WOMEN OPPOSE COMICS

Good Housekeeping Magazine Joins in War on Weird Sunday Supplements.

The following article is from the Good Housekeeping Magazine. It is from a paper read before the Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs, at the session in Philadelphia, where it met with a hearty response from the many women present. The editor of Good Housekeeping gives his approval to the cause advocated in the paper. The writer is Mary Calvin Pedrick. The article is as follows:

When Judge Grosscup addressed a Chicago's woman's club a short time since, on woman's limitations, he raised a hue and cry by the severity of some of his arraignments. He related the various avenues in which women are utterly incapacitated to succeed, but he tempers the wind to the shorn female when he says: "Woman is the force which makes for culture, for art, for the preservation of the conventions and morality and for sentiment."

This sounds sweet to our ears, but is it so? How can women flatter themselves he speaks truth while the comic supplement flourishes in our midst?

For it is a publication the presence of which in the home and in the hands of children is largely controlled by women; and the comic supplement is a force which makes for lawlessness, debauched fancy, irreverence; and I feel that the chairman of the programme, at whose request this paper was written, did me a very ill turn when she compelled me to wade through the inanity and vulgarity of the Sunday supplement from Philadelphia to San Francisco.

With the end in view of speaking intelligently, and with the forlorn hope that some glimmer of true comedy might be found to temper an already disapproving frame of mind, I did what several others have done who have been called upon to lift their voices in protest against this innocuous sheet—I secured copies of the Sunday supplement from all parts of the United States and I spread them out upon the floor, and I made what?—a carpet of hideous caricatures, crude art and poverty of invention, perverted humor, obvious vulgarity and the rudest coloring. And that is the carpet upon which the children of the United States play every Sunday morning—"the new children's hour," as Mr. Scheffauer has aptly styled it.

Children Are Amused.

There is in the minds of many of good reason for the Sunday newspaper, and while adults read the news of the world, the political situation in England or India, the art news of Paris or Berlin, the children are engrossed with the mishaps of Happy Hooligan, Smarty, Gaston or the "demonical ingenuity of the Katzenjammer Kids."

We pride ourselves upon our national sense of humor and we are throttling it in the coming generation as effectually as may be. As one magazine editor points out: "Americans have suffered many stupid things to go on; but nothing must seem to a foreigner so at variance with American sagacity and good sense as the cutting down of our forests to make wood pulp for the vulgarization of the children of our country. We are exchanging our noble woodlands for cheap and tawdry sheets with no redeeming feature of wit, humor, good sense or wholesome entertainment."

It is true, two or three of the pioneer ideas in the comic supplements were well handled, and that they were speedily taken up by dramatic hacks and turned into plays argues that there must have been a glimmer of an idea behind them. But the idea was thin and speedily became attenuated, and a crop of cheap and vulgar imitations is the harvest thereof.

Have you seen the so-called comic supplement? Doubtless some of you have not, although mayhap you give it into the hands of your impressionable children. In it you will find a distressng poverty of invention, the glorification of the self-sufficient "kid," the smarty, the up-to-snuff type of children—"the worst of the all too prevalent type of forward child." The child who lives by practical joking is found in its pages, and the one to whom nothing is reverent and nothing can awe. Its so-called fun consists chiefly in making game of old people, who are always the victims of the young hero, and seemingly imbecile in their inability to counter the resource or marvelous ingenuity displayed by the Smart Kid; some wretched animal or harmless individual is being ill treated, or torn to shreds; parents are hoodwinked, or their authority is discountenanced; awful females travesty the marital relation; grandfathers and grandmothers are outraged.

Meant as a Joke.

When children figure in the supplement they are invariably shapeless, insane caricatures of the fun-loving, mischievous, bubbling, sane American boy and girl. And all this is in order that our children shall have their little joke!

Do you wonder, then, where boys acquire the spirit of lawlessness and irreverence? Or how it is possible for the average girl to possess so precocious a mind and so extensive a slang vocabulary? We give it them every Sunday. Here is a sample of one page chosen at random: "Soak him one for me—cut it out—Rats! Get the hook—Right O—Oh, tell it to Sweeney—smoke up—you ain't loco furioso, are you? I love my tamale, bout oh you smelt!"

