

METHODIST CHURCHES IN REVIVALS--COMMUNION DAY OBSERVANCE

WEST CHURCH TO RECEIVE MEMBERS

Class to be Welcomed Sunday Morning by Dr. Smiley

GOSPEL SONGS SERVICE AT NIGHT

Programs of services in West Presbyterian Church, tomorrow, promise an other memorable day. At 10 o'clock the session will meet in the intermediate room to receive any one who may wish to unite with the church. At 10:30 o'clock the sacramental service will begin. In addition to the administration of the Holy Communion, a large number of newly elected members will be given the hand of fellowship. The organ numbers for the morning service will be: Mendelssohn's, "Thanks be to God," from Elijah, and Gomod's "March Romaine." The choir will sing "Excell's Rock of Ages," and Miss Mable Carpenter, soprano will sing, "More Love to Thee," by Harris.

The Bible school will assemble at 2 o'clock under direction of C. N. Bower. The special music for the men's class tomorrow will be a clarinet solo, "Luceria Borgia," by Donizetti; J. W. Fell, soloist, and a vocal duet by Mrs. H. S. Myers, soprano, and Mrs. Anna Horner, contralto, entitled, "I'm a Pilgrim," by Nelson. The Bulletin, the class paper, makes it first appearance to-morrow.

The Christian Endeavor meets at 6:30 o'clock. Miss Josephine Larison and Miss Rebecca Morton will lead. The people's popular gospel service will begin at 7:30 o'clock, with an organ prelude, "Romance," by Zitterbar. Twenty minutes will be spent with familiar gospel songs, led by the chorus choir, with cornet and violin accompaniment. The special musical numbers include a bass solo, "Beyond the Gates of Paradise," by Root, S. H. Jones, soloist.

The choir will sing the anthems, "Thine Forever God of Love," by Brown and "More Love to Thee, O Christ," by Marks.

The subject of Dr. Smiley's address will be, "The Right King of Religion." The closing organ number will be Wagner's "Pilgrims' Chorus."

The men's class will hold its monthly business meeting and social on Monday night in the Bible school hall.

ST. PAUL'S TO PREPARE FOR SPECIAL SERVICES

St. Paul's M. E. church services for Sunday follow: Class meeting at 9:30 o'clock, led by W. G. Strickland; morning sermon by the pastor being "A Forward Movement in Wilming-ton," and special music by the choir; Sunday School in all departments at 2 o'clock; William B. Smith, Jr., superintendent; the pastors, Berney, Bible Class studying "Jesus at the Well of Sychar;" and John S. T. Bearss, reviewing the lesson, August H. Schoell speaking on "Samaria and Samaritans." Young People's service at 6:30 o'clock, led by Miss Margaret Strandley.

The form of the evening service will be changed. Instead of having a service of song preceding the sermon, evangelistic services will follow the sermon.

It is proposed to hold a union meeting for all ten of the Methodist churches west of Market street, during the first two weeks in January. The Sunday night service will be preparatory to this special service.

METHODISTS PREPARE FOR UNION SERVICES

A letter has been addressed to all the pastors and official boards of the Methodist churches of Wilmington and vicinity, requesting their presence at a special meeting to be held at the Y. M. C. A. Building, next Monday afternoon, immediately on adjournment of the Ministerial Union, to consider plans for a united revival movement to be conducted by the churches jointly during January. The committee appointed by the Methodist Preachers' meeting, consisting of Revs. E. L. Hoffecker, George Edward Reed, W. L. S. Murray, W. W. Sharp and Vaughan S. Collins, has prepared a tentative program which will be submitted to the meeting.

SCIENCE SERVICES.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Park Place and Van Buren street, will hold regular services on Sunday at 11 and 8 o'clock, the subject being, "God the Only Cause and Creator."

The Sunday school will convene at 9:45 o'clock.

A testimonial meeting is held in the church every Wednesday evening. A free reading room with a circulating library, maintained by the church, is open daily excepting Sunday, from 10 until 5 o'clock, and from 7 to 9 o'clock Saturday evening, at No. 707 Equitable Building.

SWITCHING MEN FROM THE TRACK

Dr. Reed to Preach on Topic in Grace Church Tomorrow Night

CHURCH CHOIR TO SING CANTATA

In Grace Methodist Episcopal Church tomorrow morning the Rev. George Edward Reed will speak from the words, "Do This in Remembrance of Me," the sermon to be followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper. At the service the following special numbers will be presented: Organ, "Communion"; Verdi, and "Soldier's Chorus"; Gounod, quartet, "Rock of Ages"; Burk, trio, "Praise Ye," from Attala.

