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HOW MAY OUR LOCAL SOCIETIES REACH THE TEN POINT STANDARD?

By Mrs. Hattie Adams Sims.

(Paper read at the recent meeting of the Fairfield Presbyterian)

"Missionaries are gospel markmen who aim at the same thing—the salvation of boys and girls, men and women. They may fire from the various points of vantage—educational, medical, industrial and social; but they all aim to win to Christianity the hearts of those who do not know the saving power of Christ. If our missionary effort fails in this, it fails in the very thing for which it exists."

We are an organized body of believers in Christ for the service of God and humanity. Therefore, our first necessity is to have as many active members as possible. We want all the women and as many men as we can interest in our work. Invite the ladies of the church personally and let the society do the same—that is, keep their invitation before the church. Persuade the women to unite and let them know that their services will be appreciated.

Sometimes allow the members to make suggestions about carrying on the work. Everybody has influence and talent. See that you use every member. Appoint some of them to conduct neighborhood prayer meetings, read for the infirm, invalids or any one who may need such services, take flowers to the sick, and always remember to do something for the older members of the church.

The popular meetings sometimes have the Recording Secretary or some member give a report of the work done by the society for a year. This might impress some disinterested person. Everybody likes to contribute to worthy causes. Try to keep up interest among the members by bringing something new to them when they meet. Always let the absent members know that you miss them and desire their presence at all times. The more we have working together, the better results we will obtain. Talk about the good times we have while we are engaged in our Master's work. Do not give up until you have enrolled every lady of your church.

The second standard—meeting the assigned apportionment. Now, this may mean a barrel of clothing, a box of shoes or an amount of money. If some committees are appointed and they work it will not take much time to raise the required amount. Sometimes you will find two or three members who will be responsible for a bolt of cloth, several pairs of shoes and dozens of books.

We may pledge a certain amount of money each year. We must sacrifice! Then we can raise our assessments by having concerts, pageants, suppers, barbecues, dime readings, socials and silver teas. Be prompt in paying our monthly dues. Find out what is expected of us and then work hard. If we do we will not be behind when it is time to report.

A regular monthly executive committee meeting is essential. Endeavor to have one. Select the time that is best suited for the members so that they may definitely study some phase of the work. Select the things that are best suited for your group. Carefully prepared and properly executed plans have much to do with any undertaking. They are necessary to any orderly administration.

The fifth standard is contributing to the Boards of our Church. Boards are constituted by the General Assembly as service agencies for our denomination. Therefore, contribute in order that His kingdom may be advanced.

For various reasons many of us will never go as missionaries to the foreign field, but we can give the money that will pay the expenses of the persons who may be permitted to go. We may never preach but we can make our money talk for us. "Our gifts make it possible for preachers to declare the unsearchable riches of the gospel to people who have never heard it. We support with our gifts those who are trained for service." Giving should have a large place in world service. Share in the ongoing of the kingdom. Give cheerfully, liberally, sacrificially, systematically and proportionately. While our mission is spiritual it must have material resources for its maintenance. For this support we depend largely upon the members.

The sixth standard is, at least one mission study class. Allow the ladies to volunteer, then invite and impress upon them the importance of study. Permit some members who are interested to tell something about the life of a great missionary in your regular meeting. Try to get one of your best members for the teacher. Often the pastor will give you assistance. You may use the lecture course. Have some chapters read and explained. The question method may be used; or you may assign certain parts to the members for them to write on after study. "The study classes strengthen the members and deepen our spiritual fellowship."

If all the members are not subscribers to the missionary journals, we may allow the society to get several copies and distribute them among the members. We are interested more when we find out more and this can only be done by reading.

The eighth standard is average attendance at regular meetings. Endeavor to make each meeting interesting. Our regular attendance may lead another unto love and good works. We may have short but lively talks sometimes. Have socials. Let everyone feel that she is welcome. Vary your program.

A part of our time in each meeting for the use of the Year Book of Prayer will benefit us. We are enlightened when we are working together to uplift our brothers or help lighten their burdens.

Enlist the young people for service. Show them the way. Let them know that we are depending upon them to fill our places in the future. Youth must be taught so that they can safely lead. Encourage them in whatever they can do for the Master. Have faith and work.

