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1872—JOHN IRVINE ARMSTRONG—1924

AN APPRECIATION

R. E. Magill, Secretary

With aching hearts, stunned minds, but, we trust, ith submissive wills and unquestionable faith, we mounce the death of the Editor-in-Chief of our unday School Publications, Rev. John I. Armstrong, D., which occurred on March 8, 1924.

He was stricken with pneumonia on Monday, larch 3rd, and after five days' illness, during which very remedy known to modern medical science was sed, he entered into eternal rest.

Dr. Armstrong left as a legacy a record of service

our Church and to the Kingdom God conspicuous for its devotion high ideals, the sacrificial giving himself to his work, gracious conderation of the opinions of others, nd of loyalty to his friends. He onsecrated his life to the task of hristian education, and to a mental dowment of a high order he added e equipment which comes through ntinuous study and research. He ceived the degree of A. B. and M. from Hampden-Sidney Colge and immediately took up the ofession of teaching. He was asciated with the Wallace School for ys at Nashville, Tenn., until he tered Union Seminary at Richand for his theological training. graduated with distinction in 04, and was called at once to the air of Moral Philosophy and ble by his Alma Mater, Hampdenlney College. This position he

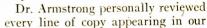
d until he accepted the chair of Philosophy and glish Bible at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., 1906. In order to enlarge his usefulness, he acted at the same time the pastorate of the Kirkwood esbyterian Church in the suburbs of Atlanta. The able burden was carried successfully.

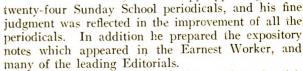
He became Educational Secretary of Foreign Misns in 1913, and held this position until 1920. A v literature of an exceptionally high order was cred, and the Church was given a new vision of its sionary obligation and an intensive course of study

was launched, which, if followed, will give our people an intimate knowledge of conditions in every field we occupy.

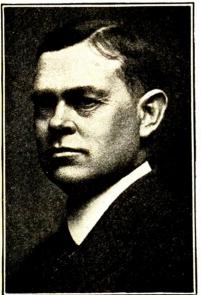
The Lewisburg Seminary of West Virginia found itself in need of a President, and laid a call upon Dr. Armstrong's heart. He accepted this arduous task in 1920, and rendered a great service to the cause of Christian education in carrying this institution through a grave financial crisis.

The Publication Committee made. three attempts to have Dr. Armstrong accept a place on its Editorial Staff. Our last call, to become Editor-in-Chief of all the Publications of the Southern Presbyterian Church, appealed to him as offering a field of boundless usefulness and a task that would tax his resources to the limit. It was characteristic of the man that he always sought tasks that involved great personal sacrifice. He took full charge of our publications on April 1, 1923, and here entered upon what promised to be his largest service to the Church. He began at once a broad and constructive plan of developing and improving our periodicals, and enlisted at once the enthusiastic support of his associates in the Editorial and Educational Departments.





Throughout the Church his fine work and spirit were recognized, and this sudden ending of a rich and fruitful life brings grief and regret to the whole Church. He leaves a devoted wife and five children, ages six to eighteen years, and the sympathy of the whole Church is with them in their great bereavement.



John Irvine Armstrong.

Churches -

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS	
Receipts Applicable to Regular Appropr	iation.
January 1924	1923
Churches\$ 82,944.94	\$ 81,568.83
Sunday Schools 2,706.68	1,763.38
Sunday Schools—Brazil 1,274.92	•
Sunday Schools—Japan	1,557.03
Societies 19,171.16	16,750.65
Societies—C. E. Missionaries 221.86	97.42
Individuals 7,063.88	1,139.60
\$113,383.44	\$102,876.93
Legacies 2.42	23.93
\$113,385.86	\$102,900.80

Ten Months, April 1, 1923, to January 31, 1924, Inclusive.

Sunday Schools _____ 15,749.85

Sunday Schools-Brazil _____ 19,956.02

Sunday Schools-Japan

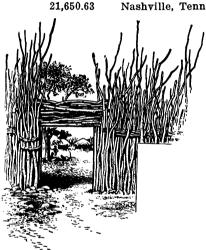
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Societies—C. E. Missionaries—— 1,76	8.23 2,
Individuals 38,72	9.93 28,4
\$687,14 Legacies3,05	
Total Regular Receipts\$690,19	6.69 \$630, 1
Estimated Appropriation for year end March 31, 1924	\$ 1,138,1
Deficit March 31, 1923	
•	\$ 1,363,

Receipts for objects not in regular budget____\$101,5 Appropriation for objects not in regular budget 101,5

EDWIN F. WILLIS,

Nashville, Tennessee, January 31, 1924.



\$465,506.96

11,313.39

GOOD PEOPLE STARVING IN GERMANY.

S. H. CHESTER

HERE are some good people in Germany, as I found on my visit there three years ago. Among these was a family in the town of Mayen in whose home my son who was there in the army of occupation was billeted. They were a well-to-do family at that time, living in comfort on the income from a prosperous hardware business. My son and two other young officers occupying some of their rooms were the first soldiers they had ever known who treated civilians with consideration. Behaving like American gentlemen in this home they soon came to have pleasant relations with the family and the mother began to speak of them as her boys. While my wife and I were there they showed us every possible courtesy and did everything they could to make our stay enjoyable. Recently the three young men have all had letters from them saying that they were starving, and asking them to send them, not money, but food, and to send it through some agency that could guarantee delivery, otherwise it would probably never reach them.

Just before Christmas contributions were gathered and forwarded by Mr. F. P. Turner, Secretary of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, to some of the Secretaries of Mission Boards in Germany who were in a starving condition on account of the worthlessness of the money in which their salaries were paid.

I mention these things because of statements that are constantly being published that reports of suffering and starvation in Germany are exaggerated and untrue. Whoever is responsible for this state of things years after the war is over will have a heavy account render when the day of reckoning comes. Meanwellet not those who are able to help refuse to do so as portunity offers, in the mistaken idea that help is needed. It is needed and some of those who need it as good people as we are, albeit they were once enemies in war.

The following is a quotation from a letter received Mr. Turner from missions director Schlunk:

"Getting your kind letter from 14th of December I was very much surprised and touched. Pleathank the members of the Committee of Reference and Counsel and the other Secretaries for the kindness and their Christmas gift. I had the pleature of distributing the sum so that every Secretar of the German Societies may have a little over upound (Sterling). I am sure that all my colleague will be very thankful for the brotherly mind and hope that your Christmas greeting may forward the mutual understanding of American and German Missionary Leaders. God bless you in your work and help us to stand in the difficulties of our time With most cordial greetings for a Happy New Year. . ."