CHURCH NEWS—NOTES.

Sunday School Meeting at Episcopal Conference Here.

A Sunday school meeting, as a part of the congress of Episcopal laymen now in session in this city, will be held at Christ Church, 71st street and Broadway, on Sunday afternoon, January 26, at 4 o'clock. The topic is "School Means to School Ends," practical points growing out of the experience of successful Sunday school workers, given to officers, teachers, pupils and parents as a possible incentive and help to better work.

The speakers will be eight in number, and each will speak eight minutes. They are the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Hayes, of the General Seminary; the Rev. Dr. G. R. Van De Water, of the New York Sunday School Commission; the Rev. Thornton F. Turner, of Calvary School; the Rev. A. McL. Taylor, of St. George's School; Dr. Edwin C. Broome, of Adelphi College; William R. Butler, of the Pennsylvania Commission, and others.

The full programme for the two days' conference follows:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1908.

9:30 a. m.—Morning prayer, Christ Church, Broadway and 71st street.
10 a. m.—Seabury Hall, Christ Church. Congress session.
1 p.m.—Luncheon.
3 p. m.—Start for Bronx Church House by subway.
8:30 p. m.—Reception at residence of the Rev. A. Duane Pell, southeast corner 74th street and Fifth avenue. Bishop Greer is expected to be present.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1908.

8 a. m.—Early celebrations in all churches.
4 p. m.—Sunday school mass meeting, Christ Church, 71st street and Broadway. "Good Points in School Practice." Eight speakers, eight minutes each. Speakers will give points learned in St. George's, Incarnation, Calvary, St Margaret's and other schools, Sunday School Commission, public school, etc.
8 p. m.—Evening prayer, Christ Church, 71st street and Broadway. Speaker, John R. Mott, of the Student Volunteer Movement. Topic, "The Call to Men."

The Sunday school question is becoming more and more prominent each year. There has been for several years danger of a serious split in the organized Sunday school forces of America. The factor that points to division is the demand on the part of many Sunday school leaders for graded lesson courses, which it seemed that the International Sunday School Association was not quite willing to supply. As the result of a conference of leaders, editors of Sunday school publications and members of the International Lesson Committee, held early this month at Boston, the atmosphere has been materially cleared, and the dreaded division of interests seems now to be impossible.

The Boston conference was held at the call of W. N. Hartshorn, chairman of the executive committee of the International association, a man who has been practically the leader of American Sunday school forces for a decade. He realized the crisis that was impending, and believed that if the leaders could be got together to talk things over all trouble would be averted. His wisdom was made evident by the result. More than half a hundred leaders attended the conference, and before adjournment was reached there were adopted two resolutions in the form of recommendations to the International Sunday School Convention, which is to meet in Louisville in June. These resolutions recognize the need for two series of lessons—the regular, uniform course which has been in use for over thirty years, and a graded course for such schools as feel the need for such a course. The resolutions are:

1. That the system of a general lesson for the whole school, which has been in successful use for thirty-five years, is still the most practicable and effective system for the great majority of the Sunday schools of North America. Because of its past accomplishments, its present usefulness and future possibilities we recommend its continuance and its fullest development.

2. That the need for a graded system of lessons is expressed by so many Sunday schools and workers that it should be adequately met by the International Sunday School Association, and that the lesson committee should be instructed by the international convention to continue the preparation of a thoroughly graded course covering the entire range of the Sunday school.

It is confidently believed that the international convention next June will concur in these resolutions, and leaders say that this will mean the dividing of the international Sunday school army into two divisions, but it will keep them both loyal to the International association. It is understood that some leaders, anticipating favorable action by the association, have already been working upon the graded lessons, so that their preparation may be completed and the lessons published for use by Sunday schools not later than January 1, 1909.

THE METHODIST CENTENNIAL.

Hundredth Anniversary of Adoption of Church's Constitution Celebrated This Year.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is this year to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the adoption of its constitution, and preparations are now being made to have the anniversary fittingly recognized not only by the general conference, which meets in May, but also by individual Methodist churches all over the land.

It is considered to be an interesting coincidence that the general conference of 1808, which adopted the first constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the general conference of 1908, which will celebrate its centennial, should both have the city of Baltimore as the scene of their deliberations. The general conference of 1808 began its consideration of the constitution on May 23, taking final action in the matter on the 26th, and it is believed that these dates may be followed by the general conference of this year in its celebration of the event of a century ago.

