"SUPREME NEED OF THE HOUR."

How Baptists Will Welcome the New Century.

NEW METHODIST HYMNAL.

Meeting of the Association of Catholic Colleges—The Twentieth Century Thank-Offering—Christian Endeavorers.

(Written for The Times.)

NEW YORK, December 8.—At the Baptist National Anniversaries, which were held in Detroit last May, the three national Baptist societies, the Home Mission Society, the Publication Society and the Mission Union, adopted resolutions appointing a committee of seven men from each society to devise and formulate a method whereby the Baptist people of the United States might most suitably commemorate the beginning of the twentieth century of the Christian era. The Rev. Dr. Lemuel Moss, president of the American Baptist Historical Society, was made chairman of the committee, and the Rev. Dr. H. L. Morehouse, field secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the secretary. The committee has just completed its deliberations and has agreed upon a statement and recommendations to the churches of the denomination.

The statement of the committee calls attention, first, to the fact that it is the purpose of the committee to recommend that the spiritual element in the proposed commemoration of the beginning of the new century be made paramount. "The supreme need of the hour," says the committee, "is a refreshing from on high. In this secularized age our Lord's message, 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you' needs fresh consideration." Financial features of the commemoration will therefore be subordinated to the spiritual. The committee feels that it would be unwise to undertake to raise, by extraordinary means, a large sum of money for special purposes, and that the greatest permanent good can be accomplished if the commemoration services, held in all the Baptist Churches of the country, can be of such a spiritual character as to promote a spirit of consecration and stimulate the people of the church to more generous offerings for all of the great missionary causes of the denomination. The recommendations of the committee follow:

WHAT IS NEEDED.

"1. That with the opening of the twentieth century concerted and simultaneous effort be made throughout the denomination for the quickening of the spiritual life and activities of our churches, particularly for the salvation of the unconverted in their own localities. As preparatory to the week of prayer, it is suggested that on the first or the second day of the new century the pastors in every Baptist Association, at the call of the Moderator thereof, hold an all day meeting for prayer and conference on this subject.

"2. Inasmuch as our two hundred academies, colleges, universities and theological seminaries, with more than 2,000 instructors and about 40,000 pupils and a material equipment, valued at about $45,000,000, are potent factors in the development of denominational life and power, it is recommended that the day of prayer for colleges, the fourth Thursday in January, 1901, be devoutly observed by all our institutions of learning; that these institutions be specially remembered by our churches at their regular prayer meetings in the same week; that the editors of our religious journals devote particular attention to our educational interests in their issues for that week; and that this be the theme of discourses by pastors on the last Sunday in January.

"3. That on the third Sunday in April the pastors of our churches preach on our denominational progress and achievements during the last century, and our present opportunities and obligations; and that editors of our religious journals about the same time give special prominence to these matters.

"4. That more attention be given in our churches to the observance of the monthly concert of prayer for missions at home and abroad; especially that in the first week in May there shall be united supplication for the Divine blessing upon the approaching annual convocations of our great missionary organizations, as also upon the meetings of all Baptist Associations and Conventions throughout our land."

"It is also recommended that these associations and conventions appropriately observe the beginning of the new century, so far as practicable, in accordance with the spirit and scope of the suggestions herein presented.

"5. That the beginning of the twentieth century should be signalized by a pronounced advance in all our missionary operations; and that for this purpose it is recommended that individuals and churches increase their offerings fifty per cent. above the usual sums; and that special effort be made to secure an offering from every member of every Baptist Church, with a view to increasing the aggregate yearly contributions of our churches for missions to at least $1,000,000.

"We are summoned to this advance by the wonderful blessing of God upon our efforts hitherto; by the temporal prosperity now accorded us; by the great opportunities in our mission fields at home and abroad, and by the supreme obligation to obey our Lord's command to evangelize the world. 'Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.'"

WHAT WILLIAMS DID.

When Roger Williams was driven out of Massachusetts because, among other things, he had changed his religious views and had reached the conviction that immersion was essential to a proper profession of Christianity, a conviction so strong that, as is told in the old story, he and another man immersed each other and there established the Baptist Church in this country, he started a religious movement that, at the beginning of the nineteenth century, had grown until it numbered about 1,200 churches with 100,000 members. In the century just about to close, the growth of the denomination has been constant, and there are now in the United States 43,427 churches with a total membership of 4,181,686. The membership increased 40,000 last year. A large proportion of the churches of the denomination are in the Southern States, but every State and Territory of the Union has a number of the churches.

