

OUR CHURCH IS CALLING

LISTEN TO OUR LEADERS. There is only space to echo a few of the earnest voices that summon us all to share in this opportunity of far reaching service

REV. A. M. FRASER, D. D., formerly Moderator of our General Assembly, says:

"There are not half a dozen cities anywhere which have as large a Southern Presbyterian constituency as Washington. No city has so startlingly inadequate a provision for so large a number of Southern Presbyterians. The opportunities for world influence are unique in Washington. No other denomination has been so negligent of this opportunity as we."

REV. JAMES I. VANCE, D. D., Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tenn., a former Moderator of our General Assembly, says:

"I hope your stirring appeals to meet the great need and opportunity at Washington will have a response abundantly sufficient to provide adequate equipment for our work there."

REV. C. W. GRAFTON, D. D., Pastor of Union Church, Mississippi, a former Moderator of our General Assembly, says:

"The Roman Catholic Church and pagan cults are endeavoring to centralize their efforts at Washington. All our Protestant denominations are seeking to build up large churches and schools at this strategic center. Our Southern Presbyterian Church ought to share in the great work of moulding the morals and religion of the country. Liberal contributions should be made in behalf of the present enterprise."

REV. W. McF. ALEXANDER, D. D., Pastor Prytania Street Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, and former Moderator of the General Assembly, says:

"The last Assembly puts its finger on Washington, D. C., and said by its action here is the most strategic spot in America for the spread of Christian influence to all the States of the Union. Let us build there a house of God worthy of the Southern Presbyterian Church. Its light will go out to the ends of the earth."

REV. RUSSELL CECIL, D. D., Pastor Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Va., a former Moderator of our General Assembly, says:

"We must help the 'Church of the Pilgrims' in Washington to erect a handsome edifice. They have a difficult problem in common with other Protestant churches in contending with the spiritual conditions of our capital, and should have the support of our people. Our Church is represented in different departments of the government and should not forget those who are there serving us. Shall we consent for our beautiful capital to be the most ungodly and irreligious city in the country? It is a city set on a hill which cannot be hid. Shall we not have the largest possible part in its regeneration and Christian culture? Let us urge all our churches in April to make an offering to erect a building for God in Washington worthy of Christ, of Protestant Christianity, and of our Southern Presbyterian Church."

REV. J. W. BACHMAN, D. D., Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., a former Moderator of the General Assembly, says:

"It should be a glad task for every American Christian to increase the influence of his Saviour at the capital city of his country, to make beautiful within a city so fair to see and so influential among the nations. I trust that every

Southern Presbyterian will respond worthily to the call of our General Assembly."

REV. WALTER W. MOORE, D. D., LL. D., President of Union Theological Seminary, a former Moderator of the General Assembly, says:

"Washington city is full of perils to Christian faith and life. We owe it to the hundreds of our people from the South who sojourn and labor there to safeguard and strengthen them in every way we can. We owe it to the country at large to give the pure gospel to this supreme center of influence. If we would counteract the religious vagaries which swarm there and the aggressive forms of false belief which are endeavoring to make the capital of the nation their radiating center, we must reinforce without delay the agencies of evangelical faith already in operation there. I hope all our people will respond promptly and liberally to the earnest call of the General Assembly to help the Church of the Pilgrims to secure the facilities for continuing and enlarging the wonderful work which without adequate equipment it has so long been doing for our young men and young women in Washington."

REV. E. M. GREEN, D. D., Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Danville, Ky., a former Moderator of our General Assembly, says:

"It is due to Protestantism, to true religion, and to the Church at large, that there should be a Southern Presbyterian Church at our national capital with a suitable building and good equipment, to assist in maintaining a pure gospel, and exerting a Christian influence on our whole country."

REV. CHARLES R. HEMPHILL, D. D., LL. D., many years President of Louisville Theological Seminary, a former Moderator of our General Assembly, says:

"Allow me to express the hope that our people will respond loyally and liberally to the call of our Assembly, to do our part, along with other Protestant denominations, in maintaining and strengthening religious life at the seat of our national government."

