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PATRIOTISM

In the March 7 issue of the Outlook Lyman Abbott, editor has given to his readers an excellent editorial on patriotism. In fact the sentiment is so good that we believe every reader of the Banner should read it. Here is what Mr. Abbott says:

"A nation is made great, not by its fruitful acres, but by the men who cultivate them; not by its great forests, but by the men who use them; not by its mines, but by the men who work in them; not by its railways, but by the men who build and run them. America was a great land when Columbus discovered it; Americans have made it a great Nation.

"In 1776 our fathers had a vision of a new Nation 'conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.' Without an army they fought the greatest of existing world empires that they might realize this vision. A third of a century later, without a navy they fought the greatest navy in the world that they might win for their Nation the freedom of the seas. Half of a century later they fought through an unparalleled Civil War that they might establish for all time on this continent the alienable right of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. A third of a century later they fought to emancipate an oppressed neighbor, and, victory won, gave back Cuba to the Cubans, sent an army of school masters to educate for liberty the Filipinos, asked no war indemnity from their vanquished enemy, but paid him liberally for his property. Meanwhile they offered land freely to any farmer who would live upon and cultivate it, opened to foreign immigrants on equal terms the door of commercial opportunity, shared with them political equality, and provided by universal taxation for universal education.

"The man who can see in this history only a theme for his egotistical vanity is no true American, whatever his parentage, whatever his birthplace. He who looks with pride upon this history which his fathers have written by their heroic deeds, who accepts with gratitude the inheritance which they have bequeathed to him, and who highly resolves to preserve this inheritance unimpaired and to pass it on to his descendants enlarged and enriched, is a true American, be his birthplace or his parentage what it may."

Church of Christ News

There will be a meeting of the captains of the "Foraging Party" on Thursday night following the prayer meeting. All are urged to be present to consider the plans. Our aim is "Out of debt by Easter."

Splendid interest prevails in our Sunday services. Another came for-

ward to take fellowship with us on Sunday; many are under conviction.

There will be a baptismal service Sunday night. Those to be baptized are urged to come prepared.

Sunday subjects are, "Christian Prayer," 10:30 a. m. "Through the Crowd to Jesus," 7:00 p. m. Good music. Come and worship with us. Choir practice on Thursday, 8:30 p. m.

Congregational Church Notes

The Lenten season is once more upon us. Shall we not make use of the next forty days in such a way as to bring our lives into closer fellowship with our Lord and Master, and to become more efficient in His service.

We know that pleasures, and family, social and business obligations, very strongly press their claims upon

us, but let us, during this season, try to find a little more time for thoughts of God, and His superior claims. Shall we not, at least, observe this season by planning to be regular in our attendance at the Sunday morning services.

During Lent the pastor will deliver the following series of sermons:

General theme—"The Claims of God. March 12, "To Our Attention"; March 19, "To Our Confidence"; March 25, "To Our Sympathy"; April 2, "To Our Venturesomeness"; April 9, "To Our Perseverance"; April 16, "Talk to the Bible School"; April 23, Easter Services.

Program for passion week will be announced later. If not a regular worshiper elsewhere we extend you a hearty invitation to all or any of these services.

Registration Notice for the City of Belding

Notice is hereby given that the Boards of Registration will be in session from 8:00 o'clock a. m. until 8 o'clock p. m., March 25, 1916, in the Chas. Brown Building, North Bridge street, for the first ward; at Ames and Unger's garage in the second ward, and at the city hall in the third ward, for the purpose of completing the registration lists.

Women Electors

In accordance with the constitution of the State of Michigan and the statutes of the said state and whereas it becomes necessary to vote on the bonding of the City of Belding for the necessary funds to pave North and South Bridge streets of said city, every woman who possesses the qualifications of a male elector and who owns property by herself or jointly with others and who is assessed for taxes within the City of Belding will be entitled to vote upon this proposition, provided her name is duly registered in the Precinct above mentioned.

Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of March, A. D. 1916.

F. E. CONANT,
City Clerk.