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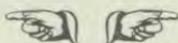
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A Greater Need

THERE seems to be a growing idea in our midst that our great need is higher and broader education for our youth, such as will prepare them to stand before the great men of the land and present our message to them in the most convincing manner. There is no denying the fact that an education is a very valuable possession. But it is not the one thing that stands out preeminently above all other things necessary to prepare us to give the third angel's message to the world.

An education alone, even though given by a theological school, is absolutely worthless as a means of soul winning. But behold a life fully consecrated to God, even though the education may be ever so limited, and you see a life that is producing mighty results for the Master. Such a person will be able to stand before the highest authorities of any nation and give a convincing reason for "the hope that is within him." There are many examples of Godly men of all ages whose records prove this fact. We might mention the prophet Amos, a common herdsman, John the baptist, whose teachings like sharp arrows of conviction, pierced the hearts of all classes of men, our Lord Jesus who became powerful through constant communion with God and nature, his disciples who were only common men but were mighty men as soul winners. Coming on down the stream of time there is Francis of Assissi and later John Bunyan, who knew little about books but were well acquainted with God; and their works do follow after them. At a later date we have Moody, who knew nothing of history, science, or philosophy except what he had learned by private study. Even his English was wretchedly bad. But very few men have ever lived who possessed greater power as a soul winner.

As we examine the records of those who are highly esteemed in our midst, we find that some of our greatest spiritual leaders are men who have never had the privilege of finishing a college course.

The success of these men does not prove that a college or university education is not necessary, but it does prove that there is one other thing which is of far greater importance i. e. a heart preparation.

Young men have gone out from our schools with the very best mental training that could be given them. This enabled them to present the message to the public in such a clear cut manner that minds were readily convinced of its truthfulness, but hearts were unmoved. Why were these men powerless to carry conversion to the hearts of those whose minds they had convinced? Ah, my brother, there is but one answer: throughout their school years they had made a special effort to train their minds for their life work to the neglect of gaining a close acquaintance with God, whom to know is not only life eternal for the gospel worker but also for many of those for whom he may labor.

We should never allow ourselves to be deceived into thinking that God is rushed for laborers, and that we must perform our school work, that we might soon be sent to the mission field, even to the neglect of our spiritual preparation. God is even more independent of our help than the sun is of the light of the dimmest star. No human being shall ever perish in ignorance of God's love because we were not able to obtain an M. A. or Ph. D. An extensive knowledge of books is good, but there is another thing of far greater importance. We read from the Spirit of Prophecy, "Let those who are in training for the ministry never forget that the preparation of the heart is of all the most important. No amount of mental culture or theological training can take the place of this." Again it is stated that, "The most essential, enduring education is that which develops the nobler qualities, which will encourage a spirit of universal kindness. . . . The time devoted to this kind of instruction will yield fruit to everlasting life."

But we are also told that, "It is a lamentable fact that the advancement of the cause is hindered by the dearth of educated laborers." Therefore, my dear fellow students, get all the education you can, but not at the expense of that close and vital connection with God, who is the source of all true wisdom, and who alone can teach you how to convert a sinner from the error of his way, that you might save a soul from death and teach him to hide his sins in Jesus Christ.

W. L. LATHAM.

Pine-Tree Christianity

THE majestic pine tree is the great "Christian tree" of nature. As one views it, great characteristics seem to stand out which put the stamp of nobility upon it.

Notice that stately trunk of the pine, as it stands erect amid all the various crooked, straggling species of trees and shrubs. View those pliant branches, like supplicating arms uplifted to heaven, as if day and night it looked to its Creator for communion in lonely hours, for strength to withstand the attacks the mighty elements send forth at different times, and for continuous divine guidance. Listen as the wind passes through its branches. We hear — not the noisy confused rattle of dead leaves as a modern Babel, but a soothing whisper which tells that it is at peace with its Maker and all nature. And that soul-stirring garb of restful, evergreen. Consider it as it stands there from year to year, unspotted and changeless, unaffected by hardship, trial, or time — true to the end.

Christian, why not be a pine tree? When perplexities come, when we feel like the tempest of temptation is about to sweep us out to sea, why not stand like the pine tree — erect, looking ever upward with outstretched arms, and call on the Source for help. Why not, under all circumstances, have a soothing, encouraging whisper for "the one next to you," and not a noisy meaningless chatter? Why not have that matchless, unchanging, evergreen life that "stands like the brave," come what may?

Then let us be pine-tree Christians? Jesus was. As I gaze on the pine tree, I am led to say with the poet,

"I long for the strength which upholds thee,
I long for thy repose."

