Church Work Here and Elsewhere

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ARE SECRET SOCIETIES FOES TO THE CHURCH?

CORRESPONDENT SAYS THEY ARE NOT SUBSTITUTES.

Membership in the Benevolent Organizations Declared by a "Jiner" to be Lacking in Certain Elements Which Only the Church Can Supply.

To the Editor of The Journal.

This incident happened in Minneapolis.

A man classed as a laborer died after a short illness, leaving a wife and two or three small children.

It is always tragic when the head of a young family is removed by death. The despair of a young widow, accustomed to having someone to whom she can defer in making plans, inexperienced in solving the everyday problems of life, with helpless and wondering little ones clinging to her as the only refuge their tiny hearts know, is something that no human philosophy has ever fathomed; but when the husband and father, earning the meager wage of a laborer, working when there is work to do and earning nothing when there is no work, leaves wife and little ones with little more than a roof over their heads, their grief can only be understood by the Man of Sorrows.

It was the very day after the husband died. The body lay under its white sheet in the little best room. A clergyman was giving the weeping woman such consolation as he could, but his tender, hopeful words, while they might assuage grief, could not go far toward paying the funeral expenses and afterward keeping the wolf from the door.

Two men, strangers to both the woman and the clergyman, knocked at the door and were admitted. One of them addressed the woman in gentle tones on her affliction and went on to say that he was the official representative of a prominent secret socitey, which he named, he had called to pay her $50 funeral benefits to which her husband, as a member of the lodge in good standing, was entitled. He handed her a check for the amount.

Then the other man spoke in the same spirit and announced that as the officer charged with such duties by a certain fraternal insurance order he had come to pay her an advance of $100. The full benefit, he explained, was $1,500, and a check for the remaining $1,400 would be handed to her in a few weeks, or as soon as proof of death and other matters of detail could be arranged.

One can imagine the effect on the widow. Her pastor out of the goodness of his heart had given her $5 to pay for her immediate necessities; two men, whom she had never seen and whose names she did not know, had given her $150 and the assurance that $1,400 more would be forthcoming. The mortgage on her little home could be lifted and she would have several hundred dollars to invest or to live on while she was getting adjusted to her changed condition. And she had not even known that her husband belonged to either of the lodges.

Hard to Draw Moral.

This story in all its essentials is literally true. It is hard to draw the moral, for the story opens up the whole subject of why so many poor men, laboring men, do not belong to or attend church, and why the fraternal secret societies have grown so strong and why they are so popular. Their strength and popularity have been obtained largely at the expense of the churches, and who can wonder?

The poor man of necessity looks on the material side of life rather than the ethical or spiritual, if he cannot look on both. He might attend church greatly to his own edification and that of his family; he might contribute according to his means to all the enterprises of the church, but when he dies his wife and children might receive even less than the clergyman gave the wife of the dead laboring man in the case cited.

Even then they would have no reason to complain, for the pastor and the church are under no obligations to do more. Presumably, the man and his family got value received when they attended the means of grace and contributed thereto with their substnce.

On the other hand, the fraternities deserve no particular credit for having paid the widow of the laboring man $1,550. Thru no sentiment of charity was the money paid; the lodge officers, strangers to the sorrowing woman, did not intrude upon her grief because of their compassion for her, but because, holding their respective offices, it was their duty to call; the money was not paid as charity, but because the lodges owed the money just as much as a bank owes a depositor money and pays it on presentation of a duly executed check or certificate. It was purely a business transaction. Does one suppose that either lodge would have paid the widow anything if the husband had been behind with his dues? Not a cent.

Each Has Its Sphere.

The churches and the fraternities each have their sphere of usefulness. It is not the function of a church to write life insurance. The institutional churches are enlarging their scope of benefit year by year, until men and women and their children may enjoy not only the fellowship of Christians, the advantages of Bible instruction, and also many of the material things of life which work for their physical and spiritual upbuilding and improvement. But it is hardly within the province of the most liberal institution of religion to pay death benefits. Christians insure for the future life rather than for the present.

Nor can the fraternities take the place of the churches. It is safe to say that every fraternity, whether organized for purely social or mixed social and benevolent purposes, has as its base the morality of Jesus. It does not matter in this argument whether the code is lived up to or not. The member when he joins subscribes to it and, theoretically at least, believes in it. Where that code falls down is in allowing the idea to obtain that morality is all there is to any higher life.

