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When we look back to reconsider, and, if it may be, to recapture for ourselves the primal ideas which Christ came on earth to revivify for men, there is one that seems to stand first of them, perhaps to overshadow them—simplicity, singleness of heart. The single eye, the single heart, those Christ called for; they only could see and know him.—William Holden Hutton.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

One of the blessings that Jesus brought to the world, and one of the lessons that the world finds it hard to learn, is that the road to real greatness lies through service and not through being served. He Himself indicated the animating motive and purpose of His life when He said that He came "not to be ministered unto but to minister." "Love comes and grows through service."

Only the overflow of our lives benefits others. If we regard life as the opportunity to gratify every selfish wish and satisfy every selfish whim, others will soon turn from us and lament our self-centered folly. Jesus put the true law of blessing in this form: "He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water." It is these rivers of living water, flowing from our lives, that bring brightness and blessedness into the lives of others.

If we judge ourselves by worldly standards or in comparison with the attainments of those with whom we are associated, we may find some grounds for personal satisfaction and gratification. But if we judge ourselves as God judges, if we measure ourselves by the divine standard, we shall soon learn that all our attainments are far short of the standard set by our Divine Judge. "The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

It is hard for our finite minds to grasp the assurance given us by the Psalmist that God's way is perfect. And yet no truth in life brings greater peace and content than this. Our finite minds can see but a very small bit of God's way at any one time; perhaps we may not even see any of it at all. In the limitations in which we find ourselves, we shall have to continue to walk with only partial knowledge and limited sight. As the way unfolds, however, step by step, we are assured more and more that God's way for us is perfectly adapted to our nature and needs. This adaptation is as perfect as divine life and wisdom can make it. Even when new trials break upon us, or when new perplexities confront us, or unexpected disappointments come to us, we can still look into God's face and say, "Thou hast led me by a right way." As the Psalmist puts it: "As for God, His way is perfect."

Urgent appeals are going out to ministers from various organizations requesting the preaching of patriotic sermons and the holding of patriotic meetings in connection with church services and sessions of Sunday schools. The International Sunday School Association has asked that Sunday, July 1, be designated as "Patriotic Sunday" in all the 150,000 Sunday schools of the United States, having an aggregate membership of 18,000,000 persons. One object of such a service is to aid in Red Cross work, Y. M. C. A. work and other relief agencies. These are all proper objects of benevolence and enthusiastic assistance and co-operation on the part of all Christians. There is danger, however, that in following out in detail the plans as outlined by the Sunday School Association the historic

position of the Southern Presbyterian Church in reference to the relation of Church and State may be forgotten. While all individual Christians and workers in Sunday schools and churches will be loyally patriotic and will do everything in their power to promote the efficiency of the agencies at work to hasten the successful prosecution of the present war, care should be exercised by pastors and sessions lest they should be led to approve plans that would place the Church in the attitude of infringing upon the duty of the State or meddling with things political.

In these days when the hearts of men are longing for liberty we should not forget the intimate relationship between freedom and truth. Jesus said: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Only as men know the truth of God will they find true freedom. It is the mission of the Holy Spirit to lead men into all truth. Any attitude of mind that puts the human intelligence above the authority of the Holy Spirit has denied the truth and will inevitably wander into error. Nothing is so dangerous and so insidious as the deceitfulness of Satan, who tempts us to put our own opinions above the authority of God's Word.

There is general rejoicing throughout the homes that have furnished soldiers for the United States army that Congress has provided heavy penalties for any man, partnership or corporation that sells a drink of liquor to an officer or enlisted man while in uniform. A recent order has gone forth to all the component parts of the army that every officer and enlisted man must wear his uniform on all occasions, and civilian dress is strictly prohibited. The law is intended to bar the sale of liquor to the entire military service. The purpose of the legislation, according to its authors, is to give assurance to parents of young men drafted into the army that their boys will not be subject to temptations surrounding the ordinary military camp. The War Department itself takes the position that it will have a good effect upon the men themselves, both physically and morally. The Department of Justice has announced that the law will be rigidly enforced.

