THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

WHAT THE CHURCH FOLK ARE THINKING ABOUT AND DOING.

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS.

The Race Question and Religion.

The International Sunday-school Lesson for April 4 is "Peter and Cornelius." Acts, x:1-48.

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The race question in its acutest and gravest form is not to be found in the Southern States, or in San Francisco, or Vancouver; but on the other side of the world, where the Oriental and the African come into contact with the white man. Especially serious and ominous is it in China, because the European and American there have, on the whole, insisted upon acting toward the natives of the country as if the latter were inferior beings. The entire anti-foreign sentiment in China may be traced to the simple lack of brotherliness in the conduct of the white men in China. The case in India is similar. The justice of Britain's rule can scarcely be questioned, but the Indian has been irritated and made rebellious by the refusal of many white men to treat him as a brother man. The attitude of the average "sahib" toward the native has exasperated the proud Indian to the point of open rebellion.

Nor is the race question a modern issue. It existed in the first Christian century with an intensity equal to anything known at the present time. The Greeks and Romans looked upon the whole outer world as "barbarians." The Jew regarded all Gentiles contemptuously. They were beyond the pale. The caste system, at which we shudder in India, was just as strong and bitter and unbrotherly on the part of the Jews of old.

A LEVELING GOSPEL.

Christianity undertook to draw just one line of division between men, and that not a horizontal line, but a vertical. All other social and religious systems had apportioned men into upper classes, middle classes, and lower classes. Christ drew a vertical line, on one side of which were the good and on the other side the bad. Into the intense class consciousness of the day, and in spite of natural disposition of Jewish Christians, the religion of Jesus projected a conception of brotherhood. It judged men only on the basis of their attitude toward Christ. As the appeal to the Gentiles later expressed it, "There cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bondman, and freeman; but Christ is all and in all."

Serious controversies agitated the early church over this question. Paul had to withstand Peter to his face. The Jewish Church had its faith and vision sorely tested in the effort to admit Gentile Christians on an equal footing. Yet this was the triumph of the early church. It abolished all social lines. Rich and poor, slave and freeman, Jew and Gentile, became brothers in the one common Lord.

THE HEATHEN'S VISION.

On the outskirts of the Jewish faith there dwelt a large company of men and women who were not strictly proselytes, yet who believed in the one God. Among these was a certain Roman military man, Capt. Cornelius. He was not a churchman in full standing. But the record runs that he was "a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, who gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always." Cornelius was an advanced type of the men who are to be found in every nation who reach out blind hands to the Father of us all. He is an early monition to Christians everywhere that they should interpret most liberally all the groupings and strivings of the ancient faiths after a spiritual life as an aspiration toward the true and living God.

To Cornelius came a vision, bidding him summon Simon Peter, who would instruct him more fully in the things of the spirit. The picture is worth meditating upon. It was not a mystic or a seer nor a "holy man" to whom the vision came, but to a practical man of affairs, a soldier. The power of vision is not denied to any man in any sphere. The sad truth is that men shut their eyes to visions which are all around them. How few of the hurrying merchandisers who throng New York's public ways take time for a moment's thought of the vast social, political, and spiritual problems that are incarnated on every side of them! It is by the man of vision that these perplexities are to be solved. And only as a powerful proportion of the people are possessed of the gift of vision to which they are obedient can we hope for a solution of the teeming problems of our time. Tennyson's exhortation is still widely applicable:

O young Mariner,
Down to the haven,
Call your companions,
Launch your vessel,
Crowd your canvas,
And, 'ere it vanishes
Over the margin,
After it, follow it,
Follow The Gleam.

SOME CURIOUS COINCIDENCES.

While Cornelius was being given his vision in Caesarea, Peter was receiving another vision in Joppa. These coincidences of the spiritual and physical world are profoundly suggestive. They rush into reverence every thoughtful mind. Only the crass and the ignorant disregard them or treat them lightly. God's bells all chime in tune. There is such a thing as a divine concatenation of events. God was working in Caesarea and in Joppa. The same omniscient and omnipresent Spirit was moving upon the hearts of two men whose lives had never before impinged.

The miracle is as common as life. Why is it that one spark of love lights the heart of any two persons whose lives have been lived in different spheres? Why is it that men with the same purpose, working far apart, are ultimately brought together? It is difficult for a reverent spirit to escape conviction that God is managing his own world.

