

CHURCHES TO GREET NEW YEAR AND REVIEW THE OLD

CHURCHES TO WATCH NEW YEAR COME IN

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES IN MANY HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

Special Program of Song, Prayer and Addresses Will Occupy the Hours Till Midnight—Special Services Will Also Be Held on New Year's Day in Many Churches.

"Watch" services will be held tonight in many of the churches of Minneapolis. Special sermons and music have been prepared by several pastors, and with the last day of the old year falling on Sunday, unusual importance attaches to the observance. Several churches will join with others in union services and afford the members a chance of widening their acquaintance and enjoying interesting programs of addresses and songs.

The services at the First M. E. church will be of special interest. This morning there will be the sacrament of the Lord's supper and reception of members. Tonight there will be watch night services from 7:30 to 12:10. Beginning with a gospel song service, the Epworth league will have charge of the first part of the evening. There will be the annual installation of officers and short addresses by the members of the cabinet. At 9:30 Far Tsan Sung of Hinghua, China, will give a lecture on "Customs and Social Life of the Chinese." This will be followed by a "love feast," closing at midnight with a consecration service.

At Simpson M. E. Church.

An excellent program will be given at Simpson M. E. church, beginning at 7:30 p. m., and including a half-hour song and praise service, a special musical program and five-minute reports from church auxiliaries. A prayer and testimony meeting will be followed by a brief address by the pastor "The Old and the New" and a midnight consecration service.

An excellent program for a watch night service has been arranged by Rev. W. B. Riley, pastor of the First Baptist church.

At Trinity Methodist church a fine program has been prepared for watch night services in which several congregations will unite. The services begin at 9:30 p. m., lasting until the new year is appropriately ushered in.

At the Forest Heights Methodist church, song, sermon, social and holy communion will be the order of the watch-night observance. The song service begins at 8 p. m.

An earnest effort to give everyone a right start in the new year will be made at St. James African Methodist church in a watch meeting to begin at 9:30 p. m., and last until 11:15 a. m.

An Old-Fashioned Service.

What is billed as an "Old-Fashioned Watch Night Service" has been arranged for the congregation of the Thirteenth Avenue Methodist church and all friends and members.

Watch-night services will be held at the Fowler Methodist church. The sermon of the evening, "A Curious Question of a Curious Man," will contain new year references, and special numbers will complete a program to last thru the old year.

Evening services at Lyndale Congregational church will be conducted by the Gideons and following the regular program, special numbers will fill in the lapse before the arrival of the new year.

Members of the Christian Endeavor society of the Fifth Avenue Congregational church have charge of the watch party to be held there. They have arranged an excellent program.

A watch-night service will be held in Calvary Baptist church this evening, commencing with the evening service. Addresses will be given as follows:

"The Right and Wrong Uses of Our Past," Dr. Fowler; "A Curious Question of a Curious Man," G. H. Swasey; "Prayer for the Spirit of Faith," Robert L. Cox; "Prayer for the Spirit of Love," Judge John Day Smith; "Prayer for the Spirit of Service," Harry White; "Prayer for the Spirit of Holiness," Harry Jones; "Facing the Dawn," Dr. Fowler. Intermissions and special music will be rendered by Calvary singing club. Opportunity to come and go after each address will be given.

In New Boston.

All the evangelical churches in what is known as New Boston—the Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Baptist—will unite in a watch-night service tonight at the Methodist church. The program commences with a social hour from 9 to 10; from 10 to 10:30, a half hour with the old hymns; from 10:30 to 11, brief addresses by the different pastors; from 11 to 11:40, the people's hour, filled in with testimony, prayer and praise; from 11:40 to midnight, consecration service.

"What Is Your Life?" will be the topic of the watch-night sermon at the Tabernacle Baptist church. M. E. Paugstrom also will speak and the Young Men's Evangelistic league will have charge of a portion of the program.

At the Augustana Lutheran church the young people will give their Christmas and New Year's festival, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

The Progressive society, spiritualist, will hold watch and test services at the Masonic Temple, beginning at 8 p. m.

On New Year's Day.

