

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

MEN AND RELIGION SECRETARY MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

Report Shows SSA Meeting in the Washington Campaign—Improvement in Religious Conditions as Result of Movement in Capital.

Fred J. Nichols, who served as executive secretary of the Men and Religion Forward Movement during its Washington campaign, shows in his report that excellent beginnings have been made in the improvement of the religious conditions of the District as a result of the meetings and institutes held by the workers of the movement.

Mr. Nichols, who yesterday took up work as assistant national executive secretary of the movement in New York, has presented the following statement and recommendations to Washington clergymen and laymen.

The conference on older boys, November 10-12, revealed the small number of boys between sixteen and twenty years of age in the Sunday school. It discussed the problem, suggested methods of securing and holding boys, and inspired the leaders among men and older boys to undertake the older boys' crusade to win 2,000 older boys now in the Sunday schools, and to secure them there. The crusade was launched and is continuing successfully. A number of new older boys' classes were organized, and Sunday school work was done on Sunday school which had dropped out and new boys enrolled.

"At least five new men's Bible classes have been organized in the last six months. Many existing classes have been stimulated to better work and quite a number which were organized have been kept active. The evangelism committee, through institutes and platform addresses, has urged the promotion of men to aggressive personal evangelism.

"At least six new brotherhoods have been organized to include a programme of definite service in the church and community.

"The eight-day campaign brought inspiration and training, the most important feature being the institutes, which were attended by an average of 400 men per day. Many note books are filled with plans and methods that have been successful in other places. Gradually the men who were inspired and trained in these institutes will bring things into line.

"The personal service promises to be one of the most important contributions of the movement to the Christian life of the community. It is significant in the combination of forces, Protestants, Catholics, and Jewish, in the good feeling developed, in the larger service which is being given, and in the willingness of men in active service. The most valuable point in making available a list of men and boys of the District. There seems to be a very general feeling that the men and boys of the District are in need of personal service. A number of special events helped the campaign in many ways.

"A committee of ministers representing the denominational ministerial associations is now engaged in working out the details of a church federation which will continue and which will have permanent the work stimulated by the Men and Religion Movement.

"It should be remembered that this campaign is but the beginning of a training school of a five-year campaign of special effort on the part of local churches and Christian organizations in behalf of the Christian life of the men and boys of the District.

"In all, 822 meetings of all kinds were conducted by the movement during the course of the campaign, and 75,920 people were reached. From October 28, 1911, until March 27, 1912, there have been, on an average, five events each day, with an average attendance of ninety at each event. The attendance at committee meetings was 7,232; at special meetings, 3,322; in the eight-day campaign, 27,722; and in the auxiliary city campaigns, 25,544. Special events made up a total attendance of 14,850 in addition to this number.

Men and Religion Abroad.

The Men and Religion Forward Movement, inaugurated in America, has spread to other countries. A Men and Religion Movement will start in England next January. South Africa, which loaned the Rev. David Russell for the American campaign, is now sending an appeal to the American committee to loan a man to return with him to take up a campaign there. Australia will start a campaign soon as preparatory work has been done, and Japan already has one in progress. Several of the experts, concluding their work here in April, have received invitations to go to some of these countries. Estimates are that the number of delegates to the world conference on men and religion, August 19 to 24, will be 2,000, of whom only 100 will be New York men. On Sunday afternoon, April 27, there will be mass meetings in Carnegie Hall and the Hippodrome, the former for men and delegates and the latter for the local committee men, of whom there are 2,000, and the general public. Neither in Brooklyn, where a number of general meetings are now in New York proper, where one is now to open, or anywhere else of the churches taking part. Not only in America, but in some cases, but in Lutheran churches remain out, but in various churches of other bodies have, in larger numbers than in some smaller cities, declined to have part. The reason seems to be a limited time to arouse and enroll, there being such a vast number of churches, and most of them engaged in Lent and other plans of ordinary years.

Fewer Ministers Go Abroad.

The Atlantic steamship companies report excellent passenger prospects, but so far as can be learned, there are far fewer ministers going abroad this summer than usual. Even college professors go in greater numbers than in ordinary years to remain in America. A number of many Catholic bishops and priests will go to Rome, none to London. In 1911, but there is little in Europe this year to attract Protestant preachers. There are indeed few great religious events in America this year, apart from the summer conferences, and after the May meetings, which are business sessions and annual indications are that ministers will be unusually quiet in their movements.

