

OUR GRADUATES

The Assembly's Training School has graduated eleven with full diplomas, and given certificates for special courses to nine students. Three others have spent at least one year in the school, some of whom expect to return and complete their course of training.

Our graduates are located as follows:

- ✓ Mr. Geo. Lucius Newton, Sunday School Missionary, Benson, N. C.
- ✓ Miss Ala Deane Smith, Teacher in Highland College, Guerrant, Ky.
- ✓ Miss Lucy Winston Paine, Pastor's Assistant, Charleston, W. Va.
- ✓ Miss Mary Rhea Robertson, Missionary, Mount Hope, W. Va.
- ✓ Miss Lillian Toland, Superintendent of Factory Work, Richmond, Va.
- ✓ Miss Christine Dale, Religious Work Secretary, First Church, Richmond, Va.
- ✓ Miss Isabelle Edna Johnson, Pastor's Assistant, Norfolk, Va.
- ✓ Miss Rosamond Courtney Burke, in training in Johns Hopkins, Md.
- Miss Sarah Glover Hansel, Peabody Normal, Nashville, Foreign Missionary.
- ✓ Miss Bess Lapsley, Missionary, Crossnore, N. C.
- ✓ Mrs. Mary Holmes Diggs, Religious Work Secretary, Cameron, Tex.
- ✓ Miss Verna E. Rawls, Settlement Worker, Tarboro, N. C.
- ✓ Miss Margaret C. Hayes, Missionary, Virginia Mountains.
- ✓ Mrs. Mildred Spencer Thompson, Missionary, West Virginia.
- ✓ Mrs. Virginia Leftwich Bell, Foreign Missionary, Tsing-kiang-pu, China.
- ✓ Mrs. Fannie Graham Taylor, Foreign Missionary, Tsing-kiang-pu, China.
- ✓ Miss Sophie Peck Graham, Foreign Missionary, Hangchow, China.
- ✓ Miss Margaret Morton Davis, Cardenas, Cuba.

In the three years of the Training School's existence, it has placed four of its students on the foreign field, two are preparing to go as soon as the way is clear, six are in the mountains of the homeland, one is in cotton mill settlement work, three are religious work secretaries in large churches, one is superintending the work among the factory girls in one of the larger cities where many girls are employed.

The School has graduated but two classes. There will be fifteen in the graduating class of May, 1918. Of this number some are preparing for the foreign field, more for the home field, and two or three for pastor's assistants.

### HOW SOME SOCIETIES FEEL ABOUT IT

Enclosed you will find a post office order for one-half of the amount our Society promised the Training School. We realize that you are doing a great work and wish we could do more.—*Miss S. S. Myddleton*, Treas., Valdosta, Ga.

Enclosed you will find a money order for the Training School. We are so glad to send this and trust that our little mite may do some good in this noble work.—*Mrs. J. H. Hairston*, Treas., Meridian, Miss.

I am sending you a small check from our Missionary Society, which I hope will help you in your very important work.—*Mrs. James A. Johnson*, Treas., St. Pauls, N. C.

Please find enclosed a check for the Assembly's Training School from the Missionary Society of the Central Presbyterian Church. We feel that this School will be a great help to our Church, and hope that many of our young people will be able to take advantage of the training.—*Mrs. W. H. Scates*, Secty., Bristol, Va.

Our Missionary Society voted to send you the enclosed check for your School. We realize the importance of this work and wish we could make the sum much larger.—*Mrs. B. T. Haynes*, Secty., Rome, Ga.

I certainly will do what I can to secure an offering for I consider the Training School a splendid institution and one in which all women should be deeply interested.—*Mrs. E. H. Denham*, Tallahassee, Fla.

The women of our Society think you are doing a great work. I am sending you herewith a check, hoping that it will help a little to encourage you with the work.—*Mrs. Minnie F. Milling*, Rock Hill, S. C.

Our Ladies' Aid Society today directed me to sign the enclosed pledge card to help our Assembly's Training School. We heartily endorse the movement.—*Mrs. Thos. J. Johnson*, Pres., Hattiesburg, Miss.

The Training School issues a diploma to a student who completes the full two year's course, making not lower than seventy-five per cent. on each and every examination. To those who take special or partial courses, certificates, stating the work done, are issued.

"To invest in liberty bonds and give for the Red Cross are patriotic and philanthropic duties, but there is a duty in the use of our means which takes precedence of both of them, and that is the support of Christian education, Bible teaching and evangelism. Our appeal to Christian givers to remember the 'home base' in this particular, and to 'strengthen the things that remain' against the unprecedented strain soon to be experienced."—*Dr. James M. Gray*.

### AFTER THE WAR, WHAT?

We do not claim to have the prophetic gift in the least degree, but if signs do not fail, this country will be overrun with people from the war-stricken countries of Europe, when peace is declared.

Many of them will come from lands where the Bible is either unknown or where it is a closed book to the people. They will come in hordes to the Southland as well as to the North. They will bring with them the continental idea of the Sabbath and an ignorance of the requirements of a Christian community. Most of them will be without God and without hope. To them we must give an open Bible; to them we must give the Gospel. We must evangelize them or they will demoralize us.

This task will not only tax the machinery of the Church, as it is expressed in our several Home Mission Committees, but it will lay a heavy task on every city pastor and congregation; will call for all sorts of workers—mission workers, settlement workers, Sunday School missionaries, Bible women to visit from house to house, even in the rural districts, mission school teachers and evangelists.