So much for the vulgarity or the inanity of the language, as you choose to view it; and what of the art? Crude violence of the cheapest reds, greens, yellows and blacks, outrageous form and line, with an absolute lack of any vestige of artistic feeling or ability to caricature cleverly.

It has been pointed out by many educators as a biological and psychological law that the natural tendencies of most children to mimicry and imitation show decided leaning toward wrongdoing. These children are also quick and receptive to a degree, and do not know the difference between wholesome and vulgar fun, good and evil, beauty and ugliness until—we teach them.

"At the time when children need the influence of good drawing and coloring we give them distortion and crudity," says Mr. Bok; "for sound, sweet humor which is droll or kindly, we offer them a quality of caricature and exaggeration which would be spurned by the lowest class of minstrelsy. It is stopped there, the influence, bad as it is, might be only on the eye or the sense of art and color. But it does not. Instead of helping to counteract the too-prevalent tendency among children to irreverence and resistance to authority, these pictures and so-called jokes actually teach a child irreverence and lawlessness, by ridiculing home discipline, by making fun of age, good breeding, and all the pieties and amenities which go to make the family the most important of human institutions." To betray, to be untruthful, brutal, revengeful—these are the lessons of the comic supplement.

Boston Herald Drops It.

More than a year ago the Boston Herald did away with its comic supplement and was warmly praised editorially for sound judgment and good, hard business sense. This last notwithstanding the fact that the excuse advanced by newspapers for the continuance of the sheet is largely a commercial one. In July, 1909, the Herald published the following editorial: "Eight months ago the Herald abandoned its comic supplement in recognition of growing dissatisfaction. It had no difficulty in finding substitutes for its colored pages. Not only has the abandonment been praised by social and other organizations and individuals whose interest is general, but the approval from the homes into which the Sunday Herald enters has been the most convincing evidence that a colored comic is not essential even to the amusement of children. It is an unfortunate estimate of the American people that assumes that the grosser and lower is the most popular. We believe it worth while to recognize a different standard of popularity. The demand for the comic is overestimated."

The foregoing is important, in answering the common fallacy that the public demands such amusement as the supplement affords or that the public enjoys the stuff which is printed; and it can be said advisedly that the professional standing of a present-day paper can and should be gauged by its attitude toward the supplement.

Papers of High Class.

A more dignified and scholarly newspaper than the New York Post is not published in the United States; the Sun, too, of the same city, with its catholic sweep of foreign and domestic news, its trenchant, ironic editorial criticism, is not surpassed among the Sunday papers of the country; the Herald of Boston, and a few others, all maintain a high standard and big circulation without the aid of what has been styled "our national peril" by students of juvenile crime.

Much has been done by the International Kindergarten Union and kindred organizations to direct attention to the evil of these cheap, catchpenny devices to increase circulation and emphasize its demoralizing effect upon the minds and tests of children. The I. K. U. recently proposed concerted effort to secure a wholesome page. Just here it might be well to add parenthetically that editors are not wholly to blame for the maintenance of the supplement. Editors are largely men of ability with a jealous regard for the standards and ethics of their profession. It is to the publisher you must look for the policy of a paper and the character of its contents. Some weeks ago the writer addressed a letter to several editors of comic supplement newspapers asking them to state what argument other than a commercial one was advanced by the staff for the continuance of the comic. The letters, while addressed to the editors, were replied to by the publishers, and the reply from one which has least excuse in Philadelphia for the maintenance of the supplement is so manifestly an evasion of the pointed question that I will ask your indulgence to quote it in full:

Dear Madam: Your letter of the twelfth addressed to Dr. ——— [Editor] has been referred to the publisher.

The question of a comic supplement in the Sunday newspaper has been a source of very serious consideration. If anything that borders on vulgarity, or impropriety, or that suggests any breach of good manners or good morals is permitted in the comic supplement it ought to be very greatly reprobated because a newspaper must first regard the character and quality of what it issues irrespective of any other consideration. If the comic supplement suffers none of these delinquencies and seems to meet with great popular favor, we should not regard it as any violation of good newspaper ethics to make use of it.

Very truly yours

Exactly so. We heartily agree with the gentleman that a comic supplement which suffers none of the aforementioned delinquencies would be no violation either of newspaper ethics or juvenile requirements.