Encourage the youth to attend Conferences, Schools of Methods and all worth-while gatherings.

In closing, allow me to leave these thoughts with you. "No good thing is a failure. Trust in God. Have faith in God and attempt great things for Him. Be patient, aim high; persevere. Keep steadily on. Press forward. Cooperate with all good movements. Pray. The helpless hand uplifted in prayer meets the touch of divine strength." Jesus prayed for His disciples. Paul prayed for those who accepted Christ as their Saviour. All who are truly concerned about the welfare of the society will pray for it.

"We do our work if we scatter seeds of kindness; God will send His showers and sunshine and make them grow."

Any coward can fight when he is certain to win. But give me the individual who can fight in the face of danger or failure. — George Eliot.

MCCLELLAND PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of McClelland convened with Irmo First church, Irmo, S. C., April 7, at 7:30 P. M. By request of the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. G. Porter, the introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. C. W. Francis, text Ps. 34:5.

At the final call of the roll, all ministers of the Presbytery had put in their appearance, save Rev. E. A. McCorkle.

The Rev. J. E. Jackson was chosen Moderator without opposition and Rev. J. H. Toatley was made clerk pro tem.

The following named persons were accorded seats as corresponding members: Revs. G. W. Long, D. D., G. T. Dillard, D. D., E. W. Allen, of the Presbytery of Fairfield; Revs. J. M. Miller, D. D., and T. A. Robinson of the Presbytery of Atlantic and Rev. N. Bell of the Presbytery of Catawba.

The Presbytery was held in suspense as the Rev. C. W. Francis arose and in choice words presented to the Presbytery a handsome gavel, given by the Session of Salem church, Anderson, S. C., and made by Elder J. C. Butler. In recognition of this thoughtful gift, on the part of said Session, a rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Butler, through Rev. C. W. Francis.

The Presbytery was graced with the presence of Miss Lucy Lillian Notestein, Assistant in the Department of Education and Publicity of the Board of National Missions. Miss Notestein was introduced to the Presbytery and brought greetings from the Board.

A letter of fraternal greetings from the Rev. W. L. Metz, D. D., a former member of the Presbytery, was received and read. Dr. Metz in his letter congratulated the Presbytery on its forty-first Spring meeting. The Stated Clerk was instructed to make appropriate reply on behalf of Presbytery.

On Thursday, at high noon, the Rev. O. M. McAdams delivered a most excellent and instructive sermon from Prov. 22:6 and several passages of parallel Scripture. The Presbytery requested the sermon to be printed in the Africo-American Presbyterian.

On Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock the Presbytery listened with pride and interest, in a popular meeting, to addresses on the following subjects:

First, "Are the Young People Properly Guarded?" The Rev. J. E. Jackson handled the subject in its analytical and philosophical aspects and Prof. A. A. Adair discussed the subject from its practical side.

Second, "Is the National Prohibition Law a Success, or Should It Be Modified?" Dr. G. T. Dillard, in ringing and forceful language, depicted the dangers of tampering with the liquor traffic, and Prof. C. B. Johnson stressed the evil results should the law be modified. The Rev. Mr. McFadden gracefully presided.

Free conversation on the religious life of the churches was had. From the reports splendid results were in evidence. Dr. C. M. Young, Chairman of the Committee on Program and Field Activities, made the Presbytery rejoice beyond a common joy, as he rendered his report stating that a large number of churches had raised their quotas and a goodly number of churches had given in excess.

The Rev. O. M. McAdams and Elder J. E. Hall were elected principal ministerial and lay commissioners, respectively, to the next General Assembly.

The Rev. G. W. Long, D. D., Synodical Executive, addressed the Presbytery, bringing greetings and touching on the vital interests of the Presbytery in connection with his official duties.

Friday evening was given over to the Woman's popular meeting. An excellent program

was rendered. The President, Mrs. J. H. Toatley, presided. The program was followed by a very excellent pageant, under the direction of Mrs. J. G. Porter. Credit is due Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Porter and their congregation for the most splendid manner in which they entertained Presbytery. Rev. and Mrs. Porter are doing excellent work in the church and they have the entire support of the congregation. The delegates were given a unique reception in the dining hall of Harbison College.

