COMMERCE

CHRISTMAS TRADE BELOW STANDARD

BUTTER RULES WEAK BUT EGGS ARE EXTREMELY FIRM.

Turkeys Were Scarce for Early Shipping Orders—Values Have Not Gone as High as at Thanksgiving Time, as People Will Not Buy Them at Extreme Prices.

Contrary to earlier expectations, the special holiday trade this year in fruits and other like commodities handled by Commission row, has not been at all satisfactory. Of course there has been more than the usual hustle, but evidently the people of the northwest are not inclined to make Christmas as special an observance as in most years. Possibly crop conditions in some sections may have some influence, and for lack of any other reason it is given some credence. It is certainly not due to the fact that fruits are high, as values are reasonable on all lines. Considering the quality, apples are low, while oranges ought to be moderate enough in price to suit any one.

The week has passed with no quotable change on apples. The movement out is steady, and shows that a larger percentage than usual of country dealers failed to load up on carlots. They are buying in a hand-to-mouth manner, and preferring the better class of goods.

Rumors of an eastern trust on pears seem to be well borne out by a sharp advance this week. The supply is light locally, but the call is not important at this season of the year, and the demand is confined almost exclusively to retail fruit dealers, the grocer trade not paying them much attention.

Orange values are now down to a point that ought to make them very popular. The supply is also generous on all sizes of California navels, with fair offerings of Floridas in sight. Mexican Sonoras are all sold out, and quotations were withdrawn during the week. The quality of the western crop is very fine this year, color, weight and flavor being much better on the early arrivals than is usually the case.

Lemons and bananas show no change. The latter are moving freely, but lemons are somewhat slow. Catawba grapes of fancy quality are extremely scarce, but Malagas are taking their place nicely and giving good satisfaction.

Cranberries are steady, altho Jerseys show a wider range in price, the change being in favor of the buyer. Stock quoted at $7 per barrel, is very good for immediate use, but undesirable for holding any great length of time.

The butter market has ruled depressed all the week, with all points, both east and west, affected. The decline started east, and had a weakening effect upon the local situation. Stocks in sight are not extremely large, but buyers have absorbed a weak tone and have laid down on the situation. They are taking top grades in a small way, to keep from under any possible loss by further declines, altho they can be encouraged somewhat by generous shadings of prevailing quotations. The decline has affected the entire list, dairies showing a 2-cent drop, with packing stock one-half cent lower. The call for the latter has lacked life the past few days, as the large shipping buyers are looking for still further cutting in price. Rolls and prints are proving good sellers to the seekers after medium-priced goods for table use. Some country shippers are making the mistake of reworking jar stock into rolls. These goods will not sell as high as packing stock, and it is a waste of time to rework them.

The entire egg list has shown good tone and a sharp demand. Values are advancing on fresh laid goods, as they are in very light supply. The hospital trade alone will almost take care of the strictly fresh now coming. Storage goods are filling in the shortage, and holding up to a strong basis. The season has been a profitable one to those who put eggs into coolers, notwithstanding the high prices paid in April, May and June, when the great bulk of the goods were put away. Many cars from outside points have come in, but they have had no influence toward perceptibly weakening the situation, even for a day.

The cheese market shows no particular change. Large holdings are gradually melting away, and an increased jobbing demand is noticeable on some makes. Low grades show the dullest tone on the list.

The turkey market has shown no exciting features. Two points have made themselves prominent the past few days. Shippers will not get stock in early enough for shipping orders from nonproducing districts, and buyers have come to the conclusion that turkeys above 16 to 17 cents are a losing venture, and name that limit if orders are filled. The number of firms who usually give turkeys to their employes is also smaller this year than last, inability to make satisfactory contracts for them undoubtedly leading them to use cash instead of turkeys for a Christmas remembrance. The call is running heavier so far to chickens, ducks and geese than usual at holiday time, but the opening days of next week may make a big change in the call for turkeys. Past experience has taught many consumers that they can buy a turkey cheaper the night before than a week before Christmas, and possibly the great bulk of buyers are going to work that scheme this year. Where possible, live stock should not be shipped in cold weather. Outside of regular dressers, the demand is small, except during a shortage of dressed.

Dressed meats of all kinds have been weak the past few days, veal especially showing serious dragging tendencies. Mutton has been in over-supply and rules lower than at the opening of the week.

Jack rabbits have been scarce and values are on a higher basis. There is a good demand for fish, and quotations are well maintained.

Potatoes show no change. Cabbage is scarce and has shown a substantial advance.

