THE CHURCHES AND TO-DAY'S SERVICES

The Crowning Miracle

An Easter Sermon

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Text: "I lay down my life that I may take it again. I have power to lay it down and power to take it again."—John x. 17, 18.

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The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, as recorded in the New Testament, seems to reveal the climax of His power over all life. It was a sample of what God intends to do for all who believe. The climax of Old-Testament power was the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage. From Moses to Malachi these children were reminded of the Red Sea as the supreme demonstration of God's power to save. When the old prophets wanted to inspire courage and confidence into the heart life of God's Israel, they pointed back to that wonderful deliverance which brought their ancient fathers from the land of bondage, and when God renews his promise to Israel, he takes them back to the same spot and says: "As in the days of thy coming forth out of land of Egypt will I show unto him marvelous things."

That marvelous thing referred to here is evidently the crowning miracle of the New Testament. The Red Sea is now superseded by the empty tomb, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ stands at the forefront of the Christian dispensation as the greatest achievement of Omnipotence. It was indeed a sample, that is, God's best, God's greatest work for humanity, and when we want to know what God is able to do, when we, as ministers wish to inspire hope, courage and confidence we direct the followers of Jesus back to His own resurrection.

There is something remarkable in this act of power. We usually think of God working at the finger-tips of omnipotence. There seems to be no indication of tax upon his strength, no trace of effort, no sign of strain. But in redemption God's resources seem to be taxed. Infinite love may be baffled and infinite power fail. It seems that the Almighty and all-powerful God had to rally his forces and gird his strength: "That we may know the exceeding greatness of His might, which He wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead." The resurrection of Jesus reveals that might of God working at the fullness of His strength.

CROWNING MIRACLE INCLUSIVE OF ALL OTHERS

This crowning miracle is inclusive of all others, others were but the shadow of things to follow. It demonstrated victory over every dominion that affects human life. Natural and spiritual forces, material and mental forces, temporal and eternal forces were all proved to be under the power that brought again our Lord Jesus from the dead. All miracles were accomplished in the one act.

When Jesus gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, speech to the dumb, and power to the palsied limbs, it is described as "mighty works and wonders and signs." But in His own resurrection all these were included in the one gift of life. In the one act, there came sight, hearing, speech, strength and every faculty was quickened and restored.

His resuscitation differs from all others. Others were raised from the dead to die again. But He is the first begotten from the dead and dieth no more.

Another fact is that in every other instance where the dead were raised, they returned to life in their grave-clothes, embalmed, shrouded, bound hand and foot. When Jesus stepped out of the tomb He left his grave clothes behind Him. They had now been taken from His body and laid aside by kind friends, but were left lying as when they had entwined Him. He did not take them off, he simply emerged from them as a butterfly emerges from its cocoon. Is it any wonder that when Peter and John beheld the linen clothes thus lying, they believed? A new order of life had been inaugurated. Life had now reached a sphere superior to the material limitations of the flesh. Jesus moved about in the world with the freedom of an unencumbered spirit, appearing and disappearing at will.

This was an order of life, the like of which had not been experienced in heaven or on earth, but which is to be shared in by all "who should be planted in the likeness of His resurrection." This is the blessed hope of the Christian.

The penalty of the sinner's guilt was paid when Christ died upon the cross, and the power of His resurrection life was secured when Christ rose from the dead. Our life here and hereafter springs from His grave. The same power "that brought again the Lord Jesus from the dead" quickens the soul of the believer into life. This is spiritual resurrection.

REGENERATION IS SPIRITUAL COUNTERPART OF RESURRECTION

Regeneration, then, is the spiritual counterpart of the resurrection.

Regeneration is a birth out of death. The sinner is "dead in trespasses and sin." The Master said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life."

This is certainly the believer's first and essential resurrection, and he knows that he has passed out of death into life. Regeneration is the standing miracle of the power of God. God never does anything mightier or more glorious than when he saves a soul from death, and brings that soul into living fellowship with himself.

In Adam all died; this was the first death, and he that hath part in the first resurrection, on such the second death hath no power, but with St. Paul he exclaims: "Oh, death, where is thy sting; oh, grave, where is thy victory?"

