In the Realm of Higher Things

WASHINGTON TO RESOUND WITH PRAISE OF THE GREAT CAUSE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS AT WOMAN'S SOCIETY JUBILEE THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

In Churches and Private Drawing Rooms the Command of the Master to Go Out Into the Highways and Byways and Tell the Word of Eternal Life to Those Who Will Listen Will Be Retold, and Great Impetus Will Be Given to the Effort for the Evangelization of the World—Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe Will Preside at the Luncheon to Be Held at the New Willard at 1 O'Clock Friday, When More Than 600 Women Are Expected to Be Present, as Well as the Closing Meeting in Continental Memorial Hall in the Evening—"One Million Dollars for Missions" Is the Slogan.

By the Churchman.

EVERYWHERE among the women of the National Capital where the work of foreign missions is a live topic much interest is being manifested in the jubilee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to be observed here next Thursday and

MRS. HELEN B. MONTGOMERY.

Friday. It will mark the celebration here of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the society in 1861 by Mrs. T. C. Doremus of New York, and will be a notable occasion. Rarely has the Capital city been the scene of a program which will call for such strenuous effort on the part of those participating in it.

As chairman of the Washington committee, Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe has worked indefatigably for the success of the jubilee, and will preside at the big luncheon at the New Willard Friday at 1 o'clock, when over 600 women are expected to attend. She will also preside at the closing meeting in Continental Memorial Hall Friday evening, when at an appropriate moment during the program the great which church flag, with its one star, will be unveiled.

Mrs. John Hay and Mrs. John R. McLean are to be hostesses for drawing room meetings, the former entertaining at 11 o'clock Thursday while the first service is in progress in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, under the leadership of Mrs. Wilbur P. Thirkield. There will also be a drawing room meeting at the same time at the Congressional Club. These drawing room parties are to be attended on invitation only.

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Organized in 1860.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is the oldest organization of women in America. In 1860, in the home of Mrs. Doremus of New York, was formed the nucleus of this organization. Since last October, in the largest cities, beginning at Oakland, Cal., and moving eastward, has sounded the call, "Ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, it shall be a jubilee unto you." And the women of Washington are responding to the call in the spirit of prayer. In the language of one of the western workers, they "go forward on their knees" as they prepare for the celebration of the year of jubilee in the National Capital. Since the 1st of December weekly meetings for prayer have been held in some of the churches. With the beginning of the new year the city was divided into sections, and four simultaneous prayer meetings are being held weekly until the jubilee days of February 2 and 3, when a great spiritual uplift is expected.

At the invitation of the central committee on united study of missions, in Boston, Mrs. Radcliffe called together representative women of all the evangelical churches to form a committee of 100 to prepare for the Washington celebration. These ladies recognized Mrs. Radcliffe's fitness for the position of chairman, and her enthusiasm, spirituality and executive ability gave the work the impetus needed.

A finance committee was appointed and at once began its efforts to raise among Washington women the necessary funds for the expenses of the jubilee. A circular letter was sent out, telling the history of the movement, the general plan recommended by the central committee for the conduct of the meetings and the object of the series of meetings: "To enlist the attention and interest of thousands of women who cannot be reached by ordinary methods." The letter outlined the expenses incident to the preparation and conduct of such meetings, and asked the woman to whom it was sent to send a contribution "of any amount from $1 upward." The response has been generous, and all money needed for expenses has been provided.

A publicity committee, with the motto "Go tell," is undertaking not only to inform every woman of Washington concerning the coming jubilee, but to make her see that she will miss the opportunity of her life if she does not attend all the meetings to which she can gain access.

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Jubilee Troupe Coming.

Such great meetings they promise to be, too! The speakers are all furnished by the central committee of Boston. They facetiously style themselves the "Jubilee Troupe." They are Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, lecturer and author; Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, chairman of the central committee on united study; Dr. Mary Riggs Noble of the North India School of Medicine; Miss Jennie Hughes of China and other prominent foreign missionaries.

At the parlor meetings in two prominent homes a special effort will be made to enlist and enthuse women who as yet have given little of their great ability to the cause of missions. While these parlor meetings are in progress God's blessing upon them will be sought in a large mass prayer meeting at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. Thursday afternoon at 3:30 will occur the students' meeting.