Rev. John R. McMullen, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Barnesville, Georgia, died at the Davis-Fischer Sanitarium in Atlanta, Georgia, May 20, after a brief illness. He was born in Danville, Kentucky, in 1865, and was a graduate of Centre College, where his father was professor of theology. He held several pastorates in Texas, Kansas, Missouri and Georgia. At the time of his death he was pastor of the Barnesville, Thomaston and Forsyth churches. Mr. McMullen was an unusually strong preacher and a faithful and energetic pastor. The sympathy of the entire Church will be with his bereaved family.

Rev. L. A. Simpson died at his home, Toccoa, Georgia, May 17. He was a graduate of Davidson College and of Columbia Theological Seminary in South Carolina. He was licensed by the Presbytery of South Carolina in 1879, and ordained in 1880 by the Presbytery of Athens. He was pastor at Clarksville and Toccoa, Georgia, from 1879 to 1897. He also served the churches of Elber-



ty and freedom, made us members of this great Republic, and is now opening before us an opportunity to help develop true "Democracy of Humanity."

For the Christian Observer.

**FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

By Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D.

The report of our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions is unusually encouraging. While there has been an unavoidable increase in the deficit, it has not been the result of a lack of interest or a want of generosity on the part of our people, but is due to the present disturbed conditions of the world on account of the war. The growth in membership has reached the handsome figure of 5,256, much larger than ever reported before from the foreign field for a single year. Our Church now has a membership abroad of 38,169. The pupils in day schools have increased fifty per cent., and in the Sunday schools sixty-six per cent. The total contributions have reached the splendid sum of \$570,856; and the resources on the foreign field have amounted to \$122,332. We now have 375 missionaries in the field, and 205 native candidates for the ministry. This brief mention of some of the fruits of the year's work

is sufficient to justify the statement with which I began, that the report for the year is unusually encouraging.

The Church should, therefore, thank God and take courage. Let us not consent to consider, even for a moment, a policy of restriction in this work of world evangelization. It is a time to push forward with renewed vigor and energy, and we must determine to make the sacrifices that may be necessary. The fields are white for the harvest. There never was in the history of the work such opportunity afforded to the missionaries for reaching the people with the Gospel; and we must enable them to seize upon this opportunity.

Our churches should begin the year with liberal contributions. Let us keep before our minds high ideals, and fix the goal far beyond our present position. We will have to economize, and ought to do it in many things—in our homes and in our ordinary way of living; but we must not even consider economizing in our gifts to the cause of Christ. Do not cut off your contributions to missions whatever you do, but increase them. The demands are greater, and the needs of the missionaries greater, and the multitudes of hungry souls who are looking to us for the "bread of life", are continually increasing.

Richmond, Va.

**THE 400th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION**



is being celebrated this year throughout the world.

All the agencies in this country that are promoting this observance are urging not a controversial, but a positive and constructive celebration.

The purpose is thus phrased: "To Celebrate the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century and to Hasten the Transformation of the Twentieth."

The various branches of the Presbyterian Church are using this occasion for strengthening their educational institutions and for the establishment of a fully endowed Chair of Bible in each of their Colleges.

The Systematic Beneficence Committee of our General Assembly say: "It is our deliberate judgment that the equipment and endowment of our Educational Institutions is the most important need of the Church at this hour."

The General Assembly in May, 1917, "urgently lays upon the Synods the imperatively pressing needs of our Educational Institutions and earnestly entreats them to persevere in measures to provide for these necessities, where measures have been taken, and where not, to inaugurate them with the least possible delay, appealing to all our people to signalize the conclusion of 400 years of Reformed life in the Church by mighty forward strides in our Educational equipment."

And again the General Assembly at Birmingham urged "our Presbyteries and Synods to increased diligence in building up and maintaining their Schools and Colleges."

How would you like to endow a Chair of Bible in one of our Colleges as a Memorial which shall perpetually bear the name of some loved one? How much better than a shaft of marble!

Surely you want some part in this monumental work!

**The Presbyterian Church in the United States**

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**From the Churches.**

Will our correspondents please mail all church news as early in the week as possible; that is, on or before Wednesday. If news reaches us later than Saturday morning, it will be too late for the next week's issue, and we are very anxious to publish the news promptly.—Eds.

