Eighth Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Classis of Schoharie
Missionary Auxiliary, Middleburgh, N. Y., Church.
NEW buildings, roads, electricity, automobiles, wireless, air mail service, and passport requirements were among the many innovations of the recent years, signs of Western civilization and progress— influences for better or worse—which greeted us here at Bahrein.

More decidedly for the better are the greater number of schools. Our mission schools crowded, hospitals with larger attendance each day, church services with every seat taken and people sitting on window sills and every available floor space, give evidence of greater confidence not only in the missionary, but also greater interest in the "Message." A real progressive girls' school, managed by Mrs. Dame, is one of the most encouraging enterprises. The daughters of mothers who years ago said: "If God wills, my child shall learn your way, because yours is better than ours," are beginning to learn and to know this better way.

When a girl comes under Christian influence for several years—day in and day out, that girl, though married young, and secluded in a harem, will have made her contact with Christ. She will have learned to read, learned to evaluate the different values. Scientific understanding, substituted for superstitious beliefs, will stimulate toward further search for Truth.

Another evidence for encouragement was the four converts from Islam, one woman and three men, who received the sacrament of baptism and joined us at the Lord's table. The administration of these four baptisms was a real joy in Mr. Van Peursem's life as well as for the rest of us. These young Christians receive weekly instruction. Mr. Van Peursem feels that they must grow in knowledge if they want to grow in faith and power. The more they know, the better will they teach others.

One of these four new Christians was greatly influenced, and still is, by the beautiful example of the late Raymond De Young, his teacher. The woman convert, Um Miriam, has been in the employ of the Woman's Hospital the last two years. She has charge of our baby ward, but every spare hour she uses to testify to patients of the great experience which has come to her. We can truly call her our hospital evangelist. We have four orphans, under one year of age, under her care. For the present they are a part of our hospital, and the support of these babies comes out of hospital receipts. At the Annual meeting the Mission decided that our Woman's Hospital must be self-supporting, and our appropriations transferred to Muscat, so that the woman's medical work there may not be closed. We trust this can be done, but it will need much planning, rearranging and much prayer.

The variety of operations would satisfy any surgeon. We have had gall stones, bladder stones, tonsillectomies, hysterectomies, tumors, etc. In order to give patients more efficient care and so increase our earnings as well, we felt the need of two more nurses. These are being sent from our Arcot Mission. Our dispensary patients are mostly of them poor, and we also have two wards filled with patients. The daily attendance in the dispensary varies from 80 to 160. The work there takes practically the whole morning from 6:30 A. M. to 1 P. M. for two nurses and two semi-trained helpers.

The Birthday Reception

Touring in the Mountains in China

By Miss Ruth Broekema, Tong-An.

This morning, as we started on our daily's work of telling the gospel story, we saw two women at the top of a hill worshiping before a stone. The Preacher explained to me that people with troubled hearts generally sit on the steps at the foot of the hill, listening to the comments of the passersby. Perhaps they want to know if the sick person in the family will recover; or if a son should go abroad, (meaning to the Straits,) or if a daughter should be sold, (for in the mountains they never speak of marrying a daughter; it is always selling her,) or whatever is on their hearts. If the people in passing by say good words, then they take that for their answer. If the opposite, then they believe that evil will befall them. Having heard the answer they go to the top of the hill, throw the divining blocks before the stone, and see if the gods agree that this is true. Mind you, the passersby know nothing of their trouble, nor do they stop to talk with them. To us it seems absurd, but to them it is the only way.

Two Bible women are with me in the mountains, for a week. Each morning the Preacher takes us in a different direction, where we visit the homes, and in the afternoons we have evangilistic meetings at some centrally located home. We are having good opportunities, and the attendance at the Sunday services yesterday showed the results of our efforts. It is a long walk for the people to come to church. Some have to walk three miles over mountain roads. We had a lovely day visiting, and had the privilege of bringing the news of salvation to about twenty women, who listened very attentively.

Footsore and weary, as we were making our way home,—we had covered nine miles that day,—I noticed on the side of the road a straw doll stuck in the hollow of a tree. At first I thought it was a scarecrow, but then seeing a bowl of rice before it I knew that couldn't be. The Preacher informed me that some family had sickness in the house. Since it is an evil spirit that causes the disease they use this means, hoping the spirit will leave the sick person and stay in this straw image until it finds a suitable person on the roadside whom it may attack.

These are the conditions we meet as we go through the country. People bound by Satan, filled with the terror of offending an evil spirit and thus causing misfortune to come to them! How can we help them to be delivered from this fear, how can we bring peace to them?
THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

THERE have been youth movements in the churches in the years gone by, many of them of deep significance. Notable among such is the Christian Endeavor Society, which still persists in strength after more than a half century since the first society was established by Rev. Francis E. Clark in his parish in Portland, Maine. Then followed in rapid succession the organization of "Unions" and "Leagues" in the various denominations as some appeared to fear lest membership in an inter-denominational movement should draw away some of their denominational allegiance and activity.

The Reformed Church in America, however, has never felt impelled to organize its young people into a distinctively denominational society. It has welcomed the Christian Endeavor Society and, in proportion to the number of its constituency, probably has had as large a number of such societies as any other denomination. We are proud of a catholicity of spirit which has made us willing to fraternize with those of other groups.

