

man who broke and poured his "alabaster box of ointment, of spikenard very precious," over the head of his Saviour in those regions—are now one of the big facts in our Church life. The value of this work is immense because of a special kind of return we will obtain. The mountain people are an unchanging exemplification of "the poor ye have always with you." As a whole, they will always be deficient in "this world's goods." They will never cease to need our help. But they are descendants of a sturdy race. They are of pure Anglo-Saxon stock. They are still a naturally gifted race. Their hard struggle for existence, coupled with the corn bread and "razor-back" bacon on which they have to feed, seems to develop the big bone and the red blood to feed a massive brain. "I ain't got nary cent, excep a li' spotted steer; but I'm willin' ter larn him up," was the stout word from one of them, as he knocked at the doors of a college. He became one of the nation's leaders.

It is no less than thrilling to gather patiently the names of distinguished men who have come down out of the mountains. I once sat spellbound for an hour and ten minutes while a man talked about Christ being "altogether lovely"; and some of us wept for joy and love as he spoke about him. The man was a son of east Tennessee, from a Presbyterian family whom the Methodists secured because we did not have a mountain school to get its hand upon him in time. Oh, how many men have lived and died in those mountains, lost as well as "unhonored and unsung," because we did not show them how to sing the honors and glories of our Lord! They will never have any bank accounts, but they will "give a good account" as gospel ministers and workers, if we lead them to the light and teach them right.

To stand on the Ozark Mountains, where the people are densely ignorant because of grinding poverty, becomes inspiring when we remember those barren ranges had an important part in making the Mississippi "bottom," with its bales of cotton and seventy-five bushels of corn per acre. That "bottom" was once a useless estuary of the sea, but the rains kept washing the soil down, and the sun and the winds kept bringing the rains back, until a land rich as the Nile Valley was made. The river bottom will never give back the riches stripped from the mountains, except as their prosperous inhabitants send the gospel and education there, for the enrichment of character. Let our moneyed people pity the moneyless mountaineer, thus making the soil of Christian character, which the rains of grace will ever be washing down, to transform the low and unhealthy estuaries into fertile fields.

Everybody knows the rural districts furnish the great mass of our ministers and gospel workers. The city is like Egypt, from whose deafening noises God had to call Israel "into the desert, that He might speak to her heart." This summer the writer held a meeting in a country church where three young people were already wishing to go as missionaries. As the meeting closed, another came saying: "My peace and joy in Christ is restored, and I'm now ready to go as a missionary." If our moneyed people could have seen the heavenly light in the eye and noted the voice trembling with victorious love for Christ, it would have caused the "sound of a going among" them, because the rich devotion was there. Only the money to secure an education and to go was lacking. It made one man wish he had a million, and a heart not shriveled by riches, so that he might help such young persons and send

them to the fields "white unto the harvest."

Morrilton, Ark.

PREBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF KENTUCKY.

The annual reception to the new students, tendered by members of the two upper classes, took place in the social room of the Seminary on Friday evening, October 13th, when it was finally proved that there are no unlucky days, or unlucky nights, in the Seminary calendar. Mr. E. Z. Browne, of Tennessee, gracefully presided, and President Hemphill and Dr. Hawes, of the faculty, maintained their reputation as entertainers of the first rank. The evening was a most enjoyable one from every point of view. On the following Monday night the students were guests at a delightful reception tendered by the Christian Endeavor of the Highland Presbyterian church.

One who visits Louisville for the first time in five years will be amazed to see the change of sky-line of Broadway in the vicinity of the Seminary group of buildings. Less than two blocks away will be found the half-million dollar Y. M. C. A., in which nearly all of the Seminary students take physical training under well-known experts. Diagonally across the street from this building, and but a block from the Seminary quadrangle, the beautiful \$300,000 group of buildings of the Y. W. C. A. have just been dedicated and opened. Just east of the Seminary quadrangle old buildings are now being demolished to make way for new structures; and within a short time work will be begun on the splendid City Auditorium, to cost \$300,000, and to be located a block from the Seminary. The erection of the auditorium will mean much to the whole city in the way of great conventions, lecture courses and the best music—large advantages that will be brought almost to the doors of the Seminary.

Four courses that have proved most helpful to the students (Religious Education, Christian Ethics, Christian Missions and Christian Sociology) have been incorporated into the regular curriculum, and are now, with full courses in all the other schools of the Seminary, required for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. The course in Religious Education (Dr. Hemphill) is given in the first year; Christian Ethics (Dr. Webb) and Christian Missions (Dr. Dosker) are assigned to the second year; and Christian Sociology (Dr. Cotton) is taken in the third year. J. G. McA.

ADDITIONAL EVANGELISTS.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Home Missions, September 26th, the Rev. G. W. Belk, of Charlotte, N. C., and the Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., of Marion, Ala., were elected Assembly evangelists to assist in the great work that Dr. Thacker and others have been doing. These brethren have signified their acceptance, and will enter upon the work at once. They are both strong, conservative preachers, possessing evangelistic gifts and a musical talent. We believe that their election will add much to the forces already in the evangelistic work.

Pastors and churches desiring the services of these brethren will please communicate directly with them.

W. H. Miley,
Supt. of Evangelism.

WHAT WE COULD DO IF WE WOULD.