Some tell us that salvation is not a miracle, but a natural process; that we are saved, not by the operation of a supernatural power, but by the ordinary processes of self-realization, refinement and culture. Our experience with the lost has been that they needed something; that all the resources of humanity at its best was inadequate to supply. Social organizations, educational and philanthropic agencies have their place in the world, render us valuable help, but there is no substitute for the new birth, which is the spiritual counterpart of the resurrection.

Regeneration, like the resurrection, affects the whole man, secures all the elements of reform. In it lies the solution of every kind of redemption, social, personal, domestic, moral and economic. The quickening power energizes and sanctifies every part of the man, and the changed character soon secures improved conditions.

POWER OF THE GOSPEL OF RESURRECTION

The solution of every problem is secured when salvation comes to the human heart. The completeness of the work is amazing. Like Christ, when the sinner steps out of the region of death, he leaves his grave-clothes behind him. Habits are the clothes of the soul. In one act, every evil habit slips away from the soul, and is left in the tomb of the dead past.

Other reforms try to save men by correcting one fault at a time, but when the power of God comes into the soul, it renews the man in every part and turns him out a new creation in Christ Jesus. Suddenly, gloriously and permanently God saves men from their sins. That is the power of the gospel of the resurrection. Men are dead, three dead, bound hand and foot by the habits of a lifetime, with a great stone rolled against the door of the tomb, and the devil's watchers keeping guard to see that he does not reform. Can such a man live?

Oh, yes, one day, the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead goes down into that grave, and the dead are quickened into life, old things pass away, behold! all things become new. The watchers are overthrown, that is, old companions are discarded forever.

In the new light of a glorious morning a new-born soul steps forth into a new world and a new life. It is Easter perpetuated in glory and power upon the earth again. Only Jesus can accomplish this work in us; has power to take away the old and give us the new life.

This Easter time is meaningless unless the heart is surrendered, sanctified and possessed of God. If this is true the soul realizes the infinite resources that are his in Christ Jesus. He claims by a living faith the abiding fullness of the Eternal Spirit. The power of God is for him, and in him, and through him to the resurrection of the dead. God grant that we may know "Him and the power of his resurrection" upon this glad Easter-tide.

FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS INCREASE

Southern Presbyterian Church Closes Its Fiscal Year and Prepares Reports to General Assembly.

The fiscal year of the Southern Presbyterian Church has just closed, and among the many facts of interest to be submitted to the general assembly of this church at Orlando, Fla., in May, is that the executive committee of foreign missions will show that during the past year the receipts for this cause were $534,682, an increase of $6,483 over the receipts for the same cause the year previous. The report of this committee on April 1, 1914, showed a deficit of $36,000, and on April 1, 1915, a deficit of $27,000, whereas the report to be submitted this year will show no deficit, but a balance of $521, and this sum will be supplied on the deficits of former years.

It is of interest also to note that in the Southern Presbyterian Church the number of missionaries on the foreign field has increased during the past ten years—from 1905 to 1915—from 206 to 358; the number of native workers, from 293 to 1,078; the number of outstations, places of regular meeting, from 432 to 1,111; the number of organized churches, from 39 to 501; the number of communicants from 10,824 to 33,021; the number of members added to the church on confession during the year, from 2,182 to 2,786; the Christian constituency from 27,531 to 122,578; the Sabbath schools, from 92 to 526; the Sabbath school membership, from 5,252 to 36,436; the number of schools, from 51 to 457; the number of students, from 3,471 to 16,012; the income from native sources, from $14,219 to $13,295; the number of native students for the ministry, from 51 to 126.

BIBLE SOCIETY WILL HOLD CENTENNIAL IN NEW YORK

Will Meet in Same Room in Which Organization Was Launched 100 Years Ago.

The Mayor of New York has granted permission to the American Bible Society to hold its official centennial meeting in the board of estimate's room in New York's City Hall. It was in this room, on May 13, 100 years ago, that Mayor Radcliff presided over the meeting at which the society was launched on its work. The New York celebration of the society is to be held in May, and the 7th of that month is to be Bible Sunday throughout all America. At the moment cities of the Southwest, including New Orleans, Dallas and others, are holding Bible celebrations, society secretaries being present as speakers.