One feature of some note in this country will be the much larger number of summer conferences. Older conferences are being held, and new ones are growing. There are 30 men and religion and meetings for men, to be somewhat exclusively young men. It is a new feature in religious work, and will be started this summer. At Northfield the speakers are the Rev. G. Campbell Morgan and the Rev. John H. Jowett, and at Chautauque Prof. Shailer Mathews, of the Chicago Divinity School, is

counsel. At the next meeting President Pepper promises an enjoyable musical and literary program, with refreshments, and the new plan of meeting once a week, indicated by the doubtless test the capacity of the hall.

The last oyster roast of the season of the O. A. B. Oyster Roast Club and its friends took place at Schmidt's on Thursday night. President William H. Bailey was master of ceremonies, and conducted the exercises characteristically. The principal speaker was Public Printer Daniel B. Conroy, who made a very enjoyable address. He was followed by Joseph McCann with remarks and a much appreciated song. William Daly, vice president, entertained the club in prose. E. H. Mendenhall related the "Maine." In admirable style, and in response to an encore, recited a Scottish poem. F. M. Clark told a good story. W. A. McGraw made a very pleasing address. Dr. James Armatton followed with humorous remarks, and was followed entertainingly by Messrs. Frank Hatley, L. H. Patterson, W. H. Guthrie, Frank Pelton, and others, who told interesting stories.

The speeches and stories were interspersed by instrumental music by Furbush, a son of a Union soldier, and Percy Lowd, a son of a Confederate soldier.

The result of the recent referendum vote for officers of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union made little change, all the officers being re-elected with the exception of the second vice president, W. A. McGraw. A change in the laws makes the term two years in future, for which the following have been chosen: President, Daniel B. Conroy; first vice president, Peter J. Doherty; second vice president, Thomas E. Kelly; Philadelphia vice president, Daniel H. Platter; St. Louis, secretary-treasurer, James C. Doolittle; New York, secretary, John J. Crimmins; New York, technical school trustee, William Geary; Chicago, Frank Bernoldy; Chicago, treasurer, J. H. Randall; Cincinnati, W. Miller; of Scranton, Pa., will continue as editor of the American Pressman, which is now issued from their own plant at their home at Rogersville, Tenn.

Mrs. M. E. Wiley, wife of James H. Wiley, of the monotype keyboard room, by the advice of her physician, has gone to Denver, Colo., in search of improved health.

The Inopuak Fishing Club, comprising among its members many prominent typographic artists, will open the season at their bungalow, near Mount Vernon, one week from to-day with a fish dinner.

Oliver C. McCardell is a recent appointment as compositor and William C. Lambler as reader.

Charles Graff, well known as a compositor and proofreader in the G. P. O. for many years, has been promoted to the position of expert in the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Miss Amelia Stern, tabulator in the computing section, has been advanced in compensation from 20 cents to 25 cents per hour.

Daniel N. Klapp, reader in the job section, has been transferred to the departmental room.

Miss Helen Cotta, proofreader, has been transferred from the postal card section to the main pressroom.

Benjamin F. Hasson, compositor, and George P. Phillips, copyholder, have resigned.

John Koebitz, linotype operator on the Record, is looking forward with much pleasure to a contemplated vacation of ten weeks, which he will spend in Europe, visiting all the principal places along the Mediterranean sea, starting from Austria, and then going Switzerland, Germany, and France, and spending several weeks with his aged mother over there.

Harry C. Hayne, assistant foreman of the night proofroom, is the latest G. P. O. man to indulge in the luxury of a motor car, and his many friends are greeting him with that smile of anticipated invitation.

William H. Cornish, Marsh's Bodenhamer, Maurice Spencer, J. W. Marsh, Samuel W. Briscoe, William L. Matlock, and Alex Watson returned to the night proofroom during the week, having been detailed as linotype operators for two weeks.

Ucker's Lecture Postponed.

Clement E. Ucker, chief clerk of the Interior Department, has postponed his lecture scheduled to be given before the meeting of the Convert League in McCreary Hall to-day, owing to delay in finishing the address he has to have written. He will give the lecture April 28. A substitute lecture will be given at the meeting of the league this afternoon.

Will Give Talk on Law.

The conferences on parliamentary law, conducted by Mrs. Nettie B. Paul, at the Washington College of Law, 1317 New York avenue, on Wednesday afternoon, closed last week. Mrs. Paul has announced to send a new book, from 5 o'clock next Wednesday, on "The Principles of Common Law."