Resolutions of thanks were read. The Doxology was heard, prayer was offered, the Apostolic Benediction was pronounced and the Presbytery adjourned to meet with Mt. Pisgah, Laurens, S. C. the first Thursday in September, 1926. Lines about Harbison College.

The writer was impressed with the splendid spirit of cooperation on the part of the faculty and student body of Harbison College, to make one feel perfectly at ease. There is a spirit of congeniality which pervades the whole campus. Every student seems anxious to administer to the comfort of a stranger. The writer habitually under the shadow of the historic Erskine College (white) and comes in personal contact with her faculty and students almost daily. He notes the spirit in which they treat strangers. The spirit is fine. The faculty and students of Harbison College are not minus those splendid traits of character exhibited in the faculty and students of Erskine College.

President and Mrs. Young and the faculty deserve commendation for such a desirable atmosphere. Dr. Young is from Due West, and it would not be like him to do otherwise.

Prof. R. W. Boulware is stressing the scientific side of the curriculum of Harbison College. The writer was conducted into the laboratory under the supervision of Prof. Boulware. It is a needed asset to the college facilities. It means greater efficiency on the part of the teacher and taught. The benefits derived from the course of study Prof. Boulware pursued in Columbia University, N. Y., are in evidence in his work.

J. H. TOATLEY,
Stated Clerk.

ARE YOUR CHILDREN IN THE RIGHT AGE GROUP.

(From North Carolina Agriculture and Industry)

The State Department of Public Education has recently published in its School Facts the age-grade distribution of white school children in this State. It reports 3.4 per cent of the white children enrolled in school during the last year as accelerated, or "bright" pupils; 149.9 per cent of the total white group were in the normal age group. In the retarded group the percentage was 46.7. This latter group is too large.

In explanation of the determination of these groups we read the following in School Facts:

"The location of a child within the system according to his chronological age is very vital. If a child enters school at the age of six years he ought to, according to our graded system of schools, complete a grade each year until he finishes the high school at the age of 17 years. The entering age for some pupils may be 7 years instead of 6. Therefore, such a child should complete high school at the age of 18 years.

"Assuming that this graduation system is a fair schedule by which a child may progress through the public schools, and that all other conditions are favorable, a child should be in the following grades at either of the ages opposite each grade.

Second grade	7-8 years
Third grade	8-9 years
Fourth grade	9-10 years
Fifth grade	10-11 years
Sixth grade	11-12 years
Seventh grade	12-13 years
Eighth grade	13-14 years
Ninth grade	14-15 years
Tenth grade	15-16 years
Eleventh grade	16-17 years

"If a child is in any of these grades at these specific ages he is said to be normal age for his grade. If his age is less than that to which his grade entitles him under this schedule, he is said to be accelerated. And if his age is more than that to which his grade entitles him he is said to be retarded. Thus we can distribute all school children into these groups, depending upon the grades they are in according to their chronological ages."

THE REFORMER

God bless that man. He is usually hard to get along with, but we can't get along without him. He is frequently a bore, but he does, or instigates most of the interesting things in life. He makes us do many things we don't like, but for our good, not his. God bless him—no one else does.

This unselfish man makes many enemies, while fighting the battles of the public, or some helpless group—enemies who can't understand that he is sacrificing his own interest for a principle. He usually cripples his own business by this, and by giving too much of his time to public service. God bless him—he's ridiculed, sneered at, denounced and avoided.

Such a man oftentimes sacrifices that priceless possession, the name of being "a good fellow," for the sake of benefitting his fellow men—who, usually, accept the resultant advantages, and curse their benefactor. God bless the reformer—crank, busy-body, and fool. It is so hard to get along without him.—The Wah Hoo.

COULTER ACADEMY NOTES

By Miss M. L. Gates

During the past few weeks we have been blessed with the presence of a number of visitors and meetings.

The meeting of Fairfield Presbytery was held here March 24-28. We were very glad to have this body convene in our midst and it was a source of real inspiration to all of us.