Reports of the society state that at the beginning of 1915 reductions had to be made in appropriations owing to loss of income. In spite of that fact, and heavy decreases in some agencies, there was a net gain in Bible circulation in 1915 of 119,349 volumes, as compared with 1914. The total for the year was 1,184,900, and during the 100 years the Bible circulation has reached a total of 115,000,000. The society announces that, under American direction, a greater number of Bibles were printed and issued from the Bible headquarters in China last year than from the Bible House in New York.

Easter Music

Program for Richmond Churches.

Central Methodist Church.

The following program of Easter music will be followed to-day:

Morning:

Organ voluntary, "Praise the Lord." Hymn, "Sing With all the Sons of Glory." Te deum, Read. Gloria. Offertory, "The Lord is Risen, Indeed," Brackett. Hymn, "Rise, Glorious Conqueror, Rise" "The Chains of Death are Broken," Brackett. Postlude, "A Song of Triumph."

At the evening hour, 8 o'clock, the choir will render a sacred cantata, "The Easter Alleluia," by Heyser.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

(Laurel, corner Beverley Street.)

Rev. J. Francis Ribble, rector; Rev. P. A. Arthur, assistant.

Processional, "Welcome Happy Morning" ..... Sullivan
"Christ, Our Passover" .... Mornington
"Gloria" ..... Mendelssohn
"Te Deum," festival in E flat .... Buck
"Jubilate Deo," in C ..... William
Introit, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" ..... Davidica
Gloria Tibi ..... Garrett
Hymn, "Christ is Risen" ..... Sullivan
Anthem, "God Hath Appointed a Day" ..... Tours
Sanctus ..... Taylor
Communion Hymn, "O Saving Victim" ..... Uglow
Gloria in Excelsis ..... Old chant
Recessional, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" ..... Elvey

Evening—Processional, "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" (Sullivan); "Gloria" (Mendelssohn); "Magnificat" in F (Whitfield); "Nunc Dimitis" in F (Whitfield); evening hymn, "All Praise to Thee" (Tallis); hymn, "Christ the Lord Is Risen To-day" (Rimbault), anthem, "As It Began to Dawn" (Vincent); recessional, "He Is Risen" (Neander).

Members of the choir: Sopranos—Misses Pearl Priddy, Cora Perrini, Linda Ralston, Eleanor Hoffman, Fanny Bull, Eva Lacy, Jessie Moore, Eulah Moore, Roberta Langhorn, Emmie Ricketts, Marguerite Ricketts, Clevie Simms, Mabel Bauer, Virgie Bowls, Emma Boynton, Hester Lynch, Thelma Phillips, Elizabeth Flippen. Altos—Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Misses Evelyn Harrison, Belle Ricketts, Cora Haase, Kathleen Ribble, Naomi Stith, Eva Bauer. Tenors—J. H. Stokes, T. Andrews, J. Ribble, Irving Moltz. Basses—Frank Wade, J. Diggs, G. Vincent, J. H. Stokes, director. Miss S. DeHart, organist.

Monument Methodist Church.

The following program will be rendered Sunday by the quartet choir:

Morning—"Alleluia, Christ Is Risen" (Dennee); "As It Began to Dawn" (Vincent); "Christ, Our Passover" (Schilling).

Evening—"Lift Your Glad Voices" (Van Laer); "Awake, Thou That Sleepest" (F. C. Maker); "Now Is Christ Risen" (Warren).

Choir—Mrs. Richard Fox, soprano; Miss Gladys Mallonee, contralto; E. R. Dyson, tenor; A. L. Pond, basso; Percy W. Peay, organist and director.

Laurel Street Methodist Church.

Morning—Voluntary, "As It Began to Dawn" (Vincent); sentence, "Why Seek Ye the Living?" (Simper); offertory, "Now Is Christ Risen" (Danks).

Evening—Voluntary, "This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made" (Holden); sentence, "He Is Risen" (Simper); offertory, "Welcome, Thou Victor in the Strife" (Murray).

The musical program will be rendered by the chorus choir, under the direction of C. W. Davis, chorister, assisted by several soloists and W. Reginald Walker, church organist.

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Petersburg.

