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The Directors' Opportunity.

The teachers of Somerset county have returned to their school rooms and have so far as possible put into practice the truths that they have learned at institute. The directors have gone back to work inspired to continue in the good work an decade of education. Directors, teachers and patrons are doubtless minded to do the best that can be done for the youth of the county.

The directors who are now in office have a heavy responsibility resting on them in electing a superintendent of the public schools. Several things ought to be forgotten when the choice is made. One thing is that religion, the particular bias in religion should be no consideration. Another thing is that the matter of politics should be out of the question.

By leaving out the question of religion and politics, the county school directors are in a position to see with a clear vision the man who sizes up to the situation. While religious tenets are not to be the test, the school directors must necessarily have in mind for so important an office, a fine Christian gentleman. But the directors must look for the biggest man available for the position, a man with liberal education, good training, broad sympathies, of high character, who is free to put into service the best that he possesses without fear or favor.

Congress.

There was more of an imaginary than a noticeable change when Congress opened. The old special congress passes into history and is noted especially for what it accomplished and what it attempted to accomplish. That measure which stands out as a result of the special session of Congress is the Tariff measure which was passed and which is being tested now. The full merits or demerits have not yet been fully ascertained. It has been praised and condemned, but so far as elections in congressional districts where vacancies existed, the results have indicated that the people have not lost faith in the administration, nor has the business panic occurred which had been predicted. To radically change the nation's system which had been operative for a long generation, was a job which implied courage and faith of an unusual order. The next work to which the Congress addressed itself was to change the currency system, banking methods. This is one of the problems that has been strongly opposed by the great financial centres. While the majority in congress has not accomplished its end in this respect, the new congress consisting of the same body of men, after wrestling for some time longer will eventually produce a bill which it is believed will be in line with a better system, where one man or a clique of moneyed men will be unable to bring about a panic by their own pleasure, or to punish a president when he refuses to take orders from Wall Street, as was alleged in the Roosevelt administration.

But aside from the currency bill, appropriations must be made for more than a billion dollars to carry on the work of the nation. Pensions, war ships, rivers and harbors, government buildings, postoffices and many other departments must be taken care of. This is counted as the long session, and for the present term congressmen the work seems to be continuous.

CROSS MADE LIGHT

No Trouble That is Unbearable
Can Come to His Children
Who Trust Him.

IS THERE any such thing as unbearable trouble? Carl Hilly says there is: "One can bear all troubles but two—worry and sin." Now, it is well to realize that those two unbearable troubles are unnecessary. Neither worry nor sin has to be continued. Both can be ended by the large draft on the sovereign goodness of God, which he is always ready to honor. As for other troubles, no one of them is unbearable. We are always surprised to see how much we can bear.

Most of us who seek to be wise would not look ahead ten years if we could. It would be impossible to bear the revelation of what will come to us in a decade. That would be putting the load of ten years on us in one day. In God's plan our experiences come to us gradually. Very few troubles come like lightning out of a clear sky. There are always clouds, and before the bolt falls there are flashes enough to prepare us somewhat for the shock. The cross is not laid upon our shoulders full weight at once. Rather, it comes down so slowly that those who must carry it can accommodate themselves to the load. God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, so that it can stand the next wind. A shorn lamb never stays in winter. The vital forces begin at once to prepare it for the cold of the next winter. It is in part this gradualness of God's dealing with us that makes trouble bearable.

There is much help also in settling down quietly to the assurance that we are never to be broken by our troubles. There is no way of escaping them. It is not meant that we should be untroubled in this sense of the word. But it is assured that the wise hand that lets trouble come to us is also a strengthening hand that sustains us in trouble. It will bear saying over and over, that there is no promise to keep us from passing through the waters. The only promise is that they shall not overflow us. We are not told that we shall not pass

through the flames, but only that they shall not kindle upon us. When we are told to cast our burden upon the Lord, it is not said that he will take the burden away, but only that he will sustain us. "We may go our way bearing the burden, but we shall not fall under it while we count it his burden given to us."

Nothing Ever Unbearable.