Other Fields of Humor.

There is a broad field for humorous treatment of a kind to amuse and interest children, and scores of popular illustrators are proof of the loving affection in which they are held by children. Peter Newell, Reginald Birch, Mr. Kemble, Mr. Frost, Boutet de Monvel and many women artists make their particular appeal to children who enjoy fun in line or word quite as much as their elders.

How shall we minimize this menace to the children of to-day? For its demoralizing influence has crept into the homes of all classes. Here is work for women's clubs and one in which they should joy, for it is work for children. For women are the guardians of the purity of children, the ideals of childhood, and in their hands, it is said "rests the great trust of keeping the American home clean and wholesome." Several things you can do at once:

1. Do not buy the paper.
2. If this is impractical, then make it your business to keep the supplement out of sight. It can very easily be extracted from the bulk of the paper and destroyed.
3. Every man and every woman can register an individual protest in the office of the newspaper which sends the supplement to the house.
4. Every man and every woman can call her neighbor's attention to this menace to sweet, sane childhood.

"A little more editorial energy, a little more sense of editorial responsibility, and possibly the expenditure of a little more money, will substitute for the present indefensible vulgarity of the so-called comic supplement decent drawing and decent text."

The Fateful Question.

She saw that he was going to put
The question long expected.
She tapped the carpet with her foot
And tried to look collected.
And as she waited for the man
To ask that fateful question,
Across her aging features ran
Sanguineous congestion.
The rose her cheek incarnadined
Was followed by the lily,
So great was her distress of mind
She really felt quite silly.
At length he stammered out the word,
The word so long awaited,
That made the maiden, when she heard,
So deeply agitated.
And then he said, "Beg pardon, Miss"—
His voice was quite unsteady—
"I simply had to ask you this,"
She had her answer ready.
"Why should you not, sir?" she began;
"I'm glad to give my answer.
'Tis eighteen years, kind Census-man,
Since first my life began, sir."

—T. A. Daly in Catholic Standard and Times.

MATERIALS THAT ARE USED IN TRIMMINGS

From the Philadelphia Record.

Now that simplicity is the word in fashions, materials and colors are occupying the center of the stage in the world of dress, forming as they do not only the framework of a dress, but its ornamentation as well to the partial exclusion of applied trimmings of lace and braid.

The use of trimming on a gown makes it more becoming, softening hard tones and lines, accentuating the length or breadth, or detracting from it where most required by the figure. Now that the decree has been pronounced against applied ornamentation, the lines and tonal qualities which it lends to a gown must be given by the materials used in the construction. Consequently the designers are letting their imagination run riot in the use of colors and materials in this season's gowns.

There is a revival of many of the old-timey silks, and one is amazed to find the most stunning afternoon and evening gowns fashioned of soft chiffon taffetas, and even the old surah silk, delightfully soft and crushable, but with the same pretty twill of long-ago days. This last mentioned material is charming in the new Paisley tones forming the lower portion of a bodice with yoke and sleeve caps of black satin and with a wide band of satin holding in the fullness of the skirt at the lower edge. The brilliancy of the colors in the Paisley surah is veiled with black chiffon, adding a quiet dignity of tone which would make it becoming even to an elderly matron. It is not unusual to see striped surahs and plain colored taffeta used in the making of one gown.

The dull finished silks, guiltless of lustre, are much liked and their present vogue seems to indicate that they will invade the high place so long occupied by the beautiful lustrous satins we have been wearing. The satin used in the gowns shown at the openings this spring seemed to have a duller, lower tone than heretofore, and quite as lustreless as when veiled with chiffon. Another material which is coming into use again is peau de soie. In one pretty little afternoon gown shown is in green and white checked taffeta silk combined with marine blue peau de soie, which charmingly gives the dark tonal qualities needed to soften the high lights of the silk. In making a gown of this type at home, if you wish to have it very new in style, make the band at the lower edge slightly narrower than the upper part of your skirt. Many of the skirts measure only a yard and three quarters at the lower edge. This is an extreme width and probably you would prefer it less exaggerated, in which case you could make it as much as two and a half or three-quarters. Inlet a few gathers at the side and back at the belt. It is always prettier and better dressmaking to attach band trimming to a dress with a fine cording or an edge of a bias band. You could give a new note by making the cording in a different color, for instance, if you are using a polka-dotted silk in blue and white with plain blue silk trimmings, make your cordings of old rose, lettuce green, or brilliant cerise pink. Although the designers are combining many colors in one gown, all softened and subdued by a transparency of chiffon, one indeed needs to be an artist to duplicate these colorings, and a saint in patience to try to buy them in the average shop. It is wiser to attempt the simpler combinations, and if you wish to veil with chiffon buy white or light gray and take it to the dyers with a sample of your material.