At 10:30 a. m., New Year's day, special services will be held in Bethel Lutheran church, Rev. T. H. Dahl and Rev. N. B. Thvedt will preach. Special music has been prepared.

At St. John's English Lutheran church at 10 a. m., New Year's day, special services will be held.

Special New Year's day services will be held in Holy Trinity Episcopal church at 10 a. m.

Masses at 7:30 and 9 a. m., with high mass and sermon at 10:30, are announced for New Year's Day at St. Charles Catholic church.

The high-school class of Plymouth Sunday school, which graduates into the senior department, was given a complimentary dinner at the Commercial club on Friday evening, with addresses by Mr. Beard, the superintendent, Dr. Hallock, the pastor, and others. Miss Stella Wood, who has been the teacher of this class for several years and is much beloved by her boys, will continue with them.

TO CELEBRATE THEIR SILVER ANNIVERSARY

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORS TO OBSERVE BIRTHDAY.

Feb. 2 the Organization Will Pass Its Twenty-fifth Milestone and All the Societies of Minneapolis Will Hold Joint Services Feb. 4—Two Out-of-Town Men of Note to Speak.

Twenty-five years of the history of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor will be completed on Feb. 2. On the following Sunday, Feb. 4, the Christian Endeavor societies of Minneapolis will hold a joint service at Westminster Presbyterian church in celebration of this anniversary. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p. m.

The central thought of the observance will be the service of the Christian Endeavor to the young people of the nation and the "Father" Clark memorial will be discussed only incidentally, if at all. The speakers at this meeting, who are yet to be selected, will be three in number. The committee hopes to secure one local and two men from out of town. It is the desire to get as the chief speaker some out-of-town man of national reputation, but the committee has no particular man in view at present.

The pastors of all the churches represented in the Christian Endeavor union have been asked to give their aid to this service. Many already have given assurance that they will do so.

On the evening of the same day the annual services will hold special commemorative services. The thought for these meetings will be the general spirit and method of the Christian Endeavor as applied to the needs of that particular church.

The committee in charge of the local services consists of Rev. Harry Finney, chairman; Rev. Charles E. Burton, G. T. Hurburt, Miss Mildred J. Haggard and Miss Belle Warner.

FAMOUS METHODIST MISSIONARIES HERE

Great Convention Will Be Held in Minneapolis in March.

Arrangements are now well under way for the holding of a great Methodist missionary convention in Minneapolis March 21-23.

At the last session of the Methodist Ministers club a named committee on arrangements was organized, of which Dr. W. H. Jordan is chairman. It is expected in response to invitations of this committee, at least a thousand delegates will be present, representing every important Methodist center in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The committee on arrangements is now working on the program and speakers of national and world-wide reputation are already engaged. Several bishops of the church will be on the program as well as a number of missionaries from foreign fields. Among those of special prominence who are to be present are mentioned Bishop J. M. Thoburn, the great missionary bishop of the Methodist church in India; Bishop W. F. McDowell of Chicago; Dr. Gannaway, the missionary who came into such prominence in his work during the siege of Peking, China, and Bishop J. F. Berry, president of the Epworth League.

The committee in charge is endeavoring to secure special rates on the railroads which will be very attractive for all delegates appointed to come. A large number of the delegates will be entertained at private residences, while arrangements for the accommodation of the others will be made beforehand at the Epworth League.

The convention will doubtless be one long to be remembered in the annals of Methodist history in the great northwest.

Far Sung Speaks Tonight.

Far Tsan Sung, whose addresses in various cities have caused most favorable comment, will speak tonight at the First M. E. church, corner Ninth and Fifth street SE. Far Tsan Sung is a native of China and has been educated in this country, graduating from Ohio Wesleyan university. He is on his way to Hinghua, China, where he will fill a chair in the Hinghua university. His address on Sunday night will be very interesting, as it will be from native's viewpoint on "Customs and Social Life of the Chinese." The speaker will appear in native costume. The lecture will begin at 9:30, as this is a part of the very interesting watch-night service to be held in this church.

METHODIST.

SIMPSON—(Corner Twenty-eighth street and Third Ave.)—Rev. M. E. Miller, pastor. "The Watch Night" program, see as published in "The Journal." Evening, 7:30.