Membership in a benevolent fraternity carries with it a certain sense of responsibility to the local, the grand, and the supreme organization; a certain sense of exclusiveness and fitness as of a man who has been tried and not found wanting; a knowledge that a man as a member may attain to a more exalted station in society than he could of and thru himself. The member who attends meetings regularly and who takes an interest in the lodge to the extent of trying to win members for it is permeated with the idea of benevolence, of care for the sick and helpless, which permeates all the proceedings and which is the very essence of the constitution and by-laws.

It has been shown that secret society benevolence is not genuine philanthropy. If a man or his family is helped it is because all the requirements of the organization have been met and not because the man as a human being in distress needs succor. If the requirements have not been met, no priest or Levite could pass with more composure than the fraternity men, and if the man were not a member and never had been, he would simply have to wait for a Good Samaritan.

I am tempted into this train of thought not because I disprove of secret benevolent fraternities. I am a "jiner" myself. I only want to emphasize a point which is generally lost sight of, to-wit, that while secret fraternities are well enough within their limits, they do not and cannot take the place of membership in a church. Morality of the secret society order is not equivalent to active experimental religion.

Personally, without malice of any sort, I am not sure that the general system of secret society benevolence is not the mighty, the beautiful many-headed beast of Revelation. It certainly is a foe to the church, negatively, but still a foe. —John Anderson.

Minneapolis, July 20.

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SESSIONS OF NORTHWESTERN BIBLE CONFERENCE BEGIN

Two Weeks of Meetings at State Fair Grounds, with Many Prominent Speakers on Program for the Conference.

Souvenir programs of the Northwestern Bible conference at the state fair grounds July 22-Aug. 5, under the auspices of the Northwestern Bible and Missionary Training school, were issued yesterday by Samuel E. Robb, the financial secretary. They consist of a hymn book containing the songs that will be used at the conference, with the official program bound with it.

Rev. M. C. Martin and Rev. F. W. Long will have charge of the music and a fifteen minute song service will open each session. Dr. A. C. Dixon of Boston, who preaches today at Westminster church, will be heard daily. Among other prominent speakers are Ivan Panin, Rev. Dr. A. B. Marshall, Rev. Dr. A. C. Gaebelein, Miss Harriet Hill of Chicago, Miss Rasmussen, Rev. Dr. Stanley B. Roberts, Rev. Dr. A. J. Frost, Rev. Dr. John Urquhart of Scotland, George Saltau, W. G. Calderwood, Rev. Dr. John Robertson and Lila Day Alvord.

The program:

July 22.

3 p.m., "The Purpose and Plans of the Conference." A statement. A. C. Gaebelein, "The Second Coming of Christ." 7, praise, prayer and testimony meeting. 8, A. C. Dixon, "The Origin of Things as Revealed in Genesis."

July 23—Evangelistic Day.

9:30 a.m., S. M. Humby, "The Personal Touch." 10:15, A. C. Gaebelein, "The Prophet Ezekiel." 10:10, A. C. Dickson, "The Ethics of Prayer." 3 p.m., Ivan Panin, "From Nihilism to Christ." 3:45, A. B. Marshall, "Reasons for Hopeful Efforts." 7:30, George P. McGill, "The Church and Constant Evangelism." 8:15, A. C. Dixon, "Soul Winning."

July 23—Young People's Day.

9:30 a.m., Luther Little of Texas. 10:15, A. C. Gaebelein, "The Prophet Joel." 11:10, Ivan Panin, subject to be selected. Juniors—2, song service. 2:15, Mrs. J. E. Frisby, St. Paul, "Supplementary Work." 2:25, Miss Boxel, St. Paul, business meeting. 2:30, Mrs. Edna Brack, St. Paul, question box. 3, Mrs. M. H. Towner, Minneapolis, "Baraca and Philathea as Applied to the Juniors." 3:30, open discussion of Mrs. Towner's paper. 3:45, Mrs. Harriet Hill of Chicago, "Juniors the Future Power of the Church." 4:30, Miss Constance Madison, object lesson. 4:45, Mrs. W. S. Owens, Minneapolis, "Institute Work." 4:50, E. C. Oakley, Minneapolis, "The Relation of Junion and Senior Work." 5 to 7, basket picnic. Seniors—7:30, praise and testimony meeting and reports from city presidents of young people's organizations, Rev. Lewis S. Hall, state Christion Endeavor president, presiding. 8:15, A. C. Dixon, "The Bible as Literature and How Much More."

July 25—Sunday School Day.