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GENERAL PRODUCE

Saturday, Dec. 19.—Butter, weak. Eggs, firm. Poultry, firm. Veal, steady.

BUTTER—Creameries, extra, 1lb, 23c; creameries, firsts, 21c; creameries, seconds, 17c; dairies, extra, 20c; dairies, firsts, 18c; seconds, 13c; packing stock, 8@13c; renovated, extras, 18c; renovated firsts, 15c; roll and print, fancy, 18c; choice, 15@16c; fair to good, 13@14c.

EGGS—New laid, case count, current receipts, cases included, 23c; candled, loss off, per doz, 27c; country held, cases included, 18c; dirties, $6.10 per case for candled; seconds and checks, per case, $5.10; April storage, car lots, charges paid, $8.75.

Cheese—Twins or flats, fancy, 11c; twins or flats, choice, 9½c; twins or flats, fair to good, 7½c; Young Americas, fancy, 13@13½c; brick, No. 1, 12c; No. 2, 9c; brick, No. 3, 6@6½c; primost, No. 1, 8c; primost, No. 2, 6c; pultost, 9c; Swiss, No. 1, block, 15c; Swiss, No. 2, block, 12c; daisies, No. 1, 12½c.

LIVE POULTRY—Turkeys large, fat, 11@12c; turkeys, thin, small, 7@8c; chickens, hens, large, 6c; chickens, roosters, 4c; springs, 7c; ducks young, white, 9c; ducks, young, colored, 8½c; ducks old, 7c; geese, fat, large, 8@8½c.

DRESSED POULTRY — Undrawn turkeys, fancy, 16c; choice, 14c; old toms, 13@14c; culls, 6@7c; chickens, springs, fancy, 10c; springs, fair to good, 7@9c; hens, fancy, large, 9c; fair to good and small, 6@7c; old roosters and culls, 5c; ducks, fancy, heads off, 12c; fair to good, 9@10c; geese, fancy, heads off, 10½c; fair to good, 8@9c. Frozen stock 1@2c less.

DRESSED MEATS—Veal, fancy, per lb, 5½c; fair to good, 4½c; small, overweight, 3c; mutton, fancy, 5@6c; lambs, yearlings, fancy, 6½@7c; milk lambs, pelts off, 7½@8c; hogs, light, 5½c; medium, 5c; heavy, 5c.

FISH—Crappies, medium to large, 8c; small, 6c; pickerel, 6c; bullheads, 6c; pike, 7c.

CABBAGE—Per 100 lbs, $2.50.

POTATOES—White, per bu, car lots, sacked, 60@62c; mixed, per bu, car lots, sacked, 50@55c; small lots, sacked, per bu, $70.

ONIONS—Per bu, 40@50c.

POPCORN—Old rice, per lb, 3c.

RABBITS—Cottontails, doz, $1@1.25; jacks, doz, $3.50.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz, $1; dead, per doz, 75c.

DRIED PEAS—Fancy yellow, per bu, $1.50; medium, $1.25; green, fancy, $1.75; medium, $1.25; marrowfat, $2.25.

BEANS—Quotations include sacks. Fancy navy, per bu, $2.50; choice navy, $2.30; medium, hand-picked, $2.30; medium fair, $1.55; medium mixed and dirty, 45@70c; brown, fancy, $2.25; brown, fair to good, $1.50@1.60; Lima, California, per lb, 6c.

APPLES—Jonathans, per brl, $6.50; Kings, per brl, $4.50; Northern Spys, brl, $3.25@3.50; Wagners, brl, $3.25@3.50; Greenings, brl, $3.25; Baldwins, brl, $3.25@3.50; Tallman Sweets, brl, $3@3.25; choice cooking, brl, $2.75@3; Russets, brl, $3.50.

ORANGES—Floridas, all sizes, $3.25; California navels, 126s to 250s, $3.50; California navels, 96s to 112s, $3.25.

LEMONS—California, fancy, as to size, $4.50; choice, $3.50@4.50.

SWEET POTATOES—Illinois, per brl, $3.50; Jerseys, per brl, $3.75.

CRANBERRIES—Late Howes, brl, $9; Jerseys, brl, $7@7.50; Jerseys, bu boxes, $2.75; Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, $9; Wisconsin Bell and Cherry, $7.50.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—JPears, Winter Nellis, boxes, $3.75@4.

GRAPES—Catawbas, pony baskets, 20c; Malagas, per keg, $4.50@5.50.