There is then no unbearable trouble which cannot be avoided. There are troubles that strain us to the utmost, and that we would say beforehand could not be borne. They do not fall on us unawares, however. If we have not expected them, we have a right to realize that God knew they were coming. God is never taken unawares. If he was the only one who could foresee them, then we have especial right to expect him to brace us to bear them. We could not be ready, therefore he must help us, unready. Most of us remember in driving through the country that a hill always looks steeper from across the valley than it proves when we come to its base and begin the ascent. Most of our troubles look far more serious to us ahead than they prove to be when we come to them. Sometimes we do not come to them at all; our road turns aside before we come to the steep hill. Sometimes we come to them just as we expected, but we always take them inch by inch, and we go our way through them in a strength which proves sufficient.

As our days our strength proves. We do not have strength for a decade today, but by the end of the decade a decade's strength has been doled out to us. There is nothing to fear in the future. There is not water there deep enough to drown us, and no fire hot enough to burn us, and no burden heavy enough to crush us, because as we go into the future, Christ will be by us and bring us safely through. We could not bear the troubles, but he and we can bear them all.

And He Had to Stand for It.
"Some men never know how to let well enough alone." "How so?" Blunderer, the new department head, decided to require a competitive examination for every single job under him, and bless me! if his wife didn't win the position of private secretary to him."—Judge.

PICKED UP IN PENNSYLVANIA

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Enola.—While out hunting James M. Jones shot a white weasel, the first of the kind to be killed in this vicinity. It will be sent to Carlisle, where bounties are offered for weasels.

Scranton.—Fire starting in the Cottage hotel at Old Forge, near here, swept nearly an entire block and caused \$60,000 damage.

Pittsburg.—His skull fractured by a fall from a car, Leslie Miller, South Fork, Pa., retained consciousness and refused doctors at the Braddock General hospital permission to operate.

Scranton.—Justio Cassetti, aged 20, accepted a bet of ten dollars that he could drink in succession six tumbler glasses full of whisky. As he reached the money he dropped dead.

Philadelphia.—Free transportation between points in this state to members of the families of officials and employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. will be discontinued after Jan. 1, according to announcement by the company.

Erie.—If Elwood Smith and his divorced wife talk together before February, they will be given terms in prison, Judge E. A. Walling has decreed. The unique order was made after Smith, his former wife and her present husband visited the court and denied making threats.

Erie.—Wedding bells did not ring for Miss Esther Ellison, despite the fact that relatives came from distant points to witness her marriage. Miss Ellison was to have married Charles Smith. Smith was arrested a few days before charged with conspiracy to defraud one of the big factories here.

Waynesburg.—Walter Thomas, 17 year-old farm hand, will be placed on trial next week in the Greene county court on a charge of murder growing out of the death of Mrs. Oliver Price of near Rices Landing. The crime was committed September 2.

Indiana.—Louis Pellagi was hanged in the jail yard here for the murder of Justice of the Peace George H. Curman, whom he shot and killed in Arcadia in July, 1912. For the last eight days of his life Pellagi refused to speak to anyone, sitting motionless in his cell. When his wife recently went back to their native Hungary he refused to bid her goodbye. Pellagi is said to have been the only Hungarian to be hanged in this county.

Harrisburg.—Pennsylvania's historical commission, designed by the act of 1913 to study and recommend sites for monuments and memorials so that there shall be systematic expenditure of state moneys for such purposes, has been appointed by Governor Tener as follows: Senator William S. Sprull, Chester; George P. Donehoo, Coudersport; W. H. Stevenson, Pittsburg; Hampton L. Carson, Philadelphia, and William U. Hensel, Lancaster.

Kittanning.—To determine plans for the construction of a bridge over the Allegheny river from Ford City to a point four miles below here, a large number of rivermen, United States engineers and business men of Ford City met in the local court house. The construction of the bridge was ordered by the war department. The meeting was presided over by Capt. Henry C. Fiske of the United States engineer corps.

Somerset.—Miss Bessie McClements, P. P. Lambert and Miss Alma Barnhart, teachers in the school at Kimmelford, were called out of teachers' institute here on orders from County Health Officer Large and ordered to take an antiseptic bath and a long walk before resuming their places in the session. The cause of the order was the discovery that the teachers had been exposed to diphtheria contagion.