At the new Masonic Temple, where 2,000 girl students will be present at the same hour, will be held a workers' conference to which all officers of mission auxiliaries and all women interested in missions will be invited. This will be an inspirational meeting, addressed by Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Peabody and other workers and will be held at the church.

At 5 o'clock there will be a mass meeting for teachers and others who are employed during the day in the same church. At all the usual Thursday evening prayer meetings of the city the subject will be missions, and will be addressed by visiting missionaries. In Epiphany Protestant Episcopal Church Bishop Lloyd will deliver an address. On the same evening a great jubilee meeting for colored women will be held at the A. M. E. Church on M street, and at which Mrs. Montgomery and other workers will speak. It is hoped by this means to put the thousands of colored women who are members of the Washington colored churches in touch with the missionary movement and help them to teach the colored women who are interested.

The entertainment committee has planned that the luncheon on Friday will be given in the large ballroom of the New Willard. Denominational rallies will be held in the leading churches that morning, and then only will be heard the clink of gold and silver. "One million dollars for missions" is the central committee war cry. One million for the support of the armies of the king. "Faith! Give us faith!" beg the women in their prayers.

Dr. Noble will hold on that same afternoon a meeting for physicians, nurses and settlement workers at the residence of Mrs. Charles W. Richardson on Connecticut avenue. Automobiles have been loaned to the program committee to whirl the speakers from place to place during these strenuous two days.

The great closing inspirational rally will occur Friday evening in the Continental Hall of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Flags of all nations will decorate the walls and at the appropriate moment during the program Fredrick Owen of the War Department, will drop the great white church flag with its one star over the platform.

The young woman's committee will furnish ushers for all meetings, act as hostesses at the headquarters, see to ventilation, in short do the thousand and one necessary things. Co-operating with a leading woman's chorus of the city they will form the choir at mass meetings.

The First Congregational Church is headquarters, and from January 1 a room has been given over to the committee.

Hamilton Hotel, 14th and K streets, will be headquarters for the "Jubilee Troupe" and visiting missionaries.

The publicity committee has a chairman in every evangelical denomination and a subchairman in each church. As a special feature of the Washington jubilee this committee is preparing a list of all missionaries that have ever been sent out from churches in the District, a little summary of the missionary history of the different churches. The Washington missionaries who are at home on furlough will be honored guests at the luncheon.

Go Tell!

Go! The souls thy Savior loveth—
Wait for thee — whoe'er thou art.
Bowed by sin, or worn by struggle,
Lean they on thy human heart.

Chorus:

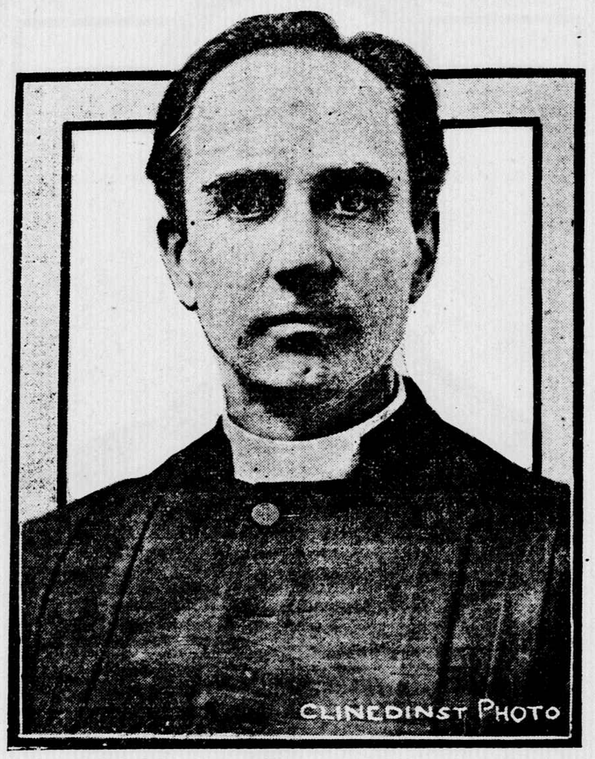
Rouse thee, then, be strong —unfearing.
Pray:—Thy Christ will grace impart.
Speak:—"Faith cometh" still by hearing!
Let it leap from heart to heart.