The Knights of Pythias and Courts of Calanthe held their anniversary in our Chapel. Dr. Long preached the annual sermon. These organizations made a special donation on the church building fund.

Ruth Ellis, dramatic artist, of New York City, appeared here in recital March 15th. Miss Ellis is indeed an artist of ability and holds her audience under a spell during her entire program. The numbers deserving special mention are her rendition of Rudyard Kipling's "Boots," and "Zinzerella, the Chief's Daughter."

The Gold Watch Contest Rally came to a successful close Sunday night, March 28th. More than \$200.00 was raised in this effort. Miss A. J. Pruitt raised the highest amount, \$46.92, and received the watch, and Mrs. M. C. Cotton raised \$38.50 and received the second prize of \$2.50. The next rally on the church building fund will be a Queen's Rally to culminate Sunday, May 2nd.

Friday night last the Lyceum program was very interesting. The main feature was a debate, "Should the United States Enter the League of Nations?" Both sides made some strong points, but the negative made the most, thereby winning the debate.

Dr. and Mrs. Long, accompanied by Misses Pruitt, Shaw, Gillespie and Gates, motored to Charlotte to witness the Easter Monday game between Johnson

C. Smith University and Livingstone College.

Mr. Conrad Pearson, Field Representative of the Royal Knights of King David, Durham, N. C., was a visitor on our campus a few days ago.

Mr. B. H. Walker spent the Easter holidays in Charlotte with friends.

Dr. Long attended McClelland Presbytery at Irmo, S. C., last week.

Mrs. C. M. Stafford, of Charlotte, spent the week-end on the campus as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Long.

SOUTHAMPTON, LONG ISLAND, N. Y.

Shinnecock Church Notes

We have ended another church year. It was a great and glorious year financially and spiritually. Shinnecock church met promptly its obligations as to the pastor's salary and to the four Boards. It raised and sent to the Boards \$28.10 above its required quota and met all other financial requirements connected with the church. Just the other Sunday three young ladies and five young men united with the church.

The Lord Jesus Christ has greatly blessed our efforts since we entered upon this field. We have witnessed over 100 per cent added to the membership since November 1, 1923.

On the 26th of January, ult., Mr. Charles T. Smith died in the Bellevue Hospital in New York City. He leaves four brothers, John, James, Herbert and Thomas. He was buried in Shinnecock cemetery. Rev. E. W. Carpenter preached the funeral, assisted by Rev. T. C. Ogburn.

Miss Bertha Smith, the daughter of Mr. James and Mrs. Nancy Smith, departed this life on the 22nd of March in Buffalo Hospital, N. Y. She was away from home attending Thomas Indian School. Her sister Madeline accompanied the body home to the Shinnecock Reservation, Southampton. A funeral was given her at the Shinnecock church, of which she was a member. Rev. E. W. Carpenter officiating, assisted by Revs. Thomas C. Ogburn and William E. Wright.

At the close of the funeral, Mrs. Thomas C. Ogburn, Miss Smith's first teacher, and Mr. A. G. Thompson, her second teacher, made timely and beautiful talks as to Miss Smith being while under their tutelage. Miss Smith was converted under the writer's first sermon when he entered the field and she was a good girl until death. Her body was laid to rest in the family plot in Shinnecock cemetery. The floral designs were many and beautiful.

The Easter exercises on last Sabbath were good. There was a sermon at 11 A. M. from Matthew 28:6, "He is risen," subject, "The Empty Tomb." The program in the morning by the young people was just grand.

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THE ACADEMY HILL CHURCH, HILLSBORO.

The members and friends listened to a wonderful sermon Sunday morning preached by Rev. Jno. L. White. His text was Matt. 26:8-12. His subject was "We Have the Poor Always With Us." He made some very interesting points, after which prayer was offered by Deacon Wilson and a solo was rendered by Elder B. C. Ellison, "Must I Go an Empty Handed."

Sunday school was held at the usual hour, after which dinner was served.

The afternoon service at 3:00 o'clock was conducted by Rev. Dr. Avant of Durham. He preached a wonderful sermon on "Love." The choir sang "I Am

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