At the evening service Dr. Reed will deliver the third sermon of the series on "Things Fundamental in Religion," his subject being, "Hindrances; or, How Men Are Switched from the Track."

Previous to the sermon there will be a praise service in which the congregation, quartet and church choir will participate. The special numbers will be as follows: Organ, "Gothic's March," and "Postlude in E Flat"; Swift, quartet, "Tarry With Me O My Savior"; Baldwin, chorus, "The God of Abraham Praise"; Pontius; quartet, "Crown Him Lord of All"; Rockwell, chorus, "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem"; Chafe. Through-out the service the evangelistic note will be sounded.

At 2 o'clock the Sunday school will meet.

The young people of the Epworth League will meet in the lecture room at 6:30 o'clock.

On Tuesday evening, December 13, the church choir of 75 voices will sing the cantata, "The Adoration," by Nevin and the church quartet will sing "The Wilderness," by Sir John Goss.

GOSPEL SERVICE AT EASTLAKE CHURCH

At Eastlake Presbyterian Church, corner of Twenty-seventh and Market streets, the Rev. Henry Cunningham will conduct the worship and preach at both services tomorrow. At 10:30 o'clock the sermon theme will be "A Forward March." The music will be as follows: Organ prelude in D by Ashford; anthem, "Trust Ye in Jehovah"; Lowden; organ postlude by Burt.

The Sunday School and Adult Bible Class for men and women will meet at 2 o'clock. The Christian Endeavor meeting will be held at 7 o'clock.

A popular gospel service will be held at 7:45 o'clock to open with a brief organ recital and song service. The organist, Professor W. D. Blair, will play the following numbers:

Organ prelude, by Flagler; "Intermezzo"; by Klein; "Humoreske," by Dvorak; organ postlude, by Rosenthal. The choir will sing the following anthems: "Praise the Lord," my Gelbel; "Notes of Joy," by Berridge. The pastor will speak on "The Lost."

MT. CALVARY CLUB TO WORSHIP.

A male quartet will officiate at the Mt. Calvary Club services until Sunday, December 19. In the absence of the male choir, which is training for Christmas. The quartet comprises George W. and Wesley Jackson, N. C. Davis and Samuel E. Clark. Howard Richardson is accompanist.

In keeping with the second Sunday in Advent, the quartet will present this program:

Morning—Hallelujah, Amen, J. Lincoln Hall; In Old Judah, Adam Gelbel; Zion, Take Thy Harp, C. Harold Lowden.

Evening—Woodwards' Communion Service in C; solo, Wesley Jackson, Hosanna, Grainer; Hall, Judah, Adam Lowden.

The Rev. J. B. Isaacs will preach in Greek Church at both services on Sunday. At 10:30 o'clock the theme of his sermon will be, "The Law of Influence," and the 8 o'clock evening address will be on "Christ's Sayings."

At 2:30 o'clock the Sunday school will meet for the study of the graded lesson after which the school will rehearse the Christmas music under the direction of Miss Brodmax and Miss Gray.

The young men are arranging for a Christmas celebration that promises to be of the highest tone. The participants are being drilled to perfection. The public preparatory services will take place on Sunday, December 19. A midnight service on Christmas Eve will be the real beginning of the festivals. The Sunday school treat will be given on Thursday night of Christmas week. The celebration will end on New Year's night. The Santa Claus Christmas tree festival is an important affair of the club and it will be held on Christmas Eve. The poor, as usual, will be remembered.

SUNDAY AT TRINITY, LUTHERAN.

"How the Kingdom of God Comes" and "As in Days of Lot" will be the sermon subject of the Rev. George L. Uhler in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church tomorrow morning and evening, respectively. The Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock.

The evening preaching service will be on the subject "Friends."



(Edited by Pastor Russell.)

THE RISEN CHRIST.

Mark 16: 1-8; Matthew 28: 11-15—Dec. 6.

"Why seek ye the Living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!" Luke 24: 5, 6.

The resurrection of the dead is an astounding proposition. Its accomplishment will be the greatest manifestation of Divine Power ever made to angels and to men. The awakening of Jairus' daughter, of the widow of Nain's son, of Lazarus the friend of Jesus, and others, are nowhere styled resurrections of the dead. They were merely awakenings, the last of these being the most wonderful because, as related, Lazarus had been dead four days, and putrefaction had set in.

The resurrection of the dead promised in the Bible is to bring back the personality and the consciousness of thousands of millions of humanity who have died, who have gone to dust, under the Divine sentence, "Dying, thou shalt die;" "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." There could be no resurrection—no escape from the Divine sentence—except in the way God has arranged; namely, that Jesus took the place of the original sinner, Adam. Purchasing him back from the death sentence meant the purchase of all who died in him. Thus we read that Christ died, "the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us back to God." 1 Peter 3:18.

