

MINNEAPOLIS CHURCHES AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING

OTHER FACTORIES TO HAVE BIBLE CLASSES TO MEET DR. TORREY AND MR. ALEXANDER

F. M. C. A. EXPERIMENT PROVES HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL.

Woody Bible Study at Bardwell & Robinson Plant Result in Plans for Extension of Work—Association Has Enjoyed an Excellent Year—All Departments Show Increase.

The year just drawing to a close has been a successful one for the Minneapolis F. M. C. A. The report the first of this month showed a membership of 345, and it is confidently predicted by the association officers that the opening of the new year will stand at least 500 members in good standing.

The Minneapolis association has been especially successful the past year in catching a much desired class of men, clerks, office employees, and young men who are in special need of Y. M. C. A. influence and many of whom have no other desirable place to informally enjoy their evenings.

The fiscal year of the association ends on June. This is also two months after the opening of the association's school year. For this reason statistics of a later date will make a much better showing as representative of the Minneapolis association's real work accomplished.

Night School Popular.

Never before has the night school work of the association been carried on to such a varied extent. The instruction given is of a practical kind, and the young men attending are all appreciative. Most of those in the night schools are young men engaged in work during the day. Nearly all of them are supporting themselves, and some doing so to support relatives at home. And the Y. M. C. A. night school is their best opportunity to get just what practical education they need at a very nominal cost.

Representative of the school work, may be given the following representative list of the leading classes and the number of students in each class: electrical engineering class, 38; gas engineering, 31; mechanical drawing, 32; architectural drawing, 24; instrumental music, 15; bookkeeping, 30; mathematics, 45; English work, 30; English for foreigners, 60; shorthand, 5; steam engineering, 10.

Club Work Successful.

The club work during the past year has been extremely successful. The debate club, which meets every Tuesday in charge of Colonel Johnson from 8 to 10 p. m., has forty members. The Searchlight club, which discusses public questions, meeting every Monday, has forty-three members. The Electric club at one of its recent meetings had 250 present to hear lecture on the "Automatic Central" telephone system. The Mandolin and guitar club of fifteen pieces, is the best in the history of the association. The rotary club has twenty members, who are under the direction of Charles Holt, the Johnson School, one of the best. The senate plans to hold an opening in the near future. At that time a bill will be introduced to place railroads under federal ownership and it is expected the bill will call forth much debate among the senators—highly will doubtless furnish a good evening's entertainment to all who may attend.

To Extend Bible Work.

Plans are now being made for elaborate extension of what is called the shop Bible class. This is a Bible class held at noon every Sunday at the Bardwell & Robinson Sash & Door factory. This class averages over 100 members. The plan is to extend these shop Bible classes to at least a half dozen shops in a very near future and eventually to have the work branch out in big establishments where it will be permitted to be successfully operated.

Leading business men in the vicinity of the respective shops where the classes are organized, will be asked to be the next taken up in the Bible class. Various machine shops then will be organized. It is hoped to have a number of these shop classes in operation early in the new year.

The physical department is now in excellent shape. There are thirty-one classes in the building. During the past year \$7,500 has been expended in making a handsome plunge bath, in putting new shower bathtubs and in general betterment of the physical department. In the near future it is hoped to spend several thousand dollars in turning the auditorium in the building, which is still in a state of temporary makeshift, into a series of rooms which are needed, leaving a large classroom which can be used for small gatherings. Expenses for the year are about \$5,000 to \$25,000. Its sources of income are about as follows: Membership \$8,600; night school class fees, \$2,100; locker rentals, \$980; rental of mess, \$4,900; sundry items, \$1,200; subscriptions from business men, \$6,500.

Thousands Bath.

Between 1,300 and 1,500 through the bath have patronized the baths each week. The athletic features of the association are especially appreciated by the fifty young men who have used the work under the direction of a paid physical director with special instructors in addition for boxing and wrestling. The weekly class attendance about 700, a considerable increase compared with a year ago. During the month there have been fifty-seven physical examinations. The needs of the man are thus ascertained and each handled in the athletic work accordingly. Over 100 men a week are using handball courts.

The Florence Crittenton Home for needy girls at 2014 Twenty-sixth street will have a Christmas dinner and a tree. Donations of food, things, furniture, candy and toys will be gratefully received and may be sent to the home or Mrs. H. A. Watson, 2 Garfield avenue, N. W. phone 1596-J, is notified articles will be led for.