H. E. WAGNER.

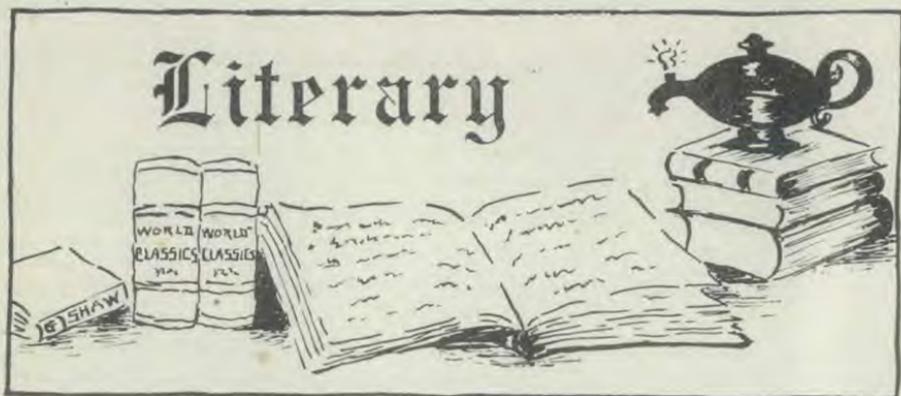
The mill is never turned by water that has gone by.

Dr. B. G. Wilkinson.

There is no place in the world where a daily program can be more easily followed than in student life. Prof. M. E. Kern.

Don't lay your hand on the plough, grasp it; then it won't sting.

Dr. B. G. Wilkinson.



The Room across the Hall

RUTH M. EVERETT

"THERE'S really no need of being friendly with them," said Edna to her roommate.

"That's just the way I feel about it, too," responded her roommate emphatically.

This decision was called forth because it happened that two new girls had been given the room across the hall which they had planned to have their two chums occupy.

"There's absolutely no reason why they have to have that room. They could just as well have the first floor room," continued Edna.

"That's what I say. Let's go down and see the girls and talk it over."

Comfortably seated in the other girls' room, they talked the matter over, and finally agreed that if the room across the hall had to be occupied by strangers, they would show them that they were not wanted.

The weeks went by: gay ones for "the four" and lonely ones for the two sisters across the hall. They noticed that the girls did not appear friendly and wondered why. They saw very clearly that "the four" were the leaders in the dormitory, and that everyone did as they said. Why "the four" disliked them was a mystery. They remembered the pleasant years in other schools, and how well they had been treated.

The weeks dragged slowly on until after the Christmas holidays. Then one morning an announcement appeared on the bulletin board that the annual declamatory contest would be held the first Wednesday evening in March. Any girl in the college might enter. The first prize would be twenty-five dollars, the second one, ten. The

contest was discussed for several days. Finally the names of the contestants appeared, with the title of their selections. Edna was going to speak, also Olive, one of the sisters. Rehearsals began in earnest, and with them much speculation. The common opinion was that Edna would probably win the first prize. Edna thought so too. She wondered why Olive had entered the contest. Surely she never thought of winning. As for the others, she felt confident she was a better speaker than any of them.

Wednesday morning came. The excitement increased. No one thought of anything but the contest. About noon Olive entered her room looking very dejected. "Why Olive," said her sister, looking up, "surely you are not beginning to worry about tonight, are you?"

"I've solved the mystery. I've found out why the girls have treated us so coolly all year. - It's because we were given the room that the girls downstairs expected to have, and when I passed 'the four' in the hall just now, I heard the girl across the hall say, 'Well, if Olive should happen to win the first prize tonight, I won't offer *my* congratulations.' And they all said the same thing. Then one of them said, 'What are you worrying about, Edna, no one has ever heard her speak, she would have shown her talent before this if she had any. There's nothing to be afraid of.' So now if I do win the prize tonight, there will only be more prejudice among the girls."

The evening came at last. The speakers had drawn the slips the day before that gave them their places on the program. It so happened that of the eight speakers, Edna was number seven and Olive number eight.

The first six numbers were given with ordinary success. When Edna appeared, the audience applauded, for Edna was the favorite speaker of the college. When she finished, the auditorium rang with applause.

Now the program was completed, so far as the audience was concerned. It would only be a matter of a few minutes before Edna would be given the first prize. No one was interested in the last number on the program. So they settled back comfortably.

But hark! Could that rich voice belong to Olive? The audience looked. Could that perfect mastery of the technique of declamation, that perfect poise, that clear voice, belong to Olive, to that girl across the hall? They listened, and as each minute passed, every particle of prejudice vanished. The most surprised of all was Edna. She realized her defeat, but did not care.

When Olive descended the platform, the applause was uproarious — deafening, and Edna joined as heartily as anyone there. Olive received the first prize, and Edna the second. When the congratulations were over, Edna went over to Olive and offered her hand.

“I know you overheard what I said this morning, and I want to apologize for every word of it and for the way I’ve treated you all year. I want to say, too, that I’m proud to have you across the hall.”

The Successful Career

THE young man of eighteen, clerking in the little country store at Braddock, Pennsylvania and receiving a salary of two dollars and a half a week was not satisfied. He had just finished his schooling at St. Francis College at Loretto and had learned all that was taught there about engineering. Meanwhile he had driven a stage-coach from Loretto to the station at Cresson.

Now he was clerking, but he wanted to be engineering. Some time, perhaps, the opportunity would come. And the opportunity did come.

