

ing in population so rapidly that under the present conditions the number of unsaved people per square mile will be greater in West Virginia for the next century and a half than in any other Synod in our Church. No words can overstate our need. We face today all the problems of Sabbath desecration, city squalor, foreign innovation, degraded politics, crazy materialism, stagnant isolation, and Satanic possession. A challenge flung in the face of our Church!

"What can we do o'er whom the un-beholden

Hangs in a night with which we cannot cope?

What but look sunward, and with faces golden

Speak to each other softly of a hope?"

Ah, what a hope! The hope of bringing a Commonwealth to Jesus! Our Church is already growing twice as fast as the average denomination in West Virginia, and if God wills we have but begun to fight. All the records for additions to the Church per member, additions to the Church per minister, and for Sunday-school increase for three years past, belong to West Virginia. A committee of our Synod, headed by Rev. Fred W. Gray, has just begun to put our people and the denomination at large in possession of the facts. The Executive Committee in Atlanta is standing by the initial efforts of our Synod to the limit of its possibilities, and our own churches are filled with the spirit that wins through Christ Jesus. Before these lines appear, it may be that a superintendent for our Synod's

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By a Presbyterian educated at the University of Virginia, with many year's experience, a position to teach. Address Teacher, Care Presbyterian of the South, Richmond, Va.

MUSIC TEACHER.

Wanted, a position to teach Music (Piano) in some High School or Institute. High School work in Virginia or North Carolina preferred. Can furnish testimonials and references. Address MISS A. C. STOKES, Kenbridge, Va.

WANTED.

a position as companion to some lady leaving the city for the summer. Can furnish references. Address B., 307 W. Grace Street, Richmond, Va.

WANTED.

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B. ELLISON, MANAGER,
Blue Ridge Springs, Va.

Missions will be at work. After that the results are with God and with the people who are willing in the day of His power. And so even while we strive we rest in Him and are glad.

Remember the Home Mission offering in June, upon which so much depends.

Lewisburg, W. Va.

CHURCH BUILDING IN MONTGOMERY.

The Presbytery of Montgomery at the last spring meeting took the following action in regard to the Church Building and Home Mission Fund:

1. That a determined effort be made to increase the membership of the Fund to 1,500.
2. That in order to do this, Presbytery recommends that each session appoint a committee to co-operate with the secretary of the Fund for the extension of the membership and the collection of funds.

The work, which has been done and the needs now pressing both prove the usefulness and the necessity of this Fund. Two newly organized churches in Roanoke have been substantially aided by the Fund and are now worshipping in their own churches. A Mountain Mission church at Pizarro in Floyd county has been built, and is now being used. Another Mountain Mission church on Taylor's Mountain in Bedford county is now being built, and about one-half of the money necessary is given through the Fund. The church at Narrows, Va., recently organized, is now building and receiving aid from the Fund. It will hardly be questioned that none of this work could have been attempted with any hope of immediate results without the aid of the Fund.

And now the church at Evington, Va., is waiting until the Fund is ready to assist them. The work at Altavista has suffered because we have not yet been able to assist them. A fine lot is waiting for the church building. In Franklin county, where such a large work is being done, we must have a chapel soon, or the work there will suffer.

The Fund now has a membership of about six hundred and fifty; we ought by all means to have at least fifteen hundred. Montgomery Presbytery has nearly eight thousand members. Many of them are spending more money in a month on gasoline and for high-top white shoes than they do for the work of the Master in a year. The plan of the Fund is simple and effective: One dollar from each member, when a call is made, and not more than three calls in one year. If no church is built during a year, not a cent is asked for.

With a membership of twelve hundred or fifteen hundred we might build a church in some needy field, give the people a good church home at the cost of one dollar to each member.

I have received this letter from one of our most prominent pastors, who will pardon, I am sure, the use of his name:

"Dear Dr. Palmer:

"Your letter anent the Committee on Church Building Fund is received. I will see Miss P., as soon as I can and find out names on her committee, and will get the session to formally appoint them.

"This Fund is one of the best moves ever made in our Presbytery. One of my best business men and one of the leading business men in our city is most enthusiastic over it. I hope you may be able to increase the membership to fifteen hundred.

"With best wishes, I remain,
"Yours very truly,
"W. C. Campbell."

This church, the First, Roanoke, has a large membership in the Fund, the

result of the fine work of this committee of young ladies.

The main difficulty with the work of the Fund has been lack of co-operation on the part of some pastors and sessions—the bane of our present day church life. Now a strong effort is being made to overcome this. Every pastor and session of the Presbytery has been written to and urged to appoint this committee, recommended by the Presbytery. A few have promptly responded. The work of enlarging the membership and collecting dues, when a call is made, will be done through these committees.

All the pastors and sessions are asked to do is to appoint a committee and send in the names and addresses to the secretary, and the work will be done.

Do I need to urge the brethren to do this? As surely as we live, if there is failure in any degree, it must be laid at the door of some pastor or session.

And for pity's sake, brethren, don't wait six months to do a simple thing that ought to take about two minutes of your time.

W. T. Palmer,
Secretary.

REV. W. E. HUTCHISON ACCEPTS.

The resignation of Dr. Snedecor as principal of Stillman Institute left vacant one of the most important positions of usefulness in the whole Church.

After prayerful consideration the Executive Committee unanimously and heartily elected the Rev. W. E. Hutchison to succeed Dr. Snedecor in this work. He is not an untried man in this position, having filled the place several years to the entire satisfaction of the institution, the community and the Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization. He comes back at the earnest call of the Church, because his heart is in the work, and because his brethren believe that he has peculiar fitness for this sphere of service.

The whole Church is to be congratulated upon his acceptance, and the Executive Committee of Home Missions bespeaks for him the prayers and sympathetic co-operation of his brethren in the ministry. Especially would he and the Executive Com-

mittee appreciate suggestions for greater efficiency in training a colored ministry, and the names of bright young colored men of character who might be influenced to attend Stillman Institution to take a course of training for serving their race.

S. L. Morris.

THE ASSEMBLY'S FINANCIAL PLAN EXPLAINED AND ILLUSTRATED.

By S. L. Morris, Secretary.

Until within the past few years the General Assembly had no definite, clear-cut system of financing its missionary and benevolent operations. Each committee did that which was considered "right in its own eyes," and there were nineteen collections scattered throughout the year. It was a haphazard method, causing confusion, friction and dissatisfaction.

Five years ago the Assembly inaugurated its present plan of systematic beneficence, whereby each Executive Committee lays its needs before the Permanent Committee of Systematic Beneficence, which is composed of select men from the various Synods of the Church. These men consider carefully and prayerfully the needs of each cause separately, and then, all unitedly, and recommend to the Assembly definite amounts for the benevolent causes. After the Assembly adopts these amounts they become the budget for the year and automatically determine the relative importance of each and indirectly the percentages which constitute a guide to the people in their gifts and to treasurers in the distribution of undesignated funds.

The plan has already revolutionized the finances of the Church; and if it were unanimously adopted and thoroughly worked, it would solve most of our financial problems and furnish the necessary funds without the strenuous and irritating methods frequently adopted for financing the work.

If there is any lack of effectiveness in the plan, it is due to confusion and misunderstanding as to the correct use of the percentages when adjusted to the various apportionments suggested for Presbyterial and local causes.

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