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**PRESBYTERIAN.**

The Month of June is one of the months set apart under the General Assembly's plan of Systematic Beneficence for the Assembly's Home Missions. Treasurer, A. N. Sharp, 1522 Hurt Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Urmia, Persia.—Rev. Isaac M. Yonan in a letter dated March 27, writes: Conditions in Urmia have improved wonderfully as far as dangers and anxieties from war are concerned. The Christians feel safer and sure; the dread of another Turkish invasion is past and gone forever we hope. The taking of Bagdad and the advance of the Allied armies toward Mosul is a guarantee to us that we are safe. The only terrible scourge and merciless calamity upon the peoples of these regions at present is the dreadful famine. The effects of wars and armies, the devastation of fields, the murder of thousands of working men, the tramping of armies, the unusual dryness of the climate have brought about a state of famine which is unparalleled. The only source of maintenance is the American Relief Committee and partly Russian relief. Were it not for the American money I can surely say that half of the present Christian population would have perished. I have written before this and take the liberty of writing again my many thanks to all those old friends in the South who have remembered us by their donations from time to time in the past two years, and I thank my good friend, Mr. Walter Scott, of Charlotte, N. C., who has forwarded to us all such contributions.

Printed Minutes.—We are indebted to the stated clerks for the printed reports of the following Presbyteries: Concord, Fort Worth, Lafayette, Pine Bluff, Potosi.

"The Hangchow Christian College," dated "Easter, 1917," a pamphlet of twenty-seven pages, has just reached this office. It is the first of a series of such bulletins to be published at intervals in the interest of the college. This number is full of information about the college, its work, its students, etc., and contains excellent pictures of the faculty, including the Chinese professors. The enrollment for 1916 shows 58 college students, of whom 41 are Christians; while the preparatory department has 136 students, 51 of them being Christians. Taking both together, this gives 194 students with 92 of them professing Christians—what a splendid record this is! This college is under the joint conduct of the Southern and Northern Presbyterian Churches, with Rev. Warren Horton Stuart as "Acting President."

**CHINA.**

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Allison, of the Kiangyin station, are due to leave on their furlough in July. Their absence will leave two branches of our work sadly short of workers.

**CHANGES OF ADDRESSES.**

Rev. O. L. Byrns, from Bowie, Texas, to Windsor, Mo.  
 Rev. J. H. Clarke, from Pendergrass to Lafayette, Ga.  
 Rev. S. O. Hall, from Staunton, Va., to Moorefield, W. Va.  
 Rev. S. P. Hawes, from Columbia to Spring Hill, Tenn.  
 Rev. David Lander, from Avon Park to Palmetto, Fla.  
 Rev. J. Layton Mauze, from St. Louis, Mo., to First Presbyterian church, Huntington, W. Va.  
 Rev. J. C. Painter, from Farmville back to Charlottesville, Va.  
 Rev. M. McG. Shields, from Atlanta to Hapeville, Ga.  
 Rev. L. T. Wilds, from Fayetteville to Lexington, N. C.

**LOUISVILLE AND VICINITY.**

The Address of Rev. W. A. Hopkins, pastor of the James Lees Memorial church, is changed to 1741 Frankfort Avenue.

Southern Presbyterian Ministers' Association.—At the meeting of the Association held on Monday morning, May 28, the following new officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. J. F. Logemann, President; Rev. C. A. Ray, Jr., Vice-president; Rev. W. B. Lile, Secretary and Treasurer.

First Presbyterian Church.—At a congregational meeting held at the morning service on May 27, presided over by Dr. Henry H. Sweets, a substantial increase in salary was heartily voted the pastor, Rev. John T. Thomas, D. D. Dr. Thomas was at Abingdon, Va., where he preached the baccalaureate sermon before Stonewall Jackson College. From Abingdon Dr. Thomas went to King College, Bristol, Tenn., to participate in the special exercises being held there.—The Preston Street mission of the First church is making encouraging progress through the efforts of Mr. J. C. Watson, student in the theological seminary, who has recently taken charge of this work. W. T. M.

