Pulpit and Pew

The services at the Church of Our Father tomorrow morning will be appropriate to Children's Sunday. The address of the morning will be by Dr. Willard S. Small, principal of the Eastern High School.

The recurrence this year of this children's festival in the calendar of the Universalist and other Protestant churches recalls the fact that the custom of celebrating this festival was inaugurated by Rev. Charles H. Leonard, at the time pastor of the Universalist Church in Chelsea, Mass., but at the present time dean emeritus of the divinity school at Tufts College. The clergyman has been privileged to see his plans for the day accepted not only by his own denomination, but by nearly all Protestant churches. He is now ninety-five years old and in the possession of all his faculties and honored alike by young and old.

In a letter recently received in Washington from Dr. Van Schaick, pastor of the Church of Our Father, written as of the date of May 26, the doctor says: "I had hoped to be able to come home the last of June. Conditions, however, are desperate in Poland and I must go there. My dear wife is very brave about it and insists that I do it, although it is going to be much harder for her than it has been. Perhaps she will stay in Switzerland with Mrs. Bicknell, possibly go to Berlin and possibly stay at The Hague. She will not come home until I come."

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St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 2d and S streets northwest, will celebrate Children's day tomorrow morning. The exercises will begin at 10 o'clock and continue until about 12 o'clock, taking the place of the regular church services. Mr. Clarence E. Fowler, superintendent of the school, will have charge.

Among the many interesting features of the program will be: Processional, by twenty boys and girls; salutatory, by Hugh Collins; recitation, by Miss Knowles' class; greeting song, by Anita Briggs; Cradle Lullaby, by Jewel Vogt; recitation, "My Live Dolly," by Helen Ault (using her baby brother as the "dolly"); offering address, by Robert Anderson; Bible exercise, by Dorothy Waesche, Beatrice Brewton, Frances Towers and Beth Cole; "I've a Story to Tell to the Nation," by Margaret Allen, Ruth Fox, Lucile Harris, Mildred Howe, Ruth Anderson, Maud Van Sickler, Roberta Whaley, Dorothy Cole, Blanche Cross, Ruth Barclay and Margaret Johnson.

The pastor, Rev. D. L. Blakemore, will baptize a number of children at this service. The offering will be taken by the junior stewards and the entire program will be interspersed with inspiring singing by the whole school and congregation.

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Children's day services in the morning and the annual recognition observance in the evening will be held at Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church tomorrow. In the evening Rev. Lucius C. Clark, the pastor, will give a special address on "The Bow of Promise," at which time the Iowa Association of the District will attend. This year's graduates of various institutions, who are connected with Hamline, and who will be honored at the services, are:

Frank Blair Henson, American University fellowship award, nominated by George Washington University and the University of Illinois, to study zoology at the latter institution; Edward S. Brashears, president of the class, and Robert H. Covington, the law school of the National University; James Francis Pierce, president of the class, George Washington University Law School; Ralph Webster Benton, winner of the first award in the Davis prize speaking contest and also winner of the E. K. Cutter prize for excellence in English, George Washington University; Miss Florence Milliken, George Washington University; Homer Claiborne and Herbert Nichols, Emerson Institute; Jonathan Donkin, jr., and E. C. Canthorn, Bliss Electrical School; Griffen G. Frazier, George Washington University Dental School; Miss Catherine Cowsill, National School of Domestic Arts and Sciences; Miss Edith Moler, Miss Isabelle Parks, Miss Grace E. Winner and Robert Hardell, president of the class, McKinley Manual Training School; Miss Helen Brinkman, Miss Lucile Alexander and Miss Mildred Nash, Central High School; Miss Lena Miller and Avelin Jackson, Business High School.

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Prof. and Mrs. B. H. Darrow were the hosts to the Home Makers' Bible Class of Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church, Wednesday, at their home in College Park, Md. It was in the nature of a picnic, and supper was served under improvised conditions on the lawn. Two very interesting recitations by Miss Ruth Turpin, five years of age, and selections on the grafonola were pleasing features of the evening.

Others present were Rev. Lucius C. Clark, pastor of Hamline, and Mrs. Clark; Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Havens, Miss Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Covington, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Detwiler, Mr. and Mrs. Nussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Tallman, Mrs. Clara Boyer, Miss Madeline Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hillegeist and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hottel.