The customer who entered the little store and asked to be waited on did not expect in turn to serve the clerk. So it was a surprise when “Charley” asked his customer for employment. Mr. Jones of the Edgar Thomson Steel Works hesitated.

“Can you drive pikes?” he asked finally.

“I can drive anything.” He had indeed driven the old stage-coach.

“At a dollar a day?”

“At any price,” was the reply.

“Charley” was employed as stake-driver. Six months at this and he was made chief of the engineering corps with which he was working. “Charley” was now called Mr. Schwab. This was the first round of the ladder of success he was climbing. Round by round, step by step, he went up till at the age of thirty-nine he had become the president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. He also held high official positions in connection with many other steel and iron companies. He had climbed to the top. His salary was the greatest of any man in the world. But did he stop here? What has Mr. Schwab done recently?

The European War broke out. Great Britain needed more ships

and submarines. Lord Kitchner asked help from Mr. Schwab. As a result the Allies received a promise of supply of destroyers for five years.

Taking advantage of his German name, of his frequent visits to Germany, and of his interest in many German inventions, representatives of the Imperial Government tried to persuade Mr. Schwab to sell his interest in the Bethlehem Corporation which would give them complete control of Bethlehem. But Mr. Schwab refused their offer of millions and remained true to principle and to his promise. He was not working for money.

Soon America entered the war. It was decided we, too, must have more ships, and we must have them quick. A number of men undertook the work of directing the building of ships. But they did not come fast enough. Then the chairman of the U. S. Shipping Board, Edward N. Hurley, thought of Mr. Schwab. He asked Mr. Schwab to assume the responsibility of this work, but he refused. Mr. Hurley used all his persuasive power, but in vain. He thought again and decided to ask the President to appoint Mr. Schwab. So on April 16, 1918, Mr. Schwab received and accepted his appointment as Director-General of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

"Charley Schwab" planned on being an engineer. He became one. He aimed high and reached his goal. He always tried to do a little better than was expected of him. Soon after his appointment he asked a friend how many tons of shipping America expected to be launched in 1918. His friend replied no more than 3,000,000 tons was expected. Mr. Schwab said, "I will give 4,000,000 tons and more if I can get the steel, and I think I can."

What has enabled Mr. Schwab to become a successful leader?

Mr. Schwab himself says, "My success is due to the fact that in the first place I stood on my own feet — always relied on myself." His parents were poor. All he got he worked for and appreciated. He was not above hard work, nor afraid of it.

"The first essential in a boy's career," he says, "is to find what he's fitted for, and what he's most capable of doing and doing with a relish. The second essential is to go to work and do it, no matter the cost, no matter the obstacles, no matter the sacrifices." When but a boy Charles Schwab found out what he wanted to do, determined to do it and did it.

A striking and winning personality wins for him first place in the hearts of his men. They will do anything for him. His knowledge of human nature is invaluable to him. He knows how to deal with an individual and how to get the best from each man. He in-

spires all associated with him by his optimism. Because of his democratic spirit his workmen do not fear him but respect him. It was this spirit which led him to say, "nobody ever worked for me, but many thousands have worked with me." He does not fail to recognise and appreciate the work done. His words of praise and commendation are sought after and are much more gratifying than the many rewards he offers for superior work. He takes interest not in the money being accumulated, but in the individual earning the money.

As Mr. Schwab says, "The men who reap success are not the men who aim to accumulate millions; they are the men who aim to do one thing; to do it better than anyone else can do it; to take it up from the very beginning and push it through to the end."

RUTH NAOMI WILCOX.

To the Flu

(Apologies to Tom Moore)

THE time I've spent wooing and watching and pursuing
The light that lies in druggist's eyes
Has been my health's undoing.

For when the flu germs got me
I pinned my trust to "Adam's Rust"
Or some such stuff they brought me;

The doctors oft had told me
There was no hope in patent dope
Or bottled things they sold me.

But now I know where'er I go
The cure for men and nations
That have the flu — and here it is
"Hot Packs and Fomentations."

Oh vain alas the endeavor
With drugs his hold to sever
The claws upon a flu germ's paws
Are still as sharp as ever.

H. R.



The Morning Watch

IF we felt more the majesty of life, we should be more careful of its mornings," says Spurgeon. "The morning is the gate of the day and should be well guarded with prayer."

In the hurry and stress of school life we are prone to become careless and neglect to thus guard the "gate of the day." In doing so we lose the strength and power it is our privilege to possess, and go forth unprepared to meet the cares and duties of the day. Communion with God and the study of his word form a most essential part of the Christian's daily armour. Never should it be neglected or omitted whatever else may need to be left undone.

The soldier on the battlefield goes forth to meet the enemy equipped in the best possible manner. The soldiers of Christ should not be less diligent. They are engaged in a far greater warfare, and must be clothed with the whole armour of God in order to conquer their foe.