HONEY—New fancy white, 1-lb sections, 14c; choice white, 1-lb sections, 12@13c; amber, 8c; goldenrod, 12c; extracted white, in barrels, 6@7c; extracted amber, 7c.

VEGETABLES—Wax beans, per bu, $5; egg plant, doz, $2.50; radishes, per doz bunches, 75c; lettuce, per doz, 35c; lettuce, heads, per doz, $1; mint, doz, $25c; celery, doz, 30@40c; celery, California fancy, 75c; choice, 65c; squash, per doz, $2; parsnips, bu, 75c; cucumbers, doz, $1.75@2; green onions, shallots, doz bunches, 75c; tomatoes, 4-basket crate, $3; beets, per bu, 40@50c; cauliflower, per crate, $3.50; parsley, per doz, 75c@$1.

NEW YORK PRODUCE, Dec. 19.—Butter, receipts, 3,094 pkgs; unsettled; extra creamery, 23c; creamery, common to coice, 15@22c; state dairies, 15@20c; held creamery, 15@21c. Cheese receipts, 2,757 pkgs; quiet; state full cream fancy small colored September, 12c; late made, 10c; small white September, 12c; late made, 10c; large colored September, 12c; late made, 10c; large white September, 12c; late made, 10c; Eggs, receipts, 3,802 pkgs; strong; state and Pennsylvania and nearby average finest, 36c; state and Pennsylvania seconds to firsts, 30@34c; western firsts, 36c; western seconds to firsts, 30@34c; refrigerated, 26@28c.

CHICAGO PRODUCE, Dec. 19—Butter—Easy; creameries, 16@24c; dairies, 14@21c. Eggs—Steady; at mark, cases included, 27@29½c. Cheese — Steady; daisies, 14@21c; Young Americas, 10½c. Poultry — Live poultry is easier; turkeys, Steady; burbanks, 61@64c; rurals, 61@64c; red stock, 52@60c. Veal—Easy; 50 to 60-pound weights, 4@4½c; 65 to 75 pounds, 5@6c; 80 to 125 pounds, 6@7c; 85 to 110 pounds, 7½@8c.

HIDES, PELTS, TALLOW, WOOL.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Green salted heavy steer hides	8½	7½
Green salted cow hides	7½	6½
Green salted light hides	7½	6½
Green salted bull hides	7	6
Green salted veal kip	9	7½
Green salted deacons, each	55	45

Green salted branded, 1½ per lb less than free of brands.

Green salted horse or mule hides, large	$3.15	2.15
Green salted horse or mule hides, medium	2.50	1.75
Green salted horse or mule hides, small	1.70	1.00

Dry flint Montana, Oregon, Washington and Idaho butcher hides, flat	.14	
Montana bulls and fallen hides	.10	
Dry flint Minnesota, Dakota, Wisconsin and similar	11½	10
Green salted pelts, large to small, each	.50	@90
Dry flint calf skins	.16	14
Dry flint territorial pelts, per lb	.10	11
Tallow, in cakes	4	3
Tallow, in barrels	3¾	3
Grease, light	3½	3
Wool, medium, unwashed	.16	@17
Wool, coarse	15½	@16½
Wool, fine, unwashed	12	@14
Feathers, goose	.40	@45
Feathers, duck	.34	@40
Feathers, chicken	3	@ 3½
Feathers, turkey	2¾	@ 3
Dry ginseng root, per lb	$6.00	@6.25
Green, for planting, per lb	1.15	@
Seneca root, per lb	.65	@ .67
Beeswax, yellow	.28	
Beeswax, dark	.24	

THE METAL MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 19.—Tin was 2s 6d higher in London yesterday at £125 12s 6d for spot and £126 12s 6d for futures. Locally tin was easy in tone, with the price, however, nominally unchanged at $27.50. Copper was lower in London, spot declining 7s 6d to £56 15s, while futures lost 10s, closing at £56 5s. Locally copper was quiet. Lake is quoted at $12.37½@12.62½; electrolytic at $12.25@12.50, and casting at $12.12½@12.37½. Lead advanced is 3d to £11 6s 3d in London, but was unchanged here at $4.87½ for small lots. Spelter was unchanged at £21 10s in London, but ruled rather irregular here, with spot quoted nominally ¼c lower at 5c, while supplies for December delivery were advanced 10 points to $4.85. Iron closed at 48s 9d in Glasgow and 41s 6d in Middleboro. Locally iron was unchanged; No. 1 foundry northern is quoted at $15@16; No. 2 foundry northern at $14@15; No. 1 foundry southern and No. 1 foundry southern soft at $13.50@14.