In the last year there has appeared in our Reformed churches a revival of interest among our young people, of whatever societies they may be associates, in the program of the Reformed Church. It seems to have appeared simultaneously in different parts of the Church. A large group of young people gathered in the Christian Endeavor National Rally at Milwaukee became deeply interested in a part of the work of the Board of Foreign Missions and immediately raised the question whether they might be permitted to have a share in the prosecution of that enterprise in Arabia. Almost simultaneously another group meeting in conference at Stony Brook, N. Y., became equally interested in a part of the work in India, as well as a part of the work under the auspices of our Women's Board of Domestic Missions in Kentucky, and also raised the question as to why they should not be allowed to have a share in those projects.

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Correspondence and discussion followed naturally. It soon became evident that there was a much broader base for this structure of interest than that occasioned by a spontaneous desire to be a part of the kingdom project. It became clear that large numbers of young people and many pastors were ready for a coordination of the work among young people and were asking for recognition and assignments.

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Because of this a call was issued by the Religious Education Committee of the Board of Publication and Bible School Work for a conference on the subject. This was held in October, and attended by representatives from practically all sections of the church. In this conference it soon became apparent that there was need for a denomination-wide organization of young people that would unite and focus the efforts of all Reformed Church young people on a common objective of their own choosing.

It was discovered that the General Synod of 1932 had considered a similar problem and had appointed a committee to "coordinate the educational program of the Reformed Church," etc. The work of such an organization was referred to that committee.

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This committee has wisely drawn into its circle as cooperating members a number of interested young people and young people's workers in the churches. It is expected that this policy will be pursued so as to insure the contribution at all times to the discussion and programs of the experiences and ideas of those who are actually doing the work on the field. The movement has been named The Youth Fellowship of the Reformed Church. It will center until the next meeting of the General Synod in the committee named by the General Synod of 1932. A Regional Adviser is named for each Particular Synod. A Classical Counselor will be named for each Classis. Then the young people's societies of each church will elect two Youth Representatives to work with the Classical Counselor in arranging programs of activities for that group.

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This, of course, is the barest outline of what is actually contemplated. No attempt has been made in this to indicate the policy and program of the Fellowship. These are being worked out gradually in and by groups of young people and will be given publicity as they emerge. We hail this newest movement in our communion. It is not an emphasis on denominationalism. It is rather an attempt to link up the young life of our Church with the program of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ at the point where it is administered by our denomination.

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We hail it because it is a movement by the young people themselves. It has not been handed down to them from above. It is their own organization. They are working out their own ideas. They have entered upon it with a tremendous earnestness. We hail it also because of its spontaneity. It just grew simultaneously in various parts of the Church. It was not a scheme (Continued on page 586)
New Brooklyn Church Still Working.—During the past summer extensive repairs were made on the tall steeple of the New Brooklyn, N. Y., Church, of which Rev. Thomas Ten Hoeve is pastor. All the church organizations responded generously toward financing this project. The members of the congregation have a mind to work, as is evident by the many weekly activities. Recently the pastor received two useful gifts; a pastor's communion set was given by the C. E. Society, and a generous elder gave him a Copy Stamp set. The Men's Society is very active, not only in the monthly meetings, but once a month they attend church in a body. The Society is also responsible for the improvement of the prayer meeting room, which is now used by the Primary class of the Sunday school, and for the Society meetings. Since this room, which is 20x36 feet in size, was too small to accommodate the numbers who came to the mid-week service, it became necessary to use the church basement. The recent church bazaar proved a great success. The C. E. Society made a congregational quilt, containing the names of members, which brought in a splendid sum of money.

Grove Church Sunday School.—The Sunday school work of Grove Church, New Durham, N. J., is being carried on in the same spirit of enthusiasm as in former years. The average attendance from October 15 to November 12th was 341. The attendance at Sunday school in Clifton Chapel increased from an average of 40 in 1932 to 59 in 1933. The Men's Bible Class is endeavoring to build up its membership, and it has been fortunate in having prominent men in different professions present to give interesting talks.

Missionary Exercises in Suydum Street Church.—The Suydum Street Church, New Brunswick, N. J., Rev. Theodore Brinckerhoff, pastor, observed Domestic Mission Day by presenting a series of "Domestic Mission Sketches" in place of the sermon at the church service, with the minister giving a description of the work of each field before the sketch was presented. The sketches were given by children of the Sunday school, in costume, and were given in the Sunday school assembly on the previous Sunday. The programs were directed by Miss Elizabeth Peluso, Supervisor of Missionary Education in the church.

Emergency Repairs to Mt. Vernon Church.—The congregation of the Mount Vernon, N. Y., Church, Rev. George I. Robertson, pastor, has been called on to meet the expense of emergency repairs to the church building. The repair item in the Budget did not take into consideration this work, so an appeal had to be made at one of the regular services. Dr. Karl Gebhard, chairman of the Building Committee of Consistory, stated the case to the congregation, and asked for pledges, to be paid over a period of three months. The sum needed was subscribed, and the work has been done by a local contractor. For years the building has been covered by ivy, but it has proved to be destructive, so the vine has been removed, and the Tuckahoe marble looks very attractive without it. With the benevolences met through a special monthly envelope and the call for extras met the church is able to report that financially it is better off than it was last year.