It would be wrong to send some people to heaven; they would miss so much chance to worry over the wildness their neighbors' children.

EVANGELISTIC WORKERS WILL GO TO CHICAGO.

Famous Evangelists Have Just Returned from Remarkable Tour of the World—Dr. Torrey Was Pastor of the Open Door Congregational Church in Minneapolis Eighteen Years Ago.

Invitations have been received by Minneapolis evangelistic workers for a conference of Christian workers of the country to be held at Moody institute in Chicago, Dec. 27, 28 and 29, under direction of Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander, the evangelists, who have just returned from an evangelistic tour of the world, their last and perhaps greatest work taking place in England.

Many will remember, perhaps, that Dr. Torrey was once a resident and ardent Christian worker of Minneapolis. Some eighteen years ago he was pastor of the Open Door Congregational church on the East Side. Later he opened a city mission near the corner of Washington avenue and Sixth avenue S. This mission he continued till fifteen years ago, when in response to a call from the great evangelist Moody, he went to Chicago. There at the Moody institute he became associated with Mr. Alexander and for many years these two have been carrying out a great evangelistic work.

The success of the month's evangelistic campaign at Plymouth, England, is worthy of special note. During the four weeks' campaign there more than 3,000 persons publicly confessed Christ and a revival flame started which it is hoped will spread throughout England. From the first night to the last multitudes thronged to hear the revivalists. The building in which the meetings were held was a military drill hall, which was doubled in size for the occasion. It seated over 6,000 and frequently thousands were unable to obtain admission.

The building was of special interest because in the old half of it, seating about 3,500, Moody and Sankey conducted a memorable campaign twenty-three years ago. On more than one occasion during the Torrey-Alexander meetings people stood and testified that they had been saved in the Moody and Sankey crusade, while one woman accepted Christ one afternoon recently in the drill hall who had been an inquirer in the Moody and Sankey meetings, when, thru a strange oversight, no worker had explained the way and she had gone back into the old world.

From the great central building the revival flames spread to the churches and chapels of Plymouth and the surrounding districts, and scores were saved of whom no record was made. One Sunday a man, fired with revival zeal, went to an adjoining town, and was the means of leading forty people to Christ in one church in a single day, while one afternoon in Plymouth over 200 children accepted Christ in four Sunday schools.

Probably the most striking feature of the work was the number of clear conversions made among the soldiers and sailors. Each night a splash of red and blue was seen in the great audience, formed by a body of soldiers or sailors from the garrison and ships. As night after night they sat in the same places, Mr. Alexander made a supplementary choir of them, and would have them stand up and sing the verses of a hymn while the choir and audience joined in the chorus.

It is hoped that the December conference in Chicago will have evangelists present from every state in the union and to plan for a great revival throughout the country beginning early in the new year.

RELIGIOUS AWAKENING

Fathers Busch and Arctander Accomplish Results in Catholic Meetings.

Since the recent visit of Rev. Fathers Joseph F. Busch and George Arctander to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, there has been a general awakening of interest in things religious among Catholics, not only within the congregation, but thruout the district of the city tributary to the church.

The church seats about 900 people downstairs and some 300 in the balcony.