The preparation of Peter was interesting. All unwittingly he had been made ready for a new experience. He was lodging with a tanner, a man whose trade made him an outcast in Jewish eyes. Many of Peter's prejudices had been severely jolted. Subsequently he could see, as most of us can see, how inexplicable past experiences have led up to a great present.

THE SHEET AND THE BEASTS.

Fastidious Peter's vision was of a sheet let down from heaven containing all manner of living creatures, upon which he was bidden to dine. As a correct Jew, he revolted, because he had never touched food that was ceremonially unclean. The average American cannot quite appreciate Peter's state of mind, nor the fact that the same conditions exist to-day. I thought of Simon Peter when one day, in the holy city of Benares, in India, a Hindu merchant waved me frantically away from his food bazaar lest my profaning hands should touch and contaminate the ceremonially clean food that was his merchandise.

Peter was reminded that man-made laws shrivel into insignificance when God speaks. A distinguished Southern gentleman went to Africa as a missionary, and as his companion he had a negro Christian. In this country they both sedulously observed the social usages that obtain in their community in the relations between white men and negroes. But in Africa, in the face of common peril and common need and a common mission, they forgot that there ever was such a thing as a color line, and they became brother men, serving the one Master for the welfare of the race. Henry Van Dyke pointedly has said: "Men are many, humanity is one." In the higher realms of life and service we never hear the phrase, so common in certain parts of the world: "Only a Chinaman," "only a nigger," and "only a dago."

THE VISION THAT MAKES DUTY.

After the visions of Cornelius and Peter both received an interpretation of the significance of their strange experiences. Both learned that God was calling them forth not only to an immediate service, but to the leading of a pioneer faith into a great, new territory of life. Along the way first trod by Peter and Cornelius myriads have since followed to the cross in whose blessed light all colors of humanity are as one.

What if Peter or Cornelius had been disobedient to the heavenly vision? There is nothing so sacred in this world as the spiritual sense which comes to men. Whenever God speaks through the voice of duty the one supreme concern of the heart should be to hear and to make quick answer. Concerning all such messages it may be said, as God said of the men at Peter's gate: "Get thou down and go with them, nothing doubting, for I have sent them." Prof. H. L. Koopman has expressed the thought beautifully:

When I am dead,
May this with truth be said,
On the rude stone that marks my lowly head,
That, spite of doubt and indecision,
In spite of weakness, lameness, blindness,
Heart's trickery and fate's unkindness,
Neglect of friends and scorn of foes,
Stark poverty and all its woes,
The body's ills that cloud the mind
And the bold spirit bind,
Still through my earthly course I went,
Not disobedient
Unto the Heavenly Vision.

Stored-up Wisdom for the Wise.

Terse Comments upon the Christian Endeavor Topic for April 4, "Life Lessons for Me from the Book of Proverbs." Prov. viii:1-17.

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS.

Proverbs are the small coins of truth's currency. They are in a form to be possessed and used by the common people. They are useful for the daily needs of life; and much comfort and strength and safety may be purchased by them.

The authorship of a wise saying matters little; even as it is of no importance to know the names of the workmen who minted a coin.

Because human nature is essentially the same throughout all the ages and in all the lands the proverbs which embody a philosophy of conduct are everywhere and always valuable.

The stored-up wisdom of the wise is only useful to him who has the wisdom to make right use of it.

It is easier to make a proverb than to cultivate a virtue.

The Book of Proverbs is not a mystical, nor yet a distinctively spiritual production. It is rather a compendium of the crystallized experience of shrewd men who lived in a world of material realities. The Proverbs treat of things as they are. They are worldly wisdom. Whitelaw Reid once called them the best guides to a successful career that any young man could study.

A wise saying is a fingerboard on life's high road—but of no use to the traveler who will not, or cannot, read it.

The hard-headedness of the Book of Proverbs is its most striking quality. It treats of the common themes. Life, as alert men know it, is mirrored in these pages. The people we all meet walk through the book. Here is the flatterer, the guileful, polite man of the world, with honeyed words meant only to facilitate his own ends; here are the sluggard and the fool, the usurer and the boaster, the scarlet woman and the drunkard, the courtier and the slanderer, the jealous person and the envious, the faithful friend who is closer than a brother, and the righteous man who is as bold as a lion. A veritable portrait gallery of human life is the Book of Proverbs, and whoso studies it well may find his own image and the labeled likeness of all classes of persons with whom he is likely to meet.

Life's greatest lessons have to be learned in the school of experience; but some books, of which Proverbs is one, afford useful preparatory studies, and sharpen one's understanding.