Manse Baby at Marble Collegiate Church.—It is a long time since the Marble Collegiate Church of New York City has had a manse baby. It would be interesting if some historian could tell the date. But, anyway, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale are rejoicing in the coming of Margaret Ann on November 17th, and it is a great joy to enroll her in the list of 1933 Manettes. Congratulations to the parents, and also to the grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Clifford Peale, of Columbus, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Stafford, of Detroit, Mich.

Getting Acquainted at Mount Vernon.—A series of Family Festivals is planned for the purpose of getting the families of the Mount Vernon, N. Y., Church better acquainted. At these gatherings no admission fee is charged and no offering is taken. The Women's Society is endeavoring to work on a budget this year, without holding sales, dinners or money-raising entertainments. The members are asked to pledge toward the amount to be raised. At the Family Festivals it is planned to have the various groups of the church responsible for entertainment and refreshments, alternating the responsibilities. Instead of the members of the Women's Society spending hours discussing ways and means of raising money the time is given over to programs of an educational and social character.

More Manse Improvements.—"The pastor and his family desire to express their hearty appreciation of the new room that has been added to the second floor of the manse during the summer vacation. This room fills a long-felt need and will unquestionably enhance the value of the property. In the Community House that part of the attic space that lies over the foyer has been transformed into a separate room that will serve on Sundays for a much needed class-room and on week-days as a study for the pastor. . . . The storeroom adjoining the kitchen has also been floored and painted and made available for Sunday school use." The foregoing might have been done in any church in the East or the West, but it happened in the Yokohama, Japan, Union Church, of which Rev. Harold W. Schenck is pastor. It shows that even in the Orient the Church is at work.

Rally Day at Glen Rock.—The Sunday school of the Community Church at Glen Rock, N. J., Rev. Victor W. Simons, pastor, celebrated Rally Day in a rather unique fashion on Sunday, October 29th. The enrollment of the school has been increasing Sunday after Sunday, and it was decided by the superintendent, Mr. David W. Smith, and the members of the Teachers' Association that, instead of having a conventional Rally Day for the pupils, the parents of the pupils be invited to attend the school session on that day and to sit in the classes with their children, hereby gaining first-hand knowledge of the methods used in instructing their little ones, and also obtaining a view of the problems experienced by the teachers. The plan was a decided success, as seventy-five parents attended the session, at which 305 pupils were present. The parents expressed their enthusiasm for the plan, and it has been decided to have Parents' Day in the Sunday school an annual event.
"A Still Higher Path"

BY REV. WILLIAM LOUIS SAHLER

PAUL points the Christians in corrupt Corinth to "A more excellent way," or, as Moffatt puts it, "A still higher path." A more literal rendering of the Greek is "The beyond measure road."

The Christians of Corinth were very much up-to-date. Even in that far-off day they compared preachers, one saying, "Apollo is my favorite," and another, "I like Paul better," and still another, "Peter is superior to both Apollo and Paul." This habit of comparing preachers went so far that they compared the offices in the church, and I suppose the men who held these offices too. So Paul tried to tell them that the office was not near as important as the way in which each Christian discharged the duties of his office, because if one member suffered all the other members suffered with it; or, if one member were honored, all the other members rejoiced with it.

Perhaps one of the reasons he had in mind in pointing these Corinthians to the still higher path was this—they all would have much more joy if they climbed up to that path and walked along it during the rest of their lives.

The "still higher path" is the highway of love, which Paul described in that much-studied and far-too-little practiced 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. Sometimes I think one contributing reason for our not practicing love is the fact we are so very apt to criticize our fellow Christians. We dispute concerning the non-essentials of our faith. We are very apt to follow those early Americans, in a Georgia town, of whom Bishop Asbury wrote. These Georgians were disputing about the height of their church steeples, and the Bishop said he had never heard a dispute about which church won the more souls to Christ.

We hear of the Oxford Movement, and we begin at once to stress what it lacks. Where was there ever in all this world, ever since Jesus came, a single soul that did not have some lack? Or we hear of some other Christians, who differ from us, and we criticize, instead of praying for them, praying God who can supply their and our own needs too. But we will not, and if we tell the truth, we cannot pray for them, unless we love them. So let us look at "A still higher path." In this short article I simply call attention to four things love does. Love suffers; love is generous, gracious, love gives; love lasts; and love leads up.

I. Love suffers for those to whose hearts it goes out. "Love suffereth long," and reveals itself in enduring all things. We often say, "There is a limit to all things." But not to love. One reason why we people of the West ought to thank God for Foreign Missions is this. One result of such effort has given us an illustration of love suffering long. Toyohiko Kagawa helps us all to understand long-suffering love, in speaking about the difficulty of raising children in the slums. Before his first child was born he found out that 45 of the 62 infants born that year in his neighborhood had died. In his "Love the Law of Life" he says, "As for contagious diseases during the thirteen and a half years we lived here, our slum was stricken with the plague, five times with cholera, thrice with dysentery, thrice with small-pox, and every year without exception with typhus. The conditions were extremely dangerous. In particular, at the time of the small-pox epidemic in 1917, ours was the only house that escaped, there being deaths in every other house. When the influenza epidemic occurred people died in practically every house, and in our own home my wife and I were the only ones left alive." After reading that I understood just a little better what Paul meant by saying, "Love suffereth long."