Let the first waking thought be of God, and the early morning moments — the best of the day — be given to him and the study of his Word. The gems of Scripture prepared for us in the Morning Watch Calendar, if stored in our minds during these quiet moments alone with God, will be priceless treasures when God's written Word is taken from us.

Dear fellow-students, let us make the year 1919 a year of prayer; let the "Morning Watch" be a part of our daily lives, that we may face each day's duties with the quiet strength and sweet confidence of a life in unison with God.

"'Alone with God!' in morning prayer
 And quietness we feel
 That He draws near our waiting souls
 And does himself reveal,
 "'Alone with God!' true knowledge gained
 While sitting at his feet;
 We learn life's greatest lessons there,
 Which make for service mete."

BESSIE MOUNT.

Prepare to Meet Thy God

AMOS 4:6-12. "Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel."

For centuries God was patient and merciful to the children of Israel. Although they sinned and continued in sin without any appreciation of God, yet he mercifully called after them to repent and be saved. All the day long he held forth his arms to receive them, but they would not. The people of Israel were God's chosen people witnessing his providence in their behalf, but still they followed in sin. What a wonderful thing it would have been if Israel had remained pure and righteous and had faithfully served God! This scripture is only another instance where God is endeavoring to turn the minds of his people toward himself. From the sixth to the eleventh verse we have the means which God used to draw the people's attention away from their worldliness to a knowledge of their true condition and preparation for eternity. Famines, drought, pestilence, and sorrow befell them but they did not turn to God for help. In the midst of prosperity God brought ruin upon the country's resources. They professed to believe in God, yet he seemed to be their last consideration even in perilous times.

This text seems to me a prophecy of our present position and condition in the world. We profess to be the children of God. In fact, millions of people claim allegiance to Christ and God as the Israelites did of old. It is exactly the same situation as it was then. I am sure it does not take a microscope to see elephants. Neither does it take a profound thinker or scientist to tell us that we are living in the day of God's judgments. It is indeed a serious thing to behold the signs of the end of the world and the judgments falling upon the people without the move of a muscle. There has been no time in the history of this world when the people face such tremendous problems and trouble as they do today. The judgments of God are falling and will continue to fall until they shall not be mingled with mercy but with wrath. What we need is an awakening to our condition. In the short period of only a few weeks in Washington, D. C. alone, over 1500 people died on account of the influenza epidemic and in larger cities 800 died in one day. Fathers dug graves and buried their wives and children. Sons buried their parents. Whole families were wiped out of existence. Bodies were piled up in the graveyards for weeks awaiting burial until they decayed. If there is anything that could cause people to think of God it surely

would be this. But how did they look at the situation? They only inquired what was the cause and how did it come. No one imagines any other cause than a natural one just as the Israelites did. When the Israelites had a drought they moved into the nearest city to obtain water. To them the drought was only a pestilence and not a sign. So it has been to the thousands of people today. God's professed people are rejecting him and following the allurements of the world. Destruction by war and fire has come upon us without arousing in us a holier life in Christ.

It is high time to awake out of sleep and to feel our need—the need of the gospel. We are preparing for the service of God mentally but the greatest aim should be a preparation to meet God. Within the scope of such a preparation all other essentials of Christian life and activity will be included. A preparation to meet God is a continuous act and will be until we come to that point where we are prepared to enter the Kingdom. The battle must be fought to the gates of the city.

The Call of the Hour

THIS is a wonderful and serious age. For four years the world has witnessed a terrible conflict which has taken thousands of lives. During these years every citizen has been called upon to help win the war, and the response, being almost unanimous, has resulted in the triumph of right and justice. There is waging even a far greater warfare than this, the spiritual conflict between the powers of good and evil. Christ is the captain on the side battling for truth; he is calling for every young person to volunteer for his army to carry the third angel's message to the world. This work has been hindered in many ways during the recent war, and now that there is a season of peace, it is the opportune time to speed this message to the open hearts of the people, who are not able to discern the events of the present time. Just as the withdrawal of the Roman army from Jerusalem was a sign for the Jews to flee, so this time of peace is the call for God's people to sound the gospel message throughout the world.

Especially is this call to the students who are already in the training camps, as it were. It is a privilege to be in class one for this army, and a sad thing indeed to be exempted from it. There will be no armistice in this battle. It will last to the end, but will result in a glorious victory.

GENEVIEVE HANSON.

Christ the Key to History

Text — Acts 4:12

“NEITHER is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

There have been many names given among men. Some of these names have become watchwords for great systems of morality, ethics, and religion. And with these systems have appeared sacred writings setting forth the doctrines of duty and discipleship as held by these leaders either in fact or in tradition.

Christianity also has its sacred writings, produced after it became an aggressive force in society. But these scriptures portray something more than a system of morals, more than a rule of life, more than a list of good things for the strong. We find the central fact of Christianity unique when compared with all these systems. It portrays a person, not only as the founder of the system in history, but as a spiritual Creator in present life. Thus the greatest need of men is met — that of present salvation, and the sinner is given not only a code but a power.