Fallacious ideas have gone abroad to the effect that it will be the body merely that will be resurrected—that God will collect from the four winds every particle of dust which once composed a portion of a human body, and will reorganize the rage out of these particles. The absurdity of this idea grows upon us as we consider that the bodies of the dead have more or less gone into vegetation, and thus into other animals and other humans. We have all heard the story of the apple tree the roots of which penetrated a coffin and assumed the shape of the corpse. Its apples were eaten by various people, and some by swine which, in turn, were shipped to various parts. This well illustrates the unreasonableness of the common mis-understanding of the Bible teachings.

The difficulty has been that we lost sight of the Bible declaration that it is the soul which dies. (Ezekiel 18:4, 20.) Our bodies are being re-enveloped, Science tells us, every seven years. The body in which Adam died, therefore, passed away—and many other bodies—during the life-

time. But his soul, his personality, himself, died only once, nine hundred and thirty years old. It is the soul that dies, that has been redeemed, and that is to be resurrected. "Thou sewest not that body which shall be." Our Lord No Longer Human.

Christ, as the Logos with the Father, was a living soul, or being, on a high spirit plane. For man's sake He humbled Himself—"took a bondman's form, and was found in fashion as a man"—a human soul. As a human soul, or being, He died. "He poured out His soul unto death." He made "His soul an offering for sin." "He shall see the reward of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied."—Isaiah 53:10-12.

Was Jesus the soul that died, but He was raised from the dead a soul of a higher order. At that time, as He had foretold, He ascended up where He was before; that is to say, He was put to death in flesh, but quickened, made alive, in spirit. (1 Peter 3:18.) He took the fleshly nature merely for the great purpose of giving man's Redemption-price; and after He had paid that Ransom-price by giving Himself up to death, the Father raised Him up to glory, honor, the Divine nature—far above angels, principles, powers, and every name that is named.—Philippians 2:9-11.

From this viewpoint we are prepared to understand why Jesus conducted Himself so differently after His resurrection from what He had before. After His resurrection He appeared and disappeared, we read. He showed Himself to His disciples for a few moments at a time and then vanished from their sight. Never before had He done anything of the kind. After His resurrection He appeared in different bodies, different forms, different clothing. But He never did this before His death. To Mary He appeared as the gardener. He appeared to the two walking to Emmaus. He appeared not only as a stranger, but also in different forms, but also in different clothing; for His clothing was parted amongst the soldiers.

How evidently He "was put to death in flesh, but quickened in spirit!" It was the Spirit Jesus who showed Himself, assuming different forms and clothing, as best suited the occasion. This Spirit Being could, and did, come into the assemblies of the disciples when the doors were shut and fastened for fear of the Jews. He created, or materialized, a body and clothing in their presence; and after a few moments He vanished, dissolving the body and the clothing, part amongst the soldiers.

The fact that Christ has risen from the dead is a guarantee of God's power to raise the dead. Additionally, it is a guarantee that Jesus accomplished the work which He came into the world to do. It proves to us that He must have kept the Divine Law perfectly; else He would not have been worthy of a resurrection from the dead. It proves, additionally, the value of His death—the efficacy of it as the offset of Father Adam's sin, and thus as the Ransom-price for the sins of the world.

The usual services will be held tomorrow in First Presbyterian Church, Market street above Ninth, the Rev. J. Ross Stonesifer, minister. The theme of the morning service will be "Before The Testing." The choir will sing "O Jesus Thou Art Standing," by Alleman and a duet, by Miss Nell C. Krumme and R. D. Eaton, "Tarry With Me O My Savior."

At the evening service Mr. Stonesifer will take for the subject of his discourse, "And His Brethren." The service will be one of song and evangelism.

The Sunday school will meet at 2 o'clock. The pastor will meet the Barnabas Men in the church auditorium.

Christian Endeavor will meet in the beginners' room at 7 o'clock. Palmer Harris will lead this meeting on the subject, "The Life Verse."

The organ numbers are: "Selection From Messiah"; Handel; chorus, "Hail Judea Happy Land"; Handel; "Andante in E Minor"; Battiste; "Allegro in D," Bach.

MISS EVANGELINE CORY BOOTH.

Miss Evangeline Cory Booth, commander and leader of the Salvation Army operations in the United States and Canada, will give her lecture on "My Father" at the Odd Fellows' Building, on Monday evening, December 14. She is a daughter of the late founder of the Salvation Army, General William Booth, and will tell of his great work among the poverty stricken and in the slums of many large cities. His first work in this line was in London.

