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all laws on this subject are strictly enforced.

This is the bill:

**A BILL.**

To guard the military and naval forces from the physical and moral injuries of commercialized prostitution.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no one shall keep, or assist in keeping, a place of prostitution, assignation, or lewdness, or conduct or practice prostitution, assignation, or lewdness, or rent or any manner allow the use of a room or place with understanding that prostitution or illicit sexual intercourse will be permitted therein, within five miles of any camp, fort, navy yard, or place of training or mobilization of the army or navy: Provided, That either the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy, at his discretion, may extend the zone of restriction of prostitution, assignation, or lewdness, from five to ten miles from any camp, fort, navy yard, or place of training or mobilization of the forces of the army or of the navy: Provided further, That whoever shall violate any provision of this section of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

Sec. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person who has been convicted of disorderly conduct, delinquency, soliciting for prostitution, or any other sexual offense, to loiter in or around a military camp, fort, navy yard, or place of training or mobilization, within a zone created by this act or by either the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy. Provided, That any person present, without authorization or military permission, in or around such camp, fort, navy yard, or place of training or mobilization may be ordered to depart by the civil or military authorities having jurisdiction within the zone, and failure to depart when so requested or loitering by such persons shall be disorderly conduct and punishable with a fine of not more than \$100 and imprisonment of not more than sixty days, or both: Provided further, That when any part of the said zone is within a municipality the military authorities may cooperate with the civil authorities in attaining the objects of this act.

Rev. S. W. Moore, of Bluefield, W. Va., has been given indefinite leave of absence by his church in order that

he may enter the service of the Y. M. C. A. War Council. He is now at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga. Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, of Washington and Lee University, will supply the Bluefield church until November 1st, after which the church will probably make some more permanent arrangement.

Rev. T. M. Bulla, pastor of the church at Emporia, Va., is now chaplain of the Fourth Virginia Regiment, which is in camp at Anniston, Ala.

Rev. E. M. Delaney, pastor of the Rivermont Avenue church, Lynchburg, Va., has been given leave of absence for four months to become "soldier-pastor" for the North Avenue church of Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. C. Groshon Gunn, of Jackson, Ky., pastor of the Guerrant Memorial church, is leaving his church to engage in work in army. He writes that he expects to sail "some time" for "somewhere in France."

Rev. William Crowe, D. D., pastor of the Idlewild church, Memphis, is now director of religious work at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., having been granted leave of absence from his church for this purpose.

**FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS.**

The treasurer of Foreign Missions reports that the receipts for September were \$21,713 this year against \$20,879 last year. The total amount for the six months ending September 30th was \$161,618, against \$143,144 last year, showing an increase of \$18,474. This is encouraging, but the contributions have not met the necessities of the work during these months. The amount needed each month is \$52,500 or \$315,000. So that the amount received is only a little more than half enough to meet running expenses. There was no balance in the treasury at the beginning of the year to start on. But there was a debt of \$73,426, one-half of which ought to have been paid off in these six months. So really the receipts of the committee have been about \$180,000 less than was needed to meet its obligations. A word to the wise and liberal ought to be sufficient.

**HOME MISSIONS.**

From the office of the Assembly's Committee on Home Missions comes the report that the receipts for the six months ending September 30th were \$80,553, while for the same time last year they were \$61,933. This is a fine increase of \$18,620. But there stares the Church in the face the fact that for these six months the work, which has been practically the same as last year has cost \$103,576, leaving a deficit of \$23,023. Besides this at the beginning of the year there was a debt of \$10,000 for last year's work. So the indebtedness of the committee is now \$33,023. There are many calls being made on the liberality of God's people during these trying days, and they are all going to be met. But, in answering the new calls, do not forget the old established work of the Church, which is at the very foundation of its existence.

**"PRESBYTERIAN ELDER."**

By Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D.

I have read with sincere and admiring appreciation the excellent advertisement of the "Presbyterian Elder" of Columbia, S. C., setting before our Church the needs of its great beneficence causes in congregation, Presbytery, Synod, General Assembly, and calling on our people to reach a total of \$3,000,000.

I rejoice in the business sense, the faith, the vision, the courage of this noble elder. May his tribe increase.

I feel like saying to him, as was said to another lay leader of his people, "The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valor."