Tell God's love, till men believe it:—
All His pitying patience show.
Grace proclaim, till men receive it.
Go, because He loves thee, go!

Oh, keep jubilee with Jesus:—
Break all bonds of wrong and sin.
Let each joy His love decrees us
Pledge our hearts His cause to win.

Jubilee hymn written by Mrs. Lydia H. Tilton of this city.

REV. ANDREW T. ENSTAM



Within a short time Rev. Mr. Enstam proposes to form a Swedish Lutheran congregation in Washington. Already he has secured the co-operation of a number of his religious persuasion who are to unite in building up the work. Services are being held in the chapel of the Luther Place Memorial Church each Sunday. Rev. Mr. Enstam represents the Swedish Lutheran board of church extension. He has lately done much evangelistic work in Baltimore.

Christian Endeavor Hour

Subject: "Missions in the United States, North and East." Jonah, 3:1-10.

PRAYER.

Thou art burning on, thou ancient tree,
With unabated flame;
The fires of earth have beat on thee,
And thou art still the same;
Thou art not lessened in degree,
Nor tarnished in thy name.

Thou hast borne the sweep of the blast untired,
The scorching heat unscared,
Where most afflicted most admired,
When wounded most revered.
By thine own torturing flame inspired
To hold our hearts endeared.

Thou hast met the battle and the breeze
For twice a thousand years,
And, spite of not a moment's ease,
No wrinkled leaf appears;
Like ripples over summer seas
Thou hast suppressed thy fears.

Thou hast two sides of thy life on earth;
One has in dust its share—
It blends with scenes of pain and dearth,
It touches common care;
The other seeks a higher birth,
And branches arms of prayer.

O Church of the Living Lord of all,
Like Him to thee is given
A common life with those that fall,
And an upper life in Heaven—
A being with the weak and small,
And a path where stars are driven.

Thy starlight glow shall put out the fires
That check thine earthly way;
The burning of thy pure desires
Shall burn thy dross away;
And in the love thy Christ inspires
Thou shalt endure for aye.

—George Matheson.

By Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins.

DR. MATHESON calls this beautiful hymn "The Gospel Tree," and brings its teaching from the story of "the burning bush which was not consumed" (Exodus, 3:2). And, indeed, the old gospel has not lost its power. Men tell us that the church has no longer any influence over the lives of men. They say the glory of the cross no longer glows in the hearts of human folk, and the crucified Christ is forgotten while men seek after a human ideal of truth and righteousness. But those who minister to diseased hearts and lives know better. It is indeed true that the influence of Christianity has so permeated the common life that men are carrying on works of mercy and charity without realizing whence the inspiration comes. The leaven of truth is raising the world so that goodness and kindness are pursued by some who do not call themselves the disciples of Christ. But if the Man of Nazareth, who is the King of Kings, has thus made men follow His life, then He surely has not failed. We can thank God for all the advance which has been made and for the good lives men are seeking to live, even though they are outside of the church, and we can with fair reason tell them whence their excellence comes. But, aside from this, people of every land and every condition are ready to hear the old story of Calvary and to find comfort in the redemption of the Christ who died and rose again. Whether in great cathedral or in some "lowly thatched cottage," whether from the lips of gifted preacher or from the earnest Salvation Army captain who gathers the outcasts of the street, the gospel message is eagerly welcomed if spoken truly and with faith.

And this is our joy when we think of missions, particularly "home missions." If for a moment we believed that in Boston or New York rich and wise men and women had no need of Christ and would not hear the message of the cross we might indeed lose heart. But it is not so. From Maine to Maryland, from Canada to Virginia, Christianity is working and saving men. God is using humble instruments—weak men and consecrated women, in city and country—to help spread His kingdom, and wherever we go we find the fruits of their toil, the harvest resulting from their planting. Of course, we are not doing all that we ought to do. Of course, we are neglecting great opportunities for service. Hence the need of our lesson of today. But we must not be discouraged because some magazine writer or some newspaper critic cries out that Christianity is dead. He might as well cry out that the end of the world is coming in twenty-four hours; some few weak and fearful souls would drop their work and look up to the sky for strange signs, but the great body of men would keep on toiling and loving and doing their duty, not because they do not believe in death or a future life, but because they feel themselves best prepared for whatever may come when they are fulfilling their lives and doing their appointed tasks. The gospel is still preached and the church is still seeking to meet her Master's command in spite of what men say or think. It is God's work, and He has promised that it shall never fail. "Upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