Miss Booth formerly commanded the field operations of the army in London, England, for five years; was principal of the International Training Colleges for the same period; commenced the work in the slums of London, a work that has spread, and is in operation all over the world under the flag of the Salvation Army.

Miss Booth commanded the Salvation Army in Canada for eight years, during which time she organized and equipped a party of officers and nurses for the opening of the Salvation Army work in the Klondike, taking the party personally in 1898, as far as the Chilkoot Pass, spending considerable time in these regions, sleeping in sleeping-bags at night, and going through all the other hardships incident to the journey in that part of the country in the early spring of that year. She later visited Dawson City, where she was the guest of the governor at the government house, and was escorted by a detachment of the Northwest Mounted Police at all of her largest halls in Canada and Newfoundland, including the Massey Music Hall, in Toronto, repeatedly, this huge building being crowded to its utmost capacity on every occasion.

Miss Booth is now in command of the entire Salvation Army work in the United States of America and its possessions, and has been since the year 1904. She has traveled extensively, visiting the different centers and inspecting the work, and has spoken in the largest public halls of the country.

CHURCH GAINS MEMBERS.

Services tomorrow in Harrison Street, M. E. Church are: Class meeting at 9:15 o'clock, communion service and reception of members will be held. Fifty persons joined the church last Sunday. Sunday school will meet at 2 o'clock and the pastor's Bible class at the same hour.

At 7:30 o'clock Rev. Alderson will preach and conduct evangelistic services.

FREE METHODIST SERVICES.

There will be services in the Free Methodist Chapel, No. 719 East Seventh street tomorrow, at 10:30 o'clock a.m. and 7:30 o'clock p.m. The Rev. W. S. Gardner, of Belair, Mich., is expected to have charge and preach morning and evening.

while He, the Spirit Being, remained invisible. Thus He was with the disciples for forty days before He ascended; yet they saw Him not, except a few minutes at a time on seven different occasions.

These forty days were very necessary for teaching the Jewish disciples, and all of our Lord's followers since, two great lessons:

(1) That He was no longer dead, but alive.

(2) That He was no longer a man, but a spirit. "Now the Lord is that Spirit."—2 Corinthians 3:17.

The Importance of the Resurrection.

That our Lord is no longer flesh, but a Spirit Being, is clearly established by St. Paul's narrative of his experiences. He explains that it was necessary that the twelve Apostles should be able to bear witness to the fact that Jesus had risen from the dead. There could be no Gospel message of hope of Divine favor through a dead Savior.

If Christ had not risen, who could establish the Messianic Kingdom? Who could give the Church a share in the First Resurrection and make them partakers in His Heavenly Glory? If Christ had not risen, who could call forth from the tomb the sleeping billions of the dead, awakening them to the opportunities of everlasting life through obedience to the Kingdom? All this the Apostle calls forcibly to our minds, saying, "If Christ be not risen from the dead, your faith is vain, and all who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished."

From this we see that St. Paul in no way shared the views of those who unscripturally claim that Jesus while dead was really alive; and that the resurrection of the dead is a mere formality, quite unnecessary to the carrying out of God's Plan. But the Divine teaching is that "the dead know not anything," and that the resurrection of the dead is an absolute necessity to any future life or hope or blessing.

The fact that Christ has risen from the dead is a guarantee of God's power to raise the dead. Additionally, it is a guarantee that Jesus accomplished the work which He came into the world to do. It proves to us that He must have kept the Divine Law perfectly; else He would not have been worthy of a resurrection from the dead. It proves, additionally, the value of His death—the efficacy of it as the offset of Father Adam's sin, and thus as the Ransom-price for the sins of the world.

THE AMUSEMENTS.

PASTOR'S SUBJECT.

The Rev. Robert Downing will preach on Sunday morning in Second M. P. Church, corner Fifth avenue and Anchorage street, on "The Lower and Higher Helps." At the evening service he will speak on "Amusements." Having been on the stage for over a quarter of a century, Mr. Downing says he is able to tell something that may be of interest to all church and theatre-goers.

TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.

At Kingswood M. E. Church, Fourteenth and Claymont streets, the Rev. L. M. Broadway, pastor, services tomorrow will be as follows: At 10:30 o'clock, preaching; 2 o'clock, Sunday School; 6:30 o'clock; Epworth League; 7:30 o'clock, preaching by Mrs. Mary E. Mews, evangelist. There will be special solos and selections at the evening service. Converts will be given an opportunity to join the church both morning and evening.