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WILLIAM TYNDALE.

THE MAN AND HIS ACHIEVEMENT.

By Rev. Charles Flinn Arrowood, Ph. D., Professor of Religious Education, Davidson College, Davidson, N. C.

We are this year celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of William Tyndale and the far-reaching influences of his work. Ministers and laymen who are planning addresses on Tyndale will find Dr. Arrowood's article of great value and suggestiveness.—Editor.

William Tyndale, translator of the New Testament into English, was born in the West of England about the year in which Columbus first sighted the shores of the New World. He lived in a stirring time. The national spirit, intellectual interests, and religious insight of Europeans were quickened and deepened during the hundred years following his birth as they have been during few other periods in history. Many factors were making for an awakening, for a broadening of

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SAMUEL H. CHESTER.

AN APPRECIATION.

*By Rev. James I. Vance, D. D., LL. D., Pastor of First
Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tenn.*

After thirty-odd years of strenuous service in the cause of Foreign Missions, Dr. Chester has earned not only the unqualified confidence and love of his own denomination, and the high esteem and admiration of the missionary leaders of other denominations, but he has earned the right to a bit of rest, free from care, at life's eventide. His consuming zeal for the cause, however, and the continuous emergency calls which unload at the door of his office in Nashville, seem to indicate that he will be in the harness until the last stroke of the clock.

I have known Dr. Chester intimately for thirty years, having been for two-thirds of this time chairman of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, which he has served as its chief and senior secretary. I regard him as the ablest missionary statesman of his day. His grasp of the intricate problems arising in mission work, his genius for finding a way out of baffling situations, his keen intuition in sensing the crucial points, his wonderful common sense, his freedom from sectarian bias, his humanness, his genial sense of humor, his hatred of shams and cant and pious duplicities, his poise and simplicity, his loyalty to his friends and his fairness to those who sometimes seemed to be his foes, and above all his sincere and unalterable devotion to the Saviour, have characterized Dr. Chester's long years of service and made him a leader the Church has found so easy to follow.

He has seen the work committed to his hands, double and treble and quadruple, and grow by leaps and bounds. He would be the last to claim the credit for this growth, but those who know will not withhold from this great missionary statesman and leader their praise for the way he has pioneered the cause to victory.

Again and again, when gloom was settling down upon our work, and the Church had grown discouraged and timid and apathetic, the familiar figure of this missionary secretary has stood up in the General Assembly and reminded those who were taking counsel of their fears that our Church was born of a missionary passion. Then instead of pleading retrenchment, he has sounded a fresh trumpet call to a forward movement that has not only lifted the Church out of its lethargy, but sent it on to greater conquests.

He has been an influential figure in interdenominational gatherings and a consistent and courageous advocate of co-operation among the great branches of Christ's Church in the effort to evangelize the non-Christian world.

He was the first to suggest that hurtful competitions on mission fields close and the territory be divided among the various boards, each denomination assuming a definite obligation for a certain field, and being held solely responsible for its assignment.

There are other large statesmanlike movements in mission administration which Dr. Chester has either fathered or promoted, until he has left his trail during these thirty years along the whole line of missionary progress and achievement.

Two years ago the General Assembly, desiring to lighten his labors, made him advisory secretary, but those of us on the committee discover no slackening of the traces in the load he carries. Dr. Smith's prolonged absences in the visitation of our mission fields have for several months at a time summoned Dr. Chester back to the duties of the executive secretary; and the growing work and our comparatively small secretarial force have made it necessary for us to keep Dr. Chester actively in the service.

So far as I can see, he holds his own, and goes with his head as high and his brain as clear and his nerve as steady as in the days when life had less of age. But there is a vision and a wisdom which come with the years, a richness of experience, a mellowness and ripeness which make golden the sunset. Our beloved veteran secretary has this vintage of the soul

which is the gift of time; and those of us who are thrown with him in the intimate fellowship of administration see the light and feel the glow and know that for Dr. Chester "the best is yet to be."

THE MAKING OF WOODROW WILSON.

AN INTIMATE VIEW OF THE MAN.

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There is but one thing of supreme importance in our world upon which all other things wait, and that is the making of men. All personality is sacred; the true shekinah is the human soul; and a rich, strong personality is the divinest fruit which grows on the tree of life. The key everywhere is the fit, the adequate, the prepared person. If there is any truth in the theory of an Absolute Being, who is administering our world, he must be a fit, adequate and prepared person, and he must largely do his great job through other fit, adequate and prepared persons.

There are four chief forces, all of them phases of personal influence, which contribute to the making of a man: viz., heredity, education, individual reaction and, what, to avoid all forms of cant, I shall call divine dynamism. Let us apply these four in turn to one of the most interesting, forceful and harmonious personalities in the history of our day—Woodrow Wilson.

First, his heredity was singularly homogeneous. His father was pure Scotch-Irish; his paternal line for generations had no infusion of any other stocks. Scotch-Irish means Scotch raised to the nth degree. The cream of Scotland was skimmed off and placed in the North of Ireland, and remains more purely Scotch in many respects than Scotland itself. A Scotch-Irishman has some disdain for the Irish and a racial respect