But we must, however sure we are of God's grace, strive with great eagerness to do more for our King than we have ever done before. We have a great field, and this portion of our land of which we are thinking today has an especial claim upon us. We are told that in the rural parts of New England there is an appalling ignorance of Christianity—a falling away from the faith such as would make our fathers uneasy in their graves. This is due, partly, to the turning from the old forms of religion to new ideas and fancies, and partly to the coming in of foreigners who know little and care less for Christianity, and resent all interference with what they esteem to be a newfound freedom. The same is true of other parts of the north and east. Besides all this, we have many large cities in this section which are crowded with all kinds of people, and where economic conditions are bad. There is a terrible amount of poverty; housing conditions are worse than heathenish; manufactories and their confining hours weary the workers and render them either too tired to think or care when their day's work is done, or else wild for any kind of excitement which shall bring forgetfulness of their trouble. Sin is bold and enticing, and the weak are quickly led to ruin. The church often leaves the positions where she could do the most good to go to the location where her supporters live, and the splendid missions are too few to meet the demands. One often wonders what Christ would have us do in the face of these modern conditions—what He himself would do if He were on earth in human form once more. How would He meet the problems of our cities; how would He answer the piteous calls of the thousands scattered all through the rural districts? Only in finding an answer to that question can we clearly see our own duty, and work as we should for the coming of the kingdom right here in our midst.

PASTOR RUSSELL PREACHES HERE TODAY

Veteran Clergyman to Address Service in Convention Hall This Afternoon—Is Regarded as Forceful Speaker.

AT the meeting which Pastor Russell of the Brooklyn Tabernacle is to address in Convention Hall this afternoon at 3 o'clock a large attendance is expected. The clergyman is regarded as a strong speaker, and many of his friends in

PASTOR RUSSELL.

Washington have been working for several weeks past to make the meeting a most successful one.

Pastor Russell is president of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of New York, and to this work he has given over $200,000, it is averred. At the meeting this afternoon no collection is to be taken and the seats are free.

The Brooklyn Tabernacle is declared to be an interesting church. It belongs to the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society and has no membership rolls. Hundreds attend the services. Pastor Russell at the annual meeting for the election of officers of the church always requests that those who "love the Lord Jesus Christ" and are followers of Him are eligible to vote.

Goals and Paths.

By the Churchman.

GOALS are excellent things, particularly at the year's beginning, but paths are important, too. There is the high mountain. What a lovely view from the summit! My willing soul would soar thither, but I am incumbered with hands, feet and body, and my spirit must drag them along while I stay in this mortal tenement of clay. So it becomes me to use my common sense and find a path which perhaps others have trodden before me, and which, even if it be steep and circuitous, affords a far better chance to scale the height than any heroic but foolish attempt to break through the wilderness alone would furnish.

Tolstoi saw the goal, but he was not an adept in path making or path finding. His one passion was to cut loose from all the trammels of civilization and go where he could, by himself, live the simple, and what was to him the only rational, life. But other men with equally high ideals have felt compelled to adjust themselves more or less to the existing order, and they have gone forward somewhat cautiously along paths that revealed themselves as they went only in part. Sufficient was it for them to see the track ahead for a single day's march. So these two types of men—called the idealist and the opportunist—appear in all periods of history, and we need both—men like Francis of Assisi and Tolstoi on the one hand, and men like Booker T. Washington on the other hand. If we can have but one type we could more easily dispense with the former, for goals are the essential things, and it is better to have a goal without any apparent path to it than to have a path leading nowhere. It is forever true that man lives not by bread alone, but by his visions and ideals, his hopes and strivings for the ideal.