The Board of Methodist Bishops has adopted resolutions calling upon the churches and the annual conference to note the anniversary. So far as it has been discussed, the plan in general is to make the occasion one for the teaching of Methodists, especially young Methodists, something of the history of their denomination in this country, and to this end it is designed to have considerable historical matter appear in the denominational press as the date of the anniversary approaches. It is recognized by Methodist leaders that the old school of ministers and laymen who had an intimate knowledge, almost a first hand knowledge, of the reasons for the making of the constitution and the statute laws of the Methodist Church, are now reduced to a very small number, and that those who yet remain will soon pass away. Therefore this centennial anniversary is to be used as the occasion for a relaying of the foundations of denominational knowledge among the people of this generation.

GIFTS OF THE YEAR, $148,902,130.

An effort has been made to make a compilation of all the benevolent gifts of the year 1907, and the result has been reports of gifts aggregating $148,902,130, although it is realized that this sum does not include an immense number of small gifts, reports of which it has been impossible to get.

In general terms, these gifts represented in the above total have been distributed as follows: Educational institutions, $70,915,542; religious institutions, $9,343,892; museums, art galleries, etc., $17,247,400, and libraries, $2,945,000.

John D. Rockefeller ranks first among the givers, with $44,419,500 in his list of benefactions for the year. Mrs. Russell Sage comes second, with $13,439,700 to her credit, and Andrew Carnegie follows third, with $13,148,775, although the last named philanthropist ranks first in the grand total of gifts, which have, during a course of years, aggregated $170,000,000.

GENERAL ITEMS OF THE WEEK.

At the West End Presbyterian Church on January 8 a series of special services was begun, and while it was intended to hold them for two weeks only the interest was so great and the meetings were so well attended that it was decided to continue them, with the result that last Wednesday night the attendance was very large and the meeting a most inspiring one. Owing to plans made by other organizations connected with the church long before these services were contemplated it will not be possible to hold another meeting until next week, when there will be services on both Wednesday and Friday evenings, at which Dr. Keigwin will preach and soloists well known throughout the city will sing.

A contribution toward the discussion of the problem of the use of the Bible in the schools will be made by Mr. Chubb, who will give this lecture before the Women's Conference at the building of the Society for Ethical Culture, 63d street and Central Park West, on Monday, January 27, at 3:30 p. m.

The young men and women of the United Societies of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, in East 14th street, are making great preparations to entertain the many friends of this old church at the entertainment and reception to be held at the Grand Central Palace on February 17. "A Celebrated Case" will be given, and the cast will be practically an all-star one. After the entertainment a reception will be held. The sale of boxes will take place in the school hall on Monday evening, January 27. The proceeds of this affair will go to the support of the parochial schools attached to the church.

A special service is being prepared for the children and young people, which will be given at Calvary Baptist Church, 57th street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, at which Dr. MacArthur will speak on "God's Call to Children" and appropriate music will be sung by the large choir, assisted by the members of the Sunday school. At 8 o'clock in the evening Dr. MacArthur will continue his series of sermons on "The Master and Other Masters," this discourse being devoted to "Christ and Lao-Tse."

Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth will speak to-morrow evening at the Bloomingdale Reformed Church, West End avenue and 106th street.

Fred B. Smith, recognized as one of the most efficient speakers to men in America, will address a monster men's meeting in Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, at 129th street and Seventh avenut, to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Lotus Glee Club will sing and other music will be provided. This meeting is to be held under the auspices of the Harlem Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The Rev. Dr. Huntington, rector of Grace Church, will preach to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock on "Ministerial Education" before the Education Association of St. Stephen's College, Annandale.

At the special evening services to-morrow at Christ Church, Broadway and 71st street, John R. Mott, who is head of the Students' Volunteer Movement for Missions, will speak. The Rev. Dr. Strong will preach in the morning. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon there will be a Sunday school meeting for teachers, pupils and parents in Christ Church, with a number of interesting speakers.

Following is the programme for next week at the special evangelistic services at Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, 129th street and Seventh avenue:

Sunday—Preaching morning and evening by the pastor, with evangelistic services in the evening; at 4 p. m., men's mass meeting. Harlem Young Men's Christian Association will have a prominent part. Address by Fred B. Smith. Music by Lotus Glee Club.

Monday, 8 p. m.—Dr. Wilton Merle Smith will preach, concluding with evangelistic service.

Tuesday, 8 p. m.—Epworth League in charge. Addresses by prominent members of the league.

Wednesday, 8 p. m.—Young men's meeting. Address by Secretary Ritchie, "Fathers' and Mothers' Rally" takes place at this service.