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The regular Sunday night Bahai meetings at Pythian Temple will be continued during the summer. Tomorrow evening Dr. E. C. Getsinger and Mrs. Fosselman will speak on "What is a Manifestation of God?" and the meeting will be followed by a social.

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Children's day will be appropriately celebrated at the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Dr. James Shera Montgomery will conduct Flag day services in Metropolitan Methodist Church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock and speak on "Our Flag and the Present Crisis."

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Children's day will be observed in the First Baptist Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock tomorrow morning. Preparations have been made to accommodate every member of the school and its friends.

Former superintendent, Paymaster Robnett, is expected to be present and address the school. As he has been on sea duty for the past fifteen months his address should, it is declared, be both interesting and inspiring. A message to the school from Commander Harrison will also be read.

The church will observe Flag day at 11 o'clock. Special music will be rendered and a special sermon will be delivered by Rev. W. W. McMaster, pastor.

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Rev. C. Everest Granger, pastor of the Gunton-Temple Memorial Church, is scheduled to conduct the special Sunday school lesson study at the Fourth Presbyterian Church tomorrow evening. His subject will be, "A Prayer for the Tempted."

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Rev. James Edward Kent was ordained a minister of the Baptist Church at a meeting held in Shiloh Colored Baptist Church during the week. Rev. E. E. Ricks served as moderator of the meeting. Rev. Kent expects to leave shortly for an evangelistic tour through several northern states.

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Rev. A. T. Draper, pastor of Mount Olive Nazarene Institutional Colored Church, which worships in St. Luke's Hall, has been arranging among his membership as well as others outside of his congregation for raising a suitable fund to defray the expenses back to Africa of Rev. Jeremiah Johnson, who plans shortly to return there as a missionary.

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At the First Presbyterian Church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock a special Children's day service is to be held. A program of music and recitations by the members of the school has been arranged.

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Trinity Episcopal Church gave a farewell reception to Mr. and Mrs. George S. Whitmore Thursday night at the parish hall of the church.

Mr. Whitmore is about to engage in business in Yakima, Wash., and the farewell event, it is declared, was a tribute to the zeal with which he has participated in the affairs of the church, of which he has been a lifelong member.

As Sunday school superintendent, choir member, vestryman and prominent factor in many successful entertainments given for the benefit of church needs, Mr. Whitmore, it is pointed out, has endeared himself to the entire parish. A large number of the members were present to express regret at his departure, and to wish him and Mrs. Whitmore "every blessing in his new life in the west."

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Rev. Emory B. Smith, the newly elected pastor of Lincoln Colored Congregational Temple, corner of 11th and R streets northwest, was ordained in that church at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The installation took place at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The sermon was preached by Rev. Charles E. Jefferson of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York city.

The committee in charge of the service was made up of Judge Robert H. Terrell, Carroll Webster and James H. Hill.

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Children's day will be observed at the morning service of Metropolitan Baptist Church tomorrow.

Chorister G. A. Clark has prepared an elaborate program.

Supt. John F. Bolen and E. B. Shaver will be in charge of the exercises.

In the evening a great arch spanning the platform and covered with electric lights will be used to illustrate the sermon by Pastor John Compton Ball on "The Span of Life."

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The Concordia Church congregation combined the strawberry festival, given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, with the celebration of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of its pastor, Rev. Paul A. Menzel, and Mrs. Menzel, Thursday evening.

Representatives of the various societies of the church, under the chairmanship of Mr. William P. Herbst, presented the pastor with a token of esteem. Mr. Frederick Imhof represented the board of trustees; Mrs. Thomford, Ladies' Aid Society; Mrs. William Montgomery, mission society; Miss Lillian Baier Sunday school; Mr. Schroeder, Christian Endeavor Society, and Miss Tilly Kolb, the choir.

A creditable presentation of "The Turkish Maiden" was given by Areme Chapter, No. 10, Order of the Eastern Star, with the following cast: William M. Murray, Dr. W. L. Hagen, Miss Maud Fellheimer, Mrs. Selma Danforth and Mrs. Marie Pierce.

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Seat Pleasant M. E. Church will hold its annual children's day service at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Miss Ruth E. Carrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Carrick of Prince Georges county, will have charge of the program. Besides the children taking part in the service she has secured several well known persons to assist, including Miss Jonseline Williamette and Mr. Ralph Boyer; also Mr. Wilbert P. Cooke, temperance speaker, and Mrs. Cooke, who will render several vocal and musical selections.