An interesting literary exercise is to write one's own modifications of familiar proverbs. For proverbs are only half truths. They suffer all the limitations of absolute statements, and the people who are guided only by them are like men who travel by sign posts, rather than by a map or a guide. Nevertheless, the study of proverbs, and revision of them, tends to sharpen the wits and to give new angles of vision to the truth. In the following paragraphs I have slightly modified some of the familiar aphorisms of the old Book. The reader can continue the exercise almost indefinitely.

A good name is great riches.

The fear of the Lord is the end of wisdom.

The selfish soul shall be made lean.

A soft answer, from a soft man, bringeth on wrath.

Temptation resisted is might acquired.

Wisdom crieth aloud in the streets, but only the wise can understand her language.

Trust in the Lord, and lean upon the understanding which He gives you.

Wisdom's worth and winsomeness, her pleasantness and peace, are known only to those who walk her way.

The Lord thinks highly of the lowly.

The heart well kept keeps the life.

There is no man so high that the lowest creature may not be his teacher.

The moth of sloth eats the fabric of fortune.

Feet swift to mischief are slow to service.

The rubies of righteousness are the real wealth of wisdom.

A foolish son maketh a sad father.

The destruction of the wealthy is their wealth.

The prattling fool can be taught in no school.

Short weight, long woe.

The beauty doctor often puts a ring of gold in a swine's snout.

A wise wife is a husband's happiness.

SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS.

You can obtain the exercise of your rights by deserving them, through your own activity, and your own spirit of love and sacrifice.—Mazzini.

Conviction, were it never so excellent, is worthless till it convert itself into conduct.—Carlyle.

Let ignorance assail or hatred sneer:
He suffers not for long
Who doth his soul possess in loving, and grows strong. —Lewis Morris.

What to others are disappointments are to believers intimations of the way and will of God.—John Newton.

No man is useless while he has a friend.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

By him deepest rest is won
Who toils beneath the noonday sun,
Faithful unto his work is done. —Phoebe Cary.

Every hour comes with some little fagot of God's will fastened upon its back.—F. W. Faber.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Rev. Dr. Samuel E. Eliot, the president of the American Unitarian Association, has gone to Great Britain for a series of preaching and lecturing engagements.

Ninety-three ministers from other denominations went over to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the year 1908, says the Southern Churchman. Of these the Methodist Episcopal Church furnished the largest number, twenty-eight; the Presbyterian denomination was next, with nineteen; Congregationalism, thirteen; Baptist churches, twelve, and the Roman Catholic Church, eight.

On inauguration day 1,000 Brotherhood men met in Broadway Tabernacle, New York, and joined in prayer for the new administration at Washington.

An important meeting representing all Presbyterian bodies in the world—which means a constituency of 30,000,000 persons—will be held in New York City June 15-25, 1909. This is the ninth council of the "Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system." Meetings will be held in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

There is in New York City a Gospel Mission for the Tombs, which has just celebrated its fortieth anniversary. The chaplain gives his entire time to Christian work among the prisoners in the famous city prison. Nearly 20,000 persons were committed to the Tombs last year.

A curious development of church work, allied to the psycho-therapeutic movement, is the establishment of a "silence" room in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Chicago. No one who crosses the threshold will be permitted to utter a word, even in a whisper. The pastor, Rev. Johnston Meyers, declares that many women are on the verge of a nervous breakdown for the simple reason that they have no place where they can remain absolutely quiet.

All the "liberal" religious bodies that did not come within the scope of the Federation of Churches which was perfected in Philadelphia this winter have organized a "National Federation of Religious Liberals." A convention will be held in one of the Friends Meeting Houses of Philadelphia April 27-30, and the speakers include former Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte, former Secretary of Commerce and Labor Oscar S. Straus, Dr. Booker T. Washington, John Mitchell, Curtis Guild, jr., Rabbi David Philipson, and Dr. Edward Everett Hale.

The basement and first floor of Bethany Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, which is known throughout the country as "Wanamaker's Church," were seriously injured recently by the bursting of a water main, which inundated the lower part of the building.

Carrying into effect the recommendations of the recent National Federation of Churches, the Protestant evangelical denominations of Philadelphia have united in a city federation.

Solicitude for a better observance of Sunday in Great Britain has caused the united organization by Catholics, Anglicans, and Free Churches of the Imperial Sunday Alliance. The Archbishop of Westminster (Roman Catholic), the Archbishop of Canterbury (Anglican), and Rev. J. Scott Lidgett, president of the Evangelical Council of the Free Churches, have issued a joint letter commending the alliance.