Now that taffeta has been firmly established, it is being used in the most attractive ruchings, puffings, quillings, and tucked bands. The quillings are delightfully old-fashioned looking and very becoming when used on the new narrow skirts. A charming dress for a young girl for garden party wear was made of dotted white silk mull over pink taffeta. The bodice was a simple full affair, with a draped fichu, edged with deep plainted Valenciennes, the right end of which was drawn well over to the left side of the front fastening over a girdle of draped pink taffeta, with a plainted rosette and long sash ends of chiffon. The silk mull overskirt was slightly full, held in at the knees, lower edge and half way in between with a full quilling of taffeta. The short sleeves and low square neck were edged with a wide band of the wide lace in a very girlish and pretty manner. This design would be charming in dotted Swiss or net, or in a simple batiste. If one wishes to have a less expensive summer frock. Then you would probably like to save on the lining and put the extra money in another gown, in which case you could use a soft silk muslin instead of silk; you have no idea how charming this material is for a foundation lining in sheer materials until you try it.

Buttons are used quite frankly in fastening many of the new dresses. They are not so tiny that they slip the holes, but sensibly large to hold securely. It gives one a decided feeling of relief after the seasons of gaping loops and lingerie buttons and other unsatisfactory methods of fastening.

How It Happened.

From the Housekeeper.

"Now, Willie, you know I told you not to go in swimming, and yet you have been in the water this very day."

"I know, ma, but Satan tempted me."

"Why didn't you tell Satan to get behind you?"

"I did, and he kicked me in."

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NOTES

The forthcoming diocesan convention, which meets, May 11, in St. Mark's Church, will elect four clergymen and four laymen as deputies to the general convention of October. These elections will be important because in all probability the three questions of divorce, change of name of church, and canon will be taken up.

This is the last day of the parochial and diocesan year. All parishes and missions in the Diocese of Washington bring their records of services with offerings to a close, and to-morrow a new year begins. Later the records are presented to the convention, and later still are printed in the Journal and distributed throughout the diocese.

Workmen are putting in place the new alter and reredos in Ascension Church, and arrangements have been made for the dedication of same on Ascension Day, at 11 o'clock. Bishop Harding will conduct the dedication service and preach the sermon. The altar is eight feet long and is made of Indiana limestone. The reredos is a sculptured panel in bas relief of Leonard da Vinci's "Last Supper." The whole will be surrounded by a barrier of stone and a cornice and pierced cresting, with the figure of an an angel on either side.

There was a large attendance at the Bishop Claggett Club on Monday last, when it met in the parish hall of Trinity Church. Rev. R. P. Williams was in the chair. The Rev. W. J. D. Thomas was elected president for the current year.

Thursday next being Ascension Day, there will be special services in many of the churches.

Plans of the new parish hall of Epiphany parish have been drawn and have just gone forward to the consulting architects in Boston for final approval.

Rev. Dr. R. H. McKim has left the city for a week's visit to friends and relatives at Upper Brandon, on the James River.

Sunday school rallies take place a week from to-morrow in Georgetown, Capitol Hill, and Epiphany churches.

At St. Thomas' Church, the Knights Templars will be present in a body to attend the evening service on Ascension Day, at 8 o'clock. Arrangements have been in the hands of Dr. Gabriel F. Johnston.

The fourteenth annual council of the Daughters of the King was held last Thursday in St. Stephen's Church. The council was in session all day. It began with a service and quiet hour, conducted by Rev. Canon Austin. At 12:15 o'clock the council was organized, the roll was called, and committees appointed. Then came luncheon and the social hour. The business session began at 2:30 o'clock. It embraced a special paper by Mrs. Wood and an address by Rev. John W. Nichols. At 7:30 o'clock there was evening prayer and an address by Rev. F. B. Howden, rector of St. Johns, Georgetown.