II. Love is generous, gracious; love gives even when it suffers. In 1923 there was a famine in parts of Finland, but when some generous-hearted, gracious-souled Finns heard that 1,500,000 people in Japan were foodless and homeless, they took up an offering and sent it over the seas to the scene of the earthquake.

III. Love lasts on. Moffatt ends the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians thus: "Faith, hope and love last on, but the greatest of these is love." Since love is the greatest, I feel sure that it lasts the longest. Love lasts on, and on, and on. If it did not, we would all be doomed. "God commethnd his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

"I saw a man of another race, Foreign garb and an alien face, And was turning away with a bitter frown When an angel voice came whispering down. 'Walk with him,' I heard it say, 'Only a mile along his way.' I walked with him to the highway's end And found that the alien was my friend."

Had this man been walking along the "still higher path" he would not have needed the angel's voice.

IV. Love leads up. Paul did not say so; but he knew it did, and if we have had in our souls the kind of love that suffers, gives, lasts on and on, no one need to tell us that love leads up, and up, and up. Such souls will sing with Johnson Oatman, Jr.,

"I'm pressing in the upward way, New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day; Still praying, as I onward bound, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground!"

"I want to scale the utmost height, And catch a gleam of glory bright, But still I'll pray till Heav'n I've found, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground!"

Tragic Death of Pastor's Son

On the afternoon of Tuesday, November 28, Bobbie, the ten-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Reiler D. Van Wagenen, of Interlaken, N. Y., was killed by being run over by a truck. Bobbie was the oldest of Mr. Van Wagenen's four children. Mrs. Van Wagenen was Miss Mary Spader, and before her marriage was a member of the First Church of New Brunswick, N. J. Upon graduation from the New Brunswick Seminary, in 1922, Mr. Van Wagenen was called to his charge in Interlaken.

The many friends of the pastor and his wife throughout the Church will mourn with them because of this sad occurrence, coming, as it did, on almost the eve of Thanksgiving.

The Point of View

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formulated by a select few and presented to the youth. It came up within much of suggestion and little of guidance until it had become an activity. We hail it also because it is an educational program. It is not a mere matters of promotion of Board programs. It will definitely relate itself to the work of the Boards as expres- sional activities. Its goal is the enlisting of the youth for the church of their own enrichment and for the advancement of the Kingdom. It is a movement of young people by young people for young people. The blessing of God upon it!
Where Traditional Music Lives

By Mary A. Shaw

The music-loving, tradition-loving Shenandoah region of Virginia is outside of Reformed Church territory, but music is common ground for all churches. Perhaps it is therefore not out of place to relate that not long ago several thousand people came together for a Sacred Music festival at Massanetta Springs; listened to musical folk-lore among more formal compositions; and heard emphasized the relationship of the art to the common life.

Massanetta is by no means out of the great world, but when one reaches it from the south, after winding in and out of the Blue Ridge, one does have the sense of breathing a strange air, an air in which traditions might take deep root and thrive. Here a newcomer felt the full force of the musical traditions of the region.

Dr. John Finley Williamson, head of the Westminster Choir School, had come down from Princeton to direct the festival, which was a two days' affair. In the morning of the second, the great day, he gave a brief and pointed talk on church music. Dr. Williamson has strong convictions; he inveighed against jazz-hymn tunes which appeal to the feet rather than to the head or the heart. He trenchantly told his audience that even poor singing in which all take part is better than professional work limited to a few; and he was incisive in his plea for emphasis on music as part of the Church's appeal to young people.

The morning program was interspersed with classic selections; and in the afternoon, folk music was considered, with becoming informality. John Powell, Virginia composer-pianist, presided. "Art," he said in a short introduction, "is a democratic thing, coming from the people themselves. In any country where the folk music of people is known, there great musicians exist. In America we have neglected to become aware of our musical riches. We of Virginia are determined that this injustice shall be rectified. We have met this afternoon with the folk musicians of this region to receive a blessing from them."

The feature of the afternoon was a contest of fiddlers from the Blue Ridge mountains. They had tunes old, jolly, traditional; the earliest of all, Mr. Powell said, was played in Greece two thousand years ago and reached the Blue Ridge by way of England. Ten contestants entered. They were old men and young; but evidently the audience was delighted when the first prize, five dollars, went to an old fiddler from Lynnwood, who looked as if, in infancy, he had reached for a fiddle before he could talk. He played Lady of the Lake, and the pure joy of the artist was all over him.

Later, a group sang hymns of long ago, from music books early used in the region; principally those issued by the Funks, the most noted and most popular of old-time music publishers. Descendants of the Funks were among the singers. Early song-books were produced; one, with odd black notes on its ivory pages, was said to be over 200 years old.

After sunset a massed choir of a thousand persons marched to places on two hillsides which formed a natural amphitheater. The chorus was made up of many church choirs from fifteen areas in the Shenandoah, and had been drilling for weeks. They first sang antiphonally, "Day is Dying in the West;" and it is likely that that evocation of the mood of twilight has seldom been more effectively done. Later, under the setting of moonlight and clouds, they led the audience in "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and rendered "Alleluia! Lord God," "The Three Klings," "The Lord is my Shepherd," and other anthems, with a deeply reverent interpretation.