An American traveler, Dr. Edward Warren Capen, has just found in Sumatra a monument recently erected to the two American board missionaries who were massacred and eaten by the cannibal natives of that island in 1834. The German missions have worked in the island of recent years, and there are tens of thousands of native Christians.

New Clubhouse Planned.

It was announced yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the directors of the Washington Country Club, at 727 Fifteenth street northwest, that the $5,000 necessary to begin work of construction of the new clubhouse, at Jewell, Va., had been subscribed. The building committee was authorized to award the contract for the erection of the building at a cost of $12,000.

Lectures on Constantinople.

Rev. George Bailey, D. D., gave a stereopticon lecture last night in the Western Presbyterian Church on Constantinople and its people. It was highly appreciated. Dr. Bailey gave the proceeds to the church. He will lecture on Athens, ancient and modern, on April 9.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES.

To-morrow Passion Sunday will be appropriately observed in all the Catholic churches. The statues and pictures in the churches are veiled in purple at the vespers the Saturday previous, the "Judica" psalm and the "Gloria Patri" are omitted at the Introit, and the church veils the crucifix.

His eminence Cardinal Gibbons administered Confirmation to a large class at Holy Name Church last Sunday morning. The Cardinal came over from Baltimore Saturday, and was the guest over Sunday of the pastor, Rev. T. J. Kervick, at the rectory. Sunday morning he celebrated mass at 7 o'clock, and was present and preached the sermon at the high mass at 10:30 o'clock.

Solemn high mass will be sung at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning at St. Patrick's Church by the pastor, Rev. William T. Russell, D. D. A sermon will be preached by Rev. Thomas E. McGuigan on "Sanctification." At the evening service at 8 o'clock the "question box" will be a feature of special interest. Dr. Russell will answer the many inquiries placed in the box during the week. Among other things, he has been asked to show the relative moral standing of Protestant and Catholic countries, and to define the Catholic doctrine relative to the destiny of unbaptized infants. The "question box" will for the present be a permanent feature of the services the last Sunday evening of each month. The Lenten service will be held, as usual, on Wednesday evening. Rev. James A. Smyth will preach the sermon, which will be on "Jesus our reward."

A retreat will be conducted by Rev. Charles Warren Currier, Ph. D., for the members of the Association of Perpetual Adoration and Work for Poor Churches in the chapel of the Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Fourteenth and V streets, beginning Monday, March 29, at 4:45 p. m., and closing Friday afternoon, with sermon and benediction. The order of exercises of the retreat are as follows: Monday, 4:45 p. m., Veni Creator, opening sermon, benediction; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:30 a. m., mass, followed by meditation; 10:45 a. m., Way of the Cross; 4:30 p. m., rosary; 4:45 p. m., second meditation and benediction; Friday, 7:30 a. m., mass, instruction, general communion; 4:45 p. m., sermon, benediction, close of the retreat.

Rev. James Noonan will preach at the 11 o'clock mass to-morrow at St. Aloysius' Church. At the evening service at 7:30 o'clock, a retreat will be inaugurated for the men of the parish, conducted by Rev. Charles W. Lyons, rector of Gonzaga College. Services will be held every evening at 7:30 o'clock, and the retreat will close on Palm Sunday.

The Children of Mary of the Sacred Heart, a recent organization composed of ladies who were received into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, held a meeting on Thursday at the home of the president, Mrs. Sands, in Connecticut avenue. Rev. Father Buckey, of St. Matthew's, is the spiritual director of the society; Mrs. Montgomery, vice president; Miss Marian Sands, secretary; Mrs. Irwin, treasurer, and Miss Clark, recording secretary. The membership numbers about fifty, and the meetings are held every Thursday, when the ladies spend the time together sewing for the benefit of the Christ Child Society.

A business meeting is held the last Thursday of every month, after which there is an address by some leading clergyman. At the last meeting Rev. Herbert Vaughn, of the Apostolic Mission House, gave a short talk on "Work in the London slums."

At the Shrine of the Sacred Heart Rev. Aloysius Brosnan, S. J., will preach at the vespers service in the evening, and at the Lenten service on Wednesday Rev. James Gillis, C. S. P., superior of St. Thomas' College, will give the sermon. Friday being the first Friday of the month, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day with Sacred Heart devotions, and a sermon by the pastor, Rev. Joseph McGee, at 7:30 in the evening.