MALTSTERS TALK STRIKE

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NORTH STAR MALTING COMPANY AND MEN—ARBITRATION LIKELY TO SETTLE THEM.

Things are somewhat mixed between the North Star Malting company in Northeast Minneapolis and its men. There has been a series of conflicts between the management and the men, who are members of the engineers and maltsters' unions, and the Trades, and Labor Council has been compelled to take cognizance of the matter. Charles Kiendl of Milwaukee, a member of the international executive board and national organizer for the United Brewery workers of America, is here and will assist in trying to unravel the snarl.

Some weeks ago a machine in the plant was wrecked, and the man in charge was dismissed on the ground that he had neglected his duties. It is charged by his employers that he was entertaining some of his feminine friends when he should have been looking out for his machine.

The union objected and demanded arbitration by virtue of an agreement between the union and the company. The arbitrators ordered that the man be reinstated and that his wages for about three weeks be paid. The men felt jubilant and some of them are said to have celebrated. One of the men was found on the floor quite helpless and was promptly discharged. Superintendent Paul G. Sukey declaring that the man was intoxicated. The men contended that the fellow was ill and that they had a physician's word for it.

The men demand this man's reinstatement, and will ask for another arbitration if the company refuses the demand. There has been talk of strike, but Superintendent Sukey and other officers do not look for one, as both parties are obliged to arbitrate all differences.

HOLIDAY TRADE BOOMING

WITH WHOLESALE AND JOBBING BUSINESS CORRESPONDINGLY QUIET.

New York, Dec. 19.—Bradstreet's of to-day says: Holiday and retail ousiness generally is seasonably active, wholesale and jobbing trade correspondingly quiet, while manufacturing industry slackens partly for the above reasons, but also because of low water in streams or efforts to readjust operations to changed conditions of demand and supply. Cold weather is still an important stimulus to heavy wearing apparel and footwear.

There are several continuously encouraging features noted. The car congestion of a year ago is conspicuously absent this year and the railways are handling the current excellent business offering with profitable results. Failures do not display more than the normal tendency to increase in number and there is evidently less tension than exhibited a month ago.

The iron trade retains all the good feeling and advances in prices of pig iron reported in preceding weeks and makers of finished products, most notably steel plates and structural workers, are apparently firm in their views. The cotton goods manufacturing trade is struggling with high costs and unsettled views as to unfinished goods prices and international curtailment is suggested. The box boards mills have shut down for a time. Machinery manufacturing is dull at the east. Coke production is on a smaller scale and lower wages will be paid. Bituminous coal is weak, and while household demand for anthracite coal is better, owing to weather conditions, manufacturing demand is less active.

Prices, all things considered, show marked steadiness, confirming reports of closely held supplies. The metals are all strong and some grades of foundry pig iron, tin and lead, are higher on better volume of business. Seasonable quiet does not appreciably affect building material, which, judging from permits issued at leading cities, is likely to be active next spring. Petroleum is at the highest prices in years, due to increased domestic demands for fuel and straitened condition of old fields of supply.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending Dec. 17, aggregate 3,363,035 bu, against 4,509,530 last week, 3,256,037 this week last year, 4,352,832 in 1901, and 4,123,350 in 1900. For twenty-four weeks of the cereal year they aggregate 80,882,864 bu against 122,258,535 in 1902, 136,111,321 in 1901 and 86,112,521 in 1900. Corn exports for the week aggregate 637,857 bu against 659,025 last week, 1,326,141 a year ago, 330,941 in 1901 and 5,465,578 in 1900. For twenty-four weeks of the present cereal year they aggregate 26,899,368 bu against 6,622,344 in 1902, 18,631,961 in 1901 and 86,758,682 in 1900.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending Dec. 17, number 239, against 241 last week, 225 in the like week in 1902, 262 in 1901 and 211 in 1899.

In Canada failures for the week number 22 against 7 last week and 4 in this week a year ago.

