



A Great Issue.

I mean the Thanksgiving number of the Religious Telescope. It is the best I have ever seen. The editorials, communications, and the church news in its various aspects were of unusual interest, and no doubt greatly helped our people.

In mechanical execution it also surpassed all former issues. I am wondering who designed the frontispiece. If there is a man in all the kingdom who can excel it, I am anxious to see him. The picture appeals to both the æsthetic and religious elements in the reader through its exquisite embellishment and devout suggestions.

Then the book advertisements on the second and third cover-pages were up to the very best to be seen in any of the great magazines. They exhibited a skill and enterprise which ought to have pleased and stirred the pride of every United Brethren.

"Twenty-five thousand subscribers for the Telescope" should be the motto of us all. This highest tide-mark can be reached and crossed by the meeting of the General Conference.

Looking through the Telescope, I see the great achievement. Has any one else a like vision?

Virginia and Iowa.

In a few months now these conferences will meet again in annual session. The question we raise is, Why do not more of the brethren send in for envelopes? Quite a number of the Virginia Conference have already done so, and have wrought wonders; six charges have sent in \$200 more than they were assessed in the aggregate.

Mr. Superintendent of the Iowa Conference, is the outlook hopeful for church erection? Will every dollar apportioned be paid? Please urge pastors to send for literature.

Attention, Indiana!

Are you arranging to inaugurate a red-hot campaign for church erection now soon? We hope you are. Then send for envelopes. You will only make one more report before the General Conference, and that ought to be over full. How can you do it? By trying the envelope plan. It works. We will supply each pastor with facts and figures for a sermon. Not one order has come yet from you for these helps. Write the secretary. Let us be friendly and get up a helpful correspondence over the subject.

A Big Collection Needed.

The Sunday schools of the Church ought to do themselves proud on December 20 by way of sending in several thousand dollars on the mission debt. One-half of them, raising but \$2.50 each, upon an average, would mean \$4,200. Nobody would miss it, and yet how helpful it would be, not only to the society, but to the schools themselves, thus giving.

Conference Minutes.

The Church-Erection Secretary would be glad to get the Minutes of the following conferences; namely, Pennsylvania, East Ohio, Southeast Ohio, Michigan, White River, Upper Wabash, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Neosho, Arkansas Valley, East Nebraska, North Nebraska, West Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado, Minnesota, Ontario, and the Coast and Southern conferences.

Why Do you Delay?

Brethren of the West Virginia Conference, why do you delay in sending for

church-erection envelopes? Did you not say you would? Have you forgotten it, or have you been too busy? We have a good supply on hand. No charge for what you may be able to use. Try them, and that right early; yes, and send for other helps. Get ready to begin by January first; then you will have an open sea in which to sail. Who first? Two or three brethren have already ordered, and will be heard from soon.

Helping in Porto Rico.

Brother Philo W. Drury, in acknowledging a loan of \$300 made to one of his mission congregations, says: "Your letter with check for \$300 came to-day. Many thanks for your prompt attention to our request. We feel deeply indebted to the society for help at this time. I want to explain publicly to our people in Coto Laurel that we have borrowed this from the society, and also explain the workings of the loan fund." This is our first loan beyond the States, except in Ontario. However, we have agreed to make a loan to the Bonthe Church, in West Africa, and are having the doors and windows made in Dayton.

Distressed.

So we feel over the low condition of the Parsonage Fund. Applications for help are coming in constantly, yet absolutely nothing in the treasury. We certainly must have some large donations. Some ought to give hundreds. Others can give only a few dollars. A few thousand ought to help, each more or less.

Where are the preachers' wives? Why do they not organize some kind of a movement looking toward the enlargement of this fund? Who of them will be first to write an article for the Telescope on the subject?

Just the Right Time.

Rev. T. C. Biddle, of Southeast Ohio Conference, in acknowledging a loan, says: "It comes to us just at the right time. We now understand what church erection means as never before. I want to thank you personally for helping me in this enterprise for the sake of the Church and my Lord and Master."

Personal.

Rev. F. W. Jones, of Philomath, Oregon, says: "Count me in bodily (250 pounds) for church and parsonage erection." The heavy-weights are coming our way.

Presiding Elder Vezie, of the Neosho Conference, is making a good start in his work this year. The other day we found him at home in Iola, Kan., reading "Getting and Giving."

We are under very great obligations to Rev. C. H. Jones, of Independence, Kan., for his deep, unselfish interest in church erection. We spent two days of royal fellowship recently in his home.

Brother Thomas Battrell, of Illiopolis, Illinois, sends \$50 to church erection, with the remark: "The Lord has been blessing me in everything I have put my hand to." This nice thank-offering is the brother's way of showing his gratitude.

Rev. T. J. Roberts of the White River Conference, is said to do more work for his preachers by way of helping them in their finances, than any presiding elder in the Church. Of course, we cannot vouch for the correctness of this report, but suggest that other elders who want to know how to get money write him for his methods.

Brother W. B. Nelson, pastor of Warsaw Circuit, Erie Conference, sends \$2 on the Parsonage Fund with the remark: "While examining page 17 of last week's Telescope, I saw that the Parsonage Fund treasury was empty. At the beginning of the year, I de-

cid to use the 'Lord's box,' and it works. It always has something in it." How many more can find something in the Lord's box for church erection?

Forget You Ever Had It.

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