9:30 a.m., Luther Little. 10:15, A. C. Gaebelein, "The Prophet Amos." 10:10, A. J. Frost, "The Gospel in the Tabernacle." Under the auspices of the Sunday School Teachers' Graded unions of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Mrs. S. L. Howell, president St. Paul union, presiding. 2:30 p.m., Mrs. C. J. Hunt, teacher training lesson, "The art of Questioning." 2:55, Discussion. 3:05, devotional service led by Mrs. S. L. Howell. 3:15, primary and junior songs presented by Miss Beatrice M. Longfellow. 3:30, Discussion. 3:35, Mrs. James Geggie, "How to Teach Children Systematic and Proportionate Giving." 3:55, discussion. 4, lessons for July 29 taught in six sections as follows: Beginners, first year, Mrs. A. W. Armitage. Beginners, second year, Miss Wilhelmina Keller. Primary, Miss Grace M. Longfellow. Junior, Mrs. Brett Moran. Intermediate, C. J. Hunt. Senior, Mrs. Benjamin Longley. 7:30, Stanley B. Roberts, "The Gospel According to Matthew." 8:15, A. C. Dixon, "Pentecost, Then and Now."

July 26—Mission Day.

9:30 a.m., A. C. Dixon, "The Victories of Faith." 10:15, A. C. Gaebelein, "The Epistle of Philemon." 11:10, C. A. Stocking and E. R. McKinney, "The Mission to the Streets." 11:45, Miss Rasmussen, "Mission to Minnesota." 3 p.m., Stanley B. Roberts, "The Gospel According to Mark." 3:45, C. A. Hilton, "The Great Commission." 4:15, Miss Brethorst, "Mission to China." 7:30, Frank Peterson, "The Cry of the Needy." 8:15, A. C. Dixon, "God's Search for Man."

July 27—Attonement Day.

9:30 a.m., A. C. Dixon, "The Vision of God and Man." 10:15, A. C. Gaebelein, "The Atonement the Foundation Fact." 11:10, J. E. Conant, "Even Emphasis on Atonement Truth." 3 p.m., W. B. Riley, "The Great Day of the Atonement." 4, Joseph Hogg, "The Scripturalness of the Atonement." 7:30, Stanley B. Roberts, "The Gospel According to Luke." 8:15, A. C. Dixon, "The Ethics of the Atonement."

July 28—Recreation Day.

Program of outing to be announced.

July 29—Northwestern Bible and Missionary Training School Day.

3 p.m., David C. Bell, "Our School and Providence." 3:45, A. J. Frost, "Our School and Its Points of Emphasis." 4:15, Dr. Oliver C. Morse, "The Bible Student." 6.30, young people's meeting. 7:30, Frederick W. Long, "A Chalk Talk." 8:15, A. C. Dixon, "Heaven on Earth."

July 30—Bible League Day.

9:30 a.m., Stanley B. Roberts, "The Gospel According to John." 10:15, W. H. Jordan, "The Bible and Intelligent Belief." 11:10, A. J. Frost, "Some Facts About Inspiration." 2:30 p.m., J. H. Sammis, "The Use of the Bible." 3, W. B. Riley, "Higher Criticism—Has It Helped?" 4, Oliver C. Morse, "The Integrity and Authority of the Bible." 7:30, A. B. Marshall, "The Wonderful Book." 8:15, John Urquhart, "The Scientific Accuracy of the Sacred Scriptures."

July 31—Prophetic Conference Day.

9:30 a.m., Stanley Roberts, "The Person of Christ." 10:15, John Urquhart, "The World's Entire After History Predicted." 11:10, A. J. Frost, Daniel, Chapters 2 and 7. 3 p.m., George Soltau, "The Christian Life—Its Sources." 4, John Robertson, "Wilderness Sins." 7:30, Oliver C. Morse, subject to be announced. 8:15, John Urquhart, "The History of the Christian Church Foretold."

Aug. 1—Temperance Day.

9:30 a.m., F. W. Long, "Chalk Talk." 10:15, John Urquhart, "Jonah—Is It History?" 11:10, George Soltau, "The Christian Life—Its Difficulties." 3 p.m., P. A. Cool, "Temperance for Twin Cities and Northwest." 3:45, W. G. Calderwood, "A Civic Prospect." 4:15, W. A. Brubaker, "The Christian in Politics." 7:30, W. B. Riley, "The Pillars of an Apostle's Gospel." 8:15, John Robertson, "Justification by Faith."

Aug. 2—Second Advent Day.

9:30 a.m., C. H. McCaslin, "Jesus Is Coming." 10:15, Norman H. Camp, of Moody institute. 11:10, A. J. Frost, "The Return of the Twelve Tribes to Palestine. 3 p.m., George Soltau, "The Blessed Hope." 4, W. B. Riley, "The Three Resurrections." 7:30, J. H. Sammis, "Argument for His Coming." 8:15, John Robertson, "The Morning Star—How I Saw It."

Aug. 3—Spiritual Life Day.