FOSS—Rev. J. W. Heard, morning, Rev. S. P. Long, D. D., presiding, evening, 7:30. Evening, "Serious Aspects of Human Life." Excellent watch; evening, a New Year's sermon, noon, Union watch night service from 7:30 to 12:10.

FOREST HEIGHTS—Rev. Charles S. Davis, morning, "The Message of the Dying Year," evening, "Serious Aspects of Human Life." Sunday evening will be observed as watch night. Song service beginning at 8 p. m., and ending with the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

NEW YORK—Rev. G. Heard, morning, "Eau and Jacob as Types of Character," evening, "The Losses and Gains of 1905." Evening, "Reflections," watch meeting commencing at 9:30 to 12:15. Come and make a new start in the right way.

FOSS—Rev. S. P. Long, D. D., will preach in the morning, evening, sermon by the pastor, J. W. Heard.

THIRTEENTH AVENUE—Rev. F. P. Sharpe, morning, "The Watch Night," evening, "The Watch Night." Evening, sermon by Rev. S. P. Long, D. D.; special music. Oh-fashonated watch and consecration service at midnight.

CENTRAL GERMAN—C. Hahn, Rev. C. L. Lehner, will conduct quarterly meeting services at 10 a. m., New Year's day, special services will be held.

PARK AVENUE—G. G. Vallentyne, morning, "New Year's Thoughts," evening, sermon by the pastor.

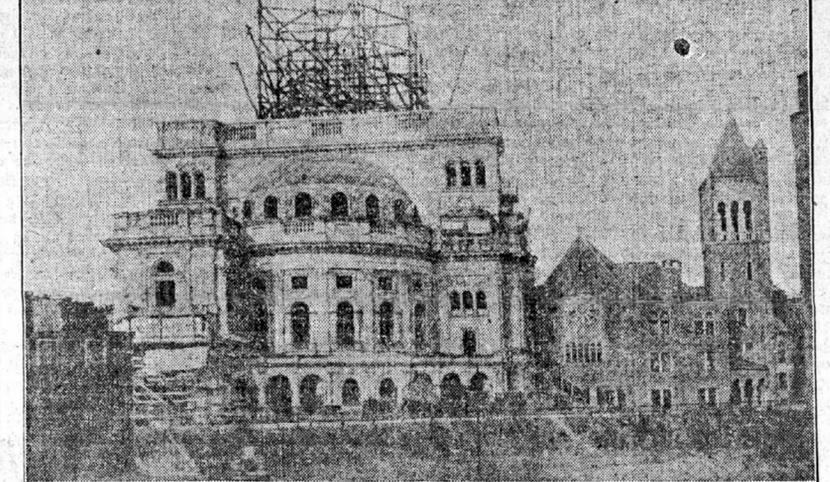
RICHFIELD—Rev. A. F. Thompson, morning, "The Transmutation of Time," or Is Christianity a Success?"

HOBART MEMORIAL—Rev. A. F. Thompson, morning, Sunday school, afternoon, Rev. J. Thompson, 2 p. m.; evening, temperance address by J. W. Beard. Church observes its first anniversary and have secured Dr. Thompson to preach sermon.

FIRST—Rev. William H. Jordan, morning, sacrament and reception of members; evening, "The Watch Night." Evening, sermon by Rev. W. H. Jordan, "Customs and Social Life in China" at 9:30, followed by love feast and consecration service at midnight.

New \$2,000,000 Auditorium, Mother Church of the Christian Scientists

Church of the Christian Scientists



A \$2,000,000 auditorium is in course of erection in Boston, in addition to the First Church of Christ, Scientist, the mother church of the Christian Science denomination. The picture presented on this page shows the progress of the work. At the right of the new building may be seen the original mother church, built in 1894. The old building will be preserved intact.

In point of time and matter of expense the new auditorium is about two-thirds done. The work of tearing down the houses which formerly stood on the site was begun two years ago last October, so that the actual work upon the church building has now been going forward for more than two years.

Enough progress has been made upon the exterior of the building to show what a magnificent structure it is to be. While the new building is joined to the present building of the Christian Scientists on Norway street, it is not really an enlargement of the old church.