The Baptist Church is not so strong abroad as it is in this country. In all of Europe there are 3,729 churches with 460,261 members, 2,697 of these churches and 255,218 of the members are in Great Britain and Ireland. In Asia there are 1,602 churches with 119,745 members. Africa has 111 churches and 6,700 members, while Australia is represented in the denomination by 235 churches and 9,261 members.

According to latest reports, the total value of Baptist Church property in the United States is $86,648,982, and the total annual expenditure of the denomination in this country is $12,348,527, the principal items of which are: Church expenses, $9,622,066; Sunday-school expenses, $502,231; home missions, $319,625; foreign missions, $402,016; and education, $179,207. This last item does not give an adequate idea of the importance of the educational work carried on in this country under Baptist auspices, because it does not include the sums that are raised directly by the educational institutions. The growth of the educational work of the denomination in the nineteenth century has been fully as marked as has been the growth of the denomination itself.

In 1804, "Rhode Island College" was the only school conducted by American Baptists, and it was in that year that the name of the institution was changed to Brown University. To-day there are about 200 Baptist institutions of all grades in North America, almost fifty of which were organized in the years between 1880 and 1890, many of them being schools for the colored people and Indians. At the beginning of the present century the total value of Baptist school property did not exceed $50,000, in 1850 the total had increased to $2,000,000, and now, at the close of the century, the value of school property is fully $44,000,000. About one-half of this sum is in grounds, buildings and equipment, and about one-half in endowments. At the beginning of the century there were in "Rhode Island College" 92 students; there are now in schools and colleges fully 40,000 students.

REVIVAL MOVEMENTS.

The feature of the revival movements which almost every religious body is preparing to inaugurate at the opening of the new century is the emphasis laid upon the Church as an organization. Independent evangelistic movements, such as Mr. Moody had some years ago, seem to be things of the past. This feature is to be observed, both in England and here. In England the established church is entering into the simultaneous mission movement, barring, perhaps, the ritualist party in it, although it is doing its work in its own way. Reports from all parts of England are to the effect that all previous mission efforts are to be left far behind in size and interest. London has been divided into fifty-six centers, in each of these the largest churches have been selected and missioners are already appointed. Besides the central meetings there are to be any number of meetings, specially for cabmen, railway employes, servants, both male and female, children, and even for newspaper carriers, the meeting for the last named to be held at 3 o'clock in the morning. The campaign is to open on January 28th, with what is expected to be an historic service in Guildhall, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker being the preacher. From then until April meetings are to be held in every city, hamlet and cross roads in all England.

The Rev. F. B. Meyer is due to arrive in this country on March 21st next. Under the Northfield extension movement he will make a tour of the South and West, speaking two to four days in many principal cities. Meetings are to be arranged under his direction for different classes of people, according to employment, and at many different hours. He will speak to ministers especially. Fresh from the Simultaneous Mission in England, in the management of which he is one of the largest factors, he will endeavor to stir up in the United States some of the interest which it is believed will by that time obtain in England. The Rev. G. Campbell Morgan will, it is expected, be here by that time also, and he will work as well under the Northfield Extension. This Extension was one of the later schemes of Mr. Moody, but grew up rather from a popular demand than from any idea of Northfield's founder. Cities in which appointments are to be made have not yet been fixed upon, but it is said that applications that would require time far exceeding that which Mr. Meyer can spend here, have already been received.

METHODIST HYMNAL.

The Methodist Hymnal has been used in its present form for twenty-four years, and for some years there has been a growing sentiment in the church that a revision was necessary. It has been stated that of the 1,117 hymns in the Hymnal not more than one-third are used by the congregations. The matter was brought up in the last General Conference, and that body authorized the Bishops to appoint a revision committee. At their meeting in Trenton a few days since the Bishops announced the names of the men chosen by them to serve on the committee. The chairman is the Rev. Dr. S. F. Upham, of Drew Theological Seminary. The others are the Rev. S. C. Nutter, of St. Albans, Vermont; Professor C. T. Winchester, of Wesleyan, University; the Rev. M. V. Simpson, of Philadelphia; the Rev. Dr. R. J. Cooke, of Grant University; the Rev. W. A. Quayle, of Indianapolis; the Rev. Chas. W. Smith, of Pittsburg; Professor Chas. M. Stuart, of the Garrett Biblical Institute, Chicago; and the Rev. Dr. C. H. Cobern, of Denver. It is the intention of the committee to make a very through revision of the Hymnal, and not only will some of the old unused hymns and tunes be dropped, but many hymns that have been written since the last revision will be added.