9:30 a.m., C. D. Blaker, devotional hour. 10:15, Norman H. Camp of Moody Institute. 10:45, R. N. Martin, "The True Foundation." 11:20, A. J. Frost, "Christ All in All." 3 p.m., George Soltau, "The Christian Life—Its Purposes." 4, W. B. Riley, "The Reply of Scripture to the Question of Science." 7:30, C. H. McCaslin, "The Silent Hour." 8:15, John Robertson, "Sanctification."

Aug. 4—Prayer Day.

9:30 a.m., O. G. Dale, "Some Certainties of the Christian Religion." 10:15, D. H. McCaslin, subject to be announced. 11:10, A. J. Frost, "The Popular Fallacy of Universal Fatherhood." 3 p.m., George Soltau, "The Christion Life—Its Opportunities." 4, W. B. Riley, "The Relation of Prayer to the Life of the Church." 7:30, A. C. Stevens, subject to be announced. 8:15, John Robertson, "Perseverance of the Saints."

Aug. 5—Next Conference Day.

3 p.m., C. A. Hilton, "Our Conference Work." 3:45, Stanley B. Roberts, "Our Friends in Conference Work." 4:15, George Soltau, "The Christian Life—Its Hopes." 6:30, young people's meeting. 7:30, speaker to be announced. 8:15, W. B. Riley, "The Believer's Victory Over Death and the Grave."

The Committees.

The conference committees are as follows:

Executive—C. A. Hilton, W. B. Riley, Minneapolis; R. N. Martin and C. J. Hunt, St. Paul.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION WILL MEET AT MOUND

ANNUAL CONVENTION CHANGED FROM OCTOBER TO JULY.

Noted Speakers Will Occupy Time of Two Days Meeting In Discussion of Hatters of Interest to Young Christians—Sport and Recreation Will Take Up Spare Hours.

Preparations are being made for the aunual convention of the Minnesota Baptist Young People's union at the Baptist assembly grounds, Mound, Minnetonka, July 26 to 29.

The convention will open Thursday morning with a junior service conducted by Mrs. Harriet Hill. A conference on the sacred literature course will follow under the conduct of Rev. N. J. Hilton of St. Paul. The main address of the morning will be given by Rev. L. L. Henson of Providence, R. I., on "The Young Christian and His Character." In the afternoon Mr. Henson will deliver another address in "The Young Christian and His Bible," followed by readings by Miss Sarah Bates and by a conference on the "Missionary Conference course" conducted by Mrs. A. F. Gale.

Some Lecture Subjects.

On Friday Mr. Henson will give addresses morning and afternoon. H. H. White of Minneapolis will discuss "The Place of Evangelism in Young People's Work." Addresses will be given also by Rev. Mr. West of St. Paul and by Dr. Magnus Larson of St. Paul. In the evening there will be a general reception, at which readings by Miss Bates and music by the Swedish Young Ladies' quartet will be features.

Saturday is to be a general field day devoted to sports. There will be many amusing features, and many bona fide contests, including a game of baseball between the Chicago Avenue Baptist church team and a team from St. Paul. In the evening there will be a boat-ride on the lake. Saturday is expected to be a general picnic day for the Baptists of the twin cities.

Echo Meeting.

On Sunday afternoon, Rev. W. H. Geistweit of Chicago, a well-known former Minneapolitan, will give an inspiring address. In the evening there will be an "Echo Meeting," with reports from the national convention of Baptist Young People at Omaha. Miss Bates and the Swedish Young Ladies' quartet will take part in the Sunday meetings.

The annual convention of the Baptist Young People's union has generally been held in October, but this year it was decided to try a summer meeting at the assembly grounds just preceeding the regular assembly, which begins Sunday, July 29, and continues until Aug. 12. It is hoped that this convention will prove so successful that the union will decide to have its annual convention at Mound as a permanent feature in connection with the assembly.

The convention is open to all, and a cordial invitation has been given to Baptist young people generally.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ASSEMBLY

Week of Religious Conference Begins Aug. 3 at Lake Minnetonka.

The state Epworth League assembly will be held at Groveland, Lake Minnetonka, beginning Aug. 3, continuing ten days. President Southwick has been working on the program for months and presents the following attractive outline:

Aug. 3—6:30 a.m., sunrise meeting, leader Charles R. Ellis. 8 to 8:45, first department conference, leader Rev. Dr. M. L. Evers of Wisconsin. 8:45 to 9:30, second department conference, leader Mrs. Della C. Geggie, home missions. 9:30 to 10:45, third department conference. 10:45 to 11:30, fourth department conference, leader W. R. Keesey of Owatonna. 11:30 to 12, "The Art of Bible Reading," Miss Eleanor Miller of St. Paul. 12 to 5 p.m., recreation; 5, camp Bible study, Professor R. Watson Cooper of Hamline. 7:30, praise service, Harold Crozier. 8, lecture, Rev. Dr. J. F. Stout of St. Paul.