BANK CLEARINGS

New York, Dec. 19.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended Dec. 17, with the percentage of increase and decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

		—Per Cent.— Inc.	Dec.
New York	$1,256,845,135	....	20.5
Chicago	178,285,340	8.4	....
Boston	134,564,165	....	5.5
Philadelphia	112,420,467	....	10.3
St. Louis	54,595,487	9.9	....
Pittsburg	36,812,906	....	14.1
San Francisco	30,629,283	....	3.9
Baltimore	24,566,100	....	.02
Cincinnati	21,839,000	....	3.7
Kansas City	22,834,191	5.1	....
Cleveland	15,491,242	4.2	....
MINNEAPOLIS	16,722,566	....	4.1
New Orleans	23,755,895	39.2	....
Detroit	10,739,481	....	10.7
Louisville	10,619,236	3.2	....
Omaha	7,757,848	3.1	....
Milwaukee	8,997,141	7.1	....
Providence	7,980,000	8.3	....
Buffalo	6,586,442	1.5	....
St. Paul	6,066,010	....	10.0
Indianapolis	6,125,765	....	.03
Los Angeles	7,187,199	28.5	....
St. Joseph	4,341,937	....	12.7
Denver	4,708,436	3.2	....
Seattle	4,173,484	....	2.7
Washington	4,266,859	2.1	....
Salt Lake City	3,998,302	....	11.4
Portland, Oregon	4,915,000	39.5	....
Des Moines	2,294,830	17.5	....
Spokane, Wash	2,376,840	12.9	....
Sioux City	1,344,578	....	22.9
Tacoma	2,348,586	10.5	....
Topeka	415,071	....	17.1
Davenport	854,136	....	9.3
Helena	1,172,121	60.9	....
Fargo, N. D.	727,410	....	1.8
Sioux Falls, S. D.	336,212	4.0	....
Houston	15,872,006	1.1	....
Galveston	11,249,000	8.3	....
Totals, U. S.	$2,123,473,072	....	13.3
Outside New York	866,627,938	....	.04
CANADA.			
	$21,318,868	....	4.4
Montreal	15,864,281	....	9.2
Toronto	6,024,337	18.1	....
Winnipeg	1,862,350	20.1	....
Halifax	2,322,563	6.5	....
Ottawa	1,258,724	29.4	....
Vancouver, B. C.	1,374,629	....	11.1
Quebec	1,231,221	20.8	....
Hamilton	960,415	13.2	....
St. John, N. B.	853,914	23.3	....
Victoria, B. C.	884,234	6.1	....
London			
Totals, Canada	$533,979,628	....	.09

BOSTON MINING STOCKS, Dec. 19.—(Closing prices in yesterday's market.)—Adventure, 2@2¼; Allouez, 4@4¾; Arcadian, 80@100; Arnold, 25@50; Atlanta, 7⅝@8⅛; Bingham, 20@20¼; Calumet & Hecla, 435@439; Centennial, 14⅝@15; Con. Mercer, 90 asked; Copper Range Con., 44⅝@45; Daly West, 33@34; Dominion Coal, 75@75¾; Dominion Coal preferred, 111@112; Dominion Steel, 8@8⅝; Elm River, 2@2½; Franklin, 7@9; Isle Royal, 6¼@6¾; Mass., 4@4½; Mayflower, 30@100; Michigan, 4¼@4¾; Mohawk, 36@37; Montreal & Boston, 60@75; Granby, 4@4¼; Old Colony, 4 asked; Osceola, 51½@58⅛; Parrott, 21@22; Phoenix, 2¾@3; Quincy, 80@85; Rhode Island, 1@1¼; Santa Fe, 1½@1¾; Shannon Cop. Co., 7⅞@8; Tamarack, 86@90; Trinity, 4¼@5; U. S. Mining, 18@18⅛; Utah, 29@29¼; Victoria, 1¾@2; Wolverine, 61½@7; Wolverine, 68@69; Wyandot, 8⅞@9½; Anaconda, 19@20.

NEW YORK MINING STOCKS, Dec. 19.—Adams Consolidated, 10; Alice, 13; Breece, 10; Brunswick Consolidated, 3½; Comstock Tunnel, 6; Consolidated California and Virginia, 100; Horn Silver, 110; Iron Silver, 180; Leadville Consolidated, 2; Little Chief, 6; Ontario, 600 offered; Ophir, 195; Phoenix, 14; Potosi, 15; Savage, 34; Sierra Nevada, 48; Small Hopes, 15; Standard, 200.

PULPIT AND PEW

CALL FOR A WEEK OF PRAYER

ISSUED BY THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCES OF THE WORLD.

Period Covered Will Be from Jan. 3 to 10—Text of the Call—List of the Subjects to Be Discussed at the Meetings of the Week.

In continuance of their action for more than fifty years the evangelical alliances of the world have issued an invitation for observance of the week of prayer, Jan. 3 to 10. The American Alliance invitation is signed by Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., of New York, by the honorable and regular secretaries, and by Peter Donald, treasurer. The invitation reads:

"Past experience illustrates the divine faithfulness in answering the plea of faith.