The festival was most effective; and it is a tribute to its effectiveness that even a distinctly unmusical person gained a fresh sense of the power of music to lift the heart into a strange region; a testimony to the art's universal appeal.

Classis of Raritan Holds Consistorial Dinner

The annual Consistorial Dinner of the Classis of Raritan was held in the Rockaway Church, at Whitehouse, N. J., on Thursday evening, November 23, at 7 o'clock. Rev. David R. Evans, pastor of the First Church of Somerville, presided and acted as toastmaster. The prayer of thanks was offered by Rev. Dean Martin, of the High Bridge Church. Rev. E. I. Mcvally, of the Third Church of Raritan, called the roll of the churches, which revealed an attendance of 102 representatives. This group of men proved to be a fine male chorus in the singing of the hymns: "Stand Up for Jesus," and "Faith of Our Fathers." Inspiring messages were given by Rev. Edward Dawson, D.D., the President of General Synod, on "The Unused Resources of the Church"; and by Dr. F. M. Potter, Associate Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, on "The Why of Foreign Missions." The toastmaster spoke on "The Missionary Dollar and Administrative Efficiency." The women of the church served an appetizing turkey dinner, which put the men in a fine frame of mind for the speeches that followed. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Julius Prochnau, President of the Classis.

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The Receipts

of this Board from all sources for the first five months of this fiscal year showed a slight gain above those of a like period last year. However, the receipts of the last two months

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so that the gain of the first five months has become a loss over a period of seven months. Shall we harried institutions be encouraged with gifts at least up to the figures of last year?

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such a venture for Christ and His church should thrill us with possibilities for service and the "ONGOING" of our church life. The Plan in no way contemplates interference with organizations already set up in our church and we ask that our membership keep informed concerning the progress of this plan by reading further bulletins announcements, and striving through wholehearted co-operation with the Committee to make this new adventure in organization a great and efficient working success.

Death of Dr. Allen R. Bartholomew

The Reformed Church in America mourns with its sister Church, the Reformed Church in the United States, in the death on Monday, November 27, of Rev. Allen Revell Bartholomew, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Church, since 1902. Dr. Bartholomew was one of the best known of the Board Secretaries of Foreign Missions and his loss will be felt not only in his own particular fields but in the counsels of all the Boards. He had filled many important offices both inside and outside the Reformed Church in the U. S.

Death of Rev. N. I. M. Bogert

Rev. Nicholas I. M. Bogert died at his home in Metuchen, N. J., on Thursday, December 7th. Born on June 30, 1842, he was one of the oldest living ministers in the Church, and up to the last years of his life he manifested great vitality. He never was very strong physically, and because of this he retired from active service many years ago, but mentally he was bright and up to date. Those who have heard him speak at New Brunswick Seminary commencements in recent years have been astonished at his youthful appearance and activity. The funeral was held on Sunday, December 10th, in the Metuchen Church.

This note is prepared just as the issue is being sent to press, and it is expected that a full story of this beloved brother's life will be prepared for the next number.

In life's small things be resolute and great
To keep thy muscle trained. Knowest thou when Fate
May measure, or when she'll say to thee,
"I find thee worthy; do this deed for me?"

—James Russell Lowell.
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Special Days at the Tung-an Girls' School

BY MISS RUTH BROEKEMA

League for Service share in the support of Tung-an Girls' School, Amoy, China. to the extent of $200.

This morning as we came down to breakfast, I heard singing in the front yard, so I asked to see what was going on. There were four girls, one from the sixth grade and the others from the fifth, having their morning devotions together. From the little table I could hear them as they sang a hymn, memorized Scripture and had prayer. You can imagine how happy it made me feel, and truly I did not know what was eating for my thoughts were with them.

How did this come about? Two weeks ago we invited a young woman to come to Tung-an for special meetings with the students. She was formerly a teacher in the girls' school in Kulingso, then went to Nanking to a school for three years, and now is employed as a Bible woman on Amoy Island. As she is an earnest, consecrated worker, we felt that God could use her to be a blessing to the pupils. Perhaps you would like to know our program. On Thursday afternoon, after school, we had a short service of welcome. In the evening the teachers met at our house to become better acquainted with the speaker. Friday, Saturday and Sunday the program was as follows:

6:15 a.m. to 7 Prayer meeting in yard
8:30 to 9:30 Teachers' devotional hour with the speaker
10:00 to 11:00 Morning service
11:00 to 11:30 Learning new songs
12:15 to 1:15 Singing
2:00 to 4:00 Afternoon service
7:00 to 8:00 Evening service

We closed our session with the early morning service on Monday, praying especially for the country. It was a week-end, and the boys and girls gave their hearts to Jesus and said they wanted to follow Him. Won't you pray for them that as they go to their homes they may be a blessing to their parents? We try to show the pupils in our schools the way to be true followers of Jesus, but some of them do have such a hard time when they go back to their homes that often they fail. Some are from Christian homes and for these we give thanks.

The other day the Bible woman who has two sons in the Boys' School was telling me about them. One is ready to enter Junior High the next term. His mother does not have the money to send him away so one of the missionaries is helping her. The boys said that they trust God to provide. After School they pick up wood for fuel, and help their mother in every way, never asking for pennies to buy sweet meats. They know their mother must court many cent because she is a widow. This earnest mother is trying to lead these boys step by step in the Christian life. They are the pride of her heart and she prays that they will grow in the knowledge of Jesus until they can be used by Him.

