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THE MARCH OF EVENTS

Witness Bearing Committee

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WE are about to mail to all our pastors, and then to a carefully selected list of men the country over, a sample of the petition which we are urging that the preamble of the Constitution may be amended, also an accompanying leaflet, setting forth the reasons for this amendment. They follow in full:

To the President, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States:

Whereas, The unity, justice, tranquility, defense, welfare and liberty of nations, the objects specified in the preamble of the Constitution of the United States, are secured by recognizing the authority and obeying the law of Jesus Christ, and

Whereas, The enthronement of Jesus Christ as Saviour and King in the life of the people of the United States should be followed, as a consequence, by the acknowledgment of His authority in "the supreme law of the land," therefore,

We respectfully present and urge our petition that the preamble of the National Constitution be amended to read in substance as follows:

We, the people of the United States, devoutly recognizing the Authority and Law of Jesus Christ, the Saviour and King of nations, and desiring to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure Tranquility, provide for the common Defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Place of meeting.....
Time..... Number of Petitioners....
Signed.....
Position.....
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The Proposed Christian Amendment

The proposal is to embody in the preamble of the Federal Constitution an Amendment reading in substance as follows:

"Devoutly recognizing the Authority and

Law of Jesus Christ, the Saviour and King of Nations."

Why This Amendment is Proposed Now.

To set forth a definite and easily understood objective for the present movement among Christian people to enthrone Jesus Christ in the whole life. The proposal of such a reformation in law suggests the need of a corresponding transformation in life.

Reasons for the Proposed Christian Amendment

1—To give the Lord Jesus the supreme place in National Life and in "the Supreme Law of the land;" to have the American people acknowledge that Jesus is King.

2—To give a real basis to the claim that this is a Christian Nation.

3—To show our gratitude to Him who has made and kept us a nation.

4—To declare to all those holding office that the American people desire to have a Christian Government.

5—To place all Christian laws, institutions and usages in this country on an undeniable legal basis in the fundamental law of the land.

6—To strengthen our government by bringing it into line with the divine government, securing obedience for conscience sake.

7—To safeguard our freedom by limiting obedience to the requirements of the law of Christ.

8—To set forth Christ as the Founder of true Democracy, a democracy of service to all.

9—To give both the government and the church a Christian basis, as divine institutions with distinct functions, separate from each other.

10—To insure the tolerance and protection, characteristic of true Christianity, to people of different beliefs, as long as their outward acts are not contrary to Christian morality.

11—To give support to every moral and righteous cause which may arise in political life.

12—To show the nations of the world that the blessings of liberty which we enjoy are the fruit of the religion of Jesus Christ, a religion which alone can produce the moral character that will make free institutions strong and enduring.

13—To seek permanent peace by obeying the Prince of peace.

14—To fit the United States for leadership among the nations.

Suggested Texts

The kingdom is the Lord's; and He is the Governor among the nations.—Psalm 22: 28.

All kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him.—Psalm 72: 11.

The Second Psalm throughout.

And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.—Daniel 7: 27.

All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth.—Matt 28: 18.

The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.—Rev. 11: 15.

They are definite and altogether indispensable to one who would be a Christian patriot and reformer. How many can you make use of? Are you willing to finance a share in this work for the kingdom? "The liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free," and with which he will bless the nation which accepts Him, calls for a "liberty loan" that will involve your heart and your bank account.

We ought to be glad and rejoice for all that the Lord our God has done for us. Not to be glad indicates a want of appreciation of the Lord's mercies. It is a mark of ingratitude.

Love for Christ, love for His Word, and love for His Church are the identification marks of a true disciple.

asking for life. It is a well of living water springing up unto everlasting life.

Travelers tell of some of the wells in the Holy Land that have been supplying the people there for thousands of years and never have stopped flowing and perhaps will flow for thousands of years yet. How wonderful that is. But how much more wonderful that well of living water that supplies every need of the child of God from the very beginning of the world and will continue to supply them as long as the world shall last and then in the Father's house the same supply shall be ours. There shall never be a lack.

All you need to do to get this spring of water opened within you which will refresh and strengthen you forever, is to ask. How little that is and still how many there are in the world who are living lives that are dry and barren because they are not willing to ask for the living water. Men have labored and sweated for weeks digging a well, only to find the water brackish and of very little use. But here we have this offer of a springing well of the most perfect water that will flow forever and that will be with us wherever we may be. Let us ask that he may give to us that we may never thirst again. If any man thirst let him come unto Me and drink and if we drink there the spring will begin to flow. Drink, yea drink abundantly, then the spring will begin to send out its living waters for you and all about you.

Science and the Flu

BY REV. D. RAYMOND TAGGART

Science is the sympathetic, willing, and intelligent handmaid of humanity. Her humanness is shown in the lifting of every burden of man or beast wherever she is allowed to help, until we live in luxury and ease. She says, "You press the button and I'll do the rest." Her willingness is manifest in her constantly finding new ways to help, for she is never satisfied with present attainments. Almost every periodical brings some offer of new or improved service volunteered by science. Her intelligence is proclaimed by her name, which means to know: and well has she merited the name! Her ingenuity is marvelous, and her dexterity consists in her knowing how. Such an one is our dutiful handmaid, science.