Thursday, 8 p. m.—The Rev. Dr. Wallace MacMullen will preach and the junior vested choir will sing.

Friday, 8 p. m.—Friday night will mark the close of the special services; a great meeting is expected. Dr. P. M. Walters will be present to address the meeting. An old fashioned Love Feast will be a prominent feature of the meeting.

Dr. Berner, of Union Seminary, will speak on Sunday morning at the Teachers College Chapel, West 120th street, between Broadway and Amsterdam avenue, at 11 a. m., on "The Second Isaiah, the Prophet of the Exile." The service is arranged by the model Sunday school at Teachers College.

BIG SALVATION ARMY REVIVAL.

Commander Eva Booth of the Salvation Army will begin to-night a series of revival meetings at Memorial Hall, No. 120 West 14th street. At similar services held in Boston recently more than three hundred are said to have been converted. One meeting will be held in the Liberty Theatre, 42d street, near Broadway, on February 2. Meetings will be held each afternoon at 3 o'clock and at 8 o'clock each evening.

At the final meeting sixty "cadets," who have been instructed at the New York Training College, will receive their "commissions" as officers. There will be a mobilization of the entire forces in this city at each of the meetings. Miss Booth has announced that she will deliver an address at each meeting, and the list includes the following topics:

January 25, 8 p. m., "Preparation"; 26, 11 a. m., "Overthrown"; 26, 3 p. m., "The Broken Link"; 26, 8 p. m., "Five Years After"; 27, 8 p. m., "Presentation"; 28, 8 p. m., "Time"; 29, 8 p. m., "The Red Hand"; 30, 8 p. m., "Salvation"; 31, 8 p. m., "Architecture."

February 1, 8 p. m., "Thanksgiving"; 2, 11 a. m., "Wanted"; 2, 3 p. m., "Mystic Water"; 2, 8 p. m., "Loved and Lost"; 3, 8 p. m., commissioning of cadets.

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STOLE TO RELIEVE FAMILY HUNGER.

Turned Out of Home in Midst of Storm, Munner Smashes Store Window.

Turned out, in the midst of the storm yesterday morning, from his home, No. 2507 Eighth avenue, with his sick wife and a three-months-old child, William Munner, twenty-three years old, one of the vast army of the unemployed, could not see his family suffer, and was locked up in the West 125th street station last night, charged with burglary.

Munner did not deny the charge, but when he had told his story Lieutenant John O'Leary remembered that he had to look up some data in another part of the station, and reporters and others experienced a sudden tightening of their throats. Munner lost his place as a clerk two months ago, just after his child was born, and, although he searched high and low for work, he was unsuccessful.

Shortly before midnight last night Munner was passing a grocery store at 136th street and Lenox avenue, and he said afterward that the good things he saw made him desperate. It was only the work of a minute to break the window with a paving stone and crawl through the opening. As he was filling a sack with provisions Patrolman Williams covered him with his revolver.

REPORTED LOAN OF $3,000,000 AT 10 1-2

St. Louis & San Francisco Said To Have Borrowed That Sum from Hallgarten & Co.

There was a report yesterday that the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company had borrowed $3,000,000 for one year from Hallgarten & Co. at the unusually high rate of 10½ per cent. The bankers refused to deny or confirm the reports.

At the office of the railroad company it was said that no new financing had been arranged for. The obligations of the St. Louis & San Francisco road which fall due this year include $1,750,000 6 per cent collateral trust notes due June 26, $7,124,900 4½ per cent notes due September 1, and payments on several series of equipment notes.

"MANKIND'S EQUALITY A PLATITUDE."

President Eliot Advocates Arbitrary Selection of Children for Trade Education.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president of Harvard University, in a public address last night advocated that American boys and girls be "sorted out" by agents of authority—teachers, perhaps—and forced by law to study trades assigned to them. Dr. Eliot's ideas caused a sensation at the dinner of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education, held at the Auditorium.

Dr. Eliot said:

I assert that it is perfectly proper to enact laws which will give the teachers the authority to sort out the boys and girls, assign to each the trade to which he or she seems best adapted, and the law should then compel these children to be trained for these trades.

This sentiment, I see, has already impressed some of you as being undemocratic. I think that it is not so. Democracy is based on a theory that all men are equal; all men are not equal, and never can be; men of practical mind have long set aside that platitude for what it is worth.

And as men are not equal so are children yet less equal. We see how, in a single family, with the same heredity, the same environment, the same opportunities, brothers and sisters enter widely divergent strata of society by natural difference.

Thus I find that nature often conflicts with what idealists regard as democracy's principles, and when nature and democracy clash democracy is the loser.

