

**THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

By Rev. M. E. Melvin,  
Assembly's Field Secretary.

A new day has come to the Church in the matter of education. A movement is sweeping all over the United States in all denominations. In our own Church recent actions of Synods indicate the momentum and interest. The following Synods have asked that the amounts named be raised, or are contemplating such action in the immediate future: Alabama, \$500,000; Appalachia, \$750,000 (now being raised); Arkansas, \$500,000; Florida, \$250,000; Georgia, \$260,000; Kentucky, \$1,000,000; Louisiana, \$300,000; Mississippi, \$500,000; Missouri, \$500,000 (\$700,000 was recently raised); North Carolina, \$1,000,000 (already raised); Oklahoma, \$250,000; South Carolina, \$1,000,000 (almost completed); Tennessee, \$300,000; Texas, \$1,300,000 (\$800,000 raised to date); Virginia, \$1,000,000 (campaign to begin January 1, 1921); West Virginia, \$1,000,000; making a grand total of \$11,110,000.

We have come to a new attitude also in the matter of putting our schools before our people, or "selling" them in other words. That changed attitude is not to build our base of appeal on the merits of any particular school as such, but to attach the class rooms of our church to the larger program of the kingdom of God. When we tell of the merits of some of our schools, a hearer defends himself by saying that he does not care to send his son or daughter there, and the argument is all over. When we present the class rooms of the church as connected with China, Africa, Japan, the mountains and slums at home, the ministry of the Church, the profession of teaching, etc., then we are making an appeal that no Christian can sidestep. We are now showing the farthest reach of the small class rooms of the Church, and practically every churchman today takes his part in their support.

The alert salesman in the business world has taught us this lesson. He failed to sell the adding machine at first, because he tried to sell it as a perfect machine on its own merits. When he changed his tactics and attached the adding machine onto "Big Business" as a necessary link in the same, he sold, and immediately. This illustration can be duplicated a thousand times. We must build the base of our selling program to the Church larger. The flattest appeal we have ever heard for Christian education came recently in another State when a man talked his own institution entirely, and the increase of the salaries of its teaching staff and his own salary in particular. He built up an argument that any hearer could dodge by making his appeal too narrow.

Our Church will get the money asked for if we go after it right.

**A GOOD EXAMPLE.**

By Rev. Henry H. Sweets, D. D.

A member of the Presbyterian Church at Eutaw, Alabama, writes as follows:

"Our Sunday school gave a lunch last week for the Endowment Fund of Ministerial Relief. \$125 was cleared and will be sent at once to Mr. John Stites, treasurer, Louisville, Kentucky, to help swell the \$400,000 that will secure the gift of \$200,000 from Mr. C. E. Graham.

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"I should think others would be glad to do this if it was suggested to them.

"Please withhold our names, as we desire to lay up treasure in heaven and not on earth. God grant our dear Church may not fail to meet this clear call of our Master."

Louisville, Ky.

**MINISTERIAL RELIEF ENDOWMENT FUND, BULLETIN NO. 6.**

(Continued from last week.)

**West Lexington Presbytery:** Previously reported, \$341.80; Mt. Horeb, M. Soc. (1), \$10; Providence (1), \$10. Total, \$361.80.

Grand total: 11 churches, \$195.55; 8 societies, \$126.25; 4 Sabbath schools, \$40. Total, \$361.80.

**Personal Contributions:** Previously reported, \$2,976.60; Dr. B. C. Bernard (2), \$22.55; Mrs. J. L. Brashear (1), \$22.50; Mrs. George G. Brown

(1), \$50; Miss Mary Logan Coldwell (3), \$100; Mr. W. P. Carrico (1), \$5; Mrs. H. P. Converse (1), \$25; Mrs. E. H. DeMoss (1), \$10; Mrs. R. B. Huckabee (1), \$5; Mr. Waller Latta (1), \$10; Rev. J. G. McAllister, D. D. (1), \$10; Mr. J. H. Newland (1), \$10; Mrs. E. S. Norvell (1), \$5; Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Nosworthy (1), \$25; Miss Maggie Park (1), \$2; Mr. C. W. Rule (1), \$5; Mr. James L. Scott (3), \$5; Miss Harriett Shaw (2), \$10; Miss Nellie B. Sweets (1), \$2.50; Miss Carlotta Terry (1), \$1; Rev. J. W. Tyler, D. D. (1), \$100; Mr. Eugene C. Vance (1), \$5; Mrs. Robert G. Wallis (1), \$5; Mr. E. C. Ward (1), \$25; Miss Mary Ellen Welch (1), \$1; Dr. and Mrs. J. S. White (2), \$4.10; Mr. J. R. Woodson (1), \$10; "A Friend of the Cause" (1), \$5; "A Friend" (1), \$1. Total, 199 personal contributions, \$3,458.25.

Total for Synod, \$6,938.17.

**Synod of Louisiana.**

**Louisiana Presbytery:** Previously reported, \$1,762.33; Alexandria, S. S. (1), \$25; Baton Rouge, Second, W. Aux. (1), \$40; Jackson (2), \$500. Total, \$2,327.33.

Grand total: 10 churches, \$1,785.67; 13 societies, \$481.26; 5 Sabbath schools, \$60.40. Total, \$2,327.33.

**New Orleans Presbytery:** Previously reported, \$6,598.54; New Orleans, Canal St. (1), \$45.24; New Orleans, Prytania St. (1), \$279.50; New Orleans, St. Charles Ave., L. A. & M.

Soc. (2), \$25; New Orleans, Third, W. Aux. (1), \$50. Total, \$6,998.28. Grand total: 12 churches, \$6,490.03; 13 societies, \$453.75; 2 Sabbath schools, \$54.50. Total, \$6,998.28.

**Red River Presbytery:** Previously reported, \$509.25; Mansfield, Mrs. W. G. Ricks, S. S. Class (1), \$12; Ruston (1), \$43. Total, \$564.25.

Grand total: 5 churches, \$253.23; 7 societies, \$286; 3 Sabbath schools, \$25.02. Total, \$564.25.

**Personal Contributions:** Previously reported, \$712.94; Mrs. W. H. Burgin (1), \$5; Mr. Charles S. Fay (1), \$50; Mr. W. E. Glassell (1), \$100; Miss Maude Harvey (2), \$6; Mr. John H. Martin (1), \$10; Mr. William L. Owen (1), \$5; Mr. C. G. Steadman (1), \$5. Total, 58 personal contributions, \$893.94.

Total for Synod, \$10,783.80.  
Synod of Mississippi.

**Central Mississippi Presbytery:** Previously reported, \$851.62; Ackerman, S. S. (1), \$5; Canton, L. A. Soc. (1), \$25; Greenville, Men's Bible Class (2), \$49.75; Bible Class (1), \$46.50; Lexington, W. Aux. (1), \$53; Salem (1), \$27.65; Shongalo (2), \$25. Total, \$1,083.52.

Grand total: 11 churches, \$155.87; 24 societies, \$798.40; 6 Sabbath schools, \$129.25. Total, \$1,083.52.

**East Mississippi Presbytery:** Previously reported, \$325.40; Amory, W. Aux. (1), \$10; Columbus, First, Little Tots Jr. C. E. Soc. (1), \$2; West



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