Rev. William Dimon, the new rector of St. Andrews, is expected to begin his work at that church before the end of May.

Dr. C. Ernest Smith, rector of St. Thomas' Church, was at the Theological Seminary in Alexandria on Thursday, delivering a lecture to the students of the seminary on the subject of preaching, his special subject being, "The four kinds of preachers."

On May 10 the board of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society makes its appropriations for the next fiscal year. The current year closes August 31, and some $390,000 yet remain to be paid in.

Nine parishes or missions have completed their apportionment for the present fiscal year for general missionary purposes, viz., Ascension, Epiphany, St. Paul's, Rock Creek, St. George's Chapel, St. John's, St. Margaret's, St. Thomas', Chapel of Nativity, St. Matthew's, Chesapeake Junction, All Saints, Chevy Chase.

Rev. John W. Nichols, of Shanghai, who was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Churchman's League on Monday night, says that for fifty-odd years before 1900 there were only two or three priests at work in Kiangsu, and these Americans Now the American staff has been doubled, and there are fifteen Chinese clergy.

The trustees of the Cathedral at Baltimore, Md., have purchased 100 feet fronting on Charles street avenue and running through to St. Paul street, so that the whole property now comprises about five acres. Plans are now in the hands of the contractors for the completion of the crypt, the financial means having been furnished for the immediate pushing of the work.

WILL PREACH SIX SERMONS.

At the Metropolitan M. E. Church tomorrow evening Rev. Dr. John Reid Shannon will begin a series of sermons on "Love, marriage, and home," the subjects being "Marriage as God's institution," "Different kinds of marriage," "The young man at the altar—bachelors," "The young woman at the altar—old maids," "Home the most sacred place on earth," and "Christian homes and our American civilization."

April 30, 1739, Washington was inaugurated the first President of the United States.

Find another patriot.

ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE.

Upside down at right shoulder.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES.

"The why and how of the intermediate society" will be discussed in four ten-minute talks at the meeting of the District of Columbia Christian Endeavor Union, Monday evening, at the Vermont Avenue Christian Church. Ray E. Dew will conduct song service; Bible reading and prayer, Rev. T. C. Clark; "The field of the intermediate society," E. P. Gates; song, "The Child of a King," Miss Louise Young; "How we organized an intermediate society," D. C. Davis; "Intermediate ideals," H. F. Lowe; "The King's Business," Christian Endeavor Quartet; "A pastor's view of intermediate work," Rev. George A. Miller.

The society of Mount Tabor M. P. Church will install the following officers to-morrow evening: President, Mrs. M. L. Myers; vice president, Dr. L. J. Jones; recording secretary, Mr. William Conlin; corresponding secretary, Mrs. James Vaiden; treasurer, Miss Bessie Barnes.

The Takoma Park Presbyterian Society, at its business meeting this week, voted to invite the District Union to hold its September meeting with that society. Plans were made for the early reorganization of the Junior C. E. Society. The meeting was held at the home of the pastor, Rev. T. C. Clark.

Endeavorers of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church Tuesday evening gave shadow picture playlets. The cast included Miss Bertha Dew, reader; Mrs. A. L. Williams, Miss Katherine Summy, Miss Blanche Dew, Mr. C. J. Spiker, and Mr. W. L. Braithawaite.

The superintendent of the musical department of the District Union has announced conditions governing the contest for the best District of Columbia song for the convention to be held at Atlantic City in 1911. It must be written by a member; must have a chorus; must be set to a familiar tune; the District must be mentioned in the song. The contest closes June 6, at which time the song must be mailed to Miss Virginia Raymond, 730 Bond Building. Songs should be mailed in sealed envelopes, together with a separate slip bearing the author's name and address.

There will be a meeting of the training class for junior workers Saturday, April 30, at 7:30 p. m., in room 730, Bond Building.

The regular monthly meeting of the junior superintendents will be held Friday, May 6, at 7:30 p. m., at the home of the treasurer, Mr. William Kinney, 927 French street northwest. Topics for May will be taught by several of the superintendents.