We must prepare to take Jesus Christ to them, or they will take Him away from our children. It is matter of self-preservation upon the part of the Church. It must become a matter of whole-hearted desire to save them from sin and its attendant degradation.

The Presbyterian Church, to creditably do its part, will require an army of workers. They should be trained for that service. There is but one place in the Church where they can secure such training—The General Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers.

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The session of 32 weeks is divided into three terms. The first term of ten weeks terminates with examinations the last of November. The second term begins the first of December and extends eleven weeks to the middle of February. The last term closes the School for the session. By holding examinations or tests, at short intervals, the student is lead to frequent review of the work gone over, which is one of the seven points in good teaching. Seventy-five per cent. on each and every examination is required for the earning of a diploma.

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## OPENING OF THE FOURTH SESSION

The General Assembly's Training School began its fourth session on September 20th. The exercises were held in the chapel of the Union Theological Seminary. Rev. Russell Cecil, D.D., made a most suggestive and appealing address to the students. The standard he set for their lives as "Workers for God," will live in the hearts of those who heard it for a long time.

About the same number of students are in attendance this year as was last. The Junior class numbers fifteen, and the Senior class sixteen. Of the Juniors four are from the Synod of North Carolina, seven from Virginia, three from West Virginia, one from Georgia. Eight Synods are represented this year in the school.

Rev. H. S. Allyn, M.D., of the Lavras, Brazilian Mission, has been added to the faculty, as teacher of Christian Doctrine and Senior Missions. Rev. W. B. McIlwaine, Jr., has also become a member of the faculty, teaching Old Testament history.

These two gentlemen are taking the classes formerly taught by the Dean, in order to free his hands for the session, that he may give his attention to financial and administrative matters.

There is a considerable amount yet needed to defray the current expenses of the School for the present session, but the most urgent need of the School is adequate buildings and equipment. The Training School is offered a well-located and beautiful plat of ground upon which to erect permanent buildings. It is in Ginter Park, the splendid residence section of Richmond, and is conveniently near the campus of the Seminary, so that the professors of that institution can, without inconvenience, conduct classes in the Training School. We hope to give more details of our plans for building in a later edition.

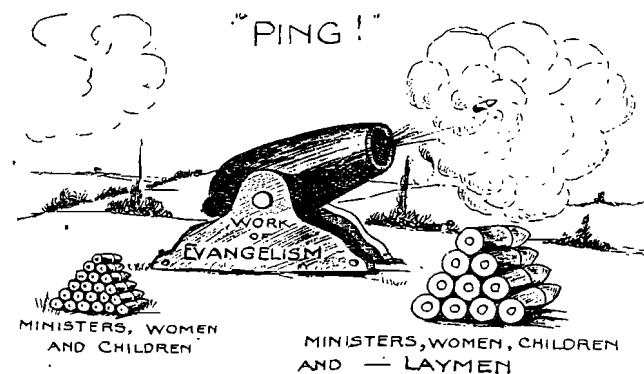
## OUR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

It is an old story to some, but will you bear with us while we rehearse it for the benefit of others who have not heard?

The Presbyterian League of Richmond, agreed to finance the Training for the first three years, provide a suitable lot for permanent buildings, and furnish a teaching corps, if the Assembly would locate the School at Richmond. All of this it has done and more. Richmond has done its share in every way. But the three years have elapsed and the School had only the privilege granted to it by the Assembly, of soliciting funds for its maintenance in future. In June, this year, a budget was carefully made out by the Board of Managers. Every item was cut to as low a figure as possible. It was found that \$6,500 would be necessary to see us through the year. Appeals were made to some churches, some individuals and some Women's societies. Many responded and \$3,200 was raised in cash and subscriptions. Some has come in since, and we find at this writing that we still need \$2,700 to see us through the session.

This bulletin will go out to many of God's stewards who can send us fifty, twenty-five, ten dollars and never feel it. We will be glad to have you take a small share in the support of this institution which is doing a good work, and which is destined to become a mighty power in our Church by training the lay worker. Make checks payable to R. E. Magill, Treasurer, and send to Box 1176, Richmond, Va.

The Training School charges the student \$169 per year for all privileges. Tuition has been placed at \$25 per year, and board at \$4.50 per week for 32 weeks. Books and stationary will not exceed \$15 per year, and one dollar per week will about cover necessary incidentals. This totals \$216, which is very little more than one-half the amount charged by similar schools in other parts of the country. This extremely low cost should enable every church of any size to put a student in the school each year. Can churches think of a better investment for their funds than in training leaders for their own work?



## WHICH AMMUNITION FITS THE GUN ?

No reflections on the ministry.

Just an illustration of what the average minister is trying to do.

Mr Moody once said: "It is better to put ten men to work than to do the work of ten men."

We say it is better still to put all your lay forces to work and do all you can besides.

The minister is a trained worker—spent three years at Seminary in special training.

The average lay member has had no special training. But he ought to have it.

The women are in the majority in almost every congregation. They are best fitted to work with women and children.

Do they need training for such leadership?

If you are a woman what do you say?

If you are a man what CAN you say?

There are two women for every man on every mission field—both at home and abroad. Do those workers need training before they go to work?

The General Assembly has established its Training School at Richmond, not to train ministers, but unordained workers—both men and women.

Do you think it did a wise thing? If so, how much do you think so?