"Existing conditions call for a renewed and world-wide appeal to the throne of heavenly grace. With unprecedented swiftness and momentum the course of events moves on. Nations are in commotion. Races are at variance. Classes angrily contend. False religions dream of new conquests. 'The lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, and the vainglory of life,' take captive the souls of men.

"Yet the church includes an almost numberless host of true believers. She sits in the high places of learning and literature and science and wealth. She has lost neither her habit of philanthropy nor her aptness for missions nor her genius for martyrdom. She keeps her essential unity. She worships God. She loves his truth.

"What she lacks is precisely what she may gain thru united prayer—the augmenting of her faith; the sanctifying of her life; the perfecting of her unity in the spirit and in the bond of peace; the re-enkindling of her enthusiasm for humanity, and her passion for the saving of the lost; the setting on fire of her loyalty to him who gave his life a ransom for the world.

"God will surely glorify his church and savingly bless the world, if his children pray aright."

The subjects are as follows:

Jan. 3—"The Kingdom of God, and the Conditions of Its Triumphant Advance." "The Kingdom Come," Matt. 6:10.

Jan. 4—"The Warrant, the Privilege, the Power of Prayer and the Present Need of World Wide Intercession."

Jan. 5—"The Church of Christ, the One Body of Believers, Called of God to Win the World to Christ."

Jan. 6—"All Nations and Peoples—The One Human Family, Loved of God."

Jan. 7—"Missions, Home and Foreign Departments of the One Evangelizing Effort, Under the One Great Commission."

Jan. 8—"The Family, a Divinely Prepared Foundation of Society's Existence and Well Being."

"The School called of God as a Prime Agency of Moral and Intellectual Training."

Jan. 9—"The Enthronement of Christ on Earth, the Only Hope of Humanity's Highest Welfare."

Jan. 10—Sermons: "The Holy Spirit, God's Free Gift," Luke 11:13.

MINNESOTA MAN IN EAST

Rev. Dr. C. D. Case Becomes Pastor of Brooklyn Church.

Rev. Dr. C. D. Case, now pastor of the First Baptist church, Mont Claire, N. J., has just been elected unanimously to the pastorate of the fashionable Hanson Place Baptist church, Brooklyn, succeeding Dr. Poindexter S. Henson, who goes to Boston. He begins pastorate work the middle of January. Dr. Case was born in Minnesota in 1868, on a farm, and attended Pillsbury academy, Owatonna. He was graduated in 1886, and was graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1891. He preached at Sleepy Eye and graduated later with the degree of doctor from the University of Chicago. Dr. Case was pastor of the First Baptist church, South Bend, Ind., in 1896, and later pastor of the First Baptist church at Terre Haute. He went east a year and a half ago to become pastor of the First Baptist church at Mont Clair. Dr. Case made a most enviable record as a church worker and a pulpit orator in the east.

HOPE CHAPEL PROGRAM

Dedication of Fine New Building To-morrow Afternoon.

The dedication of New Hope chapel, the north branch of Westminster church, Twentieth avenue N and Washington, will be held at 3 p. m., Sunday, and services at 7:30 p. m.

The program for the afternoon services:

Music ..... Congregational Singing
Invocation ..... George H. Miller
Reading of Scripture (Responsive) ..... J. S. Porteous
Music, "Thou Art Watching Me," ..... Hope Chapel chorus
Prayer ..... Robert E. Esterly
Music ..... Congregational Singing
Address ..... Rev. Dr. John E. Bushnell
Pastor Westminster church.
Music, "Conquering," ..... Hope Chapel chorus
Address ..... Rev. Neil A. Gilchrist
Paster Hope chapel.
Address ..... J. R. Gordon
Music, "The King of Glory," ..... Hope Chapel chorus
Report of the building committee and delivery of the keys to the president of the board of trustees ..... E. L. Carpenter
The receiving of the keys on behalf of the board ..... C. H. Pettit
Chairman of the board.
Music ..... Congregational Singing
Secretary's report.
Benediction ..... Rev. E. F. Pabody

EVENING PROGRAM.

