



EDITORIAL



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Notes and Comments

Turkey has come to her knees with extreme reluctance, and now that her peace ambassadors have with unexpected suddenness yielded to the terms of the allies, revolution has broken out in Constantinople itself. The probability is that it is a part of the program to stave off as much as possible the results of defeat. Her national humiliation is inevitable. Moses said long centuries ago: "Be sure your sin will find you out." It is true of a nation as well as of an individual. It has been a long time in coming to Turkey, but the cup of her iniquity is full. She has forfeited her right to rule.

The Slogan of the Hour. This is emphasized by the Central Christian Advocate in the following terms: "What is the slogan for this hour of the New Year? the **revival**. What is the need of the world? The **revival**. What is the need of the churches? The **revival**. What would heaven bestow upon a waiting Church? The **revival**. For what should the Church be in prayer? The **revival**. What should have the right of way? The **revival**. For what should the Church be in importunate prayer? The **revival**. Even so Lord Jesus, send the revival; honor Thy name; in the midst of the years remember; open the windows of heaven and pour upon the people the **revival**." May the revival fires burn this year upon the altar of every Church within our bounds!

The Hillsville tragedy, it appears, will at last go unavenged. At least the criminals will hardly any of them pay the death penalty. The two first tried are still under sentence of death with the date set for some time in March, but a strange sort of sentiment has sprung up in Virginia for these anarchists that seems likely to secure the commutation of their sentence to life imprisonment, and this will likely be followed in a few years by a pardon. This is the course that our prosecution of criminal law seems to be taking, and does this account for the widespread prevalence of crime? Why should we make the lives of our best citizens unsafe through pity of such criminals as the Allen gang showed themselves to be? It appears to us as a spurious sentimentalism that is endangering the well being of society. Let us know how to be just without being unmerciful.

THE WOMEN IN SESSION.

THE JOINT SESSION of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society was held in Wilson last week. We are giving much of our space in this issue (and it will require some in the next) to a presentation of this work. Within the last three decades, we may say, this work of our women has become one of the mightiest forces in the whole Church for the evangelization of the whole world. It is within the memory of even the present generation when discordant voices were heard about the women setting their hands to this work. There were those even among the lovers of Zion who did not think that this work belonged to "Woman's sphere," if any one can define that much abused phrase. But you do not hear that



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kind of talk any more. With a genius for gathering together the small things until they become large in the aggregate, they began to collect a dime a month from the few they could gather together into a missionary society, and for several years the aggregate was small. But they were not discouraged. They labored on, they increased the membership of their societies, they soon began to supplement their dues with pledge money and free will offerings and life memberships and in various ways, until today they are a mighty host and are competing well with the male side of the house in the amount of money they are getting together. These women are verily a force in the Kingdom of God.

We looked in upon them at Wilson last week, as an interested observer of their work. It was an epochal session of their Conference. It was a joint session of the Home and the Foreign Societies, and the work of unification which had been for some time in process was consummated. Henceforth it is to be one Society in the North Carolina Conference. Not all of our good women were of one mind about this; but, as the issue has been presented and voted on, the majority has endorsed the movement and the others have gracefully acquiesced. In the coalition of two working forces, however near akin they may be, there are always problems to solve. It is cause for congratulation if no serious friction develops, yet we candidly believe that this has been avoided in the present instance. While there have been divergent opinions as to what was best, the hearts of them all have been at the right place and it has been clear to them all that the work is one in principle and spirit. After all, that is the truth that has drawn them together.

Methodism within the North Carolina Conference is to be congratulated upon the personality of its women workers. As we looked upon them in their session, we could not fail to note the serious purpose that characterized them. They were about their King's business, and they were planning under the mighty constraint of His love. They have their own way of doing things. When it comes to a formal vote, they are poor suffragettes. We did not hear any great chorus of "Ayes," but the "Noes" were conspicuously ab-

sent. With the ladies the question is always settled before they vote, and it only requires a few votes to put it to record. The opposition does not generally express itself at this point—a fact that is nothing to their discredit.

We did not remain during the whole of their Conference—we could not. We were present on Thursday when they were starting the wheels in motion, and returned Saturday evening in time to attend a brilliant reception given by Mrs. M. C. Pleasants, of Louisburg, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Wells. It was given in honor of the new president of the united society, Miss Emma Page. We shall not undertake to describe this; but, if everybody was not happy, they were experts at "make believe." That scene was an object lesson, if one would only stop to think about it. One thing it made clear was that a company of serious minded women could find the joy of social life upon a far higher plane than the giddy and the frivolous. They were happy without being flippant and enjoyed life to the full without dissipating their moral powers. It was a delightful occasion.

Sunday was a great day. Bishop W. R. Lambuth preached at the morning hour a thoroughly helpful sermon. His theme was the relation of the prayer-life to missions, and he kept close to the personal element throughout the discussion. He illustrated it with a wealth of incidents that had come under his personal observation that made the truth living and real. We know of no man better acquainted with the religious condition of the world than Bishop Lambuth. He was literally born in the missionary work of the Church and has given his life to it. And he lives in touch with God. There is no accent of doubt in his preaching. His statements are positive and virile, and he feels the authority of the Master back of the truth which he utters. It is a pleasure and an inspiration to sit at the feet of this master in Israel and learn of God. At the evening hour, the Bishop gave an account of his trip to Africa and of locating the field where our Church expects to open a mission in the heart of the dark continent next fall. His account of the trip was intensely interesting.

Of course, the entertainment of the Conference by the people of Wilson was all that could be ex-