Rev. Richardson, the new pastor, will be present. Special cars will be run from 15th and H streets northeast to the church.

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Tomorrow will be observed as Sunday school day at Trinity Church, 3d and C streets northwest. The interior of the church will be decorated with flowers presented by the children, and both the music and sermon adapted to the occasion. It will be a service for adults, and the object is to acquaint the congregation with the Sunday school work and interests.

Rev. S. U. Mittman, provincial secretary of education of the Episcopal Church, will preach. The school members will enter the church in procession at the 11 o'clock service, with banners, preceded by the choir.

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The Anacostia M. E. Church revival, with the Berge sisters, well known evangelist singers assisting, is attracting large attendance.

Special speakers during the week have been Rev. D. H. Martin and J. R. Esalas. The services will continue for three weeks.

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At 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon Rev. F. M. McCoy will address a mass meeting for men in the Anacostia M. E. Church.

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The Washington District Epworth League will hold an institute at Mountain Lake Park, Md., July 26 to August 2, inclusive, and the members of the committee, the institute faculty and the presidents and representatives of the local chapters will take dinner together at Wallis' cafe this evening. They will start a campaign for a registration of 300 or more by July 1.

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A reception is to be tendered in West Washington Baptist Church Monday evening to Rev. Dr. B. D. Gaw, the pastor, and Mrs. Gaw, in honor of the tenth anniversary of their wedding and the sixth anniversary of Dr. Gaw's pastorate at the church.

The morning service at the church will be given over to an observance of Children's day.

During the week Dr. Gaw received the degree of doctor of divinity from Richmond College at Richmond, Va.

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Rev. Charles L. Pate, pastor of Govans M. E. Church, Baltimore, and former pastor of the Dumbarton Avenue M. E. Church of this city, will be the special speaker at the Petworth M. E. Church, corner 8th and Shepherd streets northwest, at the morning and evening services Sunday, June 20, when the financial campaign for the new church building on Grant circle will be inaugurated.

Children's day will be celebrated in the Petworth Church tomorrow morning, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, with exercises by the children. Sunday, June 27, "Old Folks' day" will be celebrated. The aged of the congregation and community and from the Methodist Home are to be provided with automobile transportation to and from the church by its members.

The annual picnic of the Sunday school of this church will be held at Glen Echo Park June 25. A special committee, of which Mr. Robert I. Carr is chairman, is arranging for a splendid program of entertainment for the Sunday school scholars.

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The Ladies' Building Guild of the Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Protestant Church held its monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. J. D. Steele, 1720 North Capitol street, Monday evening.

The president, Mrs. Nellie T. Strang, presided and Mrs. R. W. Barker acted as secretary-treasurer. Mrs. William C. Fowler conducted the devotional exercises. After the transaction of business, which included arrangements for a public luncheon, social features were enjoyed.

Those present included Mrs. Randall, Mrs. May, Mrs. Boteler, Mrs. Strang, Mrs. Schuckers, Mrs. White, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Stroup, Mrs. Reinmuth, Mrs. Espey, Mrs. Cowling, Mrs. Hirsh, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Pritchett, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. G. Gordon, Mrs. Fenner, Mrs. Ports, Mrs. Chauncey, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Corning, Mrs. Barker, Messrs. Randall, Boteler, Fenner, Green and Steele; Misses Gladys Steele and Adelaide Ports.

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A Children's day will be observed tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at Union Methodist Episcopal Church, with suitable exercises by members of the Sunday school, consisting of songs, recitations and addresses.

In the evening at 8 o'clock the pastor, John MacMurray, will speak concerning children.

Wednesday evening there will be a musical evening under the auspices of the Women's Guild of the church. The program of the evening will include some of the leading musicians of the city.

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At Gunton-Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church a special service will be held tomorrow morning in honor of the aged. Last Sunday was observed as Children's day; this Sunday will be Old Folks' day. The pastor, Rev. C. E. Granger, will preach an appropriate sermon on "A Crown of Glory."

Elderly members of the congregation will take part in the service and receive a floral token of love and respect. This service is not only for the aged, but for all.

The evening services have been discontinued until October. The Christian Endeavor Society, however, invites the public to its meeting in the chapel at 7 o'clock each Sunday night.