Portland Avenue Church.—Our Sunday school, with Mr. C. D. Tandy superintendent, is growing in numbers and interest. The men's Bible class and the women's Bible class both are doing fine work; each of them have about thirty enrollment with eighteen to twenty-five attendance. Our pastor is greeted by splendid congregations each Sunday, both morning and evening, and the attendance is growing. The attendance at the prayer meeting on Wednesday night is getting larger and everyone seems to enjoy the service splendidly. A young man, a member of Company G, 1st Ky. Reg., united with the church on confession at the prayer meeting on May 30. The pastor is using as his theme at the prayer meeting the Sunday school lesson for the following Sunday.

**KENTUCKY.**

Clay City.—The annual convention of the First District of the Powell County Sunday School Association was held in Clay City on May 20. The morning session was held in the Presbyterian church, and the afternoon and evening in the Methodist church. Mr. Talbot was surprised to see 150 out to the morning service, 100 in the afternoon and 200 in the evening. His addresses were well received and we believe will do a great deal of good. He has put new life into many of the workers. The superintendent of the Highland Orphans' Home is still the supply for the local church. There were four additions this spring. The Sunday school gave five dollars to home missions, five to foreign missions, and ten to the Highland Orphans' Home. G. W. Kerstetter.

Nicholasville.—Rev. J. A. Trostle, of Salvisa, has accepted the call recently extended him to the church at this place. The church was left vacant a few weeks ago by the resignation of Rev. J. J. Rice, who accepted a call to Paris, Ky.

Paris.—The cornerstone of the new building of the First Presbyterian church was laid Sunday, May 20, at 3 p. m., in the presence of a very large assemblage of Presbyterians and other citizens. Dr. J. G. McAllister, of the Louisville Theological Seminary, who has been supplying the church for some time, presided, and the chief address was delivered by Hon. E. M. Dickson, of Paris, one of the ruling elders. The church is 130 years old, having been founded in 1787, five years before the adoption by the people of Kentucky of the first Constitution of the state. The church is looking forward with great anticipation to the coming of their new pastor, Rev. J. J. Rice, formerly of Nicholasville, Ky., who has accepted the call extended to him a few weeks ago. Mr. Rice will begin his work the latter part of June.

**ALABAMA.**

Mobile.—Rev. S. E. Crosby, chaplain of the First Regiment of the Alabama National Guard, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the University Military School of this city Sunday, May 20, in the Government Street church.

Anniston.—The Alabama Presbyterian College has just closed a very successful year's work. The student body this year was the largest in the history of the college. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. Francis

Tappey, of Huntsville, on May 20. Mr. Tappey also preached the Y. M. C. A. sermon in the evening. The commencement address was delivered by the new president-elect, Rev. George Lang, D. D. His subject was: "Some of the Later Developments of the War." It was a most splendid address, dealing with some of the phases of the war as presented to the conference of college presidents at Washington. The college closed one week earlier than the schedule. This was due to the fact that the college has contributed two of its professors and a part of the student-body to the war. The following honorary degrees were conferred at this commencement: Doctor of Divinity on Rev. Francis Tappey, of Huntsville, Rev. Samuel E. Hodges, of Anniston, and Rev. Edward M. Craig, of Albany, Ga. The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on Rev. James O. Reavis, D. D., of Columbia, S. C.

Dothan.—Rev. R. L. Campbell, pastor of the First church, of this city, has declined the call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church of West Point, Miss., recently made him.

Eufaula.—Rev. J. D. McPhall was installed pastor of this church on May 16 by a commission of East Alabama Presbytery. Dr. Robert H. McCaslin presided, preached and propounded the constitutional questions; the charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. J. W. Stork, and the charge to the people by Ruling Elder John W. Durr.

Clayton.—Rev. C. B. Currie, of Florida, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Clayton high school on Sunday morning, which proved to be one of the very best ever heard here. Again that evening at the Presbyterian church the house was completely filled.

Vine Street Church, Birmingham, Rev. J. W. Hickman, pastor.—This church sent up to Presbytery the best annual report in its history—eighty-nine accessions on profession and thirty-four by letter, making a total of 123. It has likewise caught the vision of "others." The gifts to benevolences were almost double that of any previous year. We are this year undertaking one-half the support of a missionary besides a native worker, and all other benevolent causes proportionately. This year bids fair to be the banner year in the benevolent activity of this church.

Government Street Church, Mobile.—Children's Day was observed at the Government Street church, Sunday, May 27. A beautiful program was car-