Events of the Day in Local Churches

Immanuel Baptist Church has made a remarkable gain in Sunday school attendance during the last twelve months, the increase over the preceding year being an average of eighty-nine each week. The Pinksam class for men and boys, which was much enlarged in scope, has had one of those to show the greatest net increase.

This morning the pastor will begin a series of sermons on the seven sayings of Christ which will be continued each evening to and including Friday.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Epiphany announces a special series of sermons for Holy Week, beginning this evening at 8 o'clock and continuing every evening at 10 o'clock, till Friday. Holy communion will be celebrated on Thursday, and a service by the Sunday school has been arranged for Easter Sunday.

The last lecture in the Churchmen's League series was given Tuesday, March 20, at 8 p. m., in Epiphany Church, on the subject of "The Church of a Fair Covenant," and will be reorganized with this pledge as the basis for active membership. It is expected that the society will increase in strength as a result of this step. The office of historian was also established and William Kinney was chosen to arrange for future reference, a record of the work which has been carried on through the efforts of these young people.

The Young People's Society of Fifteenth Street Christian Church reports that through the influence of its missionary work and of the service of the fair covenant, and under the auspices of the society three classes are now engaged in the study of missionary affairs.

The Young People's Society of Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Protestant Church is making a special feature of the C. E. pledge similar to that in the subject of the Church of a Fair Covenant, and will reorganize with this pledge as the basis for active membership. It is expected that the society will increase in strength as a result of this step. The office of historian was also established and William Kinney was chosen to arrange for future reference, a record of the work which has been carried on through the efforts of these young people.

Covenant Presbyterian Society held its fifth annual supper on March 22, with Dr. Charles Wood as toastmaster. Forty people were present. Miss Mildred Johnson spoke on the new philanthropic committee. Mr. Benjamin Johnson, on Children's Society, and Mrs. J. J. Campbell, whose subject was "The Retiring Officers," read an original poem.

Plans for Mission Work.

Ten deaconesses will be consecrated, more than a dozen missionaries will be accepted and assigned to home and foreign posts, and a general plan of mission work will be outlined at the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which will convene in this city April 19. The council will convene at the Mount Vernon Church, and will continue with daily and nightly sessions until April 17.

This organization is the women's department of the general board of missionaries of the United Methodist Church, which carries two distinct departments of work, home and foreign missions, and is composed of ten laymen, ten presbyters, ten women and the officers. The officers are an equal number of men and women, foreign and home secretaries, editorial and educational secretaries two each, and home and woman treasurers. Dr. W. W. Thurston is president of the general board organization, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn.

The women's part of the work is named at this council meeting, when a review of the work done by the organization, and detailed appropriations are outlined, missionaries accepted, and new work outlined. All of these plans go into effect at a reception to be given at the general board of missions, which convenes in Nashville after the adjournment of this council.

Prominent workers of the denomination from all parts of the country are here for the conference. There will be a number of missionaries from the foreign field and deaconesses from the foreign field, and reports of their work will be presented.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, of Richmond, Ky., is the president of this body. There are four members from this city. They are: Foreign department, Mrs. J. R. Cobb, Nashville, Tenn.; home department, Mrs. R. W. McDonald, and Mrs. F. H. E. Rosa, treasurer.

Associate Rector Resigns.

Rev. John E. Ewell, who last fall became associate rector of the Church of the Ascension, and who has been on leave of absence in Jamaica for three months, has tendered his resignation, with the purpose of prolonging his vacation and travel. The rector and his associates were close friends for seven years, and the resignation was last night accepted by the general assembly, with all good wishes for Rev. Mr. Ewell and his wife.

Entertainment for Blind.

Readings and music in the reading room for the blind, Library of Congress, Tuesday night, was given by the reading by Mrs. Walter Reed; Tuesday, April 2, 4 p. m., piano and violin recital by Mr. Haf. A. Castillo, pianist, and Mr. Harry Siegel, violist.

Laymen Trained by Letter.

Bishop Lloyd, head of the official Episcopal mission, and Dean Denslow, head of the official theological seminary, propose to bishops and other a correspondence school for the training of laymen in the work along the three lines of Sunday school instruction and management, lay reading and public speaking. Bishops are said to have welcomed the suggestion, but some have doubted the ability to maintain such instruction by mail, with such general results as to lead to a well known New Jersey College having just failed.

The Episcopal Church will enter upon the plan in October, provided students submit to the examination for admission. The course will be held in a year, and courses are fixed for two and three years. The courses cover church history and the Four Holy Scriptures, both of these courses being conducted from the seminary referred to. Theological schools on the Pacific Coast and in New England have offered co-operation.