Aug. 4—6:30 a.m., sunrise meeting, leader J. L. Seager of Byron. 8 to 11:30, conferences as above. 11:30 to 12, "Art of Bible Study," Miss Miller. Recreation. 5 p.m., camp Bible study, Professor Cooper. 7:30, praise service. 8, boat ride on lake.

Aug. 5—6:30 a.m., sunrise meeting, leader Mrs. M. L. Eversz. 10:30, preaching by Dr. Frank Doran. 3 p.m., preaching by Rev. Dr. M. L. Eversz. 7, Epworth league, leader Marion Cole. 8, preaching.

Aug. 6—6:30 a.m., sunrise meeting, leader Gertrude Power. 8 to 11:30, conferences as above. 11:30 to 12, "Art of Bible Reading," Miss Miller. Recreation. 5 p.m., camp Bible study, Professor Cooper. 7:30, praise service, W. E. Denham. 8, lecture, Rev. Dr. Samuel Long.

Aug. 7—6:30 a.m., sunrise meeting, leader Ella Heffner. 8 to 11:30, department conferences. 11:30 to 12, "Art of Bible Reading," Miss Miller. Recreation. 5 p.m., camp Bible study, Professor Cooper. 7:30, praise service, John T. George. 8, lecture, Rev. Dr. J. S. Montgomery.

Aug. 8—6:30 a.m., sunrise meeting, leader Bert N. Wheeler of Duluth; 8 to 8:45, first department conference, M. L. Everss; 8:45 to 9:30, second department conference, Mrs. H. W. Longley of St. Paul, foreign missions. 9:30 to 10:45, third department conference. 10:45 to 11:30, Junior conference, Mrs. Ina Ingersoll of Iowa. 11:30 to 12, "Art of Bible Reading," Miss Miller. Recreation. 5 p.m., camp Bible study. 7:30, praise service, Harold Crozier. 8, lecture, Dr. A. C. Stevens.

Aug. 9—6:30 a.m., sunrise meeting, leader W. J. Smale. 8 to 11:30, conferences as on Wednesday. 11:30 to 12, "Art of Bible Reading," Miss Miller. Recreation. 5, camp Bible study, Professor Cooper. 7:30, praise service. 8, Eleanor Miller concert.

Aug. 10—6:30 a.m., sunrise meeting, leader Mary Holcomb. 8 to 9:30, first and second department conferences as above. 9:30 to 10:45, 11:30, fourth department conference, W. R. Keesey. 11:30 to 12, "Art of Bible Reading," Miss Miller. Recreation. 5 p.m., camp Bible study, Professor Cooper. 7:30, praise service. 8, lecture, S. F. Kerfoot.

Aug. 11—6:30 a.m., sunrise meeting, leader Mollie Hagnestad. 8 to 11:30, conferences as on Friday. 11:30 to 12, "Art of Bible Reading." Miss Miller. 2 p.m., excursion on the lake. 8, lecture, Dr. M. L. Everz.

Aug. 12—6:30 a.m., sunrise meeting, leader G. H. Page. 10:30, preaching by Professor J. W. Cooper. 3 p.m., Junior rally, Superintendent Miss Ina Ingersoll of Iowa. 7, Epworth league. 8:30, preaching.

SALVATION NOT FREE ACCORDING TO TABLES

AVERAGE COST OF CHICAGO CONVERTS IS $200.

Mormons Pay Most With Quotation of $1,500 Each and Volunteers Are Lowest With $5—Other Denominations Vary from $6.50 to $150—Atlanta Cost Is 25 Cents.

Mathematics is being applied to salvation. That the cost of salvation in Chicago is higher than in Atlanta, Ga., has been revealed in figures given out by ministers and evangelists of nine different denominations. Rev. E. H. Peacock of the Tabernacle Baptist church in Atlanta, who said that it costs $1 to save a soul in Chicago, while in Atlanta the expense is only 25 cents, fell far short of the mark as far as Chicago is concerned.

Cost Is High.

Instead of $1 the average cost of converting Chicagoans amounts to more than $200 for each convert. The most expensive souls are those saved by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons). It costs the Mormons $1,500 for every Chicagoan brought into the fold.

The Volunteers of America come nearest to following the Biblical injunction that salvation shall be without money and without price, because its converts cost the general treasury of the organization only $5 apiece.

How Report Stands.

