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TOO MANY CHURCHES IN THE COUNTRY

Communication III.

It is when we come face to face with the new demands made upon the Church that the inadequacy of the average country church building is specially felt. It cannot be but that the great amount of thought, discussion, and effort now given to improving country life will result in just as great changes and advances as have followed the use of like means in other regions of life. Wallace Farmer, whose editor, himself a minister, was on the Country Life Commission, is no false prophet when it says:

There is to be a great future for country life. Three years ago, when President Roosevelt appointed his Country Life Commission, half the people of the United States jeered and laughed, and for a month or more the commissioners were in doubt as to whether they would get a hearing or be laughed out of court. Since that time has come the beginning of the development of a distinctly rural civilization. There will be a revival of the country church. Ministers will realize that it is their duty to make life out in the country better worth living, to make the church the social center of the community, to interest themselves in farming operations and farm questions, and teach the great verities of the kingdom in terms of country life.

With increasing frequency and urgency the church is called upon by those leading in this new rural civilization to assume a more active leadership and new duties. She will not wish to disregard this challenge, she could not if she would. "Two personalities are prominent in the history of divine accomplishment thru humanity: the farmer and the preacher. The first great want felt by creation was for a man to till the ground." The first great commission of the Creator to man required him to subdue the earth; the last great commission of the ascending Savior was to preach the gospel in all the world, this final commission to man as world-wide preacher is the complement of the primal commission to man as world-wide farmer. The tiller of the soil and the tiller for souls have always held a close relation in the designs and providence of God. — J. O. Ashenurst.

The new rural life will bring the preacher and the farmer closer together. Together they will till the one for the souls, the other for the bodies, of men. And there is need that they should cooperate. Shrewd men of the world tell us that unless the farmer learns to make the soil produce more per acre the time is not far away when he will not be able to feed the inhabitants of America. On the other hand the Church has not the grip on all the people it should have. Whether it has lost it, as some declare, or whether it never had it, as some think, need not be discussed now. If the church by becoming the social center of a community, if by taking a deeper interest in all that makes men fit to live in society, and the world a more fit habitation for the children of God,—if in this way, it can get a firmer hold on men, certainly it has increased its power for spiritual good. This work however requires a hall or rooms for lectures, entertainments, and institutes; other rooms for classes and clubs and bands and libraries and wholesome games. Such a building need not belong to the church, but, if the church does have control of it, it has increased power to see that these things are pure and uplifting in character. Moreover where the community is over churching it will be difficult to find money for the erection of such a building.

Roosevelt's Commission on Country Life says: "The country church of the future is to be held responsible for the great ideals of community life as well as of personal character." And again: He (the pastor) is the key to the country church problem. If these views are men are right in their opinion that the future will rightly demand so much of the church and the pastor, then it is only fair that church and pastor should have proper tools herewith to work.

But the inadequate material equipment of the rural church in view of the new duties of the new era is not the greatest regret or the greatest obstacle in meeting these demands. This new work is of such a character that it cannot be done well, if at all, if the Christian forces of a neighborhood are divided. Success depends on corporation, on presenting an undivided front to opposing forces. That is true largely even of church work as generally recognized now.

One of the most interesting and hopeful phases of Christian effort is in connection with children's mission bands and junior endeavor societies and leagues, boys' brigades and scouts. These require leaders whose qualifications are rare. If a small community has one man or woman well adapted to such leadership it is fortunate. That it should have from three to six is beyond reasonable expectation. If it has none

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LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers Correspondent Column—New Department.

C. W. Stahl, who laid his educational foundation in the schools of Centre Hall, and is now an attorney and notary in Los Angeles, California, sends this message to the Reporter: I do not want to be without the Reporter, as it is like a good, long letter from home, although I have been away from there for more than thirty years. I have been a constant subscriber for the paper during all that time, and appreciate it very much each week as it reaches me. It keeps me in close touch with many familiar persons and facts of my boyhood days, which I would otherwise lose, as a long absence causes friends to be slow and negligent in writing friendly letters.

So I herewith enclose a check for \$1.00 to cover the next annual subscription. Kindly give me credit and receipt for same. Wishing you a happy and prosperous coming year, I beg to remain.

UDALL, Kansas, Jan. 3.