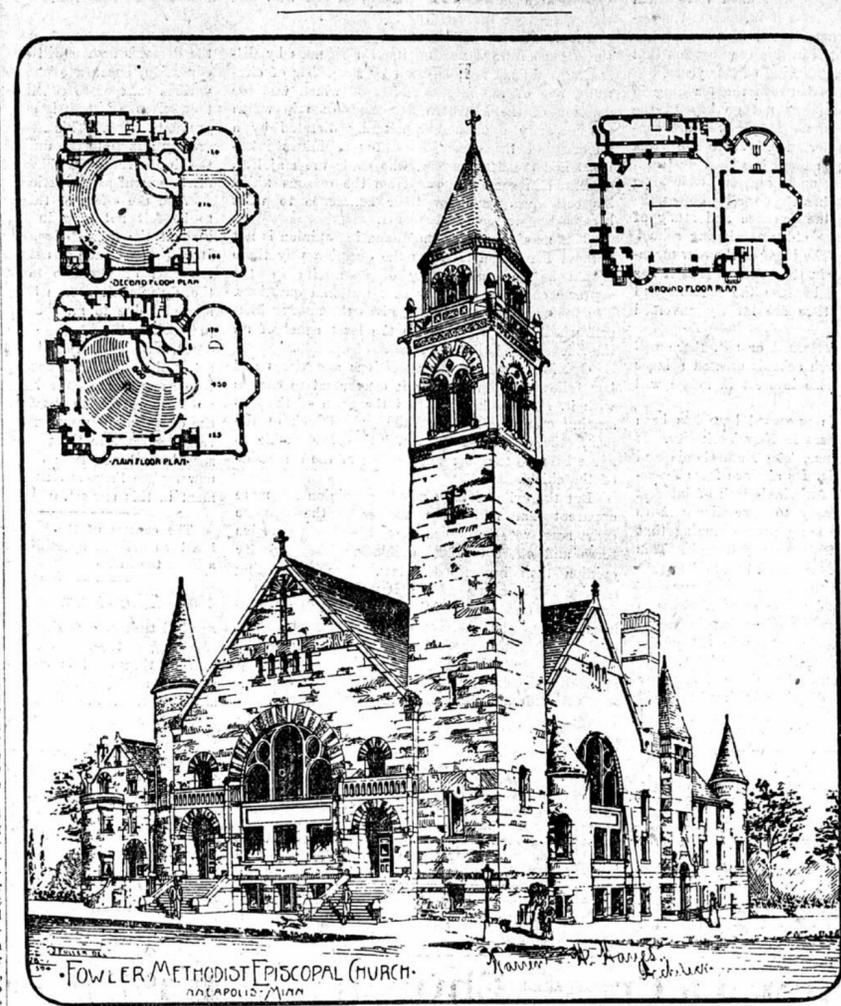
METHODIST.

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Original Plans for Fowler M. E. Church Are Now to Be Carried into Execution



ARCHITECT WARREN A. HAYES' DRAWING FOR FOWLER M. E. CHURCH.

After ten years the original plans for the Fowler M. E. church are to be carried into execution. The present edifice is but the chapel of the large building designed by Architect Warren A. Hayes and erected in 1894-5. The comparative insignificance of the present structure is apparent from the accompanying cut, which is taken from the perspective drawn by the architect. The chapel is indicated by the two small towers which appear at the extreme right of the picture.

The estimated cost of carrying the original design into execution is \$80,000. No definite plans for raising this sum have been prepared as yet, but Dr. J. S. Montgomery, the pastor, has definitely announced that the work will be undertaken soon. At his first service last Sunday morning the auditorium was packed and he declared that a larger church would surely be built.

The original plans will be followed with only slight modifications. They call for an auditorium seating 1,140 people, together with all the accessories of a modern church, such as parlors, Sunday school, committee, society, dining and toilet rooms. When completed it is expected to be the best appointed church edifice west of Pittsburg.

Since the lectures by the mission fathers, every pew has been filled at each of the many services, with a slight decrease in the attendance at a 6:30 a. m. mass, compared with the other services, this mass is more largely attended than it was before the work of the mission fathers.

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SERVICES IN LOCAL CHURCHES TODAY

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NORWEGIAN DANISH—Rev. Gustav Melby. Morning, "Jesus Only"; evening, "The Steadfast Purpose of Christ." FIRST—Rev. Dr. W. R. Miller. Morning, "Another Excuse for Rejecting Jesus"; evening, "Another Excuse for Rejecting Jesus." OLIVE—Rev. J. H. Clark. Morning, "A Needed Grace"; evening, "A Needed Grace." FOWLER—Rev. G. P. Holt. Morning, "Miracles of Faith"; evening, "A Question Old and New." CENTRAL—Rev. Dr. Theodore Heysham. Morning, "The House of Reformation"; evening, "The House of Reformation." IMMANUEL—Rev. C. J. Triggerson. Morning, "A Blessed Assurance"; evening, "The Scarlet Covenant." PRESBYTERIAN. VANDERBURGH MEMORIAL—Rev. W. O. Walker. Morning, "The Faithful Saying"; evening, "The Faithful Saying." FIRST—Rev. A. B. Marshall, D.D. Morning, "Young Men Who See"; evening, "A Young Man's Best Friend." HOPE CHAPEL—Rev. Alexander G. Patterson. Evening, "Amputation, a Klondike Story," special service for young people. Solo, "Who's Boss?" followed by the sermon on "That Boy of Mine, or Father's Duty to His Son." This evening he will preach on "Shall a Young Man Pay His Debts? A Hint to Success." RIVERSIDE CHAPEL—Rev. Benjamin R. Weld. Morning, "The Word I Will"; afternoon, "The Word I Will"; evening, "The Word I Will." FIFTH—Rev. William J. Johnson. Morning, "The Word I Will"; afternoon, "The Word I Will"; evening, "The Word I Will." STEWART MEMORIAL—Corset Stevens. Morning, "The Word I Will"; afternoon, "The Word I Will"; evening, "The Word I Will." GRACE—Rev. Donald G. McKay. Morning, "The Word I Will"; afternoon, "The Word I Will"; evening, "The Word I Will." ALL SAINTS—Rev. G. H. Thomas. Morning, "The Word I Will"; afternoon, "The Word I Will"; evening, "The Word I Will." TRINITY—Rev. L. A. A. Crandall. Morning, "The Word I Will"; afternoon, "The Word I Will"; evening, "The Word I Will." CHRIST CHURCH—Rev. Andrew D. Stover. Sunday in advent; service and holy communion, 10:30; Sunday school, at 12:15; evening service at 7:30; Y. P. S. Tuesday at 8 p. m.