By nature men are sinners and need to be saved. On this point the Scriptures of the Bible are very plain. Recall, for instance, that vivid picture in the fortieth Psalm, where the writer narrates his own experience. He tells his pitiable condition — sinking in the choking ooze and unspeakable filth of a ruined dungeon, he has about given up to despair, when a shadow crosses the mouth of the pit, a kind voice calls out words of encouragement, and a face peers in. Then right down into the dank, noisome place the Stranger comes, to the very loneliest, darkest corner and reaches a strong hand to the weary struggler. “Come, brother, come. I am here to help you — you need not perish — lay hold on me.” And then is the saved one silent? Listen! “He brought me up out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings, and he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God.”

And Christ, as just this kind of a personal Saviour, is the theme of the whole Bible.

“In the cross of Christ I glory
 Towering o’er the wrecks of time
 All the wealth of sacred story
 Gathers round its head sublime.”

First he is shown as Creator, for redemption was implied in creation.

Then after the fall a Redeemer was promised, and this promise through all the scriptures became the basis of future hope and present conduct to all faithful souls. The promise was expounded to Abraham as the "Seed" that should bless all nations, and still later the types and ritual of tabernacle and temple explained to the chosen people the salvation of the redeeming blood.

Later on the facts of the Gospels are given to show the promise unfolding, and the actual life of the personal Redeemer fulfilling the first part of his great work. The acts of the apostles follow with the record of this message as an energetic and energizing force among men, proving that supernatural power had been supplied to make the blood of Calvary's tragedy effective.

Only two more steps remain in this great series, before the climax of eternity. The first is the story of the church from the first Christian century to the present, with all its mistakes and backslidings, its progress and its victories. Time after time insidious heresies crept stealthily into the church, or boldly assailed its battlements, denying the divinity or blood atonement of our Lord, and always the church detected the heresy, or repelled the assault, and denounced the doctrines that would have destroyed her mission among men. When one remembers the wanderings of the organized church on earth from primitive simplicity and faith, or considers its jarring factions and divisions, it is no less than a miracle that the mass of humble followers have persistently held fast the fundamental belief in Christ as the effectual, personal redeemer of men.

Such a conviction upheld the faithful in all ages and under all conditions. It nerved the professors of Prague and Wittenburg to venture battle with a mighty system entrenched in the veneration of hoary centuries and the widening reach of world dominion. It burned in the heart of Calvin, of Knox, of the Wesleys and of Whitefield, and set a sleepy world aflame with the white heat of its high enthusiasm. It sent Carey to India, Morrison to China, and Judson to Burma, with their hardships, their privations, their imprisonments, and their glory. It forced Dr. Livingstone into equatorial Africa on the trail of the slave trade, and when his work was done, brought from the lips of those who laid him to rest in Westminster Abbey, among kings and heroes, the eulogy: "Let marble crumble, this is living stone." These heroes all went to the fray as ambassadors of the One who was lifted up that all might be drawn to him.

The solemnity of our times will never appear so great to us until we stand on the precipice of eternity. Our folly will never appear so foolish or so great until we stand before the throne of God. The people at Belshazzar's feast gave little thought of their danger until the hand of God began to write on the wall, "thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting." The multitudes in the days of Noah gave no heed to the warning of God. After one hundred twenty years of much patience God made the flood to cover the earth, and, because the people were unprepared, they perished. Preparation includes sanctification and consecration for a definite purpose. A preparation of heart is of far greater value and importance than the preparation of mind for the Master's service.

WHEN Turner had finished one of his greatest pictures he called in some friends to criticise it. "We can't see its meaning," they said, "it looks like a jumble of tangled colors to us." Upon this the great master seized a brush and laid on a splash of crimson. Then all was plain—the picture was brought into perspective and the main features were seen in true proportion.

Thus the cross of Christ brings perspective into history like a scarlet splash on the canvass of the ages. And the high goal toward which this mighty name has been impelling and compelling, willing hearts, is the Kingdom. And it is his Kingdom, it is the climax of Christianity and the fruition of all our hopes, it will never cease to mean more and more to the redeemed, and it will never cease.

And so the name of Jesus Christ is the key to all the Bible and the decimal point of history. He is its creator, its promise, its example, its redeeming energizer, its providential guide, and its supreme king, today and tomorrow and forevermore.

H. RICHARDS.

Hope is the architect, brawn is the builder.

Professor Machlan.

There are many echoes in the world, but few voices.

Professor Machlan.

There are twelve lines of prophecy calling us to fuller consecration.

Dr. B. G. Wilkinson.

"THE GATEWAY TO SERVICE"



ALUMNI

Roll Call for the Class of 1918

THE class of '18 is just entering as a freshman in the school of life. Its realities are fast dawning upon us and it seems hard to think that school days are no more; but indeed what a pleasure and a privilege to know that we have a small part in this great work of the betterment of humanity. In this our new course, we have many things to learn and to unlearn, and doubtless hard experiences to undergo, but we are glad to know that we are not alone and that we do not have to depend on our own strength to do our best, but that we have a Friend who leads and helps us in whatever work we may be.