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Today will be Children's day at Fifth Baptist Church. As usual, the Sunday school and preaching services will be combined. A special feature will be the presence of a large number of children from the cradle roll along with their parents.

The junior chorus choir will render several selections under the direction of William J. Palmer.

The pastor, Rev. John E. Briggs, will give an illustrated talk.

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Delta Chapter of the Phi Mu Sigma Sunday School Fraternity held its annual election Tuesday evening at Douglas Memorial M. E. Church, as follows. Bayne Brown, president; Melvin E. Lederer, vice president; Samuel Baxter, secretary; Edward Elliott, assistant secretary; Paul Brattain, financial secretary; Benjamin Elliott, treasurer, and Henry J. Hickman, marshal.

A vote of thanks was extended by the chapter to all the retiring officers for the past year's work. The new cabinet discussed many interesting features for the summer work, among them the chapter excursion, to be given shortly.

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Rev. Louis E. Purdum, pastor of Ingram Memorial Congregational Church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the Donald Institute, La Plata, Md., tomorrow evening.

In his absence Rev. R. W. Coe, assistant pastor of the First Congregational Church of this city, will occupy his place at the morning service. Children's day exercises will be held, at which time nine members of the Sunday school, who have been in attendance at the pastor's covenant class, will be received into the church.

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The Bible School of Temple Baptist Church will observe Children's day tomorrow morning.

The children of the beginners', primary, junior and intermediate departments will take part in the program under direction of a committee composed of Mrs. W. P. Horner, Miss Zoe Beall, Mrs. J. T. Curry, Mr. John I. Bunch and Mr. J. W. Mullings.

The exercises will begin in the church auditorium at 10:45 o'clock, immediately following the morning lesson. "Home Missions and Christian Patriotism" will be the theme, and illustrations of the mission activities of the American Baptist Publication Society. American flags will be given as souvenirs.

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The evening service at Immanuel Baptist Church will be "an evening with the choir." Mr. Douglass G. Miller is the director, with Mrs. E. P. Dickinson at the piano, and Mr. Neville D. Miller accompanist.

The pastor, Rev. Gove Griffith Johnson, will take for his topic, "How David Learned to Sing." The public is cordially invited.

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Tomorrow marks the completion of eight years' service as pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church by Rev. Dr. J. Milton Waldron.

During these eight years the pastor has received into the church more than 500 persons, greatly enlarged the Sunday school and the Christian Endeavor Society, organized a junior Christian Endeavor Society, a men's brotherhood, a home and foreign missionary society, a deaconess' board, a men's Bible class, a midweek Bible school, and led the church to undertake extensive work for the uplift of the poor and neglected thousands living in the alleys of this city, and to greatly enlarge its mission work in Africa.

The pastor will preach the anniversary sermon at 11 a.m., and at night he will review the work of the past eight years, and deliver a special address to the deaconess' board of the church.

At each service the various organizations of the church will attend in a body, and as far as possible the members who have come into the church during the pastor's eight years' work will attend and sit together. The surpliced choir, under the direction of Luke G. Reynolds, will render special music.

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Miss Sadie A. Gaskins of 2804 Dumbarton avenue was surprised one evening during the week by some members of the Christian Endeavor extension committee, the occasion marking her birthday.

Mrs. Mary Overton, leader of Circle A, and Mrs. Sarah Beckwith presented Miss Gaskins with a beautiful cluster of flowers. Mrs. M. R. Peterson on behalf of the C. E. extension committee presented a copy of the New Testament, with translations by Moffatt. It was given by Miss A. Payne, Mrs. M. McEntree, Mrs. Grace Howard, Mrs. C. J. Kenny, Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Mr. J. R. Moss, Miss Eliza Wheeler and Mr. L. G. Cuney.

After a number of addresses were made, Mrs. Emma Newman, a member of the Loyalty Bible class, directed the serving of refreshments.

Miss Eliza Wheeler, president of the Bladensburg Christian Endeavor Society, gave several recitations. Other present were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Frazier, Mrs. Rosa Johnson, Mrs. Ella Coleman and Mrs. John Harris.

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Rev. Boyd V. Switzer, pastor of Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church South, 7th and A streets northeast, will preach a special sermon to railroad men at the evening service tomorrow. The Washington branch of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will attend in a body in observance of their annual memorial service for members. The public generally and railroad men and their families especially are invited. Seats will be reserved for members of any roadroad organization and for their friends. The service begins at 8 o'clock.