Praeludium, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" (from "The Messiah") (G. F. Handel), Mrs. W. Howard Cooke, Miss Alberta Bowman, violin obligato; "Kyrie Eleison, Missa Pro Pace," Theo von LaHache; "Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Missa Pro Pace," Theo von LaHache; "Credo in Unum Deum, Missa Pro Pace," Theo von LaHache; offertorium, "Ave Maria" (from the first prelude) (Bach-Gounod), Mrs. W. Howard Cooke, Miss Alberta Bowman, violin obligato; Sanctus, Missa Pro Pace" Theo von LaHache; "Benedictus Qui Venit, Missa Pro Pace," Theo von LaHache, "Agnus Dei, Missa Pro Pace," Theo von LaHache; "Dona Nobis Pacem, Missa Pro Pace," Theo von LaHache; postludium, "The Heavens Are Telling" (from "The Creation") (F. J. Haydn). John Moylan Bird, organist and choirmaster.

St. James's Methodist Church.

Easter music will be sung at the morning service, and at 8 o'clock the choir will render a special musical program. They will be assisted by Miss Eula Starnell, soprano, soloist of St. John's Episcopal Church, who will sing "The Ninety and Nine," by Campion.

Highland Park Methodist Church.

Following is a list of anthems to be rendered at Highland Park Methodist Church on Easter Sunday, under the direction of the organist, J. Robert Beadles, Jr.

Morning service—"Sing Halleluiah Forth" (Schnecker); "As It Began to Dawn" (Martin); "Halleluiah, Christ Is Risen" (Simper).

Evening service—"Christ Our Passover" (Sheppard); "Awake, Awake" (Stainer).

Decatur Street Methodist Church.

11 o'clock—Voluntary, "Look, Ye saints" (Smart); response, "Te Deum" Marsh); "Gloria Patri"; offertory, "Christ is Risen" (Ashford); sermon by the pastor, Rev. George F. Greene, subject "The Resurrection."

8 o'clock—Voluntary, "Magnificat" Simper); response, "Praise, Praise the Lord" (Alzamora); "Gloria Patri"; offertory, "Jerusalem" (Gounod). Sermon by the pastor, Rev. George F. Greene; subject, "Heaven."

Church of the Ascension.

Morning prayer; processional hymn, "Welcome Happy Morning"; chant, "Christ, Our Passover"; chant, "Gloria Patri"; "Te Deum" (E. C. Stephens); "Jubilate" (Aldrich); "Introit," Hymn 111; "Kyrie" (J. Barnby); "Nicene Creed" (B. Tours); "Gloria Tibi" (B. Tours); offertory, "Awake, Thou That Sleepest" (Maker); "Sursum Corda" (B. Tours); "Sanctus" (B. Tours); "Agnus Dei" (Robert Neilson); "Gloria in Excelsis" (B. Tours).

Evening prayer; processional, hymn 109; "Gloria Patri" (Tours); "Magnificat" (C. Marks); "Nunc Dimittis" (C. Marks); confirmation hymn 218; "Nunc Dimittis" (C. Marks); confirmation hymn 218; hymn, "Angels Roll the Rock Away"; offertory, "Awake, Thou That Sleepest" (Maker); recessional, hymn 121.

Rt. Rev. William Cabell Brown, D. D., will visit the church on Easter Sunday afternoon to administer confirmation. The hour for service has been changed from 5 to 4 o'clock.

Serves Fifty-Seven Years.

Provincetown offers an example of long and faithful service in the case of Andrew T. Williams, who has served as secretary and treasurer of the Sunday school of the Centenary Methodist Church for fifty-seven years. He has seldom been absent in all those years. He has just received a gift of a beautiful Bible, as a mark of esteem from the Sunday school. Mr. Williams is seventy-nine years of age.

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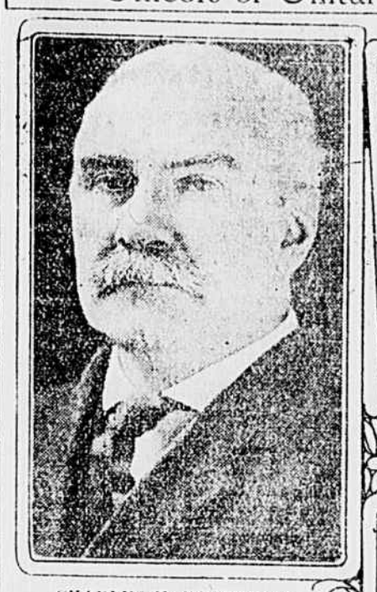

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UNITARIAN CONFERENCE OPENS HERE TUESDAY

Leaders of Denomination Throughout South Are to Be in Attendance.