Our Victor and Her Prize

When the contest day arrived, the teacher started out in the morning with our representative. All were eager for them to return. At noon the teacher was all smiles because our girl had done well and had drawn the subject hoped for. But the contest wasn't over, and back they went to hear the others. After supper, some of the girls and I went down the big road to meet our victory for we had heard from others that we had received third place. We hardly dared to believe it, but it was true; our girl had her prize, a silver shield. We stopped at the shop to get fire-crackers, then hurried back home to celebrate. Everybody was happy because we had received a place. There had been over thirty-five contestants who were mostly boys because the government schools have few girls. That night was the time for our monthly social and we surely did celebrate!

This story wouldn't be complete if I did not tell you about an incident in connection with the contest. The pupils were all eager for our school to get a place but they did not know how much of a chance we had. That morning at chapel special prayer was offered, and when the teacher went to the first grade room during recess, there the little tots were all praying for our girl. A few of the first-graders are older girls who have not had a chance to study before, and they were taking the lead. In all the celebration the glory and thanks were given to God who helped us gain the victory.

On the road that evening we heard such a wonderful story about how Christian schools are fine—which showed us that the opposition to our schools so prevalent a few years ago is disappearing. We pray that winning a place in this contest will not only give us standing among the other schools but that through it we may be better witnesses for Him.

Young People of North Long Island Classis Organize Union

On Thursday, October 12, about seventy delegates from the young people's organizations of the Reformed Churches in the Classis of North Long Island assembled in a two-session conference at Sayville, Long Island. The purpose of the meeting was the third in a series of classical rallies, was to organize a union of young people's societies.

The afternoon session was called to order by Miss Charlotte M. Weihle, Classical Representative for young people. After a song service, the devotional exercises were led by Rev. J. H. Joldersma, pastor of the entertaining church, who welcomed all present to this meeting in the so-called "Sunrise Church."

Miss Wilhelmina Noordyk, nearing the end of her furlough from India, gave an inspiring message and urged everyone to be willing and eager to serve in some way. She also spoke to the group intimate portraits of young Christians in her field in India.

Miss Sue Weddell gave a helpful and stimulating talk. It was a three-fold message: first, to be more interested in world affairs; second, to assist in formulating the right kind of public opinion; and third, to strive to do one definite thing to bring the world closer to Christ.

The speaker of the evening session was Dr. Milton T. Stauffer of New Brunswick, New Jersey. His challenge was to come to a fuller understanding of God in Christ, and to do our full share in bringing to others the life more abundant which is found in Him.

The evening devotional exercises were led by Rev. John Baumeister, President of the Classis, who is intensely interested in the young people.

During the business meeting a Constitution was formally adopted, and the following officers were elected: President, Miss Grace Dykstra of Sayville; Vice-President, Miss Carolyn Kunkel of Col-lege Point; Treasurer, Mr. Russell Stuart of Manhasset. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Program Committee, Mr. George Finishing; Publicity Committee, Miss Evelyn Young of Jamaica.

A roll call of churches showed the following representation: College Point, Flushing, Jamaica, Manhasset, South Bushwick, and West Sayville.
The Resolutions Committee voiced the opinion of all present in its expression of hearty thanks and real appreciation to the ladies and young people of West Sayville for their gracious hospitality, the delicious Dutch supper, the special musical and entertaining features of the program, the fine speakers, and all who helped to make this meeting such a success.

The Flushing group extended a hearty invitation to hold the next conference there and a tentative date was set for February 23, 1934.

And thus the Classical Union of the Young People of North Long Island started on its way, becoining other classes to join them in uniting for service. May God's richest blessing be and abide with all in their efforts to be of service in His Kingdom.

Union Rally of Paramus Leagues

A union rally of the young women's Leagues for Service of Paramus Classis was held at the First Reformed Church of Paramus, New Jersey, on Friday, November 10.

At this gathering a Constitution was adopted, which consummated the organization of the League Union.

Moving pictures of the Union spring rally and of the Northfield Missionary Conference were shown, and Miss Cobb told of her visit to China a few years ago and showed pictures taken while she was there. Miss Leona Vander Linden of China was also present and gave a brief address.

A social hour followed the meeting and everyone had a most enjoyable time.

W. B. F. M. — Addresses of Our Missionaries

ARABIAN MISSION
Mrs. Stanley Myers, Kuwait, via Iraq.
Mrs. Dirk Dijkstra, Baarsh, Iraq.
Miss Addie L. Homon, Mecul, via Bombay, Arabia.
Miss Pansie Louden, Amurk, Iraq.
Miss Helen Keppen, Kells, Baarsh, Iraq.
Mrs. G. D. Van Peursum, Bahrain, Arabia.
Miss Maxine Van Deitel, Arabia.
Miss Mary C. Van Pelt, Kuwait, Iraq.
Miss E. F. Van Pelt, Kuwait, Iraq.
Miss John Van Es, Baarsh, Iraq.
Miss Estelle Thomas, Mexico.
*Dr. Esther L. Barry, Kuwait, Iraq.
*Miss L. P. Dame, Bahrain, Persian Gulf.
Mrs. Premila Balan, Bahrain, Persian Gulf, via Bombay.
Miss Ruth Jackson, Baarsh, Iraq.
Miss Rachel Jackson, Baarsh, Iraq.
Miss Cornelia Dalenberg, Amurk, Iraq.
Mrs. Bernard Hacken, Bahrain, Persian Gulf.
Via Bombay.
Mrs. Thelma J. Mooyart, Amurk, Iraq.
*Mrs. G. E. De Jong, Kuwait, via Iraq.
Mrs. Barbara R. Anderson, Kuwait, via Bahrain, written.
*Mrs. George Gesseleink, Baarsh, Iraq.
Miss W. Wells Thomas, Bahrain, Persian Gulf.


