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At the last meeting of the Executive Board of The Religious Education Association arrangements were made for financing the Association in what seemed to be a safe and economical way up to the time of the next Convention. The budget will be very small unless money is raised to push the work more aggressively and the estimated income would seem to provide for the expense.

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I will be pleased to call and see you if you are able to talk with me about R. E. A. matters. You are constantly in my mind and thought. Please allow me to assure you of my sincere and constant sympathy with you in these days of suffering. I will count it a privilege to talk with you at any time you are able to see me.

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Respectfully yours,

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David R. Forgan, Chairman.

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Pres. Harper discusses his illness. Has just learned that a fatal termination is likely. "My work in all probability is finished."

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MARTIN A. RYERSON,
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A Few Facts.

Origin

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Growth

Present membership, over 1800, representing 48 states and territories, six British provinces, and nine foreign countries. Thirty nine of the leading churches and denominations of the world are represented, as are practically all the great interdenominational movements. The second annual convention, held in Philadelphia, March 2-4, 1904, was another gathering of great men, nearly a hundred of whom delivered notable addresses on various phases of the general theme, "The Bible in Practical Life". All of these addresses are published in the Volume of Proceedings of the Convention, the second such publication thus far issued.

Personnel

Perhaps no religious movement of modern times was ever inaugurated so auspiciously and with so long a roll of great names. Most of the 200 officers are men and women of national, many of them of international, fame. President Charles Cuthbert Hall, Union Theological Seminary, New York, is President. William Rainey Harper, President The University of Chicago, is Chairman of the Executive Board, Loring Wilbur Messer, General Secretary Young Men's Christian Association, Chicago, Vice Chairman. Ira Landrith, Chicago, is General Secretary; Clyde Weber Votaw, Professor The University of Chicago, Editorial Secretary; George Albert Coe, Professor Northwestern University, Evanston, Recording Secretary; James Herron Eckels, President Commercial National Bank, Chicago, Treasurer; Frank Knight Sanders, Dean Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., Director for Life.

Purpose

The motto of the Association, "The promotion of religious and moral education", is being interpreted by the seventeen departments--Sunday Schools, Churches and Pastors, Universities and Colleges, the Press, Public Schools, the Home, etc., etc.--so that the Association is now undertaking the practical and everywhere welcome work of securing for religion and morals as wide and as systematic and thorough teaching as the best schools afford in other branches of experience and learning; the work of bringing into co-operation all those agents and agencies now engaged in religious and moral education, thus insuring helpful interchange of successfully tried plans, and avoiding hurtful duplication and antagonisms; and the work of creating additional agencies wherever needed to complete the required instrumentalities for the right religious and moral training of all the people. The service which this Association undertakes to render is fourfold--(a) To be a clearing house for correct religious educational ideas; (b) a rallying center for sincere seekers after the best ways for developing the religious and moral character of the young; (c) a confederation sufficiently strong-safe, and sane to merit the partisanship of all who desire that religious and moral education shall become the best of all education; and (d) a non-partisan but trustworthy and helpful friend of every deserving individual, church, Sunday School Association, Young People's Society, or other organization in any way engaged in religious education.

Needs

A conservative estimate of the money required, in order that the Association may fulfill its great mission, is $25,000 a year, about $10,000 of which amount may be expected to come from membership fees. For the remaining $15,000 , appeal is hereby made to the generosity of the philanthropic friends of this cause.

IRA LANDRITH, General Secretary,
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and harmony.

The following Poem recently sent
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"It seems to me self evident that material which is best for memory work is that which by its truth, its beauty, and its living power most universally and permanently satisfies the soul. For if it be true, it will satisfy the intellect; if beautiful, the feelings; if vital the will. To be true it must apply to all mankind, at every epoch of development and in every age. To be beautiful it must be clothed in language that perfectly expresses the truth and permanently satisfies the heart. To be vital it must touch the life - giving form and spirit to prayer and praise, giving wings to aspiration, giving impulse to action."

Walter L. Hervey Ph. D.

Second Annual Report R. E. A. p. 33-4.

Now it has occurred to me that the R. E. A. might be glad to adopt me and my plan, naming a committee of representative men that would be willing to coöperate in such a work, and having the work appear with the sanction of the R. E. A. and of the committee.

The only serious obstacle that occurs to me is the matter of financial backing for the project. I have been informed, that the R. E. A. has not enough means for prosecuting its work adequately. This, however, would not be an insurmountable difficulty, for I am confident that one of the great houses like the Am. Bk. Co or Ginn & Co. would be glad to publish the volume at their own expense and risk. The endorsement of the R. E. A. and of the committee of representatives

men would ensure the sale of the book.