The mission which has been in progress during the past two weeks at St. Stephen's Church, Twenty-fifth street and Pennsylvania avenue, will be brought to a close to-morrow evening. The mission services have been conducted by the Jesuit fathers, Rev. John O'Donovan, Rev. Joseph Muiry, and Rev. Joseph Vrebosh, and has been a most gratifying success, both as to attendance and number of communicants. Father O'Donovan will preach at the late mass to-morrow, and at the closing service at 7:30 in the evening, after which he will bestow the papal blessing. An unusual and interesting feature of the mission was the blessing of little children on Thursday afternoon. The church was filled to overflowing. The masses during the week will be at 6:30, 8:30, and 9 o'clock. Tuesday evening at 7:30 there will be a reception of about 100 new members into the Sodality, with a sermon by Rev. T. Gibbons Smyth on the "Spirit of the Passion." Lenten services will be held Wednesday evening, with sermon by Rev. W. S. Caughy.

Masses at St. Martin's Catholic Church, North Capitol and T streets, to-morrow will be at 7, 8:30, 10, and high mass at 11 o'clock, with sermon by the pastor, Rev. Eugene Hannan. Vespers at 7:30 in the evening and the sermon by Rev. John Brady, of the Apostolic Mission House, on "The breaking of the law." Lenten service Tuesday evening, sermon by Rev. J. J. Ryan, M. S. C., on the "Kingdom of Christ." Friday, Stations of the Cross at 3:15 and 7:30, with instruction and night prayers.

At St. Paul's Church, Fifteenth and V streets, to-morrow evening Rev. Father Reardon, of Baltimore, will answer the questions placed in the question box during the past week. The regular Lenten service will be held Tuesday evening, with sermon by Rev. James Gillis, C. S. P., Superior of St. Thomas' College, Brookland. Friday, The Way of the Cross, at 3:15 and 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Lenten services will be held at the Church of the Holy Name Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, with sermon by one of the fathers from the Dominican House of Studies. Friday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, Stations of the Cross and Sacred Heart devotions will be in order. Two hundred and eighty new members were recently received into the Sodality as a result of the mission given by the Vincentian Fathers. Miss Mary McCarty is prefect and Rev. A. J. Carey spiritual director.

Rev. William J. Carroll, of St. Patrick's Church, preached last evening at the Lenten service at the Church of the Nativity, Brightwood, D. C., of which Rev. F. X. Bischoff is pastor. To-morrow the children of the parish and Sunday school will receive communion at the 7 o'clock mass. The usual Sacred Heart devotions will be held next Friday evening, Father Rosensteel, of Forest Glen, preaching the sermon. Confessions will be heard on Thursday from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon and after 7 o'clock in the evening.

Father O'Neal, of the Dominican House of Studies, gave a retreat last week at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Brookland, for members of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin. It was well attended and closed Thursday with the feast of the Annunciation, when the members of the sodality received communion in a body. Rev. Father Southgate has arranged for a retreat to be given during Holy Week by Rev. John F. Fenlon, of St. Austin's College, for the members of the Holy Name Society.

Rev. Thomas H. Harlin will sing the high mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church to-morrow. Rev. Alphonse Coppens, S. J., will preach the sermon. He will also officiate at vespers, and continue his course of instruction on Christian doctrine.

The members of the sodality of the Immaculate Conception Parish are making preparations for a supper, which will be served in the hall of the new school building, April 13 and 14, from 4:30 to 9 p. m. Dancing and bowling will be on the programme later in the evening.

ENDEAVORERS PLAN CONCERT

Selections from Famous Oratorios Will Be Sung.

Entertainment Given by Temple Baptist Young People—Calvary Church Gives Dinner.

Temple Baptist Endeavorers and many of the young people of the Sunday school enjoyed a social time Tuesday evening at the church. An enormous spider web afforded much amusement as the young people attempted to find their way through it and secure what was attached to their particular thread. Taffy pulling was one of the pleasures of the evening. At a short business session officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Dudley Buck's "Story of the Cross," Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer," and selections from the "Messiah" and "Creation" will be sung at a sacred concert to be given by the Christian Endeavor choir in the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, Fourth and B streets southeast, Monday evening, March 29, at 8 o'clock. The choir, under the musical direction of B. Allen Terrell, will be assisted by Miss Flora A. Jackson, soprano; Miss Anna E. Brett, contralto; William C. Mills, tenor; Newton T. Hammer, barytone, and Edgar Priest, A. R. M. C. M., organist. No admission will be charged, but an offering will be taken.

