

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

WHAT THE CHURCH FOLK ARE THINKING ABOUT AND DOING.

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An Old Picture of Today. The International Sunday School Lesson for July 18 is "Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Athens," Acts, xviii:1-17.

No phrase better describes the life of the Western World to-day than the familiar sentence of Dr. Luke: "Now all the Athenians and the strangers sojourning there spend their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing."

Let it be frankly confessed that a large part of the world to-day is engaged in a desperate endeavor to ward off inevitable decadence. Our search for novelty is but an attempt to escape from ourselves.

The ancient center of culture. All this was even more true of Athens than it is of to-day, when Paul found himself in this one of the three great metropolises of the world.

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W. M. C. A. BOYS FIFTH Washington Wins Honors in Bible Study.

HIGH AVERAGES ARE MADE Weekly Attendance of Classes Averages Nearly 200 and About 50 Per Cent of the Young Men Who Took the International Examination Made 90 Per Cent or Higher.

With fifty-seven passing the annual examinations, with honors, the boys' department of the Young Men's Christian Association stands fifth among the 390 boys' departments of the United States on the honor roll of the international committee of management for proficiency in Bible study.

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After all has been said, it remains patently and profoundly true that the greatest of all missionaries is the mysterious and inscrutable Spirit of the living God. The best news from China is like a breath from Pentecost. It tells of wonderful outpourings, with extraordinary manifestations, of the Spirit upon the stolid natives of Manchuria.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES.

Mgr. Cerretti, of the Apostolic Legation, received word yesterday from his excellency Most Rev. Donomede Falconio, Apostolic Delegate, that he would sail for America July 23 on the steamer Berlin.

Cardinal Gibbons was a guest at St. Patrick's rectory during the week. The cardinal has accepted an invitation to take part in the dedication ceremonies of the new cathedral at Salt Lake City the first week in August.

A wireless message from Rev. William T. Russell, D. D., was received on Thursday by Rev. James T. Smyth at St. Patrick's rectory telling of a pleasant trip and that the steamer, the Campania, will reach New York on schedule time this morning.

Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell, of San Francisco, formerly rector of the Catholic University of America, will return to the city on Monday from Boston, where he has been in attendance at the convention of the Catholic Educational Association.

Cardinal Gibbons will officiate at the ordination ceremonies of the Jesuit Seminary at Woodstock College on July 23, 24, and 25, and the new priests will celebrate their first mass July 31, the Feast of St. Ignatius.

Rev. J. B. Pinson, of Holy Cross College, Catholic University, has been appointed procurator general and superior of the new Apostolic Mission House in Rome, and will sail for Europe to-day with two of the young priests who were ordained three weeks ago at Notre Dame University, who will be among the first students there.

Rev. Walter Elliott, C. S. P., director of studies at the Apostolic Mission House, Catholic University, and one of the most prominent men in the Paulist order, has returned from New York, where he was in attendance at the general chapter of the order, and is starting again at the Apostolic Mission House.

To-morrow will be communion day at St. Aloysius' Church for the men of the League of the Sacred Heart, or, as they have named themselves, "The Paulist Brigade." This organization was formed about five years ago by Rev. Eugene McDonnell, and at present has about 1,500 communicants each month on the third Sunday.

The chapel car of St. Anthony has proven such a success, enabling the missionary priests to reach an otherwise inaccessible class of people, especially in the South, that an active movement is on foot to put another one in the field.

Rev. James T. Smyth, of St. Patrick's, will leave the city during the week and will spend his vacation camping in the Adirondacks. He will be accompanied by his brother, Rev. T. Gibbons Smyth, of St. Stephen's Church, who will leave next Sunday, and they will be joined later by another brother, Rev. Carroll Smyth, of St. Martin's Church, Baltimore.

To-morrow the women of the sodality of St. Martin's Church will receive communion in a body at the 7 o'clock mass, but the usual evening devotions will not be resumed until fall.

Rev. Michael Gallagher, who is in charge of the Catholics in the various municipal institutions, will officiate to-morrow at Dodon, Md., in place of Rev. Walter Elliott, C. S. P., of the Apostolic Mission House.

A lawn party will be given by the Social Club of the Church of the Nativity Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week. The tables will be set on the lawn surrounding the new pastoral residence. Gates will open at 5 o'clock, and admission will be free.

Rev. Father Wunnenberg, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, is absent from the city on his vacation, and his place is being filled by Rev. C. J. Oler, C. S. E. R., of Annapolis.

Y. M. C. A. Plans Interesting Programme for Members. Three park meetings will be conducted to-morrow afternoon, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, one at Franklin Park, Thirteenth and K streets; one at Lincoln Park, Twelfth and East Capitol streets, and the third at the Roseale Playgrounds, Seventeenth and Gales streets northwest.

The committee in charge of each park has organized an orchestra of about a dozen pieces, the members of which will continue to render volunteer service until the first Sunday in October.

Rev. R. L. Wright, pastor of the McKendree Methodist Church, will be the speaker at Franklin Park to-morrow, and a male quartet from the Hamline Methodist Church will sing. At Lincoln Park, Rev. Charles L. Stibel, pastor of the Eastern Presbyterian Church, will talk, with Rev. R. L. Shipley, of the North Carolina Avenue Methodist Protestant Church, in charge, and at the Roseale Playgrounds the speaker will be Rev. J. W. Smith, pastor of the Fifteenth Street Christian Church.