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Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church South will celebrated Children's day tomorrow. Appropriate exercises will take the place of the regular 11 o'clock preaching service. The program is in charge of a competent committee of women and has been prepared with especial care.

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The Washington Clericus, composed of the Protestant Episcopal clergy of the diocese of Washington, will meet Tuesday at the Hotel Gordon.

Luncheon will be served, and at the close Rev. Dr. George H. McGrew will preside at the business session.

"The Lord's Prayer in the Prayer Book" will be the topic of a paper to be read by Rev. George F. Dudley, rector of St. Stephen's Church. This subject, it is pointed out, is of deep interest by reason of the pending of the revision of the prayer book by the Episcopal general convention.

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The Lincoln Road Methodist Episcopal Church congregation, which worships at the corner of Lincoln road and U street northeast, has decided to erect in the near future, a new church building, on the site where the present structure stands. This congregation for the past five years has been worshiping in a temporary building, until it felt strong enough to build a permanent edifice. It now feels that the time has come for a permanent building, and at a meeting of the quarterly conference last Thursday evening a building committee was appointed, consisting of the following: D. M. Fisher, A. H. Hiller, B. U. Steele, M. R. Steelman, J. H. Siggers, H. W. Belnap, C. P. Sample, I. C. Smallwood, Horace Miller, with the pastor, Rev. G. A. Luttrell, as chairman; H. W. Belnap, vice chairman; C. P. Sample, secretary, and I. C. Smallwood, treasurer.

It is expected that work on the new building will begin in a few weeks, and that it will be completed before cold weather. The architect's plans have not been completed yet, however the plan is to have an auditorium seating about 350, with a Sunday school room with a capacity of a like number, with folding doors so that the two rooms can be thrown together. Also a basement has been sketched, in which are entertainment hall, kitchen, etc. When completed the building will cost about $30,000.

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"The Bible Subject That is Least Mentioned in the Pulpits of Today" will be discussed in a special sermon by Rev. E. Hez Swem tomorrow night at Centennial Baptist Church.

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The children's day service of the Douglas Memorial Sunday school will be held in the church tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. The preparations for the exercises have been under the direction of Mr. Edward Boss, the chorister of the school, and it is expected to have an excellent program. A chorus composed of the young children of the school will furnish music for the occasion.

Various solo and recitation features will be given by the young members of the school. Douglas school is now enjoying a very prosperous year. At the last business meeting of the school interesting reports were received from the various officers, all of them indicating progress.

All arrangements have been completed for the annual picnic to Marshall Hall June 26, when the school will spend the day at the resort. The teachers' training class is growing, both in numbers and inspiration. This class has now adopted class pins. The Douglas school is looking to this class with great interest, for it is the one which is to supply the future teachers for the Sunday school.

Tomorrow evening Mrs. Ferguson will render Browning's interpretation of Saul at the evening service.

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Two one-act plays were given under auspices of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian Church in the hall of the church last night, before a large gathering of friends and parishioners. The entertainment was for the benefit of the general fund of the church. A feature of the evening was the musical program by the Business High School Mandolin Club.

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A military mass is to be held at Fort Myer, Va., Sunday, June 27, according to the present arrangements of Chaplain O'Keefe stated at the post.

It will be held at 10:30 o'clock, and is intended to take the place of the mass which heretofore has been held on the Monument grounds.

It is expected that a large number of military organizations will be invited to attend.

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At the commencement exercises at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., a few days ago the degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon Rev. Edward King Hardin, who is now pastor of Mount Vernon Place Church, Washington. Dr. Hardin was graduated from Wofford, the Methodist college of South Carolina, with the class of 1904, after which he pursued courses at Vanderbilt University and Princeton University.

Doctors' degrees at Wofford College are said to be very rare. Only two alumni were honored in this way this year. It is understood that Dr. Hardin is the youngest man who ever received the degree from Wofford College, his age at present being only thirty.

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Tomorrow morning the annual Children's day service will be observed at Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church. Those in charge of the exercises have given considerable time and effort to the training of the children who are to take part and an interesting occasion is assured.