He is certainly right about all the causes needing vastly more than they are getting.

For example, in January, 1916, I wrote to experienced representatives of our ten missions, from which the desired information had not already been secured, to know what precise amounts, for what definite objects, were required as an adequate provision for the following year's needs.

The information came not in mere lump-sum estimates, but in detailed and carefully itemized lists of equipment and workers immediately needed for the adequate prosecution of the work.

When all these items from our ten missions in the seven countries were added, they totaled \$1,062,000.

Till this \$1,000,000 per year for which our General Assemblies have for ten years been calling, is reached, our work must limp instead of marching joyously forward. The attainment of that sum would mean an instant and immense advance in every department of our work, a thrill of unwonted joy in every missionary's heart, and the breaking upon thousands groping now in midnight darkness of "the Light that maketh all things new."

One elder has caught the vision of what our Church can do and ought to do. Why not others? Let them speak out. And the pastors. And the deacons. God grant that in Church as in State we may soon be able to cry with Deborah, "For the leading of the leaders of Israel, praise Jehovah."

**GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT AT DAVIDSON COLLEGE.**

The new gymnasium is ready for occupancy. We cannot say it is finished, for, owing to the great increase in cost of building, we could not do all that was planned. We had to leave off our swimming pool, for instance, and some considerable and desirable conveniences were left off, though planned for by the architect, and some finishing work also. However, the size and plan of the building was not changed, and it is quite usable, and all who see it are pronounced in their praises.

But, we have not a piece of apparatus nor a stick of furniture! We were obliged to spend \$500 or more above the appropriation in order to make the building usable, and we believe and expect that the alumni will meet this obligation. It was due to the increase in cost of material even while we were getting bids, and we knew it was not wise to cut anything else out.

Without special appeal, will not one or more of the alumni meet this added expense?

But even then, while we can use the floor of the gymnasium (and it is a splendid one), we cannot get much out of the investment without furniture and apparatus. We need office furniture, lockers (300), apparatus.

We have lately been offered, at about 20 per cent of present prices, by one of the best apparatus houses the outfit in apparatus which they sold a Y. M. C. A. in a Georgia town for their gymnasium. This apparatus was used for a very short while, and is said to be in good condition. It would cost now over fifteen hundred dollars, and may be laid down at Davidson for approximately five hundred dollars.

The college has sent no one to examine the apparatus now stored in the Georgia town because it did not

have the funds with which to buy. It is urgently needed, and if any friend or friends of the college will give the \$500.00 for this purpose we will inspect the apparatus, and if in good shape, we will buy it at once. It will make a \$25,000 investment bring much larger returns than is possible without this help.

The offer is for prompt acceptance. Will some one not respond at once?

Wm. J. Martin,  
President.

**Presbyteries**  
**ALBEMARLE.**

Albemarle Presbytery met in the Calvary church, Hyde County, on Tuesday, September 25th, at 8:00 P. M. Rev. R. A. Lapsley, Jr., the retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon.

At Washington, N. C., the brethren were met by Rev. R. E. Henderlite, who had made arrangements to take them down the Pamlico on the launch "Lucile." Just before leaving time, the good ladies of the Washington church served a splendid luncheon, and several of the brethren were caught on the boat with pockets full of beaten biscuit as souvenirs of the occasion. At the end of the fifty-mile boat trip, it was found that a "northeaster" had piled the tides high on the shores of Hyde, and the boat was landed at a bridge on the public road, from which buggies, wagons and carts, conveyed the "reverend landlubbers" over the inundated road to the church. The kindness and hospitality of the people will never be forgotten, nor will the brethren forget soon the unique farms of Hyde, separated by irrigation canals and laden with wonderful crops of cotton, corn, peas and potatoes. Some of the younger members of the Presbytery were so carried away by the experience, that they stopped the boat in mid-stream on the return trip and took a swim in the river.

**Organization:** Elder Claybrook James, moderator; Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, D. D., stated clerk; Rev. E. S. Currie, reading clerk; Rev. S. K. Phillips, permanent clerk.

**Special Programs:** "Family Religion and Sabbath Observance," "Stewardship," Presbyterial sermon on "Adoption," by Rev. H. F. Morton, and "Foreign Missions."

**Ordination:** Rev. G. L. Whiteley



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