DISTINGUISHED MEN TO SPEAK

Public Meetings Are to Be Held at the Little Theater on Wednesday and Thursday Nights—Patterson to Preside.

Featured by two platform meetings in the Little Theater, when the principles of Unitarianism are to be explained, the Southern Unitarian Conference will hold the center of church interest in Richmond during the coming week, and will call together some of the foremost thinkers in this denomination from throughout the United States.

The convention is to be held in the First Unitarian Church, corner of Floyd Avenue and Harrison Street, beginning on Tuesday and concluding on Thursday. There will be prominent speakers present throughout the conference, who on several occasions will speak in public.

The first public meeting is to be in the Little Theater on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Charles H. Patterson will be chairman for the evening. Rev. U. G. B. Pierce, D. D., of Washington, will deliver the address of the evening on the subject, "The Bible We Believe In." Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, D. D., of Boston, will speak on "The Christ We Follow," and Rev. George Kent, of New Orleans, will speak on "Our Gospel the Gospel for To-Day."

JOSEPH C. TAYLOR TO PRESIDE THURSDAY NIGHT

The second public meeting will be the closing meeting of the conference, and is to be held in the Little Theater. At this time Joseph C. Taylor is to be the presiding officer. The general subject will be, "Why I Am a Unitarian." Addresses will be delivered by Rev. J. Wade Cookling, of Atlanta, Rev. George Gilmour, of Dallas, Rev. F. M. McHalea of Marianna, Fla.; Captain Alfred Pirtle, of Louisville, and three members of the Unitarian Club, of Washington city.

The conference will convene in the First Unitarian Church on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. After the preliminary greetings the various committees of the conference will be appointed and the session will close.

At 8 o'clock Tuesday evening Colonel George Soule, of New Orleans, will address the conference on the subject "The World Problem of Commercialism." Colonel Soule, an officer in the Confederate army, is vice-president of the American Unitarian Association, and is said to be a speaker of considerable power.

BUSINESS SESSIONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday morning and again at 2:45 o'clock in the afternoon the regular business sessions of the conference will be the order of the day. At these sessions there will be the reports of the various officers and a number of short discussions on the floor of the conference. At the afternoon hour there will also be a ministers' conference in the manse. In the evening will be the meeting in the Little Theater.

On Thursday morning a second business session will be held in the church, and at this time there will be several short addresses on subjects of interest to the delegates. In the afternoon, starting from the church, the delegates will spend the afternoon in recreation about the city. In the evening, at the Little Theater, the conference will be brought to a close by the public meeting.

Members of the church in Richmond are looking forward to an interesting week.

The officers of the Southern Conference are Charles H. Patterson, president; Pirtle, of Louisville, and Dr. Ira J. Haynes, of Richmond, vice-presidents; Haynes, of Richmond, vice-presidents; Rev. Francis M. McHale, of Marianna, Fla., secretary-treasurer.

MISSIONARY CONGRESS MEETS IN WASHINGTON

Many Richmond Men Will Attend Conference on Church Extension.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO SPEAK

Enrollment of Local Delegates Was Begun at Recent Laymen's Convention in Richmond—Distinguished Men on Program.

The National Missionary Congress, which will convene at Washington on Wednesday and will be in session for several days, will be unique in that it will be a combination of addresses and discussion. Delegates from many States have been registered at headquarters, and it is expected that every State will be well represented.

President Wilson has consented to be present and address the congress at the opening session, and many other noted men will be heard. Among these are John R. Mott, Robert E. Speer, George Sherwood Eddy, Raymond Robbins, Silas McBee, Dr. Shailer Matthews, Dr. W. D. MacKenzie, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Dr. John F. Goucher, ex-Lieutenant-Governor Wallace, of California, Bishop Arthur S. Lloyd, S. D. Gordon, Right Rev. Thomas F. Gailor, and many others of equal recognition as leaders in the great movements of the church to-day.

The arrangements for the missionary congress are being made by the National Laymen's Missionary Movement, and the representatives of this organization who will take part on the program are J. Campbell White, formerly the general secretary of the movement; William R. Miller, the present general secretary; George Innes, a missionary layman, who gave up the active management of a prosperous business in order that he might devote his time to mission work, and a number of representative men of the movement in different sections of the United States.