Here is a table of denominations and the cost of each convert:

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	$1,500.00
Universalist	150.00
Baptist	50.00
English Lutheran	50.00
Chicago Avenue (Moody's) church	24.00
Methodist	20.00
Pacific Garden Mission	6.00
Salvation Army	6.50
Volunteers of America	5.00

Elder German E. Ellsworth, in charge of the Chicago Mormon mission, said he had no faith in converts who cost only 25 cents.

"My experience has been that those 25-cent converts that the Rev. Mr. Peacock spoke of don't stick," said he. "We have to pay an average price of $1,500 for every convert we make and they are the kind that stay with us. Cheap converts, like everything else, are too expensive in the end."

SECRETARY OUTLINES HIS Y. M. C. A. POLICY

NEW EXECUTIVE TALKS IN HOPEFUL VEIN.

Mr. Wiley Sees Opportunity for Enlarging Work at Central Building, and Believes that Branches at Fort Snelling and in Parts of Minneapolis Would Be Advantageous.

S. Wirt Wiley's foreword is a clear and comprehensive statement of his policy at the helm of the Minneapolis Young Men's Christian association. For one month Mr. Wiley, the new secretary, has been studying the environment of his work. Altho he does not enter into the detail of the plans, which he has set for execution as the head of the activities of the association, in a general way he makes known the central thought of his policy.

In an interview yesterday Mr. Wiley said:

"Everybody who knows the situation in Minneapolis tells me that the time is ripe for the Young Men's Christian association to make a big forward movement. I believe it is so. The days of struggle with debt are over. Our building, with a little overhauling, will accommodate 2,000 members in our various institutional activities. The board of managers, which has charge of the work, is made up of some of the most able and representative men of the city. I believe they have the confidence of the general public and will be able to secure the support, financial and otherwise, that the association needs in entering upon its career of larger usefulness.

"Our present equipment is only the 'teeing off ground' as a golfer might put it. There are three or four points in the city where new departments ought to be established without delay. Calls come from Fort Snelling to organize an association among the soldiers. Work among other special groups of men is no doubt in need of being undertaken. The work within our present building must be enlarged, broadened and intensified.

Standard Is Christian.

"The Young Men's Christian association is perhaps the organization best fitted to undertake what is commonly called institutional work for men thruout the city. In the first place it is a Christian association and work inspired by Christian ideals can best be accomplished by avowedly Christian men. Secondly, it is not limited in the scope of its work by any denominational or other lines. It caters to all the men of the community and it enlists the support and co-operation of all. Thirdly, it has the organization for doing the work, and experience in the best methods. The state and international organizations stand ready to strengthen the local workers' hands. Moreover, it has an organization that gathers all the work in the city under one head so that it may be unified, coordinated and pushed forward with the least waste and the greatest efficiency. Fourthly, it has, because of its international organization, its training schools, etc., a large force of trained leaders upon which to draw. Until one has actually undertaken it he has no conception of the difficulty of securing men capable of doing this type of work, and only an organization of national scope can develop men as fast as they are needed.

"It shall be our policy to make our institutions so to serve Minneapolis in making cleaner, more honest, more efficient, more upright, unselfish and public-spirited citizens of her young men, that the people of Minneapolis will consider the Y. M. C. A. as much a part of the city's equipment as her hospitals, library or public schools.

"Our conception of our work has greatly broadened during the last decade. The association is no longer simply a religious movement, altho it is no less that than ever. It has become a great social enterprise, taking thought for all the needs of young men—physical, intellectual, social, and industrial as well as moral and spiritual. Its work is not among one class, but all classes of young men. Nor is our work confined to our buildings. It is ours to co-operate with every movement that makes for better manhood and a higher type of citizenship, and to help co-ordinate all these movements for the betterment of the community.

"It is too early yet to publish any definite plans for the future, but our policy shall be no less than to do everything in our power and to stimulate others to do everything possible in developing a better and more active citizenship in Minneapolis."

PULPIT AND PEW

At Linden Hills Congregational church Dr. J. W. Cool of New York will make his last address tonight before returning to his own church. There will be old-fashioned music at the 6 o'clock vesper service.

Rev. S. F. Vance of Lane Theological seminary will occupy the pulpit of Andrew Presbyterian church this morning.

Rev. Joseph W. Heard of the Foss M. E. church has returned from his vacation after three weeks' absence and will be in his pulpit this morning at the usual hour.

Rev. C. J. Swain of Excelsior will occupy the pulpit of the First Congregational church this morning. Subject, "Up-to-Date Religion."