Dear Editor Reporter:

We are having a little cold snap here, but nothing like you folks are used to in Pennsylvania, for it never stays cold here more than two or three days, then it gets warmer. We don't have any snow to speak of, just light snows. We had two blizzards this winter but it wasn't very cold.

The hog cholera has been had around here. It doesn't get very cold in the winter and in summer it is hot during the day but we always have cool nights too sleep.

The crops were fairly good here last year, but they can't come up to Illinois. We didn't get the Reporter last week, (vacation, you know) and we missed it very much. We are always glad to get it, and it most generally reaches us on Monday forenoon.

Our thoughts go back to Pennsylvania very often, at least at present, as Mr. Brown's brother, Jerry Brown, is very sick. We hope for his recovery.

Best wishes to all our old friends in Pennsylvania, and a prosperous new year for the Reporter.

As ever, yours,
MRS. B. F. BROWN.

Mrs. Annie Mingle Swartz, of Lewisburg, in a letter to the Reporter congratulates the people of Centre county for having elected and now having in office such a good line of Democrats, and at the same time regrets that there were not enough Democrats and Keystones in Lewisburg to elect her husband, W. H. Swartz, to the office of constable without the assistance of Republicans.

Mrs. Swartz is an invalid, and writes much of her time away writing to personal friends, and she much desires to come into communication with some of her old school mates who went to school with her at Pine Stump.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Ellen Huss to Spring Mills Grange, August 5, 1911, tract of land in Spring Mills. \$150.

G. B. Gummo et ux to Rie E. Stevens, Dec. 16, 1911, tract of land in State College. \$350.

John Tobias et al to Andrew Tobias, December 18, 1911, tract of land in Snow Shoe twp. \$100.

John Detrich's heirs to L. C. Detrich, March 28, 1891, tract of land in Walker twp. \$912.25.

John W. Hartsock admr. to Harriet E. Hartsock, December 19, 1911, tract of land in Patton twp. \$500.

D. M. Kline et al guard. to Oscar F. Gill, December 8, 1911, tract of land in Spring twp. \$500.

Mary E. Miller et bar to James Stieckler, December 15, 1911, tract of land in Bellefonte. \$1050.

Sucrene Dairy Feed has proven to be an all round economical, practical feed, and one that brings satisfactory results.—R. D. Foreman, Centre Hall.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers.

[Continued from Previous Column.] It might be able to import one, or to send one of its own young people to a training school; but not one for each church. Hence there are populations of four or five hundred, and as many churches where the children are receiving practically no instruction and training of a sort that the larger churches of the city have found so fruitful. The want of leaders of suitable meeting places, and of enough children in any one church to give interest are obstacles which seem to the churches unsurmountable.

W. HENRY SCHUYLER.

AGRICULTURAL SPECIALISTS.

A Specialist, an Expert in Farm Management, Provided for is a Bill Fathered by McHenry.

Struck with the amazing number of vacant farms and the vast areas of waste farm lands throughout the Keystone and other states which he saw recently during various trips of inspection, Congressman McHenry, of Pennsylvania, began to make a close study of the underlying reason for such an anomaly in a progressive country like the United States. He had not gone very far before he met the unpleasant discovery that the entire fault lay with the farmers who had been the occupants of those waste and vacant farms and farm lands, and who neglected to post themselves on soil and other conditions, which would have enabled them to make their farms profitable propositions, and their cattle of all sorts equally as paying investments.

WANTS SPECIALISTS APPOINTED.

After mature thought, he has devised a method of bringing much needed educational agricultural knowledge within the easy reach of farmers everywhere—not only in his own congressional district, but in every county and town land in the nation. To this end he has introduced in the house a bill for the advancement of agriculture. It enacts that the secretary of agriculture is directed to appoint in each and every congressional district in the United States, in which agriculture is one of the leading industries, an agriculturist who must be a farm management specialist.

The duties of each of these agriculturists shall be to investigate the types of farming prevailing in each district and the general results secured from each type; the cropping system used on farms of different types, adaptability of different types of farming to the particular region; to study the local conditions with reference to the amount, kind and character of available farm labor and market conditions; the adaptability of crops to local conditions of soil and climate, etc.

APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000.

Each agriculturist is to have headquarters in his special district as centrally located as possible to mail, telephone, telegraph, and express facilities, and must report directly to and be subject to the direction of the secretary of agriculture, or such officers of the department as he may designate. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act Congressmen McHenry is asking congress to set aside an appropriation of \$300,000 for the coming year. His bill is now in the hands of the house committee on agriculture.