Music ..... Orchestra
Invocation.
Music ..... Congregational Singing
Scripture Reading.
Address ..... J. E. Carpenter
Music, "Onward Christian Soldier," ..... Hope Chapel chorus
Address ..... Rev. A. G. Patterson
Assistant pastor of Westminster church.
Music, "Increase Our Faith," ..... Hope Chapel chorus
Offertory.
Address ..... Rev. Neil Gilchrist
Pastor Hope chapel.
Music ..... Congregational Singing
Benediction.
Music ..... Orchestra

Hope Chapel Chorus—Fred L. Poss, chorister; Miss Jean Chubb, pianist.

CHURCH NOTES.

The Christmas entertainment of the Bible school of the Portland Avenue Church of Christ will be given Christmas eve.

At the Minneapolis Methodist Preachers' meeting Monday, Rev. Dr. J. S. Montgomery will read a paper on "How the Poets Preach the Gospel."

Christmas Day will be observed at St. John's English Lutheran church at 10:30 a. m. Matins will be held at 6 a. m. and a festival celebration at 7 p. m.

The Sunday school of Immanuel Baptist church will hold its Christmas celebration Tuesday at 7:15 p. m. A special program has been prepared by members of the school.

The Sunday school of the Church of the Redeemer will have its annual Christmas entertainment and Christmas t ree in the Sunday school room, Wednesday evening, Dec. 23.

The Young People's Christian union of the Church of the Redeemer will meet at 6:30 p. m. in the young people's clubroom. Topic, "What Else Does Religion Do Besides Make Us Good?"

The Grand Avenue Church of Christ, Grand avenue and Thirty-first street, will have a Christmas sale of food, fancy and useful articles Friday afternoon and evening, Dec. 18. Ice cream and cake will be served.

At the Central German M. E. church there will be preaching service Christmas Day at 10:30 a. m. and at 7 p. m. There will be a Christmas festival for the children of the Sunday school. A very good program has been prepared.

The Christmas and New Year services at Fowler Methodist church will be as follows: Sunday morning and evening sermons and special music by the choir; Thursday evening, annual Sunday school celebration; Sunday, Dec. 27, farewells of the old year; Thursday, Dec. 31, old time watch night meeting.

At Park Avenue Congregational church Sunday morning, the choir will be assisted by a double quartet. A Forefather's day service will be held in the evening with addresses by Judge James O. Pierce, C. L. Sawyer, and S. T. Johnson; public examiner. Special music and hymn written for this occasion will be sung.

At the Augustana Lutheran church, according to an old Swedish custom, early morning service will be held Christmas day at 5 o'clock. This service, known as "Julotta," is among the Swedes the most interesting and best attended service during the whole year. The church will be beautifully decorated with evergreens and hundreds of candles.

The exercises at the Fifth Avenue Congregational church Wednesday evening will be unique. Each class will represent some staple article and will bring gifts of flour, potatoes, apples, etc., and fill twelve delivery boxes, making them ready to send at once to twelve different needy families. The door admission is one large potato, and this goes into the boxes.

At the Hennepin Avenue M. E. church, Christmas week services begin Sunday at 9:30 a. m. with prayer and worship service, led by Dr. John Douglass. At 10:30 Dr. S. D. Hutsinpiller preaches on the topic, "These Christmas Joys." In the evening service the Salvation Army and the church join in a service on the topic "The Christmas of the Rich and the Poor."

At Plymouth church Sunday morning Rev. Dr. Hallock will preach a Christmas sermon and in the evening the choir, assisted by a large chorus, will render Brewer's "Holy Night," a Christmas cantata. The Sunday school entertainment will be given on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, and the Sunday school will also have a Christmas service on Sunday, the 27th, at the usual hour of meeting, 12:15.

At the First Presbyterian church, Rev. A. B. Marshall will preach a Christmas sermon tomorrow morning and the quartet will sing "Break Forth into Joy," by Smith, and "The Birthday of a King," by Neidlinger, and Cornell M. Keeler will sing Slaughter's "For God So Loved the World." In the evening a choral service will be held, consisting of selections from the Messiah, including the Hallelujah chorus.

Rev. Albert E. Waffle, D. D., of Albion, N. Y., who preaches for the Trinity Baptist church Sunday, is a well known pastor in the east, but has never held a pastorate west of Bay City, Mich., and that some years ago. Dr. Waffle is an extensive writer on religious themes and a contributor to the Baptist denominational papers and is especially well known to the readers of thethe Baptist Union, the journal of the B. Y. P. U.