Dr. W. H. Jordan, who has been attending the Big Stone lake Chautauqua, where he gave two lectures and conducted the Bible school, has returned and will be in his pulpit this morning at the First M. E. church.

The East Side union services Sunday evening will be in the First M. E. church. The sermon will be by Rev. George P. Magill.

Ivan Panin, the converted Russian nihilist and agnostic, will give an account of his conversion to evangelical Christianity at the Central Baptist church this morning.

The services of the Hennepin Avenue M. E. church, despite the warm weather and the absence of many members from the city, continue to be well attended. Rev. G. E. Silloway has chosen as his topic Sunday morning, "God's Thought of Man and Ours." U. S. Kerr, the barytone, has chosen "King's Daughter of Jerusalem" as the offertory solo.

At 10:30 o'clock this morning, in the Loyalty Baptist church, 2318 Central avenue NE, the pastor, Rev. Edward M. Jeffers, will preach and at the evening service at 8 o'clock Professor E. O. Mills of Des Moines, Iowa, will speak on "What I Saw Among the Mormons." Mr. Mills speaks from the experience of three years among those people.

Rev. W. B. Riley of the First Baptist church will be at home thru August and in his pulpit every Sunday morning and night. Last year the First church closed evenings during the Northwestern Bible conference at the fairgrounds, but this year the church will remain open and regular Sunday services will be held. Several conference speakers will be heard in the church during the meeting.

SERVICES IN THE LOCAL CHURCHES TODAY

BAPTIST.

BETHESDA—Rev. Mr. Derbin will preach morning and evening.

FOURTH—Rev. G. F. Holt. Morning, "The Cost and Compensation of Power; An Echo from the Omaha Convention"; evening, "Something Worth Saving."

NORWEGIAN-DANISH—Rev. John Christensen. Morning and evening services.

CENTRAL—Rev. Ivan Panin. Morning, "From Nihilism to Faith"; evening "Christian Certainties." The morning address will contain a personal narrative of the speaker's conversion from agnosticism to evangelical Christianity.

TRINITY—Rev. William H. Geistweit, D.D., morning and evening.

TABERNACLE—Rev. G. H. Gamble. Morning, "Keeping the Home from Harm"; evening, "Temperance Truths," stirrinig addresses by Rev. Donald McKenzie and W. C. Calderwood. The girl's choir will sing and Mr. Kershaw will use his violin. Mr. and Mrs. Alvord will sing a duet.

FIRST—Rev. Dr. W. B. Riley. Morning, "A Study in the First Epistle of John"; evening, "The Sneering Man."

OLIVET—Rev. Rutledge T. Wiltbank. Morning, "The Solitude of Christ"; evening "The Faith of Abraham."

IMMANUEL—Rev. Israel Bergstrom, morning; evening, Frank A. Roberts will give report of the Omaha convention and Mr. Bergstrom will preach.

CALVARY—Rev. Dr. Fowler. Morning, "The Living Way"; evening, "Zaccheus the Conscious Struck."

LUTHERAN.

BETHLEHEM—Rev. N. B. Thvedt. Morning, "No Difference." The communion service commences at 10 a.m.; evening service at 7:45. Thursday, July 26, the congregation will have its Sunday school picnic. Next Sunday the children's service will be conducted.

ST. PAUL'S NORWEGIAN—Rev. Martin Norstad. Morning, "Keep and Teach the Law of God"; Norwegian and English Sunday school at 12 m.; evening, "Beware Lest Thou Forget the Lord"; evening service in English.

ST. JOHN'S (Chicago avenue and Seventeenth street)—Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph.D. Morning, "Christ Commenting on the Law"; no evening service; Sunday school 99:30 a.m.

BETHEL (Seventeenth avenue and Thirty-second street S)—Rev. H. P. Grimsby. Morning, "Christ and the Law"; evening "The Light of the World"; services at 8 in Norwegian. Sunday school at 9. The Sunday school will be reorganized into graded classes, both Norwegian and English, for better work.

EPISCOPAL.

ST. MARK'S PRO-CATHEDRAL (Sixth street, between Hennepin and Nicollet)—Vicar Hills. Morning, 9:30, holy communion; 10:30 a.m., service and sermon; no evening service.

GETHSEMANE—Rev. Irving P. Johnson. On account of church being closed for repairs, the 8 a.m. service will be held in St. Thomas mission, Fifth avenue S and Ninth street; the 10:30 and 7:45 services in Gethsemane parish house.

ST. PAUL'S (corner Franklin and Bryant avenues)—Rev. Theodore Payne Thurston, rector. 8 a.m., holy communion; 9:45 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m., service and sermon by the rector; evensong omitted during July and August.