REV. H. G. HILL, D. D., Pastor Maxton, N. C., Senior among the Moderators of our General Assembly, says:

"The effort sanctioned by our General Assembly for our whole Southern Church to aid in giving prominence to Presbyterianism and Protestantism in Washington, our capital city, I deem a wise one. Liberal contributions towards raising \$125,000 for this purpose should be made in our churches. Washington city in this country sustains a similar relation to that of Jerusalem to Palestine, or of the heart to the physical system. The legislation the politics, the morality or immorality, the piety or impiety of this city affect this whole land, to say nothing of its influence in other countries. The purer and more scriptural the religion and morality prevailing there, the better will be its influence on our own country and the world. The attempt to present there forcefully the Gospel of Christ is enforced by the activity of the agencies of error. The large classes of hopeful persons to be reached, the wide influence to be exerted in our own land, and the love of Christ and souls, patriotism, humanity and piety, all call to this effort."

OTHER CHURCHES ARE WATCHING

**Our Sister Churches welcome Reinforcements.
They Realize the need of this Service for Christ and Country**

REV. GEORGE JOHNSON, D. D., Pastor National Baptist Memorial Church, Washington, D. C., says:

"The National Baptist Memorial Church sends greetings. God bless the plans of your denomination to build a noble church of the Pilgrims in Washington."

REV. LUCIUS C. CLARK, D. D., Executive Secretary of the Washington Federation of Churches, writes:

"I want to express hearty appreciation of the effort the Church of the Pilgrims is making in the interest of our common Protestantism in seeking an adequate equipment, that will be worthy of their earnest service and that will be suitable for serving the large religious needs of the capital of our nation."

REV. WILLIAM L. DE VRIES, D. D., Canon of the Washington Cathedral of the Episcopal Church, writes:

"I am familiar with the work of the Church of the Pilgrims, with the scope of its aim, and the fruitfulness of its endeavors. Nothing that this church can do has been left undone, but the building is entirely inadequate, both for worship and the week-day activity in behalf of religious education and undertakings of mercy and charity. Work done in Washington affects religious conditions all over the country, because people come here for longer or shorter stay and then return to remote sections of America. I earnestly trust that the Southern Presbyterian Church will give its faithful servants who have been faithful with very poor equipment a chance to serve their church and their nation with ample and adequate tools."

CAPT. R. C. McBEE, of the Salvation Army, writes:

"The Salvation Army has been impressed with the interest and co-operation which the Church of the Pilgrims has given to them. We have also been impressed with the outstanding fact that your liberality, generosity and service

were caged in such a narrow compass and we are so happy to look forward with you to the accomplishment of the plan. We pray God's blessing upon you."

REV. HERBERT W. KLINE, Superintendent of the Gospel Mission, Washington, D. C., writes:

"The Gospel Mission family, from the Board of Trustees to the humblest convert, unite in praying that God may crown with speedy success your campaign for funds to extend your church work. You have been a great help to our Gospel Mission. We pray that God may put it into the heart of a generous Christian public to give the Church of the Pilgrims every dollar you need to do a greater work for His glory."

MR. WILLIAM NOELS COOPER, Executive Secretary for fifteen years of the Y. M. C. A. of Washington, writes:

"For many years I have watched the work done by your Church of this city. If with your present equipment the Church of the Pilgrims can accomplish so much, you are certainly entitled to a larger church home to carry on your important work. I hope those who have not had an opportunity to personally observe the work of your church will accept the testimony of those who have lived in this community and tested the results which have been accomplished."

MISS FLORENCE M. BROWN, General Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. of Washington, D. C., writes:

"The splendid spirit of co-operation which the Church of the Pilgrims has always manifested towards the Y. W. C. A., and in fact to the community has been very much appreciated. Some of our best workers have come from your church. I feel that the Church of the Pilgrims has been training women for a large service in the world."

GOD HELP US TO WIN FOR HIM!

Is not the way of victory for each of us Southern Presbyterians to ask: "Lord What Wilt Thou Have Me Do?" And then to do it--(by the next mail.)

REV. WILLIAM FRED GALBRAITH, Treasurer

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