J. Campbell White, at the recent National Missionary Congress in Washington, D. C., made this startling statement:

"We have been saying that we could not afford to give eighteen million dollars a year to foreign missions or to send four thousand men abroad. Yet today Great Britain, with less than half our population, is spending twenty-five million dollars a day; and Canada, with less than one-tenth our population, is sending three hundred thousand men to fight and die in Europe. We are asking too little for the cause of Christ and the salvation of the world."

CONDITION OF ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSION TREASURY OCTOBER 1ST, 1916.

Cost of work April 1st to	
Sept. 30	\$88,264.76
Total receipts to September	
30	61,935.22
Deficit this year	\$24,329.54
Indebtedness from last year	13,000.00
Total deficit October	
1st	\$37,329.54
A. N. Sharp, Treasurer.	

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THE VIRGINIA SYNODICAL.

All those present (and it was a goodly number as to quality and quantity) are so sorry for all those who were not here. There was help—help for the coming year in everything, not only in inspiration, but in actual and visual demonstration of "doing things."

Dr. Van Der Meulen, of Louisville, at the start sounded a ringing note for both "Marthas" and "Marys," so all found a personal part in his message.

The deep and clear spiritual blessing delivered by Mrs. W. J. Webster brought out even the busy hostesses to the early morning quiet hour.

There was a special happiness in having Mrs. Winsborough come all the way from Atlanta to tell us how to carry on more efficiently the machinery of our "business," and it did our hearts good to have her cordial commendation of "the fine constructive work this Synodical is doing." By her womanly charm she still "Wins—borough and town."

Mrs. Cronk was "waited for" each day by those of several faiths, and long before her last talk, "Why Have a Dull Missionary Meeting?" we all knew that she had never seen one, for she and it could not occupy the same place at the same time.

Miss C. L. Campbell and the Philathea Class of the First church of Richmond presented a demonstration of how they have five missionary minutes in the Sunday school. One of the most effective of these was a candy box, a flower box, a chewing-gum box, a hat box, and last (and least) a mite box, each bearing a long strip of paper marked to show the amount of money spent for all these things and how little is given to missions.

The missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Sieg, of Africa; Mrs. White, of China; Mr. Hassell, of Japan, and Miss Tate, of Korea, brought us a message and a blessing, and their presence was a plea—a plea for more of ourselves, our substance, our supplication and service for the work they are doing for us. Women of this Synodical, let there be an "aftermath."

It was good to have in the meeting the prominent workers of our Church, who so clearly helped us to understand more about the work to which each is giving his life, and the names on this honor roll will hereafter to many of us call up a live personality. Dr. Booker (Who hasn't heard about Synod's Home Missions?); Dr. Glass, our new superintendent of

Sunday schools; Mr. William Megginson, dean of the Assembly's Training School; Rev. William S. Campbell, of the Presbyterian of the South, and Mr. Wade C. Smith, the Survey man (who is proud of it); Dr. Tyler, the mountain missionary, truly an exalted position; Dr. Armstrong, who is so indefatigably educating us about Foreign Missions (write him for your first or next lesson); Miss Binford, a past-master on the young people's question; Miss Lancaster, secretary of Young People's Work. We thank God upon every remembrance of them, and breathe many a prayer for more of these attractive lives given to the Master's use.

What shall we say of the evening at Union Seminary? So gallantly and gracefully were we entertained there, and as if we were school girls, we will always "thrill" at every memory of that happy occasion, when the honored president, Dr. W. W. Moore, so warmly commended the work of the women of the Church, organized according to the Assembly's plan.

All hearts were rejoiced when our efficient, faithful and beloved president, Mrs. S. D. Walton, consented to serve the Synodical again. The other officers elected were as follows: Secretaries—Of Literature, Miss Bessie Cooke; of Foreign Missions, Miss C. L. Campbell; of Young People's Societies, Miss Fannie Lancaster; of Ministerial Relief, Mrs. Somerville; and as treasurer, Miss Mary Weddell.

The "quiet hour" at the close of the Synodical was to have been in charge of Mrs. J. C. Stewart, who always brings so loving a message. In her enforced absence Miss Campbell gave a few thoughts on "Jesus' Habits of Prayer," and made an earnest plea for more trust in the power of prayer.

MEMBERS OF SYNODICAL ENTER-TAINED AT UNION SEMINARY.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Virginia Synodical Auxiliary in the Grace Covenant church last week brought together a great company of consecrated women from every part of the State, and the proceedings were full of interest and inspiration. This body, which has taken a leading part in the steps which have resulted in the present effective organization of woman's work throughout our Assembly, is again evincing its enterprise and courage in undertaking to raise this year for Foreign Missions \$50,000, more than twice as much as they have raised in any preceding year. They also have their hearts set on building a home for missionaries on furlough—that is, a building with a number of self-contained apartments where the missionaries and their families can live economically and comfortably for the few months that they are in this country, each family making its own domestic arrangements independently. There is an increasing demand for something of this kind. The ladies propose to supply it as soon as their other work for Foreign Missions permits. One of the most delightful features of the meeting in Richmond was the visit of the ladies to Union Seminary and the Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers in Ginter Park. They were charmed with the lovely campus of the Seminary, more beautiful, if possible, than ever in its gold and crimson splendor of autumn. After looking through the library, the reading room and the lecture rooms, they assembled in the Watts chapel and listened to a brief but cordial address of welcome by Dr. Moore, the president of the Seminary, and then repaired to Richmond Hall for the tea and a happy social hour, meeting there the faculty, the students and the ladies connected with the Seminary and Training School.