

## RALLY DAY.

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The extent of our missionary obligation to the spiritual illiterates of the South has never taken hold of the conscience and imagination of our Church as it should. The statement that in our sixteen Southern states there are thirteen million young people between six and twenty-five who are yet out of the Sunday school has not stirred us to effective action. Here and there churches and schools have waked up and have organized out-post mission schools, gathering their share of the un-enrolled into the home school.

Out beyond the reach of our local churches lie the great unevangelized multitude and here is where our Sunday school missionaries find their greatest opportunity for service. Last year sixty-three field workers were used and while statistics cannot measure spiritual efforts and results, a few facts are culled from the annual report to show that they were abundant in labors. The summary showed 15,534 homes visited, 1,511,838 miles travelled, 1,900 schools visited, 148 schools organized, 626 conferences and institutes held, and 1,573 conversions reported. A very important service of these workers is visiting small churches without Sunday schools and encouraging them to organize for a ministry to their neglected young people even if the congregation is pastorless.

The Assembly Minutes of 1922 list 794 of our 3,492 churches as having no Sunday schools. Included in this list is a large number of churches with less than twenty members which exist in name only, and careless clerks are responsible for incomplete reports concerning many churches which really maintain Sunday schools. After making all legitimate deductions, the fact remains that we have an unreasonably large number of churches without Sunday schools, so that a pressing need is a staff of field workers to aid these churches in organizing for the only activity immediately possible for them. The only hope of maintaining the feeble spark of life in these churches is to organize and sustain a Sunday school. We should have a Sunday school missionary in each of our sixteen Synods and eighty-seven Presbyteries, in addition to the staff of workers who now aid in the educational and missionary work from the home office.

Programs and posters have been sent to all of our 3,400 superintendents and we are hoping and praying that all our schools will make October first a Red-Letter Day in their calendar and exceed last year's record, when they sent in \$45,000 for Sunday school extension work.

Send checks to R. E. Magill, Treasurer, Box 1176, Richmond, Va.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LAY WORKERS

By Dr. T. T. McFaden.

This School was founded to meet a real need on the part of laymen—both men and women. Several years ago some of our women who expected to go as Foreign Missionaries requested the Faculty of Union Theological Seminary to give them some such training as they felt they needed before going abroad. This was done. The work grew so rapidly the professors were overburdened. Such an idea had been working in other minds. Dr. A. L. Phillips, the then Superintendent of Sunday School work, long cherished the idea of a fully organized and incorporated school of this nature under the care of the Assembly. As a result of these efforts and this experience, the Assembly approved the

plan and invited proposals for its location with a condition that an eligible site and all expenses for the first three years should be provided, the Assembly undertaking to provide for its equipment and support after that period. Under the leadership of Dr. W. W. Moore the school was located in Richmond where all conditions were more than met. The school began with about twenty-five students in 1914. In spite of inadequate accommodations and funds, it has grown by leaps and bounds and last year enrolled one hundred and eleven students.

The purpose of the Training School is to train lay workers, both men and women, for every department of the Church's work, except the Gospel ministry. It prepares for Foreign and Home Mission work, Sunday school activities, pastor's assistants, Bible teachers, Christian Endeavor and Young People's work, Covenanters and Boy Scouts and voluntary work in one's own church. In fact, it prepares for leadership in any department of Christian service. The Training School stands for the supremacy of the Bible, the development of a normal, well rounded Christian life, for the practical as well as the theoretical, and for a high standard of scholarship. These are seen in the seven different departments, such as of the English Bible, Christian Missions and Church History, Christian Sociology, Personal Evangelism, Religious Education, Practical Study, Field Work. This is the Assembly's Training School, which means the entire Southern Church is behind it.

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The advantages of its location in a city like Richmond, with its culture, religious influence and opportunities for practical work, are unsurpassed.

Special mention is called also to the Extension Department, the purpose of which is to give courses by correspondence; "Biblical Geography," by Dr. W. W. Moore; "Gospel of Mark," by Dr. Erdman; "Gospel of Luke," by Dr. McAlister; "The Creed of Presbyterians," by Dr. Egbert Smith; "Christian Doctrine," by Dr. Cecil, are among some of the courses ready and which are being used by a large number.

The school has a valuable site in Ginter Park. A new dormitory is being erected, and also a dining hall with Gymnasium room. These will be occupied in 1923. Our enrollment is limited only by our capacity to house. New students have already been enrolled for 1923 session. The young people are beginning to awake and appreciate their opportunities. Men are to be trained here as well as women. But owing to lack of accommodation for men, we have not been able to emphasize the coming of the men. This difficulty we hope to overcome shortly.

The school is like a fast-growing child. It has outgrown its early demands. It is difficult to keep it supplied, its growth is so rapid. It needs now three residences for professors, for it is expensive and often difficult to rent. There is needed another dormitory for men, we need an administration building, furniture will be needed for the furnishing of the new buildings, now being erected. Pro-

fessors Chairs should be endowed for at least \$60,000 each. There is needed an annual income adequate to meet the current expenses of such a rapidly growing institution. It is young. It has no endowment. It is dependent upon the annual contributions of the churches.

The General Assembly has set aside the fourth Sunday in September as the day when the Training School claims should be presented in all the churches and an offering taken in those churches where there is no budget system. "Where all lift, the burden is light."

The School is doing a great work. It needs your material and co-operation. Will you not see that this worthy enterprise is supported by your church and people. George W. Call, Union Bank, Richmond, Va., is the treasurer. Send all remittances

to him.

The Training School is destined to be one of our largest institutions. Co-operate now in a material way as well in making it such.

The next session opens Thursday, September 28, at 9 A. M.

To the question, What is a man worth? the world replies by enumerating what he has. In reply to the same question, the Son of Man replies by estimating what he is. Not what he has, but what he is, that, through time and eternity, is his real and proper life. He declared the presence of the soul; He announced the dignity of the spiritual man; He revealed the being that we are. Not that which is supported by meat and drink, but that whose very life is in truth, integrity, honor, purity.—F. W. Robertson.

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