The new building, with a seating capacity of 5,000, is intended for use in connection with the great spring meetings, when members of the church from all over the world gather in Boston. Upon ordinary occasions the present church structure will still be used for the services.

The task of joining the old and the new buildings has been accomplished without marring the architectural beauty of either structure, and the ornaments of the new is really emphasized by the appearance of the older building.

The exterior of the new structure has now been completed to the base of the dome and the contractors are just starting on the drum or upright portion of it. This week the masons began laying the stone about the dome.

The lower portion of the edifice near the street is of New Hampshire granite and above that the building is constructed of Indiana limestone.

The main entrance is of Kentucky marble, which makes a most effective contrast. The exterior decorative work of the stone carvers is now about completed and will be entirely completed in two weeks.

As regards the interior of the building the structural portion is now ready for the heavy "dripping" or base-work, for the lighter firing and the plastering.

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Pulpit and Pew

The last day of the year will be observed with unique features at Wesley M. E. church. This morning Dr. L. T. Guild preaches on the subject, "When My Ship Comes In." At the close of the service, Dr. Guild will receive the 200th person to enter the church membership since his pastorate began. In the evening, Far Tsan Sung of Hinghua, a native college professor, will speak on "China and Her People."

The services at the First Baptist church today will be of special interest. In the morning, Mr. Riley's theme will be "A Curious Question of a Curious Man." In the evening, a four-and-a-half-hour meeting will be held, from 7:30 to midnight. Two sermons will be preached, with an intervening meeting for prayer and praise. The work of prayer will be conducted by Pastor Riley.

Simpson M. E. church will have charge of the services at Asbury hospital today at 3 p. m.

The Epworth League of the Thirteenth Avenue church will receive new members this evening. A business meeting will be held Tuesday evening.

At the Western Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. H. B. Collins will preach two special sermons today. This morning the sermon topic will be "Former Days and Ways." Facts and figures will be presented to show that the present is the best period in human history. This evening's topic will be "Future Days," a message of hope and good cheer to all for the new year.

Special services appropriate to the day and season will be held in Fowler church today. Dr. Montgomery will preach in the morning on the subject: "The Tale of Our Years." This will be a New Year's sermon. In the evening the subject of the address will be "A Curious Question of a Curious Man." At the close of the evening service, an intermission will be taken giving all an opportunity to meet and greet one another; also appetizing refreshments will be served by the ladies. The evening will conclude with an old-fashioned watch-night service, conducted by Dr. Montgomery. Brief addresses will be given; songs of praise and thanksgiving will be sung. The public generally is invited.

The week of prayer will be observed at the First M. E. church, beginning with the watch-night service this evening. The topics for the week will be: My Prayer and Expectation for the New Year; Monday, For Myself or Personal Experience; Tuesday, For You or Helping Others; Wednesday, For Them or Brothers Remote; Thursday, Let the Home or Family Circle Be the Center of the Year; Friday, For the Church or the Light of the World.

This evening, at 7:30, the English Sunday school of Augustana Lutheran church will give its Christmas and New Year's festival. Monday, New Year's Day, morning service will be held at 10:30. Monday at 2 p. m. the congregation will hold its fortieth annual business meeting. Reports about the work during the past year will be given by the different officers and societies of the church. Officers for the coming year will be elected and further arrangements will be made for the celebration of the fortieth anniversary on April 16, 17 and 18, 1906.

Many new members will be received into Epworth church membership the first Sunday in January.

Dr. and Mrs. Fowler will receive at home New Year's afternoon and evening. The congregation and friends of Calvary Baptist church are invited.

THANK THE MAYOR

Swedish Lutheran Pastors Comment Sunday Closing Order.

The Swedish Lutheran Pastors' association of Minneapolis has adopted resolutions and forwarded them to Mayor D. P. Jones, as follows:

"Whereas, it has come to our knowledge that the mayor has ordered the saloons closed on Sunday, and whereas we believe this to be a good thing for the city at large, be it therefore

"Resolved, that we hereby most heartily thank your honor for this noble act, trusting that it will do a great deal in raising the moral standard of our fair city."