We are the youngest and the last of the Alumni family, but we hope we are not the least. Our work may seem to be insignificant, but someone has said that greatness does not consist only in great deeds, but "in doing the little things in a great and noble way."

MARIA I. JIRON.

Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

"Teaching church school is just fine. I have the second, fourth, fifth and seventh grades. Honesdale is a pretty place, but oh, so quiet and so lonesome. It hardly seems possible that our school days are over. As many others have said before, "If I could live my days over again, I would do differently."

VIRGINIA IRWIN SHULL.

146 Greenwood Ave.,
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"I am kept so busy with my work that I have to plan very closely to keep up with it. Isn't it fine to be teaching, though? I never enjoyed myself more than I do right now. I have classes from 7:45 a. m. to 1:15 p. m. every day, with no vacant periods except for chapel, and I have to talk in chapel one or two days every week. I am teaching Elementary Bookkeeping, Physiology, Plane Geometry, Physics, Solid Geometry, and Spelling during the first semester."

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"I am enjoying my work very much and learning more and more every day."

EMMA BERNICE HAMMOND.

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Ketchum, Oklahoma.

"I certainly have some interesting work here, and I like it so much. This is a large school and a good place to work. Occasionally problems come up that simply are almost beyond solving, but I have learned to depend on the Lord, and so far, I have had just the easiest and most interesting time.

ESTHER OLIVIA KNUDSON.

On the way to China,
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 3, 1918.

"Just a card before leaving the good old U. S. A. Our boat has been delayed a few days so we are not sailing until Sunday. See me walking up the gang plank at 10 a. m. and taking my last look at the land of freedom. We have had a grand trip so far, and we trust that our sea-sick spell will be short and sweet.

WILLIAM AUGUST SHARFFENBERG.

The year of absence which Janet B. Morris took from her Bible work did not lessen her love for it and she is again at her work in Washington, D. C.

The class of '18 is proud to have been represented by one of its members, Rufus M. Gibbs, in the battlefields of France. We are glad to know that he has returned and is "Somewhere" in the U. S. A.

Once more have the wedding bells rung for another member of our class, Arthur Grosvenor Daniells, who has recently married Miss Grace Adams.

Cecil L. Ross is acting as preceptor and teacher in the Shenandoah Valley Academy, Virginia.

Robert Howard Treible is doing evangelistic work in Washington, D. C.
Carroll Aye.,
Takoma Park, D. C.

The class of '18 is beginning to scatter its members eastward, westward, southward, and northward. Jesse W. Salisbury is acting as preceptor and teacher in one of our academies in Canada.

Battleford Academy,
Battleford, Sask.,
Canada.

The large experience which Eugene Fred Dresser has had in the work of principal of schools has once more called him to this work.

Box 244,
Shillington, Pa.

Elmer Edwin Clayton is doing Bible work at Lebanon, New Hampshire.

8 Columbia Ave.,
Takoma Park, D. C.

"I have spent four months at the M. E. R. C., two months at the S. A. T. C., and am at present taking the medical course at the George Washington University."

HENRY MERTON BAKER.

We regret that we know nothing about Edith Juanita Osgood, but we hope that when she reads over these pages that she may think of her class-mates and send us a few lines. Ariel, Pa.

E. Maximo Trummer and L. Jasper Grant, feeling the need of further preparation for their work, have remained at the college and are taking advantage of the first opportunity which W. M. C. offers for post-graduate work. They are working hard for their M. A.

Walter Alfred Nelson is working for the government in Washington, D. C.

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"I find that anyone can make money these days, but not everyone can work for the Lord."

Brooke '17.

"I hope that when people look at our class they will see a great argument in favor of Christian education."

Miles '18.



EDITORIAL

A certain man started his career with every chance of success. His ambition was to become an author. His first story, when read by the public, was pronounced excellent. Soon he became popular as a public man as well as an author. Many important offices were opened to him, which he accepted. As the years passed, he found his time so occupied, he never had an opportunity to write. His ambition remained the same, and he always expected to give up his public work and devote his entire time to writing. He never did.

So it is with many people. They have an ambition to succeed. They know what their ambition is. Why do they spend so much time on the side roads vainly hoping that someday they will be able to get back on the main one? Why?

Begin back in college days. Why do many students leave college unprepared for their life work? They had a desire for a college education. They accepted the popular phrase "a broad education" and began to investigate every line of study offered in the curriculum. They suddenly realized at the end of their course that they had failed to specialize. Why?

It is that way throughout life. We think there is sufficient time to enter our particular line of work. We are too easily deflected from our main purpose. We all too eager to investigate the side roads. No salesman ever advanced very far who introduced too many side-lines.

These deflections, these distractions from our main ambition have been called goat-feathers. It takes a long time to gather them and they can only fill the place of ornaments. They are not useful. Don't gather too many goat-feathers!