Dr. Eliot added that what industrial conditions require is more workmen skilled as journeymen, not more able foremen and superintendents.

OBJECTED TO YOUTHFUL PRESIDENT.

Old Officials of Large Pittsburg Concern Therefore Sent in Resignations.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Pittsburg, Jan. 24.—The leading officials of the Riter-Conlay Manufacturing Company, one of the largest builders of blast furnaces in the world, resigned to-day because a young man has been placed at the head of the corporation.

Thomas B. Riter, head of the concern, died recently, leaving his fortune of $15,000,000 in trust for his son, Joseph Riter, and the latter's children. J. Gilmore Fletcher, a lawyer and son-in-law of Mr. Riter, has charge of the estate, which owns the majority of stock in the corporation.

A little over a year ago H. A. Carpenter, a young graduate from the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale, was employed by the corporation. Mr. Fletcher was greatly impressed with the ability of the young man, and promoted him rapidly. Since the death of Mr. Riter, who was president of the concern, that position has been vacant, and on Wednesday Mr. Fletcher called a meeting of the directors, who elected Mr. Carpenter president. There was great indignation among the other officials of the firm, who had been there for years. As a result, William C. Coffin, vice-president; John S. Craig, secretary and treasurer, and Robert McKean, general manager, sent in their resignations, to take effect immediately. The resignations were promptly accepted, and this afternoon another directors' meeting was held, at which Mr. Fletcher was elected vice-president; W. L. Clark, treasurer, and Joseph Riter, the young son and heir of the former head of the concern, secretary.

Messrs. Coffin, Craig and McKean, the former officials, are all men of wealth and with excellent financial backing. To-day it was reported that they have arranged to form a new company and that they will erect an immense plant here.

LABOR FEDERATION TO FIGHT.

Will Carry Buck Stove Case to Supreme Court.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Although enjoined from making any reference to the controversy between the American Federation of Labor and the Buck Stove and Range Company, President Samuel Gompers, in an editorial in this week's issue of "The American Federationist," comments on Justice Gould's recent decision at great length, and declares a purpose not to comply with all its terms.

"It is an invasion of the liberty of the press and the right of free speech," declares Mr. Gompers. "We should be recreant to our duty did we not do all in our power to point out to the people the serious invasion of their liberties which has taken place. That this has been done by judge made injunction, and not by statute law, makes the menace all the greater. The matter of attempting to suppress the boycott of the Buck Stove and Range Company by injunction, while important, yet pales into insignificance before this invasion and denial of constitutional rights. We discuss this injunction and feel obliged, as a matter of conscience and principle, to protest against its issuance and its enforcement, yet we desire it to be clearly understood that the editor of 'The American Federationist' does not consider himself thereby violating any law of either state or nation, nor does he intend or advise any disrespect toward the courts of our country. And yet, inherent natural and constitutional rights and guarantees must be defined and maintained."

Mr. Gompers says that the services of some of the foremost lawyers in the country have been obtained, and the case will be carried to the United States Supreme Court.

MAYOR WARNS AGAINST NIGHT BANK.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Providence, Jan. 24.—Mayor Patrick J. McCarthy came out to-day with an open letter to the public warning the people against pinning their faith to a new day and night bank, which was opened here about a month ago. The Mayor declares that "there are no night accommodation banks in this city possessing sufficient capital or resources to warrant public confidence."

FLYING DINING CAR TAKES FIRE.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Friend, Neb., Jan. 24.—A dining car attached to the Burlington Railroad's Denver Flyer took fire last night and was completely destroyed, the passengers barely escaping with their lives. Just after the first call for supper, when the car was filled with passengers, it was found to have taken fire from the kitchen range. Fanned by the speed the flames spread with great rapidity, the passengers escaping just in time. The train was stopped and the burning car cut

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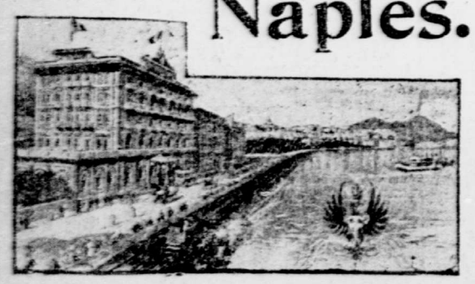

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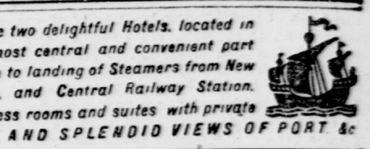

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