One of the bi-monthly dinners of the Christian Endeavor Society of Calvary Baptist Church was given Tuesday evening of this week. It was served by the social and strangers' committee, of which H. M. Gillman is chairman. The lines of the following stanza from Browning were taken as texts for brief speeches:

The year's at the spring,
The day's at the dawn,
Morning's at seven;
The hillside's dew-pearled;
The lark's on the wing,
The snail's on the thorn;
God's in His heaven—
All's right with the world.

Miss Fern Hockins took the first two lines, Miss Iva N. Jackins the second two, W. B. Wooden the third two, and Prof. William A. Wilbur, of George Washington University, spoke on the last two lines. Mrs. J. F. H. Mothershead gave a piano solo. The occasion was considered the most enjoyable and entertaining of the series thus far.

Attorney Shoemaker, of the Anti-Saloon League, visited the Christian Endeavor Society at Kenilworth Chapel the evening of their temperance topic, and told them of the liquor laws of the District of Columbia. On the evening of their Pilgrim's Progress topic, "The wicket gate," Mr. H. A. Ison, of Douglas Memorial Church, gave them a talk on Bunyan's life and writings.

A stereopticon lecture on "Pilgrim's Progress" was given by Mrs. Marie Peterson under the auspices of the Nineteenth Street Baptist C. E. Society last Tuesday evening.

While the First Presbyterian and Sixth Presbyterian churches are holding a union evangelistic campaign, their Christian Endeavor societies are holding joint Sunday evening prayer meetings—March 21 and 28 at the Sixth Presbyterian Church, and April 4 and 11 at the First Church. The First Presbyterian Society, at its business meeting, March 19, elected officers for the ensuing six months, as follows: President, L. Lingamfelter; vice president, A. E. Mechem; corresponding secretary, Lee V. Moore; recording secretary, Miss Mabel J. Carter; financial secretary, Bert E. Corwin; treasurer, G. F. Glossbrenner; pianist, Miss Florence Mullican; delegate to C. E. Union, Miss Birdie B. Hill; reporter, Miss Ruth C. Fitzhugh.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Missionary Union was held at Northminster Church Monday evening. Reports were presented by port showed that contributions had been the retiring officers. The treasurer's received during the year to the amount of $1,403. Miss Lillie Beaber, of Tabriz, Persia, made a brief talk on her work in that country. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Walter K. Handy, of Arlington Presbyterian Church; first vice president, Rev. John L. Allison, of Gunton-Temple; second vice president, Charles M. Merwin, of Gurley Presbyterian Church; third vice president, Miss Gertrude Robinson, of Peck Chapel; recording secretary, C. J. Hicks, of the church at Riverdale; corresponding secretary, Miss Bettie Washington, of Fourth Presbyterian Church; treasurer, Mrs. Edward Tarring, of New York Avenue Church.

Rev. Arthur Sedgwick led an unusually good Endeavor prayer meeting at Gunton-Temple Presbyterian Chapel last Sunday evening. The president, W. S. Kinney, recently elected, announced the committee assignments. The missionary committee is making preparations for an instructive meeting next Sunday evening.

CHURCH SERVICES TO-MORROW

SPIRITUALISM.

MESSAGES FROM THE SPIRIT WORLD. Alfred H. Terry will hold a meeting Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Lecture followed by spirit messages and psychometric readings at Schmidt's Hall, 516 9th st. nw.

DR. J. M. TEMPLE, BUSINESS AND TEST medium, will hold grand test meeting for spiritual messages Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday at 8 p. m. Readings daily. 920 6th st. nw.

MRS. NOBBE HOLDS SPIRITUAL MEETINGS every Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday nights at 8 o'clock. Private readings daily. 1323 11th st. nw.

MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL HEALING.

MRS. SEATON WILL GIVE A TALK AT HER office, The Farragut, cor. 17th and I sts., Apt. 202, Sunday, 4 p. m. Subject, "Relation of mental to spiritual healing." Public invited. Patients treated week days. 'Phone Main 2051.

SOME LIFE AND HEALTH STUDIES.

BY JAMES HUGH KEELEY, Sunday, March 28, 4:15 p. m., 229 East Capitol st. Subject, "It is not pity, but love we need." Questions answered. Pupils taught. Patients treated.

CHURCH SERVICES TO-MORROW

IN WASHINGTON AND ITS VICINITY.

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EPISCOPAL.