CLIMAX OF NATIONAL LAYMEN'S CAMPAIGN

Coming as it does as the climax of the national campaign of conventions of the Laymen's Missionary Movement for 1915-16, this congress will be of church-wide and nation-wide interest, and all of the home mission and foreign mission agencies are making preparations to participate actively in the congress.

Each denomination is selecting its representatives, which have been allotted upon an equitable basis. A special appeal from the central office of the Laymen's Movement, just issued, has this to say in connection with the value of the missionary congress:

"What can be of greater significance and value than the world issues of the Christian religion? In our scale of values only one thing can be first. Let the strong men of the nation gather for earnest council and conclusive thinking as to how American Christianity can best discharge its obligation to mankind."

There will be a number of Richmond men at the conference, though just how many, it is difficult to say at this time. At a recent meeting, Richmond was invited by leaders of the conference to send a large contingent. Business men of this city were asked to lay aside for the time being their "commercialism" and attend this meeting to catch "the world spirit." There will be some of the foremost thinkers of America present to address the gathering, and it is highly likely that Virginia, and Richmond, will be largely represented.

At Eventide It Shall Be Light.

Oh, hearken, hearken, for the air is still;
The deepening vault takes on a darker shade
Where all the west, in fiery splendor laid,
Burns like a great rose-window, and the shrill
Sweet woodland choristers from hill to hill
Make antiphones from where the flock has strayed
A bell chimes sacring, and well arrayed
As altar-lights the stars at distance thrill.
A cloistered sanctity is everywhere;
All things are rapt in deep communion,
While heavenward, up the invisible altar-stair,
Like incense-clouds the general praise is blown,
As though some archangelic thurifer
Swing the orbed earth before the immanent Throne.

H. Buchanan Ryley, in the Living Church.

TO ANNOUNCE DECISION OF DR. M'DANIEL TO-DAY

Committee Will Report at Meeting of Congregation After Morning Service.

REQUESTS ALL TO ATTEND

Chairman Winston Asks All Members of First Baptist Church to Be Present—Dr. McNutt at Y. M. C. A. This Afternoon.

Immediately upon the close of the morning service at the First Baptist Church, Twelfth and Broad Streets, today there will be an important meeting of all members of the congregation to hear the report of the committee named to confer with the pastor, Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D., who unexpectedly tendered his resignation last Sunday. The committee has been using its efforts to induce Dr. McDaniel to reconsider his determination, and the result of the conferences held with him will be announced. Professor Charles H. Winston, chairman of the special committee, yesterday announced that the committee was anxious that every member of the church be present to hear the report.

The committee is composed of the following members: Professor Charles H. Winston, chairman; D. S. McCarthy, T. A. Miller, W. S. Forbes, A. W. Patterson, Rev. C. B. Arendall and B. M. Gawthmey.

"The Hunger Clutch" will be the subject of Dr. George L. McNutt, of New York at the men's meeting at the Central Young Men's Christian Association, this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. During the past week Dr. McNutt has been addressing large meetings in local schools, factories and shops. He will also address the boys' meeting this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Members of the Sunday School of the Second Baptist Church will given unusual attention to the observance of Easter in the closing exercises in the morning and evening worship at the church. At 10:15 o'clock the younger children will give a missionary cantata. The older pupils will render appropriate musical numbers at the evening services. A chorus has been trained by Professor Walter C. Mercer to take part in this feature of the celebration.

An attractive program has been arranged for the Easter service to be held in the Richmond Male Orphan Asylum this afternoon. The program is as follows:

Processional, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" (Chant); prayer; "Ring the Bells for Easter," chorus; recitation, "Duty to God and My Neighbor"; "Gloria", "We Come With Lilies," chorus; "The Open Portal," solo; "Hail, Sweet Chimes of Easter!" Scripture reading; "God Be Merciful" (Chant); "Wonderful Words of Love," chorus; remarks, Rev. F. R. Chenault, pastor Broad Street Methodist Church. "Jesus Said of Little Children"; doxology; benediction.

The junior choir of St. John's Episcopal Church will sing at the Sunday school celebration this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The choir is composed of little boys and girls from five to thirteen years old, and is under the direction of John W. Starner, organist and choirmaster of the church.