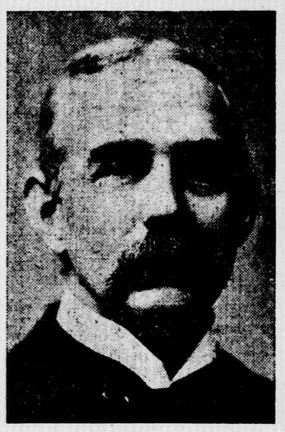
But why be limited to one or the other exclusively? Have your goals, keep them in view always, but be willing to take time necessary in which to find a path. You want the friendship of some person. Perhaps you as a young man had conceived a fondness for a young woman—a perfectly legitimate and honorable passion, but one that in all probability cannot find satisfaction unless you to some extent fulfill the requirements of one who ought to be reasonably exacting. So begin with the effort to tone up your own life, perhaps to be more careful about personal appearance, maybe to fight the bad habit that is growing on you, to quiet down if you are over boisterous, or brace up if you are sluggish and indolent. Only that kind of a fellow ought to attain the felicity arising from the bestowal of a true girl's love.

So, too, in our life in the family, the community, the church, we need definite objectives far enough before us and high enough up to spur us on. But we need also the power to take one step at a time, to make a path if none already exists, or to improve and widen the path if one is in sight. Those who go about big tasks like the real improvement of a city, either in its artistic, its commercial or its moral side, will succeed in proportion as they are willing to take time enough to proceed carefully enough, and be satisfied with a little progress from day to day, and month to month. This all means willingness and capacity to grapple with an infinite number of small details, but thoroughness and patience at this point will bring the far away goal a little nearer.

You want to be a better man. Who does not, here at the year's beginning? And though you have resolved, and re-resolved and failed and failed again you are not quite willing to give up the fight. Clarify then your vision of the man you may be, but spend some time also in thinking about ways and means. Are you willing to walk in the paths which others have taken toward the winning heights. That ascending path in most cases leads through the church, through companionship with persons definitely committed to the moral and spiritual life, through the daily use of the Bible, and of that mighty force known as prayer. Consider these well worn but never outworn ways of growth. So as you go on in the path prescribed you will be a year hence closer to the goal of high character.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MOVEMENTS.

REV. FRANCIS E. CLARK, president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, requests all Christian Endeavor societies to observe Endeavor day, Sunday, February 5, as "decision day" and to set aside the week beginning today as "ingathering week." This is in accordance with a custom, followed in many societies for a number of years of celebrating in this way the anniversaries of the birth of Christian Endeavor. In Great Britain the word "mission" is used to describe this evangelistic effort and there many societies are asking their churches



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to organize a mission to young people in which the Endeavorers may assist, or to permit the Endeavorers to organize such a mission during the week beginning January 29.

The Society of Christian Endeavor is this week thirty years old and Amos R. Wells, editorial secretary of the United Society, says concerning this movement: "Three decades ago organized religious work by young people was sporadic, sparse and discouraging. Today a church without an active young people's religious society is considered to be lacking in an essential. The thirty years have brought an enrollment of 75,000 societies and nearly four million members among more than eighty denominations." Mr. Wells declares that "the future is bright before Christian Endeavor," and he is confident that the second thirty years will be better even than the first.

The reception given Monday to the retiring president of the union, Mr. Gates, was noteworthy because of the number of pastors and former presidents of the union who came to assure him of their interest in his new field of labor. Until Mr. Gates' successor can be chosen, at the February meeting of the union, Vice President D. C. Davis will serve.

The meeting today, the last of the month, will be devoted to missionary work. The topic is "Missions in the United States, North and East." Jonah, 3:1-10. This is the first of a series which together make up a missionary journey around the world. Mr. A. B. Niess will speak to the young people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church this evening and Mr. B. R. Johnson will speak to the Berwyn Presbyterian Society. The society of the Whitney Avenue Christian Church will hold a conference for missionary workers immediately preceding its meeting tomorrow.

Northminster Presbyterian Society will start a mission study class. Recently the society conducted a prayer meeting at the Presbyterian Home. The meeting was led by Mr. Countryman, and Mr. Lawrence Wilson rendered a solo.

This evening's meeting of the Alpha Society of the Ninth Street Christian Church will be led by Miss E. Ruth Peters, chairman of the missionary committee. Miss Burklin will describe the various activities of Friendship House.

Eckington Presbyterian Society has a "ministering" committee, which has recently supplied food and clothing to three needy families and continues to help one family of four.