Descriptive folders of the Christian Endeavor institute and recreation assembly, to be held at Pen-Mar, Md., in July by the Maryland State Christian Endeavor Union, will be ready for distribution early next week.

"Winning the world for Christ" was the gist of the meeting of the Young People's Circle of Endeavor at the Rhode Island Avenue M. P. Church last Sunday evening. William A. Kemper was the leader. The new pastor, Dr. Frank Benson, gave a short talk to the Endeavorers and enlisted their help in the Christian Endeavor movement. The monthly consecration meeting of the society will be held Sunday evening.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES.

Most Rev. Diomede Falconio, the apostolic delegate, will leave on Monday afternoon for Detroit, where he will officiate at the consecration of a new Polish church, dedicated to St. Stanislaus. Mgr. James F. Mackin, rector of St. Paul's Church, will accompany Archbishop Falconio.

Bishop Owen B. Corrigan, vicar general of the archdiocese of Baltimore, will administer confirmation Thursday at the Feast of the Ascension at St. Stephen's Church, Twenty-fifth street and Pennsylvania avenue.

A complimentary lecture will be given by Rev. Dr. William T. Russell under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus on Wednesday evening at the knights' hall, in E street. Dr. Russell's timely topic will be "The Catholic is the most tolerant of American citizens."

An entertainment and euchre will be given Tuesday, May 3, in New Carroll Hall under the auspices of the Sodality of St. Patrick's.

Right Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic University, has spent the week in the North. On Monday he delivered the address at the consecration of Bishop Fallon in London, Ontario, and preached Thursday evening at the special services following the consecration of Bishop Nilan, of Hartford, Conn., which took place Thursday morning.

Thomas J. Donovan has resigned his position as president of the Aloysius Club and Mr. Joseph E. Cogan has been appointed his successor in that office.

The last lecture this season under the auspices of the St. Aloysius Club will be given by Representative Graham, of Illinois. It will take place to-morrow evening in Gonzaga Hall, and the subject will be "Catholic citizenship."

Rev. William J. Stanton, S. J., of Leonardtown, Md., has been a guest at St. Aloysius rectory during the week.

Forty hours' devotion will commence at the Church of Our Lady of Victory, New Cut and Conduit roads, to-morrow at the solemn high mass, which will be celebrated at 11 o'clock. Through the generosity of Miss Libbie Carroll, a handsome triple gong has been added to the equipment of the church.

At St. Mary's Church masses on the Feast of Ascension will be held at 7 and 9 o'clock, the latter a high mass.

Members of the Men's League of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart will receive communion to-morrow at the 8 o'clock mass and will attend the vesper service in the evening at 7:30 in a body.

CHURCH DINNER GIVEN.

First Baptist Brotherhood Hear Dr. Willingham Speak.

A dinner was given Monday evening at the First Baptist Church under the auspices of the church brotherhood. Thirty-five men were present. Dr. Willingham, general secretary of the Southern Baptist board of foreign missions, was the speaker.

A Laymen's Missionary League was organized to co-operate with the Laymen's Missionary Movement, which is now being so extensively promulgated among the Protestant evangelical churches. The following were elected: President, Dr. George C. Samson; vice president, J. W. Swanson; secretary-treasurer, Elgin Smith.

Largest Morning Circulation.

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',
Near Dupont Circle.
Services, 8, 11, and 8.

8—Holy Communion.
11—Holy Communion and sermon by rector, C. Ernest Smith, D. D., D. C. L.
8—Evening prayer and sermon by Rev. Canon J. W. Austin.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 23d st., near Washington Circle. Rev. Robert Talbot, rector; Rev. George W. Atkinson, jr., assistant. 7:30, Holy Communion. 9:30, Sunday school. 10 o'clock, matins and instruction. 11, celebration and sermon. 3:30 p. m., diocesan meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society. 8 o'clock, full choral evensong and sermon. Seats free.

CHRIST CHURCH, GEORGETOWN. Rev. James H. W. Blake, rector. 9:30 a. m., morning prayer and catechism. 11 a. m., litany, Holy Communion, and sermon by the rector. 4:30 p. m., evening prayer and special music by vested choir.