Catholic laity identified with the federation of Catholic societies say that until now Catholic laity in America have left almost everything to the clergy, not because the clergy assumed everything, but because, in the formative state of the church here, the clergy led naturally and there were not laity with ability and disposition to do so. Unlike them, Protestant laity have led, almost to the exclusion of the clergy. If now there is an inclination for Protestant clergy to assert itself, so there is for the Catholic laity to do the same. Leaders among the latter deny that there is anything political in their action any more than there has been in the past when Protestant laity, as such, have led in various movements. There is difficulty in arousing interest in this new federation. At the first meeting last September only seven societies took enough account of it to send delegates. At the second meeting just held sixteen societies were represented. There is next to be held a meeting in Cincinnati in May, when it is hoped by agitation meanwhile, to secure delegates from nearly all of the thirty considerable Catholic lay organizations.

Preparations are making for the next meeting of the Association of Catholic Colleges of the United States. This is something new, and its main purpose is to bring Catholic educational institutions into line with the Cathilic University at Washington. Steady progress is making, and the third conference has just been set for St. James' Hall, Chicago, April 13-15, next. An important matter to come up at that time is a report of the committee on freshman conditions in Catholic Colleges. Topics selected for discussion include: "The Catholic High School Movement," "Educational Legislation," and the studies of English, History Greek, and Science. An effort is now to be made to secure co-operation between Catholic female colleges and high schools and the new Trinity College, which occupies the same place for women that the Catholic University does for men.

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

Presbyterians North set no stint upon their twentieth century thank-offering, but are setting out to raise all they can. Methodists, to date, think they have secured $8,200,000 on their stint of $20,000,000, but Presbyterians to the number of 176 out of a total of 232 have now named local committees on money raising, and the Rev. Dr. C. A. Dickey, the present General Assembly Moderator, is to give all of his time until May to the leading of the movement. His personal expenses in traveling about in the interest of the fund have been guaranteed by Philadelphia Presbyterians. The purpose of the fund is to pay off Church debts, increase college endowments, enlarge gifts to missions, secure local improvements, and extend Presbyterianism. The benevolences of this religious body rose during the century now closing from $2,500 to $3,250,000 a year. In 1890 it cost about $90,000 to maintain all of the Presbyterian Churches in America during the year 1899. It cost $11,000,000 to maintain all of them this year.

The 1901 Convention of the Epworth League is to be held in San Francisco in July, and efforts are now being made to secure low round trip rates for the delegates who will go from the East. One of the League Board of Control says that he rather doubts the advisability of taking young people so far away from home in the close personal relation which such a trip necessitates. He says, however, that so far as he knows, no harm has ever come from convention trips, except to the pocket-books of the League officials, who are continually being invited to weddings of young people who have made each other's acquaintance on the trips. He thinks that something will have to be done for the officials' relief, for wedding invitations involve presents, and presents mean money. Either conventions will have to be given up, he says, or a fund for the purchase of presents established.

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Enthusiatic Meeting of the Richmond Alumni Held.

The Richmond Chapter of the V. P. I. alumni met at the Jefferson last night and effected a permanent organization. The meeting was largely attended. Hon. H. M. Smith was unanimously chosen president of the organization; Mr. P. M. Fry, vice-president, and Captain Harry L. Watson, secretary and treasurer. Upon motion, the chair appointed Messrs. Lawrence Priddy, W. D. Waddy and Harry L. Watson a committe to draft a constitution and by-laws conforming as nearly as possible to those of the general alumni. The Richmond chapter is the first chapter organized, though chapters in Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Roanoke and other cities which have large numbers of graduates will soon follow. Below is a list of the charter members of the Richmond chapter.

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.—THE LAST HALF OF CITY TAXES, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL, for 1900, is NOW DUE AND PAYABLE at this office.

EVERY male twenty-one years of age, and EVERY person keeping house or doing business in the city is assessed for personal taxes. Those who have not paid any city taxes during the year will please call and settle, so as to avoid being posted as delinquents.

GRADING, PAVING, PIPE AND SEWER CONNECTION BILLS are also due, and will have to be declared delinquent if not paid on or before end of year.

FIVE PER CENT. will be added to last half if not paid on or before DECEMBER 31st.

Interest at SIX PER CENT. also attaches to all bills as soon as reported delinquent.

Particular attention is called to the above, as under an ordinance passed by the City Council there can be no avoidance of the penalty.

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