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GOODS POUR IN FOR NEEDY ONES

CITIZENS PROVIDE CHEER THRU SALVATION ARMY.

Their Bounty Goes Into Dismal Homes of Unfortunates to Make Day Glad—Liberality of Prosperous Is Up to Expectations, but More is Needed—None Will Be Wasted.

Brigadier Cousins and assistants, who are managing the annual free Christmas effort at Salvation Army headquarters, old city hall, are receiving much encouragement, usual from the citizens of Minneapolis. A quantity of eatables has already been donated, also cash. It will take considerable of both to carry out the program which includes the giving of 500 baskets, containing ample supplies for a dinner for at least five persons, to be given to deserving families recommended for the greater part by the army officers, who are stationed in the four different sections of the city.

In addition to the list already in possession of the army's poor relief department personal appeals are being made by the poor people who have never been objects of charity. The city poor department has also supplied a list of worthy persons who have been receiving relief from the city. To the poor who are homeless, the table dinner given on Christmas day will be a reminder of happy days spent with loved ones at home. Music will be provided while the substantial meal is served.

Christmas day, to the majority, is a day of joy, and good fellowship. The hands of those who have been separated are clasped and presents are exchanged with dear ones. All fasten upon the good things of life; the children bubble over with joy because of the toys and presents that are theirs and make Christmas a day not soon to be forgotten.

But in many homes no kind words will be said, no hearty greetings given, no tree erected for the children and no presents exchanged. Instead of laughter there will be tears; instead of the good things of life, the gnawings of hunger and an empty cupboard. The homes will be cold and cheerless, and poverty and suffering will reign. To counteract this, the free dinner will be given, and the free Christmas tree for poor children will gladden the children's hearts, and bear articles to keep their poor little bodies warm.

Many letters expressing increased confidence have been sent to Brigadier Cousins by prominent business men and leading citizens. There is no danger of giving too much towards the Christmas effort, for the surplus will be used to carry on the regular poor relief work, which includes food, clothing, medicines, fuel, rents, etc., for many applications are made and investigated daily.

Every prosperous citizen is earnestly urged to cheer, bless and brighten the lives of the needy, by making the Salvation army the medium to distribute their gifts. Queen Alexandra of England has set a good example by giving \$5,000 to the army in London to relieve suffering among the unemployed. Donations sent to Brigadier J. W. Cousins, old city hall, will be acknowledged by an official receipt.

FOR CHRISTMAS FESTIVITY

These are busy days for the workers Augustana Lutheran church. The mission festival arranged by the Little Girls' Missionary society last week resulted in raising \$102 for food, fuel, and other necessities. A very interesting program has been prepared for the meeting of the Young People's society for next Wednesday evening. Axel Anderson will speak about "A Trip to the Holy City." A vocal solo, "The Christmas Carol," will be given by Misses Anania Malmberg and Emily Goodman will give readings and piano solos will be rendered by Miss Thekla Westerlund and Miss J. Larson. Several committees are busy preparing for the special Christmas festivities. The church will be beautifully decorated with evergreens, flowers and hundreds of lighted candles for "Fulotta," the early service, a color Christmas carol, and the day after Christmas, "Annandagjull," the Swedish Sunday school will have its Christmas festival at 7 o'clock p. m. The English Sunday school will have its Christmas entertainment Sunday evening, Dec. 31, at 7:30 p. m. The parish deaconess, Sister Hulda Hultquist, at the Augustana mission cottage, 1100 Eighth street S. will thankfully receive gifts for special Christmas gifts for the needy and poor. The distribution will be made carefully and with the co-operation of the Associated Charities.