The Atlantic City convention will be the subject of a talk to be given tomorrow evening at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church by Mr. Edward Tarring, who will also speak Tuesday at the meeting of the Kendall Baptist Society.

The business meeting and social of the intermediate society of Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, held recently at the home of the president, Miss Helen Monroe, was attended by President Gates and Secretary Gillman of the District Union.

The superintendents of Junior Christian Endeavor societies will hold their annual social Wednesday, February 1, in the chapel of Eckington Presbyterian Church.

Mr. P. F. Drury was a speaker last Sunday evening in the meeting of the Knox Memorial United Presbyterian Society, his subject being the Christian Endeavor pledge.

A conference for colored Christian Endeavor workers will be held tomorrow evening at the Church of Our Redeemer, when Rev. D. E. Wiseman, Rev. B. F. Foster and Mr. Lloyd G. Cuney will speak. Miss Emma B. Hall and James R. Moss will conduct a school of Christian Endeavor methods.

The Berean Baptist Society was reorganized last Sunday evening, with Miss Eva Radden as president.

The young people of Washington Heights Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening heard Mrs. W. B. Robison speak on "The Prevailing Power of Prayer." Miss Landstreet sang a solo, accompanied by Miss Ammerman.

The Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Missionary Union, of which Mr. C. J. Hicks is president, will hold a meeting for the discussion of its work tomorrow evening in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

PASTOR and PEOPLE

St. Charles' Day.

EPISCOPALIANS who consider King Charles I of England their especial saint will observe the anniversary of his death tomorrow. The prayer book of the Church of England of the early part of the last century speaks of him as "the blessed King Charles," and Keble, in his "Christian Year," calls him "our own, our royal saint."

The Society of St. Charles, King and Martyr, of England, a society with headquarters in Philadelphia, but with membership in remote parts of the United States, will keep its patronal feast tomorrow.

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Revival at Centennial Church.

Rev. John E. Briggs, pastor of the Fifth Baptist Church, will assist with a revival meeting at the Centennial Baptist Church all this week, beginning tomorrow night.

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Mr. Varela Back at St. Thomas'.

Mr. Edmund A. Varela has resumed his work as choirmaster of St. Thomas' Church. Mr. Varela, on account of illness, retired from the work temporarily some two years ago, but he is now much stronger.

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Rectors Improving.

Rev. W. J. D. Thomas has been quite ill with the grip, as has the Rev. Richard P. Williams. Both are now convalescent.

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Installation.

The newly elected officers of the Mount Pleasant Southern Methodist Epworth League were installed recently by the pastor, Rev. P. W. Jeffries, who was assisted by E. F. Nelson of St. Paul's Church, Mrs. Groover of Mt. Vernon Place Church, and R. K. Helphenstine, jr., of the Mount Pleasant Church league. The list of officers includes: President, W. A. Bennett; first vice president, R. Douglas Jones; second vice president, Mrs. P. H. Heironimous; third vice president, Miss Glennie Tomlinson; fourth vice president, Mrs. J. J. Printup; secretary, Percy Bowen; treasurer, C. N. West; Epworth Era agent, Miss Frances Deitrick; lookout chairman, P. H. Heironimous; assistants, the Misses Pauline Horton and Hester Wilson; pianist, Miss Pauline Jones; assistant pianist, Miss Elizabeth Bennett; captains of juniors, Joseph Horton and Miss Laura Wilson. The prospects of the league are very encouraging. Quite a number have recently joined. Meetings are held each Sunday evening at 7 o'clock in the post office hall, 1413 Park road northwest.

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Bishop Has a Busy Day.

Wednesday last was a busy day for Bishop Harding. It was the second anniversary of his consecration as Bishop of Washington, that event having taken place in Trinity Church, January 25, 1909. In the early morning the bishop celebrated the holy communion in his private chapel at the episcopal residence. At 11 o'clock he was at St. Alban's Church, where he ordained the Rev. T. Hubert Jones to the priesthood. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. George H. McGrew. Mr. Jones is rector of William and Mary parish, Charles county, Md. He has secured sufficient funds to restore the old colonial church at Wayside, and also to put the old cemetery in good condition. Besides, he has been given enough money to get a very fine new altar for the parish church.

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Bishop Kinsolving to Preach at Epiphany.

