

Religious Education, and Missions ought to be endowed as soon as possible. Here is an opportunity to invest some of the Lord's money where it will yield rich dividends for all time to come. An endowment of one million dollars is needed to meet the needs of the Training School, and to enable us to carry out the directions of the General Assembly for the expansion of its several departments.

There is immediate need for a building, containing class-rooms, administrative offices, library and reading room.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MEN AND WOMEN

The General Assembly's Training School was founded to train both men and women for all forms of Christian service, at home and abroad. Perhaps this had not been as fully understood as it should be. Some people seem to be under the impression that it is for women only. There is an increasing demand for well-trained men to assist churches and ministers in Religious Education and in other ways. These positions do not require theological training, but they do require training in Religious Education and in English Bible, such as the Assembly's Training School is prepared to give. A man who trains for this service should have a good educational background, a good personality and real consecration. Some athletic gifts are helpful but are not essential. We have calls for quite a number of such men every year. Pastors and teachers could be of large help to the Church by calling the attention of promising young men and women to the ever enlarging field of Christian service which is opening for trained lay workers in the Church.

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OUR NEW PROFESSOR

On December the first Dr. E. B. Paisley began his work as full-time professor of Religious Education in the General Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers. By education and by experience Dr. Paisley is admirably fitted for this position. He is a graduate of the Presbyterian College of Arkansas, a Master of Arts of the University of Texas, a graduate of the Austin Theological Seminary, has taken the full post graduate course in Religious Education at Yale University, and will receive his doctor's degree from Yale as soon as he completes his thesis. He served as chaplain in the army during the World War, was a pastor in the home mission fields of Texas for several years, and served for a while as Educational Secretary of the General Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions. His coming to the Assembly's Training School will enable us to greatly enlarge and emphasize the Department of Religious Education. We hope to retain the services of Dr. W. T. Thompson and Miss Elizabeth Shields for as much time as they can possibly spare to the Training School.

LITERARY DEGREES

The General Assembly of our Church in 1924 took action directing "That the General Assembly's Training School arrange, as soon as possible, for courses in English Bible and Religious Education, leading up to the degree of Master of Arts, and other suitable degrees for those students who enter the General Assembly's Training School with A. B. degrees from A class colleges." We have never forgotten these directions of the General Assembly for a moment, and have been working with them in mind during these intervening years. We feel that Dr. Paisley's coming is bringing us in sight of the General Assembly's goal, and we hope to be able to make some definite announcements along this line within the next year.

AS OTHERS SEE US

The Presbyterian Standard, in an editorial on Dr. Paisley's coming to the Assembly's Training School, has some very fine things to say about him and about the Training School. Here is one paragraph from the editorial in the Standard: "The General Assembly's Training School never stands still. It has not only grown beyond the sanguine dreams of its founders, both in numbers and equipment, but it has grown from the small make-shift faculty with which it began to be a fully manned school whose diploma means much."

Another fine tribute has come from Dr. W. O. Thompson, who for many years was President of the University of Ohio, and who is one of the outstanding educators of America. When our General Assembly's Committee of Education was directed by the Assembly to make a survey of its schools, colleges, seminaries, and Training School, the Committee secured Dr. W. O. Thompson to make the survey of the seminaries and the Assembly's Training School. Here are some excerpts from his report on the Training School:

"A visit to this institution for the education and training of lay workers for the church cannot fail to bring a glow of enthusiasm to the visitor . . . The Assembly's Training School finds itself admirably located for an important service to the Church. The buildings already provided are of the best modern construction, with intelligent consideration of the service to be rendered . . . From the standpoint of location, there could be nothing but warm approval. From the standpoint of physical equipment, the Church is to be congratulated upon the opportunity afforded. There is abundance of reason for the confidence of the Church in the management of the Training School and in the type of education and instruction given. This type of institution should greatly assist in providing lay workers whose courses of study, whose point of view, and whose intelligent loyalty to the Church would be of great value to the present-day pastor and to the Christian social service so much needed in our great city centers."

SOME PROBLEMS AND NEEDS

Dr. W. O. Thompson, in his survey, states clearly and convincingly the first need in the following paragraph: "The first is an adequate support. The present enterprise has an encouraging start. The more it prospers, the better it serves the needs of the Church; the more imperative and insistent are the demands for that maintenance which we describe as our daily bread. This appeal will, of course, be made from time to time. It should always be a welcome call, with a willing and generous response."

Churches, Sunday Schools, auxiliaries, and individuals can help to meet this urgent need by contributions to the Training School's budget for current expenses, thus making it possible for the Training School to make ends meet, and also to enlarge its curriculum along the lines directed by the General Assembly.

There is urgent need for endowments for several departments, so as to put these departments on a thoroughly sound financial basis. Professorships of English Bible,