As the reader turns back the cover of this valuable book his eye falls upon the legend: 'A modern world' — headlined before our graphic eyes: There lie continents, seas, islands — all in true perspective and relationship.

Similarly, through the succeeding pages, the author calls our world into view, relating missionary endeavor with the new movements and crises in history. For every area there is presented an outline of the contemporary movements in which the Christian mission has its life, thus giving a perspective by which one may clearly perceive the missionary task. (The Abingdon Press, $2.50.)

When the Sun Rises. By George D. Owen.

We have heard not a little in recent years of the annual incursion in the winter centers into hospitable Florida of visitors from the northern States, so many of these people of serious thought and earnest purpose who carry their religious habits with them. The presence of these friendly citizens offers a strong stimulus to ministers and churches in the neighborhood of tourists' centers. This book is an illustration in point. It contains a series of studies undertaken and given to the tourist expedition in Florida. It discusses questions of serious moment much in the minds of thoughtful people, young and old, in these days of doubtful counsel. The initiative in the publication of these Sunday addresses was taken by interested hearers who have sponsored its publication. The structure of these addresses in book form is progressive; the thought is penetrating and the style is distinctive. The book is forceful in its simplicity and persuasive in its earnestness. "Can we believe in God?" "Is God fatherly?" "Is Love operating toward victory?" "Can we take the Bible seriously?" — are some of the questions discussed in this stimulating book. No one can read it without being instructed and impressed by it. Let those with enquiring minds find serious questions fairly and fearlessly discussed. It is a strong book. (Fleming H. Revell Co., $1.)


A noted writer of animal stories, Arthur C. Bartlett, has given us in "Skipper," a German (police) dog, a tale that thrills and thrills the reader. It is one of those dog yarns that a lover of canines will not lay down until he has finished the book. Here is a graphic illustration of the work of a dog school at Morrisville, N. J., where many a clever police and herd pups are quickly trained to become guides to the blind. Although a story of two young people, their quest of a growing-up dog, "Skipper, the Guide Dog," will cause all its appeal to adults. (W. A. Wilde & Co., Boston, Mass., $1.75.)

Sermons From The Parables. By Clovis G. Chappell, D.D.

Sixteen expository sermons on the Parables of Our Lord. They are written in a propelling style, thereby tending to fulfill Chappell's originality of expression is refreshing. There is nothing hackneyed or stereotyped in this volume. To the preacher and to the Sunday school teacher, his homiletically these sermons should prove stimulating and thought-provoking. Above all, they are scripturally sound and as such they grip the heart and mind. (Cokesbury Press, $1.50.)

A Reasonable Faith. By Leander S. Keyser, D.D.

Here is a book that throws with a real optimism of faith and hope. The entire discussion, dealing with the evidences of the human unbelief from the standpoint of His Kingdom, is fair and generous. But, while the author has the courage of spirited convictions in his attitude and assertions based upon his theistic views, he adheres to the Christian doctrines of the Bible. He puts the great themes of the Book in such strong and persuasive terms as to convince any reasonable mind that God's divine revelation of Himself and His method of saving the world is the ideal program of true faith and action. The book is held before its hearers, and these sermons should prove stimulating and thought-provoking. Above all, they are scripturally sound and as such they grip the heart and mind. (Cokesbury Press, $1.50.)

Children's Sleep. By Samuel Renshaw,

Vernon L. Miller and Dorothy Marquis.

A series of studies on the influence of motion pictures, normal and seasonal variations in motility; experimental insomnia; the effects of coffee; the visual flicker limens of children. Rather a technical book, the tabulation and tabulation of results of experiments performed upon a group of 170 boys and girls regarding sleep measurements, and the effect of a book which offers the first extensive quantitative data on the sleeping habits of children of the ages six to eighteen. A splendid bibliography is appended. (The Macmillan Company, $2.)
The Consistory of the Schodack Landing, N. Y., Church with the deepest regret and with a real sense of loss the passing into the Life Beyond of MRS. ANNA MATTHEW KNICKERBOCKER.

Whereas, God in His Divine Providence has removed from our Christian fellowship Mrs. Anna W. Knickerbocker, who for fifty-eight years was a devoted member of our Church and of the Depot Help Society;

Be it Resolved, That as a Consistory and in behalf of our Church, we humbly accept His Will as an admonition unto us who remain to be faithful and diligent in the Lord's work which He has committed to our care.

Resolved, That while we accept the love and wisdom of Him who doth all things well, we feel most deeply the loss of one who was always grateful in all matters of grace at her disposal, and who for fifty-eight years served as organist of the Schodack Landing Church, without intermission or remuneration, a long and most unselfish service which is given unto but few to render with joyfulness.

Resolved, That we tender our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased, and extend to them our sympathy in the loss of so faithful a member.