Following is a list of the children who compose the choir: Kathleen Phillips, Aurelia Gordon, Phyliss Bennett, Julia Bayliss, Katharine Williams, Margaret Miller, Bertha Richardson, Bessie Powell, George Sherry, Nathalie Saunders, Georgie Pitts, Louise Smith, Mary Mussen, Virginia Burns, Ruth Grace, Maxine Morris, Virginia Saunders, Meta Richardson, Dorothy Doane, Eunice Goldsmith, Dorothy Cussins, Marjorie Tyree, Binford Peay, Walter Jewell, James Anderson, Albert Bickers, Frank Rowlett, Robert Richardson, Charles Mann, Jr., Edgar Woodward, George Smith, Jessie Mahoney, Preston Tyree, Wesley McAllister, Louise Jewell, Edward Pond and Carlisle Weisiger.

LOCAL CHURCH NOTICES

EPISCOPAL.

St. Andrew's—The rector, Rev. J. Francis Ribble, assisted by the curate, Rev. Philip A. Arthur, will conduct the celebration of Easter. Morning sermon and communion at 11 o'clock, and the sacrament of baptism this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Evening prayer at 8 o'clock.

Grace—Communion this morning at 8 o'clock. Morning prayer and communion at 11 o'clock. There will be the usual evening service at 8 o'clock.

Good Shepherd—Communion at 8 o'clock. Morning prayer, sermon and communion at 11 o'clock. Children's festival service this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Evening prayer at 8:15 o'clock. The rector will preach at the regular services, and special music will be rendered.

Christ—The usual services will be conducted by the rector, Rev. Charles W. Sydnor. Sunday school Easter celebration this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Ascension—Communion this morning at 8 o'clock. Communion and sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer and confirmation service, conducted by Bishop William Cabell Brown, this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

St. James—Communion this morning at 7:45 o'clock. Morning prayer, sermon and communion at 11 o'clock. Children's festival service this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at 8:15 o'clock. The rector, Rev. G. Freeland Peter, will preach at both services.

All Saints'—The rector, Rev. J. Y. Downman, will preach this morning at 11 o'clock and this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

St. Paul's—Communion this morning at 7:30 o'clock. Celebration by the children of the Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock. Morning prayer and communion at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon by the rector, Rev. W. Russell Bowie, D. D., at 8 o'clock.

Holy Trinity—Communion this morning at 8 o'clock. Morning prayer and communion at 11 o'clock. Children's Easter celebration this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Monumental—Rev. James W. Morris, D. D., the rector, will preach this morning at 11 o'clock and this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Special music at both services.

St. Mark's—The rector, Rev. S. Roger Tyler, will occupy the pulpit at both services. Special music will be rendered at the evening service.

BAPTIST.

First—Preaching at both services by the pastor, Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D. A special program will be rendered by the quartet choir.

Grace Street—The pastor, Rev. Lloyd T. Wilson, D. D., will preach this morning on "Marks of Ownership." To-night his subject will be "The Fatal Sin."

Grove Avenue—Usual services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. C. James, D. D.

Broadus Memorial—The pastor, Rev. W. E. Gibson, will preach this morning on "The Risen Christ." To-night his subject will be "The Authority to Forgive Sins." Special music will be rendered by the chorus choir.

Leigh Street—Rev. David Hepburn will preach at the morning service. Rev. George L. McNutt, D. D., will preach at night.

Pine Street—Rev. William H. Smith, D. D., will preach this morning. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Hutson, D. D., will preach to-night on "God the Refuge of His People."

Oakwood—The pastor, Rev. H. L. Nicholas, will conduct the morning and evening services. Special music will be rendered.

Oak Grove—The pastor, Rev. D. G. Lancaster, will conduct the usual services. The members of the Sunday school will give an Easter entertainment this morning at 9:45 o'clock.

METHODIST.

Union Station—The pastor, Rev. W. Asbury Christian, D. D., will preach this morning on "The Great Truth of the Resurrection and Our Duty in the Light of This Truth." To-night his subject will be "Risen With Christ."

Highland Park—The pastor, Rev. C. O. Tuttle, will preach this morning on "Message of Easter." Children's Day service will be observed at the evening service.

Broad Street—The pastor, Rev. Fred R. Chenault, will preach this morning on "Across the Line." His evening subject will be "The Likeness of His Resurrection."