Officers Installed.

At a special meeting of Progress Grange held Friday evening in Grange Arcadia, the officers for the ensuing year were installed, the ceremony incident to the occasion having been performed by David K. Keller, a postmaster. After the installation proper was completed, addresses were made by Dr. W. H. Schuyler, Rev. S. A. Snyder, A. R. Alexander, and Hon. Leonard Rhone.

Although mercury stood at zero the attendance was large, the audience being made up of members of the order, their families and friends. When the business of the session was completed, the Master, who had been installed for a second term, invited all to the hall below, where tables laden with choice refreshments awaited them.

The officers who will serve throughout the present year are these:

Master, Dr. H. F. Bitner
Overseer, Leonard Rhone
Lecturer, Prof. C. B. Neff
Steward, Clyde Brooks
Assistant Steward, Christ D. Keller
Chaplain, Mrs. Kate Conley
Treasurer, George Gingerich
Secretary, David K. Keller
Gate Keeper, Ray Rust
Cores, Ruth Brooks
Fumona, Ruth Callahan
Lady Steward, Mrs. Victor Auman

The Weather Man.

Up to this time the January weather has been unusually cold. On the first day of the month mercury was the highest, reaching forty above zero. On the night of the fourth it was two below, and during the next day the range was between that and zero. On the night of the fifth it was four below zero, and on the sixth one above zero. On the night of the seventh mercury again went to four below the dividing line.

Brain, Dairy and Stock Feeds.

You will always find at our mill the best bran, Badger Dairy Feed, and Schumacher's Stock Feed. These feeds will bear comparison with any feeds on the market for actual values from a scientific and practical standpoint. Purchases are made in car load lots, and prices reasonable.

J. H. AND S. E. WEBER,
Centre Hall and Oak Hall.

KIND WORD FOR THE SKUNK.

Prof. Surface Would Save the Skunk, Foxes, Coons, Chipmunk, Bats and Mole.

A strong plea for the conservation of animal life in this state has been issued by Prof. H. A. Surface, chief of the division of zoology of the department of agriculture. To the killing off promiscuously of various animals Professor Surface attributes the increase in destructive insect life.

Cats, chipmunks, foxes, skunks, raccoons, bats and moles are among the animals that Professor Surface pleads for. They are natural enemies of destructive insects, mice and rabbits. The robin, too, while he may eat a few cherries, devours great quantities of grub and cut worms and other pests, and the skunk, which may eat a few eggs, will also dig under stones for insects which ruin crops.

It is recommended that cats be cared for and fed, but not to such an extent as to make them lazy. Abandoning a cat, it is declared, is almost criminal, for the cat, growing wild, learns to catch and kill songbirds and other birds of value to the farmer. A domesticated cat will also kill grasshoppers and June bugs. Foxes are great enemies of field mice and rabbits, and the despoiled bats are foes of bugs that fly by night.

While moles are regarded as nuisances in a garden, they are declared to be benefactors, because they feed upon earth worms which destroy the roots of plants. The porcupine is put under the ban because by gnawing at bark it destroys trees.

Oak Hall.

Mrs. J. J. Tressler is improving from her recent illness.

Mrs. William Rishel, of Lemont, was a caller in town last week.

Mrs. Philip Dale is able to be out again after a few weeks illness.

Harry Benner spent Monday afternoon at Pine Grove Mills.

Prof. D. O. Eiters, of State College, visited the Oak Hall schools last week.

William Folk has purchased the property owned by Arthur Peters.

Oscar Rishel is assisting his brother William in the blacksmith shop at Lemont, this week.

Mrs. Edward Sellers, who has been quite ill for the past six weeks, is not improving.

Miss Mary Homan spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents at State College.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shutt and little daughter, of Bellefonte, were recent visitors at the home of Mathias Derner.

W. A. Odenkirk and wife, of Glen Iron, Mrs. Dale and daughter Anna, of Boalsburg, were visitors at Sunny Hillside last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis and daughter Katharine, of Syracuse, New York, spent the holiday season with the parents of Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Derner.

Aaronsburg.

Mrs. W. H. Phillips spent a day in Bellefonte last week.

Miss Kate Fleisher, of Centre Hall, was a guest at the home of Mr. (Dr.) Desbler.

