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A Christmas Suggestion

LEND A HAND.

By John M. Morse.

"Bear ye one another's burdens,"
Help the toiler on his way.
See! a heavy weight is pressing—
Give him succor while you may.
Lend a hand—his load will lighten,
Show him kindness—skies will brighten.

When the clouds of sorrow thicken,
When the way is dark and drear,
Just a word—a look—a favor,
Serves—despondent hearts to cheer.
Showing sympathy in sorrow
Nerves the heart for its to-morrow.

"Bear ye one another's burdens,"
Take your fallen brother's hand.
Lead him to the source of blessing,
Help him on the Rock to stand.
When he makes his great decision
Morning breaks upon his vision.

"Bear ye one another's burdens,"
So the law of Christ fulfill.
Love bestowed upon the needy,
Showeth best the Father's will.
Just a cup of water given—given,
Marks the way from earth to heaven.

Passaic, N. J.

Teaching Religious Teachers

A VALUABLE ADDITION TO EDUCATION.

I HAVE recently had a personal opportunity to learn what a valuable and important aid to Christian education exists in the "Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy." It is an institution for teaching and training men and women to be religious teachers. It seeks to fill the large and increasing demand from churches and religious and charitable institutions for salaried Sunday-school and primary superintendents, normal teachers and field secretaries, from boys' and girls' clubs for superintendents, and from missionary organizations at home and abroad for thoroughly trained teachers; and its success affords conclusive evidence that a new profession is rapidly developing within the Church.

To secure thoroughly equipped men and women, who are qualified by nature and preliminary training to fill these important positions, is the central design of the school. Its graduates can already be found filling important positions in organized Sunday-school work, as State secretaries and superintendents and general field workers; in the churches as superintendents and pastors' assistants; in colleges, seminaries and normal schools as professors and teachers; and as missionary workers in the home and foreign field. I have seen nearly twenty recent calls upon the school for persons who can fill these positions, at salaries ranging from \$600 to \$2,000. The following are specimens of such requests:

"Young man to fill position as teacher of religious pedagogy; salary for the present \$1,500 to \$2,000." "Sunday-school superintendent and pastor's assistant; work would be with young people especially; salary \$1,200." "Young woman for church and mission work; must be an organizer and director and have an attractive personality, etc.; salary \$50 to \$75 a month."

A Presbyterian pastor who has had a quarter of a century's experience in a successful ministry writes to me as follows: "This School of Pedagogy is doing a work of great importance for the Christian Church in training young men and women for positions as Sabbath-school superintendents, pastor's assistants, etc., and for various work in missions. All thoughtful Christians must feel the need of great improvement in the educational methods of the church. Our own Assembly has taken action on it. But such improvement can only be brought about by training those who shall be leaders, and this the Hartford School is attempting to do. It is a pioneer in the field and its work deserves the ear of the Presbyterian public."

The Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy is the outgrowth of the school founded by the Rev. David Allen Reed at Springfield, Mass., in 1885, known as "School for Christian Workers." Afterward this became the "Bible Normal College." In 1902 it was removed to Hartford for the sake of closer connection with Hartford Theological Seminary, and became incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut as the "Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy."

The School aims to give religious teachers a similar and equal training and equipment to that afforded to secular teachers by the high-class professional schools. It is practically a Religious Teachers' College. This work fits in with the demands of the times for an enlarged conception on the part of the Christian churches of its educational ministry and with the demand for more thorough and scientific educational work in all departments of the church. All thoughtful students of religious life appreciate the need of better methods of instruction in the church. The growth of the Religious Education Association is a sign of the times. Religious bodies, like the Presbyterian General Assembly, the National Congregational Council, and similar bodies of other denominations, have been giving special attention to religious education. This is coupled with a new appreciation of child-life and of the opportunities afforded and the corresponding obligations resting on the church to take advantage of the known periods and processes of development to train the child in the things that bear on moral and spiritual welfare.

Into this age, with its recognition of the need of more and better religious education, with its demand for child-training, comes this training-school for Christian teachers and workers. Pastors are recognizing that they cannot do the work alone, even if they have the natural aptitude or the special training for it. It is their privilege to be the leaders in the educational work of the church, but they must have trained helpers. Every Sunday-school association is emphasizing the need of teacher-training classes, and there is no question of their value, but where shall the leaders for such classes be found except among those who have received the training of this school?

It aims to train young men and women, first of all, in the Bible as the substance and basis of religious education; it aims to give not only a knowledge of the Bible itself as a matter of intellectual apprehension, but a practical and workable knowl-

TRIBUTE TO MISS CARTER.

New Jersey Women Honor a Noble Leader.