Christmas will be appropriately celebrated at the Westminster Methodist church Sunday morning. Dr. Montgomery will preach a special sermon on the subject: "A Christmas Question." Mrs. Maud Ulmer Jones wil sing "Shepherd of Israel," by Horatio Parker. In the evening Dr. Montgomery will give a special sermonic address on "Back Numbers." Mrs. Jones will sing "Lamb of God," by Jacoby. Miss San Souci will preside at the organ. Free seats to the public.

The Men's club of the Church of the Redeemer met in the clubrooms at the church Friday evening and listened to a paper by Rev. Dr. Shutter on "Daniel Webster and the American Union."

Rev. R. W. Abberley, at the Portland Avenue Church of Christ, has been delivering a course of stirring lectures Sunday evenings on "Popular Amusements." The final lecture will be given tomorrow evening on "Tippling, Tobacco, and Startling Sins of the Sterner Sex."

Mme. Katerina Tsilka, companion of Miss Ellen M. Stone in captivity, is to speak on her experience in captivity at Lyndale church, Lake street and Aldrich avenue, Tuesday evening, Dec. 22. This will be the last opportunity to hear Mme. Tsilka in Minneapolis, and to see little Elentcha, the baby born in the Balkan fastnesses. Mrs. Tsilka has captivated her audiences, wherever she has spoken in a charming manner and her forceful language, as well as by the fascinating interest which attaches to her experiences.

Rev. C. M. Heard, who has been east visiting the scenes and friends of his early ministry, returned to-day and will be in his pulpit at Prospect Park Sunday at the usual hours.

At the First Baptist church Sunday Rev. W. B. Riley will continue his studies in Zachariah, his morning subject being "The Candlestick and the Two Olive Trees," chapter iv., and in the evening "The Winged Women." The chorus will sing John Goss' "O Savior of the World" in the morning, and special numbers in the evening.

At the People's church, Masonic Temple, Sunday at 11 a. m., G. L. Morrill will preach a Christmas sermon, entitled, "What I Saw in Bethlehem." The sermon will be illustrated by special stereopticon views. Mrs. Hazel Kirke McLaskey will sing, "O, Divine Redeemer," by Gounod, and "The Gift," by Behrend. The Danz orchestra will play, "Sanctus," from "Mass in G," by Mozart; "Harken Unto Me, My People," by Sullivan, and "Ave Maria," by Schubert. Hotel transients are especially invited to attend, as the service is non-denominational.

The Woman's association of the Church of the Redeemer was entertained at the home of Mrs. S. S. Linton, 1033 Sixth avenue S, Wednesday evening. The meeting was well attended and was favored with an excellent and comprehensive paper on "The Institutional Church" by Mrs. M. D. Shutter. The paper contended that the church which confines its efforts solely to the regeneration of the soul and ignores the pressing claims of the body fails very largely in the true interpretation of the message and mission of Christ.

Bethlehem Presbyterian Sunday school elected the following officers Thursday evening: Superintendent, W. L. Gardner; vice superintendent, C. E. Woodward; second vice superintendent, W. D. Williams; secretary, Miss Mae Kilbourne; assistant secretary, Miss Mary Robertson; second assistant secretary, L. E. Hobart; treasurer, George Hawley; precentor, E. C. Oakley; organist, Miss Grace Bronson. A unique banquet was given the children in the dining-room of the new building Friday. Three hundred and twenty-six children sat down at the first table, over 400 were given supper. The Christmas entertainment will be given Sunday evening, Dec. 29.

The Fowler church quartet for the new year will be composed of Miss Edna Patterson, soprano, who has been director of music in the Immanuel Baptist church eight years; Miss Mabel P. Otis, contralto, with the Andrew Presbyterian church five years, and a member of the Minneapolis Ladies' quartet; George O. Brown, tenor, for several years in old Plymouth, Mass., also in the First Presbyterian church of this city, a member of the Minneapolis Male quartet; M. L. McIntire, basso, for three years in the People's church and St. John's of St. Paul; Mrs. B. F. Pinkney will preside at the piano and direct the choir. All three of the women belong to the Ladies' Thursday Musicale.

THE PEOPLE'S PULPIT

GIVE THE BOYS A CHANCE

By G. L. Morrill.

It was in the Auditorium, at last made attractive to eye and ear by the owner, Mr. Savage. The glorified spirits of the great composers looked down upon the large and cultured audience which was present with its sympathy and support for the newly-organized Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Emil Oberhoffer had triumphantly led his band of players thru the wonders of Wagner and sweetness of Schubert. Madame Sembrich had outdone herself and thrilled us from "Traviota." Then came the symphonic poem, "Les Preludes," from Liszt, the great music and moral law unto himself.