The lay readers, so called, are business men, not ordained in any sense or expected to be ordained, who are trained to read the prayer book service. They wear the vestments of the choristers, and serve either in missions too poor to support clergymen, or in growing numbers in established parishes, where they assist the ministers by taking part in public worship. The Episcopal general convention held in Boston in 1904, when a final revision of the canons was made, the licensing of laymen for such services was much enlarged in scope. There are now more than half as many laymen licensed by their bishops to conduct public worship as there are clergy ordained to do so.

W. A. Roberts, of the night document section, on Sunday last celebrated the seventy-fourth anniversary of his birth by entertaining a number of his veteran friends at his home in Langdon.

Miss Laura B. Gordon, ex-chairman, and one of the popular lady compositors in the document section, who has been on the sick list the past two weeks, has not yet returned to the office.

Nathaniel C. Hawley, of the document section, has returned to his office, having recovered from his recent sickness.

Charles W. Henry, of the document section, has been detailed from the office for the past ten days, due to ill health.

Mrs. Shreve, wife of Dr. Shreve, and member of the G. P. O. of the monotype section, passed away recently at her home at Dickerson, Md., at an advanced age.

By direction of the President those veterans employed in the Government Printing Office who wish to attend the exercises incident to the retirement of Maj. Gen. Philip Kearny, will be accrued for the Frades and Labor Council, after the afternoon of Friday, April 12, 1912.

Impover Thomas E. McCardell is in receipt of a recent letter from the Union Printing House, Colorado Springs, relative to the condition of his fellow-workman, George W. Wetmore.

T. M. Ring, of the document section, has been detailed to the proof section.

The late George A. Gibson, who passed away during the week, had many friends in the Government Printing Office. He was a fifth rate member of G. P. O. Council No. 21, National Union, for several years.

For the first time in a number of years the Government Printing Office will be represented in the Departmental League of baseball clubs, an organization looking to that end, having recently been formed. The Government Printing Office financial support is assured to put a representative team in the field, and it is believed that the talent available among the employees at this office will furnish a class of ball that will be a credit to the office. Chief Clerk William J. Dow is president of the new organization and intensely interested in the matter. The names of such players as J. L. Dilliver, and W. F. Spencer, should be able to put the G. P. O. on the local baseball map for the season of 1912.

With two such men as John R. Dickman and Edmund A. Hutchinson, commencing for the honor of presiding over the destinies of Columbia Typographical Union, the future looks bright and fair, content and a clean campaign. Both are men of high character and good ability, and whichever is selected the affairs of the union will be in good hands.

Frank D. Smith, chairman of the night proofroom, was called to his home in Pennsylvania, early in the week by the death of his aged mother, which occurred within a short time of each other.

The legion of friends of Comrade John Maler, of the monotype section, will be glad to learn that the plucky little veteran has been promoted and is on a fair way to health again.

Gossip of G. P. O. Workers

Edward A. Strudley.

Candidate for delegate from Bookbinders' Union, No. 4, to the convention of the I. B. R.

Of the ten candidates to represent the local Bookbinders' Union at the convention of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, which convenes in Detroit, June next, none are better or more favorably known than Edward A. Strudley. A native of Detroit, where he attended the public schools, and where he learned the art of bookbinding, he early took active part in the organization of his craft, and has been noted for untiring industry, honesty and loyalty in the work of the organization.

He was president of No. 20 of Detroit, for three years; corresponding and recording secretary for several years, delegate to the Trades and Labor Council, and president of the Allied Printing Trades Council, of Detroit, for two years. He also represented No. 20 at the conventions of the I. B. R. at Toronto, Ontario, in 1908, and in connection with the Washington union Mr. Strudley has filled many important assignments with signal ability and with credit to the craft. He is a believer in conservative methods and an advocate of the initiative and referendum in the choice of officers of the international organization.

Bob Congdon, Tom McDonough, and the rest of the Philadelphia bunch were on hand Thursday to greet Charles E. Deaver, and the remainder of the contingent of the United States Government Printing Office Council, from the city of Washington, D. C.