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An illustration of the treatment of newly arrived immigrants at Ellis Island was presented before the District Missionary Societies at Ninth Street Christian Church Tuesday morning. A number of people dressed in the costumes of more than ten different countries showed the District women how immigrants come into the United States. At the afternoon session officers were elected as follows: Mrs. D. S. Shook, president; Mrs. H. F. Harmon, vice president; Mrs. W. E. Collis, recording secretary; Mrs. J. H. Shinn, corresponding secretary, and Miss Ardeli Payne, junior superintendent.

Swallowing by mistake poison prepared to spray fruit trees, Jos. Johnson, fifty years old, an engineman, was found dead in a chair at his home in Westernport, Md.

Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. Hugh T. Stevenson.

THE BLESSEDNESS OF FORGIVENESS.—Psalm, 32.

Golden Text—Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.—Psa., 32:1.

The lyric song assigned for our study is one of the so-called penitential psalms (the others being 6, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143), which St. Augustine often read with weeping eyes during his last illness for the comfort the psalmist's message brought to him as he faced the end of his life.

Luther classified it, with several others, as a Pauline psalm, because it contained the same doctrine of grace that underlaid all the teaching of the great apostle. It abounds in personal experience, throbs with the emotion through which the sinner passes when convicted of sin, burdened with contrition, until there comes after confession of his sin the blessedness of forgiveness, so that the soul burst forth into song that lays bare the hidden secrets of every soul that has ever been oppressed by sin and tasted of the joy of forgiveness.

The closing years of the life of David were darkened by the two-folded crime that we considered last week. That bitter experience furnished a fit setting for this song that goes down deep into the permanent relations between God and the sinner. As we read and ponder upon the rehearsal of the conviction, contrition and confession of his sin, together with the gladness that filled his heart when he was forgiven, the psalmist appears to be recording our own personal experiences, describing how we, too, have found our way back to God, so that, "being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." It points out the path for the sinner's return to the favor of God and the joy of the Lord, as well as "the happiness of the forgiven" anud the awfulness of sin.

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The Awfulness of Sin.

Conant, in his translation of the first two verses of this psalm, that contains the full philosophy of God's forgiveness of sin, gives us the following:

Happy he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered;
Happy the man to whom Jehovah imputes not iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.

The difference between "happiness" and "blessedness" is defined by some to be that "happiness" pertains to the enjoyment of material things and "blessedness" to spiritual conditions, regardless of outward conditions, which results from reconciliation and trust in God. The word used in the Hebrew by the psalmist both here and in the first psalm refers to both material and spiritual conditions which forgiven sin produces.

In the fourfold designation used to portray the offenses of man against God and his own soul three of them appear to be borrowed from Exodus, 34:7, the original utterance concerning divine mercy that frequently is reechoed throughout the Scriptures. The four words used to express his wrongdoing—"transgression," "sin," "iniquity" and "guile"—are very expressive, and when taken together comprehend the whole idea of sin in all its manifestations. We have been in the habit of using them interchangeably, although they ar not strictly synonymous.

"Transgression" signifies to "cross over a line" and implies an open departure from God and a willful disobedience. It denotes the deliberate violation of God's command. Sin, literally means the missing of the mark, implies not so much willfulness as weaknesses resulting in the falling short of doing God's duty. God has set a bound across which we must not go and He has also set up a standard of action and life in Christ's life, labor and love that all should aim to attain.

The apostle records man's failure when he says: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "Iniquity" means "that which is turned out of proper course or situation, hence, anything that is morally distorted or perverted." It includes more than the idea of wrong doing, perversion or distortion, for sometimes it also means both the guilt and punishment as well.

"Guile" signifies fraud and deceit. It is the same word in effect as "bait," that is used to allure fish, being placed over the hook in such a manner as to conceal it, promising food so as to deceive the fish to partake of it when by so doing they will be destroyed.

Satan always ensnares sinners by deceiving them. There are only a few men in whom there is no guile. The composite picture of our unrighteousness and corruption presented in the four words that portray our shortcoming, chronicle our straying away from God into the far country, ought to make us ashamed of our transgression, sin, iniquity and guile and our need of salvation.

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The Happiness of Salvation.