By Miss Rachel K. McDowell.

Tributes were paid to the late president, Miss Alethia Mason Carter, by every speaker at the semi-annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Newark, which was held in the historic Presbyterian Church of Caldwell, N. J. Miss Carter, who died after fifty-two years of active work for Foreign Missions, had been an officer in the society for thirty-eight years, since its organization by her older friend, Mrs. James Patriot Wilson, wife of the pastor of the South Park Presbyterian Church. For the first quarter century Miss Carter was secretary, and she succeeded Mrs. Wilson as president, serving in that capacity until her death.

Aside from her work in the Presbyterian organization, Miss Carter was for thirty-eight years secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Third Presbyterian Church, holding this until the last. For more than half a century she was a member of the Third Church, and her funeral took place there. Miss Carter was for many years a vice-president of the Philadelphia Board and always attended its biennial meetings. After the Newark Society was transferred to the New York Board, she was active there, attending nearly every meeting.

From the opening to the close of the meeting at Caldwell, which was an all-day gathering, there were a series of loving words said of Miss Carter. The attendance was larger than it had been for many years at the fall session, and most of the three hundred women present went eight miles over the mountain from Newark and its suburbs to get there. As one woman put it: "Every one who possibly could felt she must be there to honor Miss Carter." As Miss Grace Walker, one of the corresponding secretaries of the New York Board, remarked: "Every one wanted to lay down a flower to Miss Carter's memory."

Mrs. A. Nelson Hollifield, the first vice-president, presided. She is the widow of the former pastor of the Third Church and a friend for many years of Miss Carter. In his prayer, the Rev. Nelson B. Chester, pastor of the Caldwell Church, thanked the Lord for her beautiful and useful life. His wife followed him, reading two tributes to Miss Carter. One was written by Mrs. Young, now of Binghamton, N. Y., but for many years of Matteawan, N. J., where her husband was pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Young was a life-long friend of Miss Carter. The other tribute was simply sent in by "A Friend." Mrs. J. M. Mann, of Bloomfield, presented resolutions as chairman of a committee to prepare a minute. With her on this committee were Mrs. Benjamin Stites, of the Old First Church, Newark, and Mrs. William I. Westfall, of the Second Church, Newark, both friends of the beloved president.

Two of the speakers were the Misses Elizabeth and Jennie Baldwin, of Rouk, the Caroline Islands, Micronesia, now home on furlough. The Misses Baldwin went as missionaries about fourteen years ago under the auspices of the American Board. Miss Carter had known "The Baldwin Sisters," as they are called in their home town of Newark, since childhood, and she had remarked over and over again that they must speak at the first Presbyterian meeting after they returned. Another speaker was Mrs. Frank P. Gilman, of Hainan, China, also home on furlough.

She likewise knew Miss Carter and had addressed the Newark Society before. Miss Walker, who gave an account of the fortieth anniversary of the New York Board last spring, told of being with Miss Carter that day.

The women returned to their homes resolved to do more than ever for the spread of the Gospel in heathen lands, because of the example of Miss Carter, whom they all honored and loved. She put her work as president the first thing in her life. Who can be found to take up the work and carry it on as she did?

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OBITUARY.

Henry M. White

The Rev. Henry M. White, D.D., pastor of the Opequon Memorial Church, Kerntown, Va., died Nov. 29, aged seventy-five years. He was one of the leading members of the Presbyterian Church in Virginia. He leaves a wife and two sons, one a missionary to China.

Matthew Henry Buckham

Matthew Henry Buckham, president of the University of Vermont, died at Burlington, Vt., Nov. 29, of bronchial trouble, from which he had been suffering about

ten days. He was seventy-eight years old.

In point of service, Dr. Buckham was the dean among the college presidents of New England, and was one of the oldest educators in the United States. Since 1871 he had been at the head of the University of Vermont, and, under his presidency, the university had made great progress, both in the increased number of its students and in its efficiency as an educational institution.

Sylvester F. Scovel

The Rev. Sylvester F. Scovel, D.D., president of the American branch of the International Peace Society and formerly president of Wooster University, died of pneumonia at his home in Wooster, Ohio, Nov. 29. He was seventy-five years old. After serving for thirty-seven years as the head of Wooster University Dr. Scovel resigned and devoted the remainder of his life to the cause of world peace. He was a Presbyterian minister and was pastor of churches in Jefferson, Ind., Springfield, Ohio, and Pittsburg.

Jonathan Dwight

Jonathan Dwight died Nov. 28 at his home, No. 134 West Seventy-first-st., in his eightieth year. Mr. Dwight was a graduate of Harvard in the class of '52,

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