

# UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## Great Sunday-School Development.

Union Seminary, ever young, always enterprising, is especially an object of expectant interest to the Church just now, because of the latest evidence of her youthful vigor and consecrated statesmanship. We refer to the movement now almost consummated to erect a model Sunday-school building on the campus.

### A Splendid Offer.

It was announced at the time of the board meeting in May that a generous friend of the Seminary had offered to give \$60,000.00 for the erection and \$40,000.00 for the equipment and maintenance of a model Sunday-school building on the campus of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., provided other friends would provide \$60,000.00 for the endowment of the Sunday-school professorship and \$40,000.00 for other uses of the Seminary.

At the same time it was stated that the required \$60,000.00 for the Sunday-school professorship had been provided by other friends and half of the remaining \$40,000.00 had been raised.

### A Challenge.

The entire balance has not yet been secured, but the trustees of the Seminary are confident that the Church will come to her assistance in time to secure this great addition to her resources, a gift which she cannot obtain in any other way. Surely she will not be allowed to come so near to a great opportunity and fail.

### Suggestions Desired.

A Building Committee has, therefore, been appointed, so that when the \$100,000.00 challenge is met they may be ready to proceed with the building. The committee consists of Mr. John S. Munce, chairman, Mr. W. S. Rhoads, Mr. Wade C. Smith, Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., Rev. W. L. Lingle, D. D., and Mr. William R. Miller. Since this building is a central one, the common possession of all the churches, every Presbyterian will be interested in making it a "model" indeed. Perhaps one congregation has hit upon some truly successful feature, and some other upon a different one, and possibly another has discovered that it made a mistake in some particular. Will not some persons in each congregation that has recently built a Sunday-school give to this committee the results of their experience and send them drawings or pictures of their buildings?

Architects have been engaged to draw the plans, and will soon get to work on them. They have been given but three instructions, viz.: to omit nothing that is essential to a modern Sunday-school building, to draw the exterior in harmony with the architecture of the other buildings on the campus, and to keep the cost within the appropriation.

### What It Means.

The importance of the new Sunday-school building is in what it signifies, rather than in its possession or in its hoped for perfections. To secure it was the first of three steps in the plan of the far-sighted president of the Seminary. The second step was to get the co-operation of a Sunday-school in making use of this Sunday-school "laboratory." This has been accomplished, the Ginter Park Presbyterian Sunday-school, which is already a model school in many respects, agreeing to serve as the principal "clinic." The third step has also been taken in obtaining an ample endowment for

the Sunday-school chair. Thus, without in any way intrenching upon the present resources of the Seminary, either for installation or upkeep, there will be added this powerful, living and vital teaching asset.

What all this means can only be suggested here.

It means that one Sunday-school, by reason of its peculiarly fortunate location, is going to be provided with ideal equipment for its work. The attendant responsibility of living "on inspection" all the time will keep it from being an object of envy.

It means that one theological seminary will be equipped to the very last word, to teach Sunday-school work with a thoroughness commensurate with its importance.

It means that the students of Union Theo-

more. Unfortunately the cut in our funds for the work in China makes it necessary for us to put a good deal of our own money into the support of this work."

### A Liberty Bond.

A pastor in Texas sent the following:

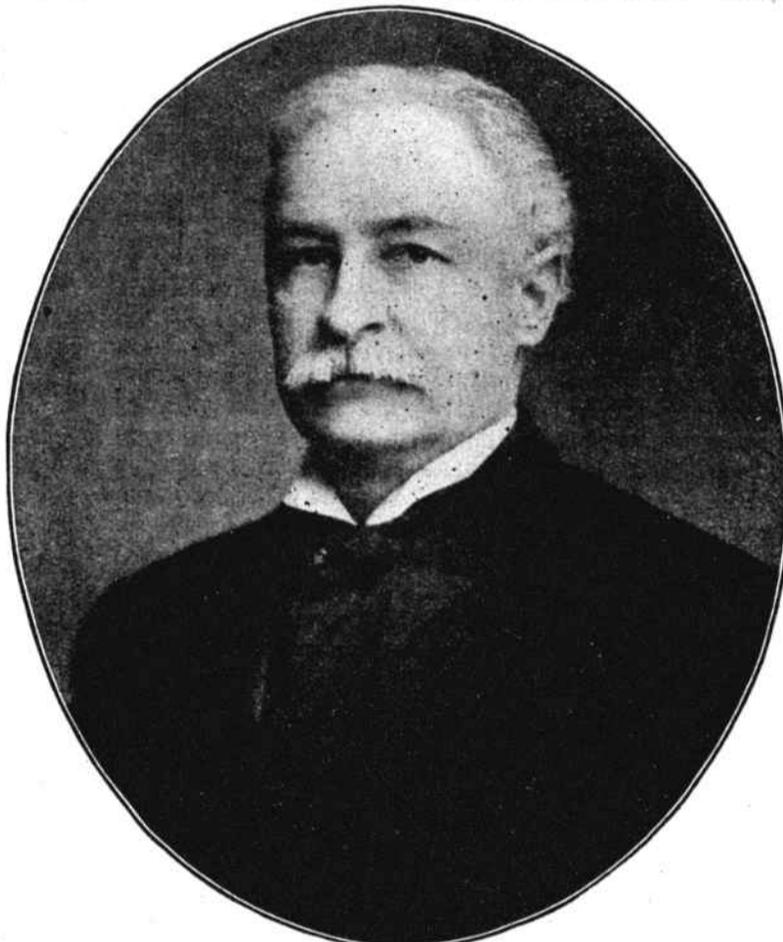
"I would like to make a contribution of \$50.00 toward a tuition endowment, to be credited on the balance necessary to secure the \$200,000.00 you are now raising for the Seminary, if you can take such contribution in the form of a \$50.00 Liberty Bond, which I am buying on the installment plan, and which I cannot turn over to you until June 1, 1918."

### The Indispensable Dollars—A Suggestion.

There is still lacking \$10,589.00 to meet the challenge that will make all these things possible, and it must be subscribed by December 31, 1917.

Is not the suggestion of the Texas pastor a good one? Many of our people came to the relief of the government by purchasing Liberty Bonds. Many of the same people could turn over some of those same Liberty Bonds to Union Seminary to help round out this needed \$10,589.00, and thus make their deed of patriotism an act of philanthropy as well; or to characterize it more strongly and accurately, convert it into a tribute of worship to our Lord and Master to whose glory and honor the new Sunday-school building will be dedicated.

Dreadful will be the day when the world becomes contented, when one great universal satisfaction spreads itself over the world. Sad will be the day for every man when he becomes absolutely contented with the life that he is living, with the thoughts that he is thinking, with the deeds that he is doing, when there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger.—Philips Brooks.



Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., President.

logical Seminary will specialize on Sunday-school work without in any way abating their attention to the regular features of the standard theological curriculum.

It means that the possibilities of the Sunday-school for teaching the people the word of God, thoroughly, systematically and individually, and for training them in various forms of Christian activity are coming into more general recognition.

It means that the need for consecrated, intelligent, enthusiastic leadership in the development of all phases of the Sunday-school is felt increasingly throughout the Church, and that more and more pastors will be sent out from Union Seminary year by year who have received special training for this part of a pastor's work.

### Widespread Interest.

The news of this great enterprise of Union Seminary is eliciting widespread interest and enthusiasm. Letters and contributions have been received from many States and foreign countries.

One of our prominent missionaries wrote: "I am very glad indeed to add a little towards this fund that is being raised. It is gratifying to know that such an opportunity is offered, and I wish that I were able to do

## Contributed

### GLORYING IN THE CROSS.

By Rev. Thos. F. Gallaher.

In the study of this inspiring subject Phil. 3:1-14 would be a good passage to read in connection with Paul's words in Gal. 6-14. These words give us a view of the wonderful enthusiasm which the apostle felt for the gospel of Christ, and at the same time must have presented a strange spectacle to those who did not understand. To the carnally minded, his boast in the cross must have been unnatural. The cross typified to the man of the period much the same as the gallows typifies to us. The apostle's attitude here is very much as when he wrote to the Romans that he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. From their standpoint he might well have been ashamed of the gospel because it was promulgated by One who had been cast out and crucified in disgraceful company. It was not accepted by many who were wise or rich or influential according to the world's standards. Yet Paul in his admirable independence assures us that he is not ashamed of the gospel.