Watch her as she serves in the flu epidemic! She instructs the doctor and the nurse. She concocts the medicine, and ties on the mask. She directs the Board of Health to put the warning sign on our doors, and bids the public, great and small, to stay at home. If the public were absolutely obedient, her success would be marvelous. But what is a question of life and death when Christmas shopping must be done? Meanwhile science is seeking out new cures and prophylactics in a hundred laboratories, finding here a vaccine, and there an antitoxin.

But science at best is somewhat superficial: for seldom does she recognize the primal cause of sickness. Jesus did in His cures, when He said, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." That was removing the cause. "That ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins, He saith to the sick, 'Rise, take up thy bed and walk.'" Where disease is due to immorality, science recognizes the relation of sin

and disease, but in all other cases, she looks on the germ as the primal cause. Is there no relation between this nation-wide epidemic of influenza and nation-wide transgressions? (Lev. 26: 14-16.) Jesus warns us against thinking those upon whom the tower of Siloam fell as uncommonly wicked: nevertheless it was meant as a warning, for He says in the same breath, "But except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." National repentance would make effective the efforts of science.

Again science should recognize prayer as an aid in healing disease,—not to the exclusion of medicine, but an aid with it. (I Kings, 8: 37-40.) Jesus gave prayer a scientific basis,—namely the psychological relationship of father and son. "Which man of you that is a father, when his son shall ask a loaf, or a fish, or an egg, will give a stone, a serpent, or a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts, how much more your Heavenly Father!" Moreover Jesus showed that prayer had a basis in cause and effect as seen in the common incidents of every day. "Whosoever asketh, receiveth: to him that knocks, the door is opened: he that seeketh, findeth." Science should recognize the laws of psychology, and of cause and effect, as proofs of the efficacy of prayer.

History also should teach science the power of prayer. After two years of defeat in our Civil War, President Lincoln, at the request of the Congress, set apart April 30, 1863, as a "day of national humiliation, fasting and prayer," and from that time on the tide of victory was turned until the final surrender of Lee. August 6 was proclaimed as a day of Thanksgiving in these words:

"It has pleased Almighty God to hearken to the supplications and prayers of an afflicted people and to vouchsafe to the army and navy of the United States victories on land and sea so signal and effective as to furnish reasonable grounds for augmented confidence that the Union of these States shall be maintained" . . . etc.

By request of Congress, President Wilson set apart May 30 of the present year as a day of humiliation and prayer, and many were the earnest petitions that went up to God on that day. At that time the German army was moving on Paris, advancing on the average, seven miles per day. The movement of the American Marines toward the front began at ten o'clock on the night of May 30. Secretary Daniels' report says: "On this trip the camions containing the Americans were the only traffic traveling in the direction of the Germans: all the rest was going the other way." By five o'clock of June 2, they were in the battle of Chateau Thierry, and on that day and hour, the German armies began to crumple. "The Germans found themselves in a position in which further advance could mean only absolute suicide. The lines hesitated. They stopped. They broke for cover. . . . The German drive on Paris had been stopped." (Secretary Daniels' Official Report.)

Has science noted these coincidences in our history? Has there been any recognition of the answer to our prayers in official papers? Does the average citizen think of our victory as the result of prayer, or does he agree with that blasphemous remark of the "Des Moines Register?"—"As usual, it turned out that God was on the side of the heaviest artillery." Of a certain king it was

said by the Highest of authorities, "And immediately an angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory." (Acts 12: 23.)

But passing over any connection there may be between the present epidemic of influenza and nation-wide sin, whether of ingratitude or something else, and considering it as merely one of the events that happens alike to the just and the unjust, would it not still be the part of wisdom on the part of our nation to set apart a day of prayer for its removal? We set apart a day for prayer for the success of our arms, and considered that we were graciously spared to have had only 63,000 fatalities. The flu has caused 250,000 deaths, and our churches are closed to meetings for prayer. Would it not be the part of wisdom, and the ultimate conclusion of science, that instead of closing the churches first, as the nonessential gathering of the people, that they should be made the exception, and considered one of the essentials for the health of the community.—Copied from "The Church Outlook" (Topeka) December number.

The Value of a Church Program

BY REV. DELBERT H. ELLIOTT

The world's vast problems are summed up in the word "re-construction." A large share of the responsibility for this work rests upon the Church. Never were the opportunities so great. The missionary door is pushed further open. The field of reform was never more ripe for harvest. New born democracies are waiting to be clothed with Christianity. Our watchword should be "forward."

An institution makes its greatest progress when it sets up a definite goal and works according to a pre-arranged program. The United States worked according to program in its war work. Uncle Sam decided first what ought to be done and then did it. The matters of registration, classification, training and support were first worked out on paper. Then all forces were set in operation to execute the plans. If fifty billion dollars were needed, this goal was announced and all energies were bended to reach it. Our great achievements were due to the formulation and execution of a definite program.

It is cheering to note the constructive programs that are being undertaken by the various Churches. Campaigns of membership, evangelism, education, missions and finance are now under way that are producing results in the warfare of the kingdom. The financial program is the one in which we are especially interested here.

The Methodist Church, North, in celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of its missionary society has formulated a program covering every department of the Church's work. It has started a stewardship drive to secure the enlistment of a million members who will acknowledge their stewardship by the payment of the tithe. One item in their program is a national simultaneous ten-day financial canvass to secure pledges for \$80,000,000 to be paid within a period of five years.

The Methodists, South, after emphasizing the spiritual resources of the Church, undertakes a campaign to raise \$35,000,000 in five years. They do not expect to reach this goal without the personal canvass of its membership.