THE ANNUAL SERVICE OF THE GIRLS' Friendly Society will be held Sunday, in St. Paul's Church, at 3:30 p. m.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, G st., between 13th and 14th. Rev. R. H. McKim, D. D., rector. Services, 8 a. m., 11 a. m., 4 and 8 p. m. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. and 3 p. m. All welcome.

TRINITY CHURCH, 3d and C sts. nw. Rev. Richard P. Williams, rector. Services, 7:30, 11, 8. Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:30. The rector will preach. Strangers cordially welcome.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, 8th st. bet. B and C sts. ne. Services: 7, 10:30, and 11 a. m., 3:30 and 7:30 p. m. Church free and open to all every day.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, 3d and A sts. se. Rev. W. L. De Vries, Ph. D., and Rev. R. A. Curtis, clergy. 7:30, 11, and 8. Ascension Day, 7, 11, and 7:30. Rev. W. M. Morgan-Jones will preach at night.

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. 4:30 p. m., children's vesper service; choir of eighty children. The rector will preach at 11 and 8.

PEOPLE'S EVENSONG, MOUNT ST. ALBAN. Sunday, May 1, 1910, at 4 p. m., in St. Alban's Church. Special preacher, Rev. Freeland Peter. The service will be sung by the cathedral choir. Take Tennallytown cars.

PRESBYTERIAN.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT,
Connecticut ave., N and 18th sts.
Stewart G. Harbinson, assistant minister.
Harry B. Angus, minister at Peck Chapel.

11 a. m., Dr. Wood will preach. 3:30 p. m., musical service, led by the church quartet. 4 p. m., afternoon service; Dr. Wood will preach on "Satanic devices." 7:30 p. m., musical service, led by the chorus choir of the Central High School. 8 p. m., evening service; Dr. Wood will preach on "The Christian use of the navy." Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Christian Endeavor meeting at 5 p. m. Midweek service, Thursday, May 5, at 8 p. m.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Rev. W. W. Logan, D. D., pastor. Temporary quarters, Georgia ave., near Varnum st. Sabbath school at 3 p. m. At 4 p. m., Dr. Logan will preach on "Four questions of life." All are welcome.

FIRST—"The Stranger's Sabbath Home"—John Marshall place nw. Donald C. MacLeod, minister. 11 a. m., "The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper." 7:45 p. m., illustrated, "Seven words on the cross." S. S., 9:30 a. m. C. E., 6:45 p. m. All are welcome.

NEW YORK AVE. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, New York ave., H and 13th sts. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor. 11 a. m., public worship; Dr. Radcliffe will preach. 8 p. m., "Thou art Peter on this rock." Music led by quartet choir. 9:30 a. m., Bible school. 9:45 a. m., adult classes.

CONGREGATIONAL.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, corner 16th and G sts. nw. Rev. Samuel H. Woodrow, D. D., pastor; Rev. S. R. Swift, assistant pastor. 11 a. m., public worship, with short sermon by pastor; subject, "Diversity of gifts;" communion and reception of members. Music by quartet and chorus choir. 9:30 a. m., Sunday school. 6:45 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E. 8, evening service; sermon by pastor; subject, "Shibboleths."

MT. PLEASANT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Columbia road and 14th st. Rev. S. M. Newman, D. D., will preach at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Illustrated evening service, with sermon on Dante's "Inferno." Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Men's class, 10 a. m. Junior Endeavor, 3 p. m. Intermediate Endeavor, 7 p. m. Senior Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.

BAPTIST.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 10th and N sts. Dr. J. J. Muir, pastor. Preaching, 11 a. m. 7:45 p. m., "Heart belief." Baptisms. Bible school, 9:30 a. m. C. E., 7 p. m.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL M. E. CHURCH, corner John Marshall place and C st. John Reid Shannon, minister. At 11 a. m., "Our fevered times and an old Bible doctrine." At 8 p. m., "Marriage as God's institution—Different kinds of marriage" (first of series on "Love, marriage, and home"). Sunday school and Metropolitan Bible Class, 9:30. Epworth League, 6:45.