Bishop Kinsolving of Brazil will preach in Epiphany Church today at 11 o'clock, when the offering will be for foreign missions.

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Sunday School Anniversary.

The fifth anniversary of Immanuel Baptist Church Sunday school was observed last week. Its enrollment now is about 550, and the outlook never so bright. Last Sunday this school entered into a friendly contest with the Grace Baptist Bible school, to see which could average the more in attendance.

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Assistant Rectors Needed.

At the Episcopal Chapel of the Good Shepherd, 6th and I streets northeast, Emmanuel Church, Anacostia, and St. Thomas' Church, near Dupont Circle, the respective rectors are all anxious to secure an assistant minister.

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Dr. Pierce's Sermons.

Rev. Dr. Pierce has inaugurated a series of Sunday evening sermons in All Souls' Church on "The Great Commandment"; a consideration of the fundamentals of religious life. His special subject for this evening will be "Loving God With the Right Feeling." February 5 he will discuss "Loving God With the Soul—Right Aspiration"; February 12, "Loving God With the Mind—Right Thinking"; February 19, "Loving God With All Thy Strength—Right Being"; February 26, "The Love of Neigabor—Social Sympathy." Services begin at 8 p.m., and the public is cordially invited. Music is by quartet choir.

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String Trio at Bethany Baptist.

The Koester Trio, composed of Karl Koester, violin; Raphael Koester, viola; Paul Koester, cello, will play the Andante from the Beethoven Serenade, Op. 8, at the service in Bethany Baptist Church this evening.

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Supper for Sunday School Workers.

In the Second Baptist Church Sunday school the classes taught by Mrs. D. J. Gantt and Mr. R. Milton Henderson were entertained by Supt. and Mrs. Gantt and Deacon and Mrs. Henderson in the Bible school rooms Tuesday evening. About thirty-five persons sat down to supper in the junior department room. The supper was followed by brief addresses by Mr. Gantt, Mr. Henderson and Rev. Hinson V. Howlett, minister of the church. The company adjourned to the main Bible school room and entered into games and general merrymaking for the rest of the evening. Miss Gladys Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. Howlett were guests.

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Dr. Nelms' Address.

Rev. J. Henning Nelms spoke Friday evening in the Temple on 8th street near H. The occasion was the meeting of the Men's Club. The subject of the address was "The Mistakes of Moses."

STANDING ON A BIBLE FOUNDATION

IT is interesting and helpful to contrast a list of modern rulers with a list of rulers of kingdoms like Israel and Judah. These ancient kingdoms were nominally, at least, God-fearing nations. A few of the kings were earnest men, but many of them were weak, undisciplined, unscrupulous and even absolutely depraved.

But see how times have changed! Look, for instance at the catalogue of the Presidents of the United States. Most of these have been Christian men, actively identified with the church, throwing their influence on the side of the right. George Washington was a member of the Episcopal Church, John Adams was identified with the Unitarian Church, Thomas Jefferson, he believed in God and his responsibility to God. James Madison, like Washington, was an Episcopalian. John Quincy Adams was a Unitarian, Andrew Jackson a Presbyterian, Martin Van Buren a Presbyterian and William Henry Harrison an Episcopalian. John Tyler belonged to the Episcopal Church, James K. Polk became a Methodist, Zachary Taylor was an Episcopalian, Millard Fillmore was a Unitarian, Franklin Pierce was an Episcopalian and James Buchanan was a Presbyterian. Abraham Lincoln was not a church member, but he affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. Andrew Johnson, likewise, was not a church member, but his affiliations were with the Presbyterian Church. Ulysses S. Grant attended the Methodist Church, and in late life was baptized by a Congregationalist minister. Rutherford B. Hayes was a trustee and an attendant of the Methodist Church. James A. Garfield belonged to the Church of the Disciples, Grover Cleveland was the son of a Presbyterian minister and attended the Presbyterian Church. Benjamin Harrison was an active Presbyterian, William McKinley was a devout Methodist, Theodore Roosevelt belongs to the Dutch Reformed Church and William H. Taft is a Unitarian.

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Why Church Membership Counts.

Neither attendance at church nor church membership makes a man upright. But the Presidents of the United States have been upright men, and their church alliances were expressions of their desire to be counted on the side of righteousness.