Hollidaysburg.—As a sequel to conflicting legal opinions, the Blair county treasury may be deadlocked this week and the fees of all public officers from the sheriff down to the court-house janitor, as well as the maintenance expenses of the public institutions of the county, may go unpaid. The county commissioners have been advised by their attorney, that the recent appointment made by Gov. Tener, of William Tobias as county controller, is invalid, because it is based upon an unconstitutional law.

Punxsutawney.—His leg shattered from the knee to the ankle by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of a strange negro whom he met in the woods while hunting with his father and a brother, Elbert Barnett, aged 16, son of Robert Barnett of Brookville, is in the Punxsutawney hospital in a serious condition.

Philadelphia.—An investigation by the coroner into the death of Maida Dupree, also known as Maida Lane and Betty Daley, of New York, a vaudeville actress, who committed suicide in a hotel here by taking poison, brought to light the fact that she had followed George LeMaire, an actor, to this country from England, and that when she had failed to succeed as an actress she ended her life.

Ridgway.—A Petrucci is a patient in the hospital suffering from a dislocation of the right shoulder. A fractious horse which he was leading to a watering trough raised on its hind legs suddenly and before Petrucci could get out of harm's way, one of the front hoofs struck his shoulder.

Ridgway.—Lands in certain sections of Elk county are being held at high prices, because of recent oil and gas developments. Many barren strips of land are being leased to the drillers for oil and gas, with the result that a mild stage of excitement exists.

BABY OPENING!

Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 10 and 11, 1913.

TWO DAYS!

Consistent with the progressive spirit of THE WOMEN'S STORE we are setting aside two days of the busy holiday season as BABY DAYS. Our aim is to have every baby in Meyersdale and vicinity visit our store during these two days, and to this end we are offering the three prizes named below, in addition to a dainty souvenir to each baby that attends.

Each baby will be accurately and hygienically weighed by a competent saleslady in charge of the baby booth.

REMEMBER THE DAYS!

Prizes Will be Announced in Our Window Saturday, December 13

Prize No. 1--Baby's History.

A beautifully bound, hand painted book, in which a complete record of the baby may be kept, will be awarded to
The Heaviest Baby Under 6 Months of Age

Prize No. 2--Baby's Toilet Set.

A dainty, hand painted, white comb and brush set, in a beautifully decorated basket, will be awarded to
The Heaviest Baby Under 12 Months of Age.

Prize No. 3--Nursery Waste Basket.

Each baby that attends will have an opportunity to compete for this prize regardless of size or age. The baby that draws the lucky number receives the prize.

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Men's and Boys' Clothing Reduced in Price.

Toys and Christmas Goods!

Is at Glessner's Department Store.

The newest and best, the original idea and the modern thought in Christmas Gifts is seen everywhere in our bright, fresh stock of beautiful and desirable holiday attractions.

Our New Holiday Stock

offers in great variety really desirable and useful presents for people of all ages and is a most popular stock in every respect because of its choice selections, trustworthy values and fair prices.

Christmas Handkerchiefs.

A better line than has been shown in this store for several years. The prices run from 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c upward. Many are in burnt wood boxes and in folders ready to mail.

Christmas Neckwear

Neckwear of almost irresistible charm. Leaving the question of price out entirely here are holiday goods that are causing more favorable comment than anything we ever had. We'd like you to see them, too. They are the last minute styles—just received them to-day.

Christmas Table Linen.

This display of new table linen damask is bound to arouse your enthusiasm. The patterns must be seen to fully appreciate their elegance and richness. Two or three yards of table linen in a holly box will make the most acceptable present to any housewife. All prices—even to \$1.75 per yard if you want it. Beautiful patterns at 75c, 85c and \$1.00 per yard.

The Largest and Best Line of Dolls and Toys.

The store with the Christmas spirit. We are all happy here and we don't care who knows it.

Men's and Women's Rubbers and Arctics cheaper than anywhere else in town.

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Four 10c packages of Raisins at 25c while they last. Loose Coffee, 16c pound.