

than ever before are in training, or in active work, in the various lines of missions, social service, teaching and other activities, of their own congregation.

The most recent campaign promoted by the Board, with Synod and Presbytery Committees heartily cooperating, is one in which all the Sunday Schools and young people are asked to raise a certain share of the missionary allocation of their own congregation. The suggested share for the Sunday Schools is one-tenth of the whole, and for the young people, one-fifteenth, or where both work together, as will frequently be the case, one-sixth of the entire Budget. This means that for 1915, of the total Budget allocation of \$1,500,000 for the whole church, the Sunday Schools and young people are expected to raise \$250,000. Many Sunday Schools are already doing their full share and more, and it is hoped that before the end of 1915, all or nearly all will be definitely enlisted in this great service.

In all this work, as outlined above, the Board has had the loyal cooperation of the Publications Committee, and of the other departments of the church, all of whom are vitally interested in the success of the work among the children and young people.

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Prayer and the War

It is a sobering thought, that what God will bring out of the present tremendous crisis, depends, in a very real sense, on the prayers of His people. God can, there is no question of it, bring what He chooses out of this fearful war, independent of human prayer. But what God can do is one thing: what it is right for God to do is another. Some good He is sure to bring, the greatest good possible in the circumstances. And the prayers of His people form part of the circumstances. There is some blessing that will come out of the war; even though there be failure in prayer: there is more abundant blessing whose coming is conditioned on prayer.

In other words, prayer is able to release or hold back the omnipotence of God. The Almighty Himself has made the forthputting of His power to depend on the prayer of the frail creatures whom He has made and whose life is every moment in His hand. There is no privilege so precious as prayer; there is none that carries with it such a weight of responsibility. How dare we not give ourselves to prayer that God will bring the best possible out of the welter of bloodshed and agony that fills the world?

"Consider the Lilies"

By Rev. W. J. Clark, D.D.

Very wise and very wonderful are the words we read in that scripture which we speak of as the sermon on the mount, and among them

this exhortation is found. How it appeals to anxious and troubled men and women. There is an added tenderness when Christ speaks to those who trusted Him in warning against the anxious spirit. The eldest son of an artisan's widow, He was well acquainted with the many endeavors and shifts that must be resorted to by the poor man to keep his loved ones clothed and fed. He knew how heavy the load is on the heart when the hand that should be strong and vigorous, gaining a livelihood for the dependent ones, lies white and wasted, while one precious thing after another is sold that the children may have food.

We may naturally suppose that when He spake this sentence His eye rested upon lilies growing by the wayside, and His hand pointed them out to His hearers. He suggested to them and to us that they are the thought and the workmanship of God. One man looks at the flower and sees nothing. "A primrose by the river's brim, a yellow primrose was to him, and nothing more." Another is charmed for a brief passing moment by the pretty flower. A third, being a student, is interested in discovering the class to which it belongs. The man of faith sees in it a thought of God. And if He thinks such lovely thoughts, may we not trust His goodness? How it contrasts with earth's splendors. Solomon was the figure that suggested the greatest of earth's glories to the Jewish mind. Even to this day Eastern legends are full of the wonders of Solomon's court. But all that magnificence is tawdry in contrast to the