ALL SAINTS' (2619 Clinton avenue)—Rev. J. E. Purdy. Morning prayer and sermon, 10:30; 12 m., parish school; evening services discontinued in July and August.

CHRIST CHURCH (3440 Blaisdell avenue)—Rev. Andrew D. Stowe, rector. Morning service, 10:30 a.m.; evevning service, 8 p.m.; Sunday school, 12:10 p.m.; Y. P. S., Tuesday, 8 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL.

LINDEN HILLS—Rev. Dr. P. A. Cool. Morning, "The Philosopher and the Christian in a Wicked World"; evening, vesper services; good music; J. W. Curl will speak.

VINE—Rev. J. S. Rood. Morning, Professor C. L. Sawyer; evening, Rev. Mr. Painter.

OLIVET (Prior and Rondo, Merriam Park)—Rev. William J. Gray, pastor. Morning, 10:30, "The Diffusion of Light"; evening "All Things Made New." Union service at Trinity M. E.

PARK AVENUE—Rev. G. S. Rollins, D.D. Morning, "The Paradox of Sight"; no evening service. Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:30.

FOREST HEIGHTS—Rev. Stanley M. Hornby, pastor. Morning, "The Profit of Prayer"; evening, "A Man on a Tree."

PLYMOUTH—Rev. Harold Hunter. Morning, "The Pharisee and the Publican"; evening, Christian Endeavor at 6:45.

LOWRY HILL—Rev. Henry Holmes. Morning, "The Divine Underpinning," at 10:30; evevning, Christian Endeavor at 6:30.

PILGRIM—Rev. A. Sumner, pastor. Morning, Rev. C. E. Bourton of the Lyndale Congregational church will preach; evening, Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:45; no evening preaching.

FREMONT AVENUE—Rev. C. A. Hilm, pastor. Morning, "Rest in the Lord"; evening, "May All Be Saved."

THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET—Rev. George E. Albrecht. Morning, "Give Ye Them to Eat"; evening, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

COMO AVENUE—Rev. H. K. Painter. Morning, "Making Our Own World"; evening, Christian Endeavor service at 6:30.

OPEN DOOR—Rev. Walter G. Carlson. Morning, "Work Out Your Own Salvation"; evening, Rev. G. S. Rollins, D.D., of Park Avenue church, will speak at the tent services.

PRESBYTERIAN.

FIFTH AVENUE—Rev. William J. Johnson. Morning, "As Thy Days, so Thy Strength"; evening, open-air service, beginning at 7 o'clock. Good music.

SHILOH—Rev. Otis G. Dale. Morning, special address by C. W. Douglass of Shanghai, China; 4 p.m., junior church sermon, "How God Takes Care of His Children"; evening, "Tools and Toys," a sermon for the times. Street meeting fifteen minutes before evening service. Miss Bright, soloist.

FIRST—Rev. A. B. Marshall, D. D. Morning, "A Mysterious River"; evening, "A National Conscience Awake."

WELSH—Rev. H. P. Morgan. The pastor will preach morning at 10:30 and evening at 7:30. Special service of song at 6:30 under the leadership of J. W. Williams. All cordially invited.

RIVERSIDE CHAPEL—Rev. Benjamin R. Weld. 3 p.m., Sunday school; 8 p.m., gospel service. Evening, "The Heavenly Tidings Bearer."

WESTMINSTER—The famous author and preacher, Rev. A. C. Dixon, D.D., of Ruggles Street church, Boston, Mass., will preach at 10:30 a.m. In the evening Rev. A. C. Gaebelein, D.D., editor of "Our Hope," New York city, will preach. Visitors and tourists are especially invited.

STEWART MEMORIAL—Rev. R. A. Vander Las. Morning, "A Hungry Heart"; evening, Rev. John M. Fulton, D.D., will speak on "Temperance."

HOPE CHAPEL—Rev. Alexander G. Patterson. Evening, "A Day at Ellis Island"; solo, "The Pilot of the Sea," H. H. Hare; Hope duet. There will be a gospel concert in front of the chapel at 7:45.

VANDERBURGH MEMORIAL (corner of Franklin and Twenty-third avenues S)—Rev. W. O. Wallace. Morning, "The Carnal Versus the Spiritual Mind"; evening, union service at the Baptist Tabernacle, under the auspices of the young people's prohibition movement.

BETHLEHEM—Rev. Stanley B. Roberts, D.D. Morning, "Christ Our Royal Advocate"; evening, "The Making of a Christian Home," first in series of "The Christian Home." At 2:30 p.m., gospel wagon will leave church for street meetings. Song service on church lawn at 7:45.

METHODIST.

THIRTEENTH AVENUE—Rev. C. M.