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DEMAND FOR BIBLES CALLS CHURCH A MOB

NEVER BEFORE HAVE SO MANY BEEN SOLD AT HOLIDAYS.

One Bookdealer Estimates That Bookstores Sold \$7,000 Worth of Bibles Just Before Christmas, Which Would Mean About 3,500 Copies—Demand for Testaments and Other Religious Books Great.

Never before have so many Bibles and religious books been sold during the Christmas season in Minneapolis as were disposed of by the book-dealers during the holidays now drawing to a close.

Whether this is the result of the Chapman revival meetings or whether it means that there is a religious awakening bringing with it a call for gospel reading are questions which may be open to debate, but there is no doubt of the fact that more Bibles have been distributed among Minneapolis citizens the past month than ever before within a like given period.

One book dealer who has kept some track of the matter, estimates that the bookstores sold about \$7,000 worth of Bibles alone just before Christmas. These, he says, averaged about \$2 each, which means a distribution of 3,500 Bibles. This estimate includes a number of Bibles printed in Scandinavian languages and not a few German prints.

There was also an unprecedented demand for Testaments. Among religious publications the Testaments had second place to the sale of Bibles, probably not being far short in the number sold, tho the aggregate investment was nothing like as large, the Testaments being a much cheaper book.

The sale of books on religious subjects was also very large, much more so than the booksellers expected.

"What I have left of my stock of Bibles one person could hold in his hands," said one of the leading bookmen. "I have had to order more immediately and have never been so nearly cleaned out of religious books in the history of my business."

The State Sunday School union reports an unusually large supply of Bibles distributed by the union throughout the state during the past year. The union handled some 1,100 Bibles, some 25 per cent being given away and the whole number being fully 10 per cent more than the union has ever before handled in one year.

SPECIAL PRAYERS END

Methodist Churches Conclude Three Days' Supplications for Revival.

Methodist churches of the country today conclude a three days' session of special prayer. The supplications have been for the hastening of the day which shall mark the beginning of the greatest revival in the history of the church.

These meetings are in accordance with a special call to prayer issued recently by the executive committee of the committee on aggressive evangelism. The committee was appointed at the 1904 general conference in Los Angeles, Bishop W. F. Matliew of Boston is the president.

The three days of prayer have been observed with special sincerity in the Methodist churches of Chicago, following, as they have, the great meeting at Moody Institute of Methodist ministers from all over the country, conducted by Evangelists R. A. Torrey and C. M. Alexander, who recently returned from England.

A NEW YEAR'S RALLY

Christian Workers' Mission Will Hold Special Services Tomorrow.

A New Year's rally will be held in the Christian Workers' Mission hall, 29 Washington avenue S, tomorrow. The regular noonday meeting, led by Superintendent W. A. Petran, will be held from 12 to 1. At 1 o'clock a home dinner will be served. Contributions of food and money for this purpose are solicited.

At 3 p. m. Dr. L. T. Guild, pastor of Wesley M. E. church, will preach, and other prominent speakers are expected to be present. In the evening, at 7:30, there will be a gospel service conducted by the W. C. T. U. Dr. A. B. Marshall, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will speak.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

PORTLAND AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST—Prof. W. J. Shannon, M. A., of Columbia, Mo., will preach, morning and evening.

UNIVERSALIST.

CHURCH OF REDEEMER—Rev. Marion D. Shutter, New Year's services morning and evening with special music. Communion and reception of members at close of evening service.

SON OF HARRIET BEECHER STOWE DEPLORES CONDITIONS.

Connecticut Pastor Says There Are in England and America 125 Different Protestant Sects, Exclusive of Twelve Kinds of Baptists and Thirteen Kinds of Wesleyan Methodists.

Rev. Charles Edward Stowe, son of Harriet Beecher Stowe and pastor of the Central Square Congregational church at Bridgewater, Conn., deplores the condition of Protestantism of today. He says there are in England and America 125 different Protestant sects, exclusive of twelve kinds of Baptists and thirteen kinds of Wesleyan Methodists.