One excellent move has been made to change the meeting place to the Typographical Temple, where not only much improved and more attractive quarters are assured, but the assembly room being on the first floor and no stairs to climb, will be a welcome change to many of the veteran members of the

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It costs every man, woman, and child in the District at the rate of 3 cents per month for the maintenance of the health department. What do they get in return? From the cradle to the grave, the health department is ever with him. The health department even anticipates his coming and registers in advance physical conditions and midwives when the board of medical supervisors has duly certified as to his fitness to pilot his baby into this world. A formal entry of his arrival is made in the registration books of the department, and the entry goes to swell the vital statistics of the District. Of the entry the parents are notified with due official formality, and the department takes advantage of the occasion to offer advice, telling how the new-comer can best be cared for in the home, and to be sure the very milk that he drinks when nature refuses longer to supply him better nourishment comes from cows that are inspected by the health department, and that end view, and is brought to the door by a milkman duly licensed for that purpose.

When he enters the public school, a representative of the health department follows him to see that his school work does not hinder his physical development, and that communicable disease does not break his studies. Whether he is to leave school to earn a livelihood, it is a representative of the health department who examines him to see whether his health will be injured by the employment he desires to enter.

The Health Record.

Should he develop measles or whooping cough, chickenpox or diphtheria, smallpox or scarlet fever, that fact is duly entered in the official archives of the health department, and the patient and his family are advised by the health department as to what must be done to prevent the spread of the disease among members of the household or among others. If the communicable nature of the malady is only suspected, the health department, co-operating with the attending physician, has by the bacteriological laboratory assist in the speedy determination of that fact. When the disease has about run its course and it becomes important to learn whether the period of danger has passed, again the laboratory of the health department is called into requisition and the physician's advisers, the Pathology Department, is necessary to remove the patient to a safe place for observation, he will be taken in an ambulance operated by the health department to the quarantine station operated in the same way, or to the isolation room for minor contagious diseases at Garfield Memorial or Providence Hospital, and kept until the nature of the malady can be determined. Should suspicion pass into certainty, he may be treated in one of the hospitals for communicable diseases operated by or under the supervision of the department. The room in which he has been removed will be disinfected by employees in the service of the health department, to prevent further spread of the disease.

All through life the food that he eats comes from stores that are registered and inspected by the health department, and the food itself is under the department's supervision. The air that he breathes is kept fresh and sweet by the enforcement by the health department of the various laws and regulations against

the maintenance of nuisances, including the smoke nuisance. Weeds may not offend his sight, because it is the duty of the health department to see that they are removed. The clothing that he wears is washed in a laundry that is under the special observation of the health department. The barber who cuts his hair must do so in accordance with certain rules prescribed by the health department and enforced by its inspectors.

Doctors may not draw nor bona cackles to his annoyance without a permit from the health department. Neither may unmuzzled dogs bite him or his canine progeny, because the health officer has seen to it that the dog is kept in such a manner as to breed flies to his annoyance and danger.

And when, when the final act in his drama comes, his body cannot rest its last resting place until the health officer has given permission. If earth burial is his choice, his last resting place must be in a vault duly registered at the health office for the reception of remains, if cremation is his choice, then a crematory duly licensed must be found, and the municipal crematory under the direction of the health office is available. And in the end a solemn entry is made in the archives of the health department of the last melancholy event, the mortality statistics are moved up one notch, and time rolls on as before.

And all this costs each resident of the District just \$3.36 per annum, \$0.28 per month, \$0.09 per week, and \$0.009 per day. Is it any wonder that the health department is so well respected, and that every citizen asks "How much does it cost?" Can you afford to spend more? Or rather, can we afford to spend so little?

Services to Be Conducted at St. Mary's Church.

Complying with an overwhelming demand from Catholics throughout the city, the priests of the Congregation of the Most Precious Blood, who have been conducting a German mission at St. Mary's Catholic Church during the past week, will open to-morrow a series of English missionary exercises identical with those given by the German Catholics. This will be the first English mission ever given in St. Mary's parish, and the departure is intended as an opportunity for Washington Catholics to hear the eminent preacher, Fathers Benedict and Vitus. Prof. Armand Gumprecht, choir director of St. Mary's Church, has prepared a special musical programme.

Masses will be celebrated during the week, and will be accompanied with instructions by the missionary fathers. To-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock, and at the same hour every evening during the week, the missionary services will be conducted by Fathers Benedict and Vitus.

To-night at 7:30 o'clock there will be solemn closing exercises of the German mission.

Harper's Representative in Town.

Mr. J. Paulding Smith, special representative of Harper's Weekly, is in the city this week in the interests of his publication. Mr. Smith will be heard on an account of his connection with the alleged beef trust, and later was well known as the "Tomato King" of Chicago.

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