SCIENCE CHURCH IS SHOWING BIG GAINS

GROWTH OF FAITH IN MINNEAPOLIS ILLUSTRATIVE.

Four Churches Spring Up in This City and Their Membership is Steadily Increasing—Send Thousands of Dollars to the \$2,000,000 Fund of the Mother Church—Command World's Attention.

The growth of the Christian Science faith has been so rapid and so steady since the Mother Church was built in Boston in 1894 that it has not only startled the religious world but has come as something of a surprise to the leaders of the denomination itself. It is possible to estimate this movement, not only in the United States, Canada, but also in England, Australia and Germany, by consideration of its growth in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Eddy's textbook, "Science and Health," called a "key to the Scriptures," first appeared in 1875. For fifteen years the growth was slow but steady. No attempt was made to organize separate churches, as it was hoped that the ideas would be taken up and used by existing church organizations. The ideas met so much opposition in the churches that organization was found to be necessary, and the Mother Church was founded by Mrs. Eddy, in Boston. Of this church all the other churches are branches.

In the decade from 1880 to 1890 a number of Christian Science teachers or practitioners took up the work in Minneapolis and the movement here was well under way by the time the mother church was organized in Boston.

The Four Minneapolis Churches.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Minneapolis, was organized in December, 1890. It was the outgrowth of the work of Miss Mary Brookings. It was disorganized and reorganized again in 1892 and from that time the growth was steady until 1897, when the present brick building on Fifteenth street, near Park avenue, was erected. The dedication in February of 1898, of this church, the first in the state, was an event that caused rejoicing among the Christian Scientists of the north-west.

When the mother church was found to be necessary, the First church of Minneapolis at once pledged \$10,000 to its building fund, and that sum has already been exceeded.

Second Church of Christ, Scientist, was organized in 1897. It is the outgrowth of healing work done by E. A. Thompson in the city, who received a letter from Mrs. Eddy asking her to organize a second church. Second increased in members, rapidly outgrowing smaller buildings and the Lyceum theater, until it erected its own building, a stone structure on the corner of Eleventh street and Second avenue S. in September, 1903. The church seats 1,300 people and is comfortably filled at each service.

Third Church of Christ, Scientist, was organized in 1901 and has occupied its present position on Lake street, near Nicollet avenue, since that time. Had it not been for the building of the head church, Third church would already be worshipping in its own structure. That, however, is the history of many of the Christian Science churches that have started their work in this decade.

Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist, dates its history from 1903, when the students of Abbot Eades Smith, together with others interested, organized the society that now owns and occupies the comfortable little structure at the corner of Second avenue S. and Fourteenth street.

The Mother Church Fund.

Two years ago the Christian Scientists at their annual meeting in Boston voted to raise \$2,000,000, what part of it was needed, to put up an adequate building for the mother church, already crowded far beyond its comfortable seating capacity. The entire field has taken hold of this work with enthusiasm and already about \$30,000 has been contributed to this fund by the four churches of Minneapolis.

The mother church now has a membership of about 35,000 and stands to be the visible representative of the Christian Science church. Of this church all the other Christian Science churches are branches. Hence its name.

Possibilities of Growth.

At the time of the building of the million dollar First Church of Christ, Scientist, of New York city, an editorial writer on the New York Commercial Advertiser expressed the opinion that, if the present religious trend continued, by the end of this century there would be in this country two dominant churches, the Roman Catholic and the Christian Science.

The Catholics would grow, he contended, "because they stood for the preciousness of the human soul"; and the Christian Scientists "because they stood for the reality of the Spirit." "Whether the growth of the Christian Scientist church is to continue in the same proportion as during its first three decades is a question, but in whatever light it is viewed, it cannot be considered other than a most remarkable religious phenomenon and one of commanding attention.

The Church of the Redeemer has several interesting events planned for this week. Thursday at 8 p. m. there will be a conference meeting, the Sunday school and an evening service. Teachers, parents and all the friends of the Sunday school are urged to attend. Friday evening, Dec. 23, Mrs. Josephine Bonaparte Rice will give a dramatic reading of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" in the lecture room of the church. The entertainment is under the auspices of the Boys' Printing club. Tickets may be had from members of the club at the printing office daily from 2 to 5 p. m. Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m. the Christmas tree exercises will be held in the lecture room.

Special musical services appropriate to Christmas will be given by a quartet and the Calvary Singing club next Sunday at Calvary Baptist church.