Mrs. John Coldren, of Centre Hall, was a guest at the home of R. W. Mensch a few days last week.

Mrs. Homer Zorby and brother Horace Stover have returned to their home in Youngstown, Ohio.

Mrs. Bright Bitner and daughter, of Spring Mills, spent a few days at the home of Mrs. Nelson Wert.

Miss Ardenna Harmon returned to Lancaster on Monday to continue her studies in shorthand.

Ralph Kerstetter and brother, of State College, visited their aunt, Rebecca Snyder, at the home of Z. D. Thomas.

Coilyer.

Mrs. G. R. Meese spent Sunday at the home of Newton Yarnell.

Miss Ida Klinefelter spent a day last week at the home of Mrs. Sallie Horner.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin, of Millinburg, are visiting friends and relatives at Tusseyville.

Mrs. John Spangler, of Chicago, Ill., is spending several weeks at the home of James Spangler, of near Tusseyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Ripka and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rickett and family spent Sunday at the home of William Moyer.

Coilyer No. 2 Telephone Company, a branch company of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company, installed telephones in the residences of J. S. Houseman and Henry Moyer.

To The Dairyman.

I have recently received a car of Sucrene Dairy Feed. This feed has proven to be one of the best dairy feeds on the market, one of the feeds that brings satisfactory results. Try it and be convinced. It is also an excellent feed for calves and young stock.

R. D. FOREMAN,
Centre Hall.

COL. WOODWARD'S SAY.

Reports \$61.29 Expended for Farmers' Institutes in December.

Col. John A. Woodward, the Reporter presumes it was him, caused to be sent to this office a column long article signed by himself, W. Fred Reynolds, and Willard Dale, board of county institute managers, in which a struggling effort is made to make it appear that this paper was in error when it calculated the unused funds apportioned for the six days of Farmers' Institute held in this county to be \$44.10. The calculation was made on the basis of the funds used for the two days of institute at Centre Hall, which was \$10.30.

Before anything further is said on the subject, the Reporter wishes to say very plainly that Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Dale have never been considered as having had a part in the expenditure of any of the state's funds for institute purposes. At least Col. Woodward always expressed the representative of the state by the use of a pronoun vertical in character.

Col. Woodward, by his statement sent here, which is too long for publication, sums up the total expense for the institutes in Centre county to be \$61.29, or \$13.71 cents less than might have been used had the full amount credited to these institutes been exhausted.

In his expense account Col. Woodward has no charge for his trip to Centre Hall to arrange for the program, and if he made one to Stormstown and Eagleville, as he said he would, he has made no charge. The trip to Centre Hall was altogether unnecessary. There was nothing done here that could not have been done by letter or over the telephone, but since there was no charge there can be no complaint.

Now this is different from what it used to be—so far as the charging is concerned. Several years ago when Mr. Woodward came to Centre Hall to make the preliminary arrangements for the institute program, he hired a 2-horse team in Bellefonte and charged up the expense to Centre Hall institute; and also added a number of other expenses foreign to the institute at Centre Hall, and when it came to settling with the local committee there was hair-pulling—in words.

According to his statement, Mr. Woodward had much more than expended the allotment made to Centre Hall, and at that time he argued that not more than \$25.00 could be used at any one institute. [He does not argue that way any more.] The local committee by its statement showed that the \$25.00 had not been exhausted, and appealed its case to Hon. A. L. Martin, Director of Institutes, at Harrisburg, and its claim was paid by him after the Colonel had refused to accept the bills. It might be of more real interest and benefit to the farmers of Centre county if Col. Woodward would go to the trouble to have published one of his statements made before the Reporter gave the public the sum of a possible balance of unexpended available funds.

MURRAY & BITNER'S SUCCESS.

Great Popularity of Plan to Sell Medicine at Half-Price and Guarantee a Cure.

Murray & Bitner the enterprising druggists rather than await the ordinary methods of introduction, urged the Dr. Howard Co. to secure a quick sale for their celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia by offering the regular 50¢ bottle at half-price.

The wonderful success of this plan was a great surprise even to Murray & Bitner and today scores of people here in Centre Hall are using and praising this remarkable remedy.

In addition to selling a 50¢ bottle of Dr. Howard's specific for 25¢ Murray & Bitner have so much faith in the remedy that they will refund the money to anyone whom it does not cure.