FOUNDRY M. E. CHURCH, 16th and Church sts. 9:30 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D. D., will preach; subject, "Thronging and touching," followed by sacrament of the Lord's Supper. 7 p. m., Epworth League. 8 p. m., ninety-eighth anniversary of the Washington Bible Society; address, "Bible reading and character building," by Dr. W. P. Thirkield. Strangers welcome.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL SOUTH.

MT. VERNON PLACE M. E. CHURCH SOUTH, cor. 9th and K sts. nw. J. Howard Wells, pastor. 9:30, Sunday school. 11 a. m., "Pilate and Christ; or, The Christian's great incentive;" Holy Communion. 7 p. m., Epworth League. 8 p. m., "Christ's constraining love; or, The Christian's great incentive."

UNIVERSALIST.

CHURCH OF OUR FATHER, 13th and L sts. nw. Rev. John Van Schaick, jr., pastor. 11 a. m., morning service; sermon by pastor; subject, "The Universalist ministry." 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 7 p. m., Y. P. C. U. Tuesday, May 3, 8 p. m., the Rev. John Hunter, D. D., of Glasgow, Scotland.

UNITARIAN.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, cor. 14th and L sts. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, D. D., minister. 9:45 a. m., Sunday school, Class for the Comparative Study of Religion, and Unity Study Class. 11 a. m., morning service; sermon by the minister. There is also kindergarten during the hour of morning worship. 7:30 p. m., Young People's Religious Union. The public invited to all services.

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. Vespers, 5 p. m., with brief address. Free loan library of the writings of Swedenborg.

GOSPEL MISSION.

GOSPEL MISSION, 1230 Pa. ave. Rev. John Cavanaugh, the Irish evangelist, will speak tonight at 8 o'clock. Gospel wagon services will be held Sunday—Washington Circle, 5 p. m.; P. O. Building, 7 p. m. Gospel services every night, and on Sunday at 3, 7, and 8 p. m. All welcome.

Y. W. C. A. VESPER SERVICE.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, 12th and F sts. nw. Vesper service, Sunday, 4:30. Leader, Miss Delia Grover. Subject, "Bible readings."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, 15th and R sts. nw. Services: Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Subject: "EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT."
Sunday school, 11 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting, 8 o'clock. Public cordially invited. All seats free. Free reading room, 601 Colorado Bldg.

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH, Pythian Temple, 1012 9th st. nw. Lecture Sunday, 11 a. m., by Bishop OLIVER C. SABIN; subject, "Science and the doctors." At the conclusion of lecture, intermission of ten minutes, followed by testimonial meeting. Seats free. All invited.

THEOSOPHY.

"CLAIRVOYANCE—WHAT IT IS."
Lecture by Dr. W. W. BAKER,
Sunday, 11 a. m., at Theosophic Hall,
1517 H st. nw.

Public invited.
Public Study Classes, Wednesday and Friday, at 8 p. m. Public invited to all activities.
STEREOPTICON LECTURE on "MAN INVISIBLE," by Mrs. FLORENCE DUFFIE, Wednesday, May 4, and Thursday, May 5, at 8 p. m.
LECTURE, "THE NATURE OF THE CHRIST," at headquarters Washington Branch, Theosophical Society, 222 A st. se., 8 p. m. Public invited.

SPIRITUALIST.

FIRST ASSOCIATION, Pythian Temple, 1012 9th st. nw., second floor. 7:30 p. m., lecture, "Dangers of mediumship," George W. Kates; messages, Mrs. Kates. All invited.

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Anecdotes of Grant, the man, will prove reminiscent, and give a vivid picture of a great national character.

The city of Washington has ever been a prolific field for the amateur and youthful journalist. A sketch of some boys who grew up to be men of wide influence.

William J. Burns, the famous star operative of the Secret Service for twenty years, tells of some of his sensational cases. A heart-to-heart interview with the great detective by James B. Morrow.

Charlotte M. Conger gives a historical sketch of the Naval Observatory and of the men who developed the scientific research work of the national government.

Emerald is the patron gem of the month of May, and a history of this stone and other well-known ones should prove of interest.

The proposition now before Congress to grant the franking privilege to Col. Roosevelt makes timely an article by The Ex-Attache, in which it is pointed out that only reigning monarchs of Europe are granted the privilege across the water.

Watching for the comet? Well, then, you will find some useful information in The Washington Herald next Sunday.