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THE OFFERING FOR NATIONAL REFORM.

By Rev. R. H. Martin, D.D.

IN naming ten thousand dollars as a guide to the members of the Covenanter Church in giving this year to the cause of National Reform, the Synod at its Winona meeting last June manifested deep interest in this cause which is dear to the heart of the Covenanter Church, because its basic purpose is to proclaim Jesus Christ as the Saviour-King of Nations.

It has been a long established custom to take this offering in November. We hope this custom will be followed this year in all our congregations, and that the offering will be taken on the first Sabbath of the month, or, if not convenient on this Sabbath, on a succeeding Sabbath of the month. Is it too much to hope the offering will reach the standard set by Synod? Never did America need the message and work of the National Reform Association as much as today; never were the doors of opportunity so wide open; but to enter them we greatly need largely increased funds.

Space will permit only a brief mention of a few of the many things done or in process of accomplishment. A Research Bureau has been established to secure up-to-date and reliable data in the National Reform field. Issues of the Christian Statesman devoted to Sabbath Observance, Public Education and Prohibition have created wide interest. Each month a clip sheet containing the cream of what appears in the Christian Statesman is sent out to 112 religious papers, 47 W. C. T. U. papers, and 532 secular papers. Many papers quote from it, thus widely extending the influence of this organ of the Association. Through our literature, for which we have many calls, our message is reaching many more thousands. Ten thousand letters, with enclosures about the work of the Association, are being sent out monthly to a carefully selected list of persons, to interest them in our cause and thus increase our constituency. Last summer, our representatives made over fifty addresses from the platform of the Winona Lake Assembly to audiences much larger

than one year ago. The management invites us to come again next year. Our field force is ever giving our message from pulpit, platform, in schools, in conferences, and gatherings of various organizations. Two new members have just been added. The Lankford Bill to secure a Sabbath Law for our Nation's Capital is being supported, many petitions having been received. Work has been done in recent months in West Virginia, Arkansas, Illinois and Michigan in behalf of legislation to secure the use of the Bible in the public schools, and much more work will be necessary when the Legislatures convene the first of the coming year. In the critical situation we are now facing on the prohibition issue, much educational work is being done.

All this is Christian work. It is patriotic work. It is vital to the salvation of the Nation and the progress of the Kingdom. We give weekly to the work of Christianizing the individual. When we give but once a year to a cause which has for its object the Christianizing of the Nation, should our offering not be liberal?

The National Reform Association wants more than the financial support of Reformed Presbyterians. It wants their intelligent and sympathetic cooperation. For this reason, we would like The Christian Statesman to be in every home of the Church. It is only \$1.00 per year. To get it into our homes, that from month to month our people may learn of the work being carried on, we are ready to send it to you even though your contribution is only \$1.00, provided you give your Church Treasurer your name and address with your contribution and ask him to forward when sending in the congregational offering. But we trust your contribution will be many times one dollar.

S. O. S. COVENANTAFOGRAM.

Pray for Cache Creek Mission.

1. For our communion season which will be October 23-28. Meetings in the morning and evening. Rev. J. D. Edgar will assist. Pray that the Holy Spirit will direct in all things that no disturbing

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CHRIST IN THE PSALMS.

By Rev. J. C. McFeeters, D.D.

Jesus Christ, our Saviour, full of grace and truth, is the chief character found in the Book of Psalms. He never poses, but is seen in multiform activities and appearances. His personal traits are graceful and symmetrical; His attributes and moral qualities show exquisite perfection. Jesus frequently mentioned the Psalms as containing the things concerning Himself.

In the inspired Psalter we have an account of Christ's commission, ministry, sacrifice, victory and exaltation. He is seen with no inequality of features or disparity of powers, such as of necessity appear in all sectarian hymnbooks; without atrophied or overgrown faculties and attributes so prominent in man-made manuals of praise.

In the Psalms, Jesus arises in solitary greatness and superlative dignity. "He is fairer than the children of men"; "mighty with glory and majesty"; "annointed with the oil of joy above His fellows"; "great in power, and terrible in His doings"; "the Lord strong and mighty in battle"; "the King of glory," scaling the heights of heaven, and entering into the eternal city in triumph.

Jesus in the Psalms reaches the utmost extremes of life, and fills all the space between. He is matchless in greatness and meekness; in majesty and humility; in mightiness and gentleness; in the execution of judgment, and in compassion for sinners.

Jesus ascended up on high and occupies the loftiest seat in glory; yet regards with loving favor all who are lowly and contrite.

Jesus makes the great sun to rise each morning, rejoicing as a strong man to run his race; yet forgets not to light the candle of him who sits in darkness and distress.

Jesus calls out the stars nightly, as His unfailing choir to sing His glory; yet takes pleasure in listening to praise offered by the infant on the mother's breast.

Jesus speaks with a powerful voice that breaks the cedar, and makes the mountain tremble; yet softly whispers comfort in the ears of those who walk in the valley of the shadow of death.

Jesus, with imperial authority, commands twenty thousand chariots, and thousands of angels; yet receives the trembling soul into His presence, and entertains the lowliest in His pavilion.

Jesus is wroth with sinners every day; fire goes before Him and burns up His foes round about; the glory of His face is to them a consuming flame; yet He always has a pleasant countenance for the upright.

Jesus, with uplifted hand, solemnly swears that the stubborn and rebellious shall not enter into His rest; yet opens wide the gate through which the righteous shall enter in, and dwell with God.

Jesus opens the windows of heaven; the clouds pour out water; the skies sound loudly; the earth is deluged for the sins of the people; yet He carefully treasures up the tear-drops of the penitent in His bottle.

Jesus has the mighty hosts of the universe at His command and in His service; yet girds himself as a nurse and smoothes the bed of His sick servant.

O this blessed Jesus! this matchless Jesus, thoroughly accomplished for His redemption work, glorious in all His attributes and activities! How His presence lights up the Psalms!

The Psalms are vibrant with the energy of Jesus, and brilliant with the brightness of His Person. They are tender with the sympathy of His heart, and awe-inspiring with flashes of His majesty. They voice His messages of peace, and echo His reproofs against sin.

This great Psalter of God is the ivory Palace of Praise, where Jesus is enthroned in the presence of His devout worshippers. His garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia, the rich varieties of grace by the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

"O come and to Jehovah sing,

Let us our voices raise;

In joyful songs let us the rock

Of our salvation praise.

"Before His presence let us come

With praise and thankful voice;

Let us sing Psalms to Him with grace,

With shouts let us rejoice."

THE GREATEST POLITICAL PARTY.

By Rev. D. Raymond Taggart.

Some one defines a political party as a "group of people who believe certain principles, and who think alike." But what concord has the native-born, Protestant, conservative, dry Democrat of the South with the foreign-born, Catholic, radical, wet Demo-