R. M. E.

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It has been truly said, "Enthusiasm is one of the world's greatest forces." One enthusiast will be able to persuade thousands while dozens of men just as bright or talented yet lacking that stimulant will never be noticed. It was the spirit of enthusiasm which fired the great reformers and enabled them to change the thought of the world. Prejudice and all obstacles melt before its fervid heat. Inaction springs into life and success comes forth triumphant.

"Enthusiasm is nothing more or less than faith in action. Faith and initiative, rightly combined, remove mountainous barriers and achieve the unheard of and miraculous." Plant the seed of enthusiasm in your self. Let it grow in your school work — in that hard subject which you do not like. Show it in all school activities. Manifest it in your very manner. It will spread to your associates. The results produced will be undreamed of. It will mean happiness and success. Begin now, while the school year is not yet far gone. Plant the seed of enthusiasm in your life, watch it grow, and see the result.

G. E. S.

Cupid Over the Top

AT the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sellars, of Battle Creek, Mich., occurred the marriage of their daughter, Lulu, to Mr. Cyrus Simmons, Wednesday evening, January 8.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Simmons are former students of Washington Missionary College, the bride a student of last year. They will make their home in Washington for the present, where Mr. Simmons is engaged in business.

THE SLIGONIAN joins their many friends in wishing them joy and prosperity.

Dedicatory Number

A FORTY-EIGHT paged special number of THE SLIGONIAN will be published for the dedication of Columbia Hall. It will have both inside and outside views of Columbia Hall, diagrams showing the arrangement of all the floors, pictures of prominent men, and different views about the campus. There will be a complete report of the program on the night of the dedication, also articles by Professors Machlan, Albertsworth, Lacey, and other prominent men. The cover will be of good quality, stamped in gilt. There will be a large supply of this special number on hand. The price will be 25 cents.

"Some men are simply satellites of those they admire."

Richards.

"We only do things in this life as we do one definite thing at a time."

Schultz.

"Never pause for praise."

King.

"There is no vacation in the Christian life."

Gant.

"We are living in a time which calls forth the supreme patriotism in a man for God, country, and school."

Hagen.

"The power of every man is in direct proportion with his connection with God."

Salisbury.

"Some men are self-made and others are tailor-made."

Sorenson.

"The more we read the beautiful lessons of the Lord's care, the more we realize the truthfulness of them."

A student in Friday evening meeting.



NEWS



The first day in Columbia Hall was an event to which everyone has looked forward for several years. When the faculty took their places on the platform the morning of January 13 and the doxology was sung, the spirit of the words was felt generally, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Elder O. J. Gibson gave the morning address on his experiences in Honan, China.

Every seat in the chapel is not occupied, but the students are seated in all rows, though in the rear of the room only every other seat is occupied. The seats next to the center aisle are reserved for the monitors who take the record of chapel absences. At the close of the chapel exercises, Miss Severs strikes a chord on the piano, and the students rise and march out in four rows to march music. In this way the room is vacated in one minute.

Sunday evening, January 12, Professor Sorenson met his class in Rome and Middle Ages at the Library of Congress. The object of the trip was to study the large collection of pictures found there of the ruins of the city of Pompei. The library has many excellent lithographic reproductions of friezes and panels that have been excavated from the ruins, also stereoscopic views of the ruins as found in Pompei today. The work of the evening was instructive, and enjoyed by all.

The Sligo Sabbath school gave \$89.20 in the last thirteenth Sabbath offering.

The morning of January 9, crowds of enthusiastic students could be seen leaving the college. And what was that roll or package under each arm? The Harvest Ingathering *Watchman* is the answer. The whole school was divided into bands for the campaign and a large part of the city and surrounding territory was assigned them. School was closed for the day and a large number of students went out with the determination to go "over the top." "Over the top" they went, too, for the goal set was more than reached.

Some of the students of W. M. C. have been having splendid success canvassing in the city. Mr. Denver Coleman reports orders to the amount of \$367 taken in 23 hours. The day before Christ-

mas, Mr. Coleman canvassed in the rain, taking orders to the amount of \$104 in 6 hours. Mr. Beamesderfer reports orders for books amounting to \$375 taken in 29 hours. About twelve of the students are canvassing in the city at the present time. Approximately \$3,000 worth of books have already been sold. Rather a profitable way for a student to spend his leisure time, isn't it?

We are beginning to look forward to the chapel hour which the Pastoral Training class occupies, for we know we will hear something worth while. January 2, Mr. Harold Richards spoke on the "Art of Letting Go," using as his text Philippians 3:13. The following week Mr. Howard Shull gave the sermonette for the morning.

Mrs. Stratton recently had a pleasant trip to Philadelphia. She spent the day with Dr. Adam Geibel, the blind composer, who is to lead our chorus in singing "The Incarnation," one of his own compositions. She also visited the Victor Talking Machine Company, and while there she secured their promise to send a lecturer to the college some time in the near future.

If you should happen to see someone running in mad pursuit of some member of the faculty don't get excited, for it probably is a senior after a credit.