"Protestantism," he says, "is a kind of modern Cerberus, with 125 heads all barking discordantly. It is like the mob of Ephesus. Thoughtful Christians looking on and beholding with sadness this confusion worse confounded cannot fail to ask: 'Did our Lord Jesus Christ come to this earth to establish this pitiful mob of debating societies, or a church of the living God capable of making itself felt as a pillar and a ground of the faith?'"

Unrest and Hunger.

Rev. Mr. Stowe says that there is great unrest and hunger in the Protestant world today that refuses to be allayed by the chattering of critical parrots, or the buzzing of aesthetic gadflies. The Rev. Mr. Stowe describes the insignificance of the Plymouth colony numbers and material wealth, and says:

"How then account for the stupendous influence which this tiny commonwealth has exerted and still exerts on the history of mankind? There is one, and only one, possible answer to this question. It was their devotion to the invisible, the eternal, the moral order of the universe, the glory of God! They endured, and yet endure, as seeing him who is invisible."

"All the history of mankind for them centered about his cradle and his cross, and for there were none of those usual benefits and privileges, which we enjoy in this enlightened age, of being illuminated by the dark wisdom of the blind moles and bats of a godless, Christless scholarship that burrows in the holy ground of Sinai and Calvary alike, finding there only common dirt."

What Emerson Says.

"Mr. Emerson remarks in his 'Sovereignty of Ethics':

"Luther would cut his hand off sooner than write theses against the pope if he suspected he was bringing on with all his might the pale negations of Boston Unitarianism. In the same spirit and with the same limitations with which Mr. Emerson's remark is to be understood by discriminating readers, I say that our Puritan fathers never would have made the break that they did with Catholic Christianity could they have foreseen as a result thereof the Christless, moribund, frigid, fruitless Protestantism that can contribute neither warmth, life, inspiration nor power to lift us above the weight and weakness of sin."

"Thank God, this is not true of all Protestantism! The great doctrine of Catholic Christianity are still believed and preached in many of our churches. 'But alas! it is only too true that the heavenly city, which our Puritan fathers yearned for, and sought with prayers and tears, has become to many of their Christian descendants a frigid city of ice palaces, and its walls negations, cold cheerless shining in the winter sun with an evanescent glitter of a doubtful and unsubstantial intellectual worth."

As Icebergs Melt.

"As the icebergs from the frozen north float with the ocean currents only to be melted and disappear in the warm waters of the equator, so shall these transcendental ice mountains melt in the warmer currents that the Holy Spirit will bring to human hearts from our crucified but now risen and glorified Lord."

"The full, rich, glorious Christ of Catholic Christianity has been dragged from his throne by these 'advanced thinkers' (God save the mark!) and reduced to beggary. A pale, bloodless, emaciated Syrian ghost, he still dimly haunts the lay corners of this twelfth century Protestantism, from which the doom of his final exclusion has been already spoken."

"Then in their boundless arrogance and self-assertion they turn upon those of us who still cry with Thomas before the risen One, 'My Lord and my God,' and tell us that there is no middle ground between their own strange and sterile rationalism and the Roman Catholic church. If this be so, then for me to come gratefully and lovingly I turn to the church of Rome as a homeless, houseless wanderer to a home in a continuing city."

Hungry for God.

"We are hungry for God, yet for the living God, and hence so restless and dissatisfied. The husk of life's fruit is growing thicker, and its meat thinner and drier every day for the vast majority of our people. In many and important respects life was brighter in the so-called 'Dark Ages' than it is today. The seamless robe of Christ is rent into hideous fragments and trampled in the dirt."

"It is not all good that we have inherited from our Puritan and Pilgrim sires. We have been talking about civil and religious liberty as if that were the only thing in the world.

"Noting the use the average man and woman makes of this boasted liberty today, one is inclined to think it would be far better for them if they had less liberty and more law."

Laymen as Evangelists.

The Baptist Young People's union committee of ten young men will begin a series of special evangelistic meetings at Tabernacle Baptist church Monday evening. The meetings will be held every evening this week, beginning Monday night, with the exception of Saturday evening. The young men of the special committee will personally conduct the services without the aid of any ministers. One society from each church will be in charge each evening, 10 o'clock.