Resolved, That these resolutions be recorded in the Minutes of Consistory of the Schodack Landing Reformed Church as an expression of the gratitude and appreciation, and a copy sent to the family; and that they be published in the Christian Intelligence.

Done in regular session of Consistory at Schodack Landing, N. Y., on the 22nd day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-three, and unanimously adopted.

(Mrs. A. R. Waldo Smith, President of Consistory.)

CLASSIS MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Classis of New Brunswick will be held on Monday, January 8th, 1934, at the headquarters, New Brunswick, at 2 P.M.

The object for which this meeting is called is to grant a discharge to a minister, but in view of the opportunity presented by a rule of Order, the Classis is requested to consider the advisability of granting a discharge to a minister for reasons stated in the notice of the meeting. The Classis is also requested to consider and act upon any other business which may be presented for its consideration.

W. B. F. M. Addresses of Our Missionaries

AMOY MISSION

General Address: Kolonapu, Amoy, China.

*On furlough: Address, 21 E 22nd St., New York City.

Miss K. M. Talmage, Amoy.

*Miss J. Voelcker, Amoy.

Miss Nellie Zwenner, 373 Central Ave., New York, N. Y.

*Miss Lily N. Duryce, Amoy.

*Miss Henry P. Ford, Amoy.

*Miss Mrs. H. F. Bost, Amoy.

*Miss Mrs. E. H. Angell, Amoy.

*Miss Leona Vander Linden, Pella, Iowa.

*Miss Katherine E. Green, Amoy.

*Miss H. M. Veens, 21, Changchow.

*Mrs. Henry Porpen

*Miss Charles H. Holmann, Amoy.

*Miss W. E. Koeppe, Tongan.

*Miss Teresa Holleboer, Amoy.

*Miss Jean Nienuel, Amoy.

*Miss Elizabeth B. Changchow.

*Miss Mrs. W. M. Vandermeer, Changchow.

*Miss Ruth Browkem, Tong-an.

*Mrs. H. A. Angell, Amoy.

*Mrs. Herman Renkens, Seminary, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

*Miss Mrs. E. Holstre, Amoy.

*Miss Elsie V. Giltman, Sio-Khe.

*Miss Jessie M. Math, Tong-an.

*Miss Hair E. Angell, Changchow.

*Miss Pearl V. Bliss, Amoy.

*Mrs. H. H. Angell, Amoy.

*Mrs. R. H. Angell, Amoy.

*Miss Jeanellen Angell, Changchow.

*Miss Caroline L. Plenkney, Amoy.

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Sunday School Lesson Books

For those Sunday school teachers who still use the Uniform Lessons the usual books prepared for their use are ready for next year's work. It is a comfort to believe that the use of these time-honored volumes is quite as widespread as ever. While the more modern methods of lesson preparation have found a place in highly organized schools, the former way of instruction still has its friends, and for the average school it serves its purpose fully as well as the more elaborate set-up. Especially is this true of the little isolated schools, where there can be no elaborate subdivision into departments. Here, the Uniform Lessons can be used satisfactorily, and apparently they are being used, for the lesson helps appear regularly.

The Gist of the Lesson, written so long by R. A. Torrey, still comes out with his name as editor, although he has been dead several years. The publishers state that Dr. Torrey had prepared his material in advance, and they have simply to arrange it for the printer. This is a small book, designed to be carried in the pocket, and is intended to help the busy person who has to prepare the lesson at odd times. It is condensed, and brief in all parts. (F. H. Revell Co., 35 cents.)

Peloubet's Select Notes. By Amos R. Wells, LL.D.

Alas, no other volume in future years can carry Dr. Wells' name as editor, for he passed away some months ago. But the material for 1934 was already prepared, and the book bears all the marks of Dr. Wells' careful hand. In his place the publishers have engaged Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, and the thousands of users of "Peloubet" will welcome him as one who will carry on the worthy tradition of sixty long years. Some who read this will remember the long ago day when having been appointed as a Sunday school teacher, the superintendent presented a volume of "Peloubet's Notes," and what a world of wonder they revealed. What a long line sixty volumes of uniform size would make on a book shelf, and what a cyclopedia of information and inspiration they would contain.

There is very little new that can be said about the volume for 1934. The same general plan is followed. The selection of pictures and maps, the same clear analysis, with apt stories to point the tales, and the same wealth of teaching hints. (W. A. Wilde Company, $1.35.)


This is the sixteenth annual issue of Dr. Snowden's series of lessons, and it maintains the clearly set forth exhibitions which have characterized it. There are no pictures, but a carefully designed alteration of type faces, whereby the various parts of the story are brought to the reader's attention. Dr. Snowden is careful, logical and impressive in his analysis of each lesson. The adult reader will be more helped by it than a younger one. (The Macmillan Company, $1.35.)

INCOME OF THE BOARDS

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THE accompanying table gives the receipts of the several Boards from living sources toward the maintenance of their regular work during the first seven months of the current fiscal year. If we add to the total shown in the table this year the sum of $5,512 received by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions to apply on last year's deficit, the full total of receipts for the seven months is $171,423, which is about $22,000 below last year's level, a shrinkage of 11.34%.

The receipts of October afforded a grain of comfort in that they were practically at last year's level, but November's receipts have been disappointing.