Centenary—The pastor, Rev. T. A. Smoot, D. D., will preach this morning on "The House Not Made With Hands." To-night his subject will be "The Book."

Monument—Bishop Collins Denny will preach at the morning service. The pastor, Rev. R. H. Potts, D. D., will preach to-night.

West End—Rev. T. McN. Simpson, D. D., presiding elder, will preach at the morning service. The Rosebud Missionary Society will hold its anniversary celebration at the evening service.

Fairmount Avenue—The pastor, Rev. E. V. Carson, will preach this morning on "Resurrection, Power and Hope." To-night his subject will be "How Long Will I Live?—An Easter Answer."

Laurel Street—The pastor, Rev. J. K. Jolliff, will preach this morning on "The Great Adventure." To-night his subject will be "Recognition in Heaven."

PRESBYTERIAN.

Westminster—Rev. R. E. Gaines, D. D., will preach at the morning service. R. W. Miles, Jr., will preach to-night.

Montrose—The pastor, Rev. George West Diehl, will preach this morning on "The Grave in the Garden." To-night his subject will be "The Case of Esau."

Grace Covenant—The pastor, Rev. J. Calvin Stewart, D. D., will preach this morning. Rev. Cameron Johnson will preach to-night. Dr. Stewart will preach and celebrate the Lord's Supper at Read Memorial Chapel, Brook Road, at 8 o'clock.

First—Rev. F. T. McFaden, D. D., the pastor, will conduct the usual services.

Second—Communion this morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. M. R. Turnbull will preach at the evening service.

CHRISTIAN.

Seventh Street—The pastor, Rev. H. D. C. Maclachlan, D. D., will preach this morning on "Vindications of the Empty Tomb." To-night his subject will be "The Higher Efficiency."

Cowardin Avenue—The pastor, Rev. F. Wayne Long, will preach this morning on "The Empty Sepulcher." At the evening service the children's Easter exercises will be observed. Special music at both services.

Third—The pastor, Rev. Roger Lamar Clark, will preach this morning on "Incidents of the Resurrection." There will be Easter exercises for children at the evening service.

Hanover Avenue—The pastor, Rev. George W. Kemper, will preach this morning on "The Divinity in His Resurrection." To-night his subject will be "A Narrow Escape." Special music will be rendered.

Colonial Place—Sunday school this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, followed by preaching services.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

First Church of Christ, Scientist—Regular services will be held this morning at 11 o'clock. The subject will be "Probation After Death."

UNITARIAN.

First—Rev. George L. Chaney will preach this morning at 11 o'clock on "The Easter Message." Sunday school and Easter service at 12:20 o'clock.

INSTALLATION OF DR. BARR IS HELD NULL AND VOID

Report is Made by Joint Commission of Presbyterian General Assemblies on New Orleans Case.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW ORLEANS, April 22.—The commissioners appointed by the general assemblies of the Northern Presbyterian and the Southern Presbyterian Churches, in a joint report made public here, held that Rev. J. C. Barr's installation as pastor of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church, independent, of this city, was illegal and null. Dr. Barr's case, it was said, was one of the instances of alleged violation of comity between the two branches of Presbyterians, for settlement of which the Southern Assembly, in Newport News, and the Northern Assembly, in Rochester, appointed commissions in May, 1915.

About two years ago the Lafayette congregation here seceded from the New Orleans Presbytery (Southern) because of a dispute concerning jurisdiction over church property. The local congregation declared itself an independent Presbyterian Church, and Dr. Barr named to membership in the Jefferson Presbytery of the Synod of Texas, affiliated with the Northern Presbyterians. The case then went to the general assemblies of both churches.

The joint commission held Dr. Barr was subject to the Jefferson Presbytery's jurisdiction; that his conduct and that of the executive commission of Jefferson Presbytery "was not in harmony with comity agreements and to be deeply regretted," and that the reception of the Lafayette congregation's call to Dr. Barr and his installation as pastor were beyond the Presbytery's powers. The joint commission directed Jefferson Presbytery to remove the Lafayette Church from its roll and assign Dr. Barr to a new field.

Acquainted With the Author.

"Do you believe the Bible?" asked a learned skeptic of a plain blacksmith. "Yes, sir," was the reply. "Why do you believe it?" he asked. "I am acquainted with the author," was the convincing answer.—Southern Presbyterian.