I should be glad to assume the heavy end of this work, leaving to the busy men who might consent to serve with me the comparatively simple task of approval or modification of my results.

Having time at my disposal this winter, I should be glad if you care to take up the project, to have your consent as soon as convenient.

In case you decide not to coöperate, I should be glad to know that also as soon as convenient, in order that I may feel at liberty to go ahead by myself.

Professor Horne, with whom I have talked the matter over, has consented to add a note as

to my fitness in general for the task suggested.

You will remember, perhaps, my shaking your hand at the meeting of the World's Congress of Arts and Sciences this summer at St. Louis. At that time I recalled to you the fact that I was a student of yours at the Summer School of Hebrew which met at Worcester in the summer of eighty-four. Since then I have ~~taught~~ studied theology at Union Sem., done various teaching and preaching; for the last eleven years I have been at the head of the department of English of the Lawrenceville School, New Jersey.

Should you care to enquire as to my fitness for this work I should be glad to refer you to Dr. Henry van Dyke, of Princeton,

to my friends in general for the
kind hospitality.
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letter to your town at the
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at Paris etc. Now having completed
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of the department of Surgical &
the Gynaecological Medical Society.
Allowed you can be sure
as I say I turn for this course
I intend to stand to refer you
to Dr. Henry von Dyke of Milwaukee,

New Jersey, with whom I have been associated in editing a school text book; or to Pres. W. J. Tucker of Dartmouth College; or to Professor John Henry Wright, Dean of the Graduate School of Harvard College, from which institution I have my A. M.

May I hope for an early reply to my communication?

Sincerely yours,

Edward L. Gulick.

Names Suggested as members of the Committee.

1. Dr. Henry van Dyke — Presb.
2. Pres. Chas. W. — Unitarian,
3. Dr. Lyman Abbott — Cong.
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10. Edward L. Gulick, Secretary of Committee.
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Such a committee is large enough, if not too large; but it would be well to get at least as many as these different religious bodies represented, if they will consent to ~~be represen~~ serve. You will know the likelihood of their consenting.

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Ashland, Va., Jan. 15, 1894.

Dear Dr. Harper:

I think it might do good if you have a copy of the Biblical World for Dec. (containing your prospectus) or for January, as that number shows the World in its present dress, to each of the addresses given on the enclosed sheet.

I always send my copies to friends when I have finished reading them and try in that way to get them interested in your aims.

My brother, President Wm. W. Smith, is much interested in Bible study and is a man whose interest and influence can help the cause of Bible study very much. He is the head not only of the Male College here, but of the Randolph-Macon Woman's College (intended to be a Southern

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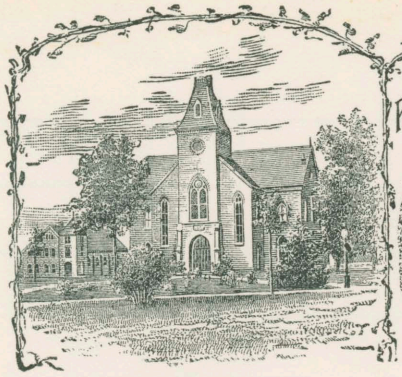
Vassar or Wellesley, and having the same course as that taught at our college here), and of two large "Randolph Macon Academies"; all founded by him, and owned by our board of trustees. I know he would like to see a suitable course of religious instruction introduced in all these institutions. He has great influence as an educator and at the last General Conference of the Methodist Church South at St. Louis he was Chairman (?) of the Committee on Education. He is also a delegate to the General Conference that meets this year at Memphis. He was elected Vice Chancellor of the Methodist University that Bishop Stuart is endeavoring to organize at Washington; but he could not accept the position. He is an A. M. of this institution and an LL. D. of Wesleyan University in Mass. I wish you may have the time to send him some circulars, or, if possible, to write to him personally. He was speaking with me yesterday about English Bible courses. The names of those of our faculty here that I give you are in sympa-



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My dear President Harper:

I have been meaning to write you a brief report of the celebration at Champaign.

I was there on Wednesday and Thursday and attended all of the meetings I could. The one thing that impressed all of us people from Chicago was the impression which Chicago had made upon Champaign. At the same time the exercises showed lack of practice and were unconscionably long. I think I must have sat something like seven hours in the two sessions of Wednesday. We did not get dinner Wednesday until nearly seven o'clock. The address of President James was interesting in a good many ways, particularly in his practical adoption of your institute idea of the small college. He had a good deal also on the religious side of education. He labored under the severe handicap of rheumatism, but he made a pretty strong address. As you would expect, the entire session was a glorification of the State University.

President James, in introducing me to a student mass meeting, made a most valuable recognition of your influence in the educational world, speaking of you as the largest personal educational influence in this region.