When your head aches your stomach does not digest food easily and naturally when there is constipation, specks before the eyes, tired feeling, giddiness, bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue, heart burn, sour stomach, roaring or ringing in the ears, melancholy and liver troubles Dr. Howard's specific will cure you. If it does not it will not cost you a cent.

This latest achievement of science is of great value in curing sick headaches. Thousands of women are today free from that painful disease solely through the use of this specific.

The Sucrene Dairy Feed for your milk cows. You will be pleased with the result.—R. D. Foreman, Centre Hall.

When buying a cough medicine for children bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is most effective for colds, croup and whooping cough and that it contains no harmful drug. For sale by all dealers.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Progress Grange will hold a regular meeting Saturday afternoon.

The borough council did not hold its monthly meeting in January.

A. R. Alexander, of Michigan, continues to enjoy his visit to Penna Valley very much.

Eight inch ice was stored beginning of this week. The quality was also very good. It was the first crop for this winter.

Distemper has become epidemic in Nippenose Valley, many horses having the disease, and in a number of cases the disease proved fatal.

Harriet Goodlin, colored, of Bellefonte, a poor charge for thirty years and the only colored person in Snyder county died at the advanced age of one hundred and ten years.

Columbia county associate judges have come to the conclusion that the court crier is of no consequence and have discharged John W. Shumar, who fills that position in that county.

An hour after taking the oath of office, Prothonotary I. T. C. Diesinger, of Sunbury, became unconscious from an attack of uraemic poisoning and without regaining consciousness died the next afternoon.

Mrs. Laura Lee has returned from a pleasure trip to the west, having visited her sisters Mrs. Conrad Peck, in Kansas, and Mrs. Henry Dasher, in Michigan. She is very much pleased with the country and people in the western states.

Henry Linn recently sold the old Linn farm, near Hunters Park, to Foster House, of Valley View. The farm consists of two hundred and twenty acres, a portion being underlaid with limestone, and the consideration was \$5000.

Frank Beatty, a liniment vender, was found along a public road near Hootington almost frozen to death. He was taken to the Blair Memorial Hospital where he died a few hours thereafter. He was intoxicated, and it is supposed he laid down and fell into a stupor.

Having sold his farm, near Lemont to the Pennsylvania State College, William Johnston purchased the Henry Tibbens farm, on the Jacksonville road below Bellefonte, and tenanted by James Bartly. The consideration was \$8000, and possession will be given April 1st.

What is known as Coilyer Rural Telephone Line, No. 2, a branch of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company, will reconstruct its line from Coilyer to Centre Hall, and pole by the way of Pottery Mills. Many of the poles are now on the ground, and as soon as the weather conditions permit construction will begin.

W. H. Baird has decided to quit the farm and next March will make sale of his farm stock and implements, and thereafter move to State College. Thomas Delaney, who now lives on the Hoy farm, on the Jacksonville road below Bellefonte, has rented the farm. He is a brother of John Delaney, who lives on the Albert Spayd farm, at Earlstown.

The barn on the farm owned by J. H. Long and tenanted by Tobias Wetzel, located two miles east of Jacksonville, was recently destroyed by fire, the only thing saved being one horse. It was one of the largest barns in that section. Five milch cows, three horses, two young cattle and several hogs, all the farm machinery, feed, grains, etc., was also destroyed. The total loss is estimated at between \$2000 and \$2500. Mr. Wetzel had but \$700 insurance; there was no insurance on the barn.

A two-story school house, at Mackeyville, erected in 1898, and valued at several thousand dollars, was totally destroyed by fire Friday night of last week. A new heating plant had been installed recently, and on several previous occasions during sessions of the schools, the floor of the building was ignited, but the flames were extinguished before damage had been done. The fire that destroyed the building is also supposed to have been caused by the heating plant. There was but \$800 insurance, and it was held in the Sugar Valley company.

The Reporter is indebted to David B. Kline, of Los Angeles, California, for a copy of the Annual Mid-Winter Edition of The Times, which gives a glowing account of the Pacific Coast City. The Times is the newspaper that was blown up by the McNamara, but it is about as much alive newspaper as can be found anywhere in the states, the issue referred to containing two hundred and thirty pages. The Times, among many other things, gives an account of Los Angeles water plant now being constructed that will cost the city twenty-four million dollars.