The days of the kings of Israel and Judah were crude in comparison with the days of the Presidents. Their uprightness or lack of it was not described in modern conventional terms, but by a statement of their deeds. "He did evil." "He did wickedly." "He did evil above them that were before him." "He did that which was right." "He followed in the steps of his father." "He made Israel to sin"—these are some of the characterizations handed down to us from that remote age. The men who were evil gave themselves up to idolatry; the kings who sought to lead their people in right ways sought to uproot idolatry from the land.

Among the good kings of Judah were Jehoshaphat, whose name stands out because of his righteousness, just as that of Ahab, king of Israel, stands out by reason of his extreme wickedness. He had the advantage of good home training, for his father Asa was also a good king. Jehoshaphat was not perfect by any means. God knows that it is impossible for any man to be perfect. But Jehoshaphat did what God wants everybody to do—he tried to do the best he could, trusting in God to help him.

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How God Makes Allowances.

Jehoshaphat, in the Sunday school lesson today, made some grievous mistakes when he neglected to ask God to help him in his daily decisions, exactly as Christians today do wrong when they think they can take care of themselves and follow their own judgment. But God is so gracious that He does not count a man's lapses, provided there is repentance evidenced by confession and an earnest effort to do the right thing thereafter. It was just so in Jehoshaphat's case. He did evil, he confessed his sin to God, and God forgave him and permitted the verdict to go down in history, "Jehoshaphat was a good man." What a splendid thing it would be if men would get a little of the same spirit and quit remembering past evil against a man when he shows that he is trying to live a better life!

Even if the days of Jehoshaphat were crude, the record of his reign shows that he could give pointers to some modern leaders of men. He built garrisons to defend his people from surrounding enemies and military depots which he filled with stores. A muster roll was carefully kept, so that the people could be called to war in case of need. The kingdom was prosperous. Peace gave opportunity for the tilling of the soil, and there was money in plenty for the needs of the people and the necessities of the kingdom.

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Seeking God First.

But Jehoshaphat was too much of a statesman to be content with physical improvement in the condition of his subjects. He knew that they must get rid of their idolatry if they were really to be prosperous, and that something better must take the place of the false worship. So he took pains to teach the people about God. He became an educator of his people, establishing schools of instruction throughout the land. And the one text book used in these schools was the book of the law of Jehovah. The work was considered of such importance that five princes were appointed to oversee it.

Modern statesmen might say that this was a strange thing for a king to do. But Jehoshaphat felt the truth later taught by Christ, that it was necessary to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; other things would come in the train of righteousness. Fortunate the country whose leaders recognize God's supremacy and the necessity of obedience to Him if there is to be prosperity. It is related that an African prince was sent on an embassy with costly presents to Queen Victoria. He asked that the queen would tell him the secret of England's greatness and glory. Handing an interpreter a beautifully bound copy of the Bible, she said, "Tell the prince that this is the secret of England's greatness."

The Bible is the secret of all greatness, of all progress, of everything worth while.

There will be a banquet to the officers and teachers of the Fifth Baptist Sunday school next Wednesday evening, February 1.

Parish Hall for Nativity Chapel.

The congregation of the Nativity Chapel, Massachusetts avenue southeast, is enthusiastic over the prospects of getting a parish building in the near future. This building was to have been started last year, but owing to the encroaching of new residences upon the chapel property it was deemed wise to purchase more land before it would be impossible to get it; therefore efforts were concentrated upon getting two more lots adjoining the church lot. These were fully paid for the past Christmas day, when the mortgage was taken up.

In the plans it is proposed to lengthen the present chapel to one hundred feet and build sacristy, choir and vestry rooms for the use of the church, and also a a parish hall for social work, clubs and entertainments. Hill & Kendall, architects, are preparing plans for these improvements, which will be put up as soon as possible.

The immediate necessity is the parish hall, which will be a building of two stories, about 30 feet by 70 feet in size, to cost about $9,000, with the front on Massachusetts avenue. Appeals are to be made to church people all over the diocese of Washington to help this home missionary enterprise. The progress already made at the Nativity is due to the faithfulness and devotion of the congregation, and the generous co-operation of members of many other congregations in the city.