Did I hear some one say skating? Well, I think we realized Monday morning that we had been skating when those horrid clang, clangs of the rising bell awakened us and we were forced by circumstances to drag our weary bones to school. There was excellent skating at North-west Branch Friday, Saturday night, and Sunday, and the faculty even granted us Sunday night free to go skating.

Five new staff members have been elected. The editors are: Miss Gladys Shaw, Missionary; Miss Ruth Everett, Literary; Mr. H. Emory Wagner, News. The new managers are: Mr. Horace Hagan, Advertising; Mr. Louis Zink, Circulating.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Richards, who were students here in 1915, and Mr. Samuel Fairchild have entered second semester classes.

Mr. Lowell Fritz, one of our last year's students, has just returned to school. Mr. Fritz was called away from his studies last year into the army, where he underwent severe trials "for conscience sake." He stood firmly for the right, however, and recently received his discharge. We are glad to have him with us again.

We cannot "shake" the "flu", but it surely is "knocking" some of our students. Among those who have been sick recently are: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gant, Mr. Julian Gant, Mr. King, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Wagner.

Doctor John Field, who was to have taught our college English classes this year, but who was called into the army, has just been discharged. Is he happy? Ask him.

The students presented Professor Machlan a beautiful flag at one of the recent chapel exercises as a token of their appreciation for his untiring efforts in the interest of both students and school.

We are kept constantly in fear of a fire drill now that the boys have been organized into a fire department.

Columbia Hall's doors were first opened to the public Friday night Jan. 10, when Brother Gibson from China spoke to us on that field. The next day, Sabbath, Elder Daniells preached, and we felt the joy of having a place for every one to sit where they could both see and hear him.

Mrs. Eidson is spending some time with her daughter.

We were glad to have Professor M. E. Kern with us in chapel New Year's morning. His burden seemed to be that the students of W. M. C. make the year 1919 a year at Jesus' feet.

We are glad that Mr. Leffler is recovering so nicely from his operation.

Messrs. Dean and Yelland have moved from Lyndon Hall to room in a private home near the college.

A number of students who are members of the College Chorus, conducted by Mrs. Stratton, recently sang at the Ingram Memorial Church in Washington. Geibel's "Incarnation" was sung.

Professor Sorénson has fully recovered from an attack of influenza.

A new watchman system has been recently installed. At each one of the eighteen stops is a key protected by a metal box. The key (every one is different) is inserted in the clock which Mr. Foster carries and registers the time on the blank, inside, when he rings at a stop. Each station is located at a strategic place and in every furnace room of the college buildings from Lyndon to Sunshine.

At last, the gymnasium is in sight. Finishing touches are now being applied and it is hoped we can use it within a few weeks.

Now that examinations are over, all of us are heaving sighs of relief. Our joy, indeed, is great that we are recovering from the nightmare of mental agony and fear of the "worst that is to come." We can now sing a new tune, "Oh joy, where do we go from here?" Vacations and other interruptions are over, leaving us free to settle down, to become better acquainted with our surroundings and to do some real work. A semester has closed full of new experiences and many of us are none the worse. Before us looms up the best time of the school year. With it, comes a new start, an opportunity to do still better work with a broader and deeper knowledge of our needs and the needs of others.

The week of prayer services were held Dec.15-22. A joint prayer-meeting was held in the chapel each night, taking the place of the regular prayer service in the various homes. Thursday the chapel hour was given over to a consecration service. Dr. Wilkinson gave a splendid talk on holding fast the fundamental principles of our faith. The call to reconsecration was answered by a large portion of the students.

Elder Daniells spoke Friday evening at prayer meeting and at Sabbath morning service, emphasizing the fact that the prophecies in the Bible have been fulfilled to the letter.

By silhouette and pantomime the boys of North Hall recently showed us the sufferings of Pat as he took treatments at a Sanitarium. The unique methods of the doctor and nurses, and the surprising result of his trial breakfast showed why Pat had a bad stomach. A march closed their program for the evening.

Review and Herald

The restrictions which caused the *Review and Herald* to be printed on a poor quality of paper with only twenty-four pages have been taken off so now it has been made its usual size of thirty-two pages with a better quality of paper.

Mr. Richmond, superintendent of the *Review and Herald*, now occupies the manager's old room, and Mrs. W. H. Warner and Mr. H. K. Presley have moved into his room.

Sunday, December 15, Professor Caviness spoke to the *Review and Herald* employees during the chapel hour. He told of his visit to the Prophetic Conference held in New York City, November 25-28. This meeting was a result of an interdenominational movement formed for the purpose of discussing the doctrine of the second advent of Jesus Christ. Most of the speakers presented good Bible doctrine — the literal and imminent coming of Christ, the two resurrections, the signs of the times, etc. On the whole the conference did a great deal of good in arousing the people to a study of that blessed hope of Christ's return. Will not this Prophetic Conference and others which may be held in other cities be a challenge to us to take to an aroused public the full message for this time?

Mr. L. W. Graham, secretary of the *Review and Herald*, attended a national convention of the General Conference Home Missionary Department at College View, Nebraska, November 25-28.



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