ST. THOMAS', 18th st., near Dupont Circle.
8:00 a. m.—Holy Communion.
9:30 a. m.—Sunday school.
9:45 a. m.—Bible classes.
11:00 a. m.—Service and sermon by rector: "WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS?" The question of questions.
5:00 p. m.—Confirmation classes.
8:00 p. m.—service and sermon by Rev. Canon Austin: "JUDAS ISCARIOT; PRIVILEGES NO SAFEGUARD."
The 8 p. m. service last one hour. Seats are free, and a cordial invitation is given to all.

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH, Georgetown, Rev. James H. W. Blake, rector. 7:30 a. m., Holy Communion. 9:30 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., full service and sermon by the rector. 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon by the Rev. G. C. Calvitt.

TRINITY CHURCH, 3d and C sts. nw. Rev. Richard E. Williams, rector. Canon Austin, 7:30 and 11 a. m. Rev. J. M. E. McKee, 8 p. m. Week day, 12:25 to 12:55 daily, except Saturday; Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8 p. m.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 23d st. nw., near Washington Circle. Rev. Robert Talbot and Rev. Charles H. Helmsd, clergy. Mr. Edgar Priest, organist and choirmaster. Holy Communion, 7:30 and 10 a. m., with instruction. Morning service and sermon, 11 a. m. Confirmation class, 4 p. m. Choral evensong, special musical service, 8 p. m. All seats free.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, 8th st., near C ne. Services, 7:30, 10:30, and 11 a. m., 3:30 and 7:30 p. m. School, 3 p. m. All welcome always.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, Mass. ave. and 12th st. nw. Rev. J. Henning Nelms, rector. Services, 8 and 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The rector will preach at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Lenten services next week at 4:45 o'clock every afternoon. Churchman's League lectures, Tuesday, 8 p. m.; Rt. Rev. F. J. Kinsman, D. D., Bishop of Delaware, will be the speaker. Boys' Brotherhood service, Friday evening at 8 o'clock; Rev. G. C. F. Bratenahl, D. D., will be the preacher.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, G st., bet. 13th and 14th. Rev. R. H. McKim, D. D., rector. Services, 8 and 11 a. m., 4 and 8 p. m. Sunday school, 9:30 and 3 p. m. Confirmation instruction at 3:15 by the rector. The rector will preach at 11 a. m. Services during week at 12 o'clock daily, except Saturday, and at 4:45 daily. Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, 3d and A sts. se. Clergy, Rev. W. L. De Vries, Ph. D., and Rev. R. A. Curtis. Services, 7:30, 11, 4, and 7:30. Rev. George F. Dudley will preach at night.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

FOUNDRY M. E. CHURCH, 16th and Church sts. nw. Rev. Robert M. Moore, D. D., pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. 8 p. m., service of song, addressed by the pastor. Epworth League, 7 p. m. All invited.

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL M. E. CHURCH, corner John Marshall place and C st. John Reid Shannon, minister. At 11 a. m., "A bright picture—Its lessons." At 8 p. m., Mme. Mountford, the distinguished lecturer on the Holy Land, will speak upon "The life of Jesus Christ." Sunday school and Metropolitan Bible Class at 9:30 a. m. Epworth League, 6:45 p. m.

HAMLINE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 9th and P sts. nw. 9:30 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., public worship, with preaching by the pastor, Charles E. Guthrie. 6:30 p. m., Epworth League praise service. 7:30 p. m., public worship, with preaching by Rev. Carl G. Doney, D. D.
Thursday, at 7:30 p. m., prayer and praise service; topic, "The Holy Spirit in daily life." Sittings free. Public cordially invited.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL SOUTH.

MT. VERNON PLACE M. E. CHURCH SOUTH, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; Mr. W. W. McMillan, superintendent. 11, sermon by D. Collier Denny, of Vanderbilt University. 7 p. m., Epworth League; leader, Mr. Frank Tiller. 8 p. m., address by Mr. W. B. Stubbs, secretary of Laymen's Missionary movement.

ST. PAUL M. E. CHURCH SOUTH, 2d and S sts. nw. Rev. William Eustace Henry, pastor. 11 a. m., sermon by Rev. J. W. Duffey, D. D.; at 7:45 p. m., Rev. James F. Brannin. Other services as usual. Strangers welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL.

MT. PLEASANT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Columbia road and 14th st. nw. The pastor, Rev. M. Ross Fishburn, will preach at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. Morning subject, "More about God;" evening, "The opening of doors." Music by quartet and chorus. 9:30 a. m., Sunday school. 3 p. m., Junior Endeavor. 6:30 p. m., Senior Endeavor. A welcome for all.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, cor. 19th and G sts. nw. Rev. Samuel H. Woodrow, D. D., pastor. 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., public worship, with sermons by the pastor, "Faith in God," "Some noted Johns—John Knox." Music by quartet and chorus choir led by Dr. J. W. Bischoff, organist. 9:30 a. m., Sunday school. 6:45 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E.

LUTHERAN.

KELLER MEMORIAL, Md. ave. and 9th st. ne. Rev. C. P. Wiles, pastor. Preaching at 11 and 7:30. Other services of the day as usual. Lenten services, Tuesday to Friday inclusive, at 8 p. m. Everybody welcome.

MEMORIAL, Thomas Circle. Pastor, J. G. Butler. Services, with sermons by pastor, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. School, 9:30. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday.

CHRISTIAN.

VERMONT AVENUE CHURCH. Service, with sermon by F. D. Power, 11 and 7:45. S. S., 9:30. C. E., 6:45. Evening topic, "Cornelius."

NEW CHURCH.

NEW CHURCH, 16th and Corcoran sts. nw. The Rev. Frank Sewall, D. D., pastor, will preach at 11 a. m. Sunday school, 12:15. 8 p. m., third lecture by Rev. JULIAN K. SMYTH, of New York, on the IMMANUEL MOVEMENT: "Suggestion and subconscious forces as healing agencies." In pastor's study, Wednesdays, 7:30, class in Christian psychology; open to all. Fridays, in church, 4:15 p. m., Litany service, with brief address. All are welcome. Free loan library of the writings of Swedenborg. Free tracts in the vestibule.

SECULAR LEAGUE.

ADDRESS: "THE BOXER REBELLION," GEN. Aaron S. Daggett. Songs; debate; 3 p. m., Pythian Temple, 1012 9th st. nw. Seats free.

PRESBYTERIAN.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, Connecticut ave., N and 18th sts. Charles Wood, minister. Tyler Dennett, assistant minister. James McC. Henry, minister of Peck Chapel.
11 a. m.—Sermon by the pastor.
8 p. m.—Sermon by the pastor on "Actors vs. religion."
Musical service, led by church quartet. Miss O'Toole, harpist, assisting, from 3:30 to 4 o'clock.
8 p. m.—Sermon by the pastor, "The conscience of the dying thief."
Musical service from 7:30 to 8 o'clock—Mrs. Anna Grant Fogitt; Mr. Anton Kaspar, violin; Mr. E. Lent, 'cello.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Christian Endeavor meeting, 5 p. m.
Thursday evening at 8, midweek service.

NEW YORK AVE. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, New York ave., H and 13th sts. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor. 11 a. m., public worship; sermon by the pastor. 7:45 p. m., musical interpretation of "The Seven Last Words Upon the Cross," by Mercadante. Music led by the quartet choir. 9:30 a. m., Bible school. 3:45 a. m., adult classes. 6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor Society.

FIRST—"The Stranger's Sabbath Home"—John Marshall pl. nw. Donald C. MacLeod, minister. 11 a. m., Fred. B. Smith, secretary religious department, International Y. M. C. A., will preach. 8 p. m., union evangelistic service, Sixth Presbyterian Church. All are welcome.

BAPTIST.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 16th and O sts., invites you to the following services Sunday: 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; Elgin Smith, superintendent. Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Preaching by the Rev. James E. Clayton, acting pastor, as follows: 11, "The gates of pearl;" 8 p. m., "The gospel of Charles Dickens." April 1, 8 p. m., "Still waters ruffled." Come early and avoid the rush.

E. HEZ SWEM'S SUBJECT: "THE WORST—An unwomanly woman?" Sunday night. Preaching, 11 a. m. Chorus choir; free pews. 24 Baptist Ch. Auditorium, 4th and Va. ave. se.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 16th and N sts. Dr. J. J. Muir, pastor. Preaching, 11 a. m., "Finding a fortune." 7:45 p. m., "Seeking Pearls." S. S., 9:30 a. m. C. E., 6:45 p. m.

"STRANGERS' HOME." SHILOH BAPTIST Church, L st., between 18th and 17th sts. nw. J. Milton Waldron, D. D., pastor. Christian fellowship; good choir and congregational singing; helpful and inspiring services. Sermons by pastor, 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school, 9:30, and Men's Bible Class, 10 a. m. Junior Christian Endeavor at 3 and Senior at 6 p. m. All seats free. Everybody invited, especially strangers.

UNIVERSALIST.

CHURCH OF OUR FATHER, 13th and L sts. nw. Rev. John Van Schaick, jr., past