It is no wonder that David describes the great sinner who is saved as being happy. The man who is saved from all that the four words used by him implies ought to be blessed. First, because of the forgiveness of his transgression. Forgive means to send away. The scapegoat taught this lession to Israel, for on him were laid the transgressions to be carried away into the land of forgetfulness. Christ, the Lamb of God, has carried away the sins of all that believe on Him as their Savior. Surely the man ought to be happy that sees in Jesus Christ the forgiveness of his sins. If God has sent away your sins, then they have been removed as far as the east is from the west and He will remember them no more.

The allusion to sin being covered probably refers to the "mercy seat" or the propitiation with which God covered the ark in which He had placed the law. God covered Adam and Eve, when they sinned in the garden, with the lambskin apron as a badge of their innocence in His sight when through the blood of the lamb they would be saved from their sins. God's hatred of sin is such that he covers it with the blood of Christ, who is the propitiation for our sins, our cover from the just penalty of our transgressions. The only effectual covering for the sinful soul is to put on the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The psalmist's phrase, "imputes not iniquity," has been the source of much trouble to the theologians. Its simple and obvious sense is that when God forgives a sinner He no longer holds the forgiven one accountable for his iniquity. Paul correctly, in Rom. 4:6-8, interprets God's dealing with sin as set forth by "forgiven," "covered" and "not imputed," to be the equivalent to the imputation of righteousness. The forgiven man is the justified man, upon whom penal sanctions have no claim.

Unless there is a reality in a man's faith and repentance he will miss the joys of forgiveness. Only by the Holy Spirit working in us the regeneration of God's grace can we be free from guile. Not until we have received the new life from above can we come into the fullness of the blessedness of forgiveness of sins through the unmerited favor of God. Having praised God for the joy that He had given him, the psalmist outlines the seven steps of his spiritual restoration.

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Salvation's Seven-Fold Structure.

David traces now the process of the restoration of the joys of his salvation, reciting the terrors of his conscience when under conviction of his sin, and how he foolishly delayed confessing his wrongful deeds. He records the comfort that quickly came after his confession, when the blessedness of forgiveness came with God's answer to his cry for relief. He tells the story in three pairs with the testimony of a joyful sinner crowning all. The three are: Silence and suffering, confession and forgiveness, deliverance and guidance, followed by the joyful testimony of his experience of divine grace.

The times when he tried to conceal his guilt were periods of great mental torture and suffering. It affected his body, disturbing his sleep at night and his thoughts by day. He could accomplish nothing. There was no fruitage from his labor, for his vacillating and sinful efforts seemed all to fail. The Spirit of God had departed from him and he realized that without God's help he was able to do nothing. The sense of guilt, like smoldering flame, burned into his soul the conviction of sin, until at last, under the preaching of Nathan, David saw that he had been caught and discovered. He had been trying to carry the burden alone, but he found that he could not stand the displeasure of Jehovah.

Finally David confessed. He made a clean breast of it to God. He acknowledged his sins and confessed his transgressions. So we must do with our iniquity if we would enjoy the blessings, joy and happiness of being forgiven. Let us draw near to God through our Lord, Christ Jesus, and find peace for present, with pardon for the past, and the promise of paradise for the future and the aid of the Holy Spirit to enable us to live the Christian life. Forgiveness quickly follows confession. "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thought, and let him return unto God, for He will abundantly pardon." David found that God was the one source of help, so he urged all men to follow his example by taking all their problems to God "in a time when He may be found."

The praying man is certain that he will receive an answer from God that will give him the benefit of divine instruction, revealing unto him the mysteries of the Father's love, and direction for his daily life as a Christian and guidance amid all danger. God's word is all we need if we will let it illuminate our pathway.

Trouble and sorrow may come to us, but in it all God's mercy protects us. The man who walks in fellowship with God will call all his friends in to rejoice with him. Our religion must be shared to be enjoyed. If we are among the number concerning whom the psalmist said, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Then let us be glad in the Lord, and rejoice and shout for joy." Who has a better right to be truly happy than the man who has tasted of the joys of salvation of our Lord? Let us rejoice in the salvation of our Lord and proclaim to the world the glories of His salvation in song, speech and service.

Church Announcements

EPISCOPAL.

Church of the Ascension, Mass. ave. and 12th.
Rev. J. HENNING NELMS, D. D., Rector.
Services, 8 and 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. The rector will preach at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

St. Mark's THIRD AND A SOUTHEAST.
REV. C. R. STETSON, RECTOR.
SERVICES, 7:30, 11 A.M.; AND 8 P.M.

St. Paul