Dr. Graham Will Preach. The pulpit of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church will be occupied to-morrow morning and the two succeeding Sundays by the Rev. Dr. John Graham, pastor of the East Park Presbyterian Church, of Philadelphia. Dr. Graham will be the guest of the church during the two weeks, and will conduct the mid-week prayer services on the 24 and 26th.

CHURCH SERVICES TO-MORROW IN WASHINGTON AND ITS VICINITY.

Notices for these columns should reach The Herald office by 9 p. m. Friday.

EPISCOPAL. ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, near Dupont Circle, St. C. Ernest Smith, Rector. D. C. L. rector; Rev. Capt. Austin and J. G. Ames, assistant ministers. Services, 8 and 11. Strangers cordially welcomed.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, 24th St., near C St., Sunday services, 7:30, 9:30, and 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Other days, 7 and 9 a. m. and 7 p. m. All welcome.

CHRIST CHURCH, Georgetown, corner 2nd and O. Rev. James H. Blake, rector. 7:30 a. m. Holy Communion. 11 a. m., morning prayer. 5 p. m., evening prayer and special music.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL ON CATHEDRAL grounds, Mount St. Alban, at 4 p. m., July 18. Special preacher, Rev. Henry A. Brown, chaplain. U. S. A. Vestal choir, led by detachment of the United States Marine Band. Take Truitt-Union cars. Daily morning and evening prayer every week-day, at 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., in St. Alban's Church, 7th and H Sts. N. E. The rectory will preach at 11 a. m.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, M and A Sts. N. E., Rev. H. De Vries, Ph. D., and Rev. E. A. Curtis, clergy. Services, 7:30, 11, and 8.

THE COVENANT TEST, 16th and Monroe Sts., Rev. Dennis, director. Sunday evening service, 7:30. Musical service, led by Moscow Club. 8:30, address by the director; subject, "The cost of peace."

NEW YORK AVE. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, New York Ave., H and 13th Sts. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor. 11 a. m., sermon by Rev. John Graham, D. D., pastor, East Park Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Musical service led by the quartet choir. 6:35 p. m., Christian Endeavor Society.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, corner 15th and G Sts. N. W., Rev. Samuel R. Swift, assistant pastor. 11 a. m., public worship, with sermon by the pastor; subject, "The pattern on the mountain." Musical service, 7:30 p. m., U. P. S. C. E. No evening preaching service.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NOTES. Thursday last was the festival of St. Swithun, of whose mysterious influence over the weather for forty days following the day of his festival every one has heard. But not everyone knows the circumstances under which it all came about.

St. Swithun, or Swithun, was born in the kingdom of the West Saxons, and educated in the monastery attached to Winchester Cathedral, of which he became prior. Early in the ninth century he was ordained priest, and in A. D. 838 visited himself with great zeal the work of his diocese, and quickly became widely celebrated for his humility, austerity, and works of charity.

Bishop Harding has changed to some extent the schedule of his country visitations. According to schedule he would have visited Charles and Mary counties in August, but he has already made visitations in those counties, and has met in conference the clergy of those sections of his diocese.

Next Tuesday is also a minor holiday—that of St. Margaret, Virgin and Martyr of Antioch, after whom St. Margaret's Church, Connecticut Avenue and Bancroft place, is named. According to the ancient martyrologies, St. Margaret suffered at Antioch in Persia, in the last general persecution, but of her history little is known. Both in the East and West her feast has been observed with much honor, and this points undoubtedly to some true story now lost.

The campaign for the commandery of the Department of the District of Columbia, United Spanish War Veterans, has been inaugurated by the recent nomination of the opposing candidates, Daniel V. Chisholm, of Harden Camp, and Richard L. Lamb, of Lawton Camp. The election will take place at the annual encampment of the Department of the District of Columbia on July 24 at Eagles' Hall, Sixth and E streets northwest.

Department Commander Rausch has sent out the general orders calling the representatives together for the encampment, and has appointed a committee on credentials, composed of John Lewis Smith, J. P. Greeley, and S. G. Mawson. The following appointments are also announced: Department chaplain, Henry A. Brown; vice chaplain, George Buckley; mustering officer, J. D. Ruppel; and vice mustering officer, George W. Nairn.

THE BAPTIST. "STRANGERS' HOME," SHELOH BAPTIST Church, L. St., between 16th and 17th Sts. N. E., Rev. J. Milton Widdow, D. D., pastor. A well-ventilated home; fare and books for all. Good evangelistic singing a specialty. Subject of services, "The ministry of mercy in the life of prayer." At 8 p. m., "Lessons from the life of the oldest man." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Men's Bible Class at 9 a. m. Junior C. E. meeting at 5:30 p. m. Public cordially invited. Free body, especially strangers, invited.

VERMONT AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Vermont Ave., N. E., Dr. F. D. Power, "St. Paul's Conversion," A. W. D. Cunningham, 70-ky. "Mission in Japan." S. S. 9:30. C. E. 7. Come.

UNIVERSALIST. CHURCH OF OUR FATHER, 14th and L Sts. N. E., Rev. John Van Schaik, Jr., pastor. 11 a. m., preaching by Rev. A. M. Bradley, of Spencer, Mass. 7 p. m., Y. P. C. U.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, 15th and B Sts. N. W. Services, Sunday, 9:30 a. m. Subject: "LIFE." Sunday school, 11 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting, 8 o'clock. Public cordially invited. Seats free. Free reading room, 611 Colorado Bldg.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. ALL SOULS' CHURCH, cor. 16th and L Sts. N. E., Dr. F. D. Power, minister. 11 a. m., morning service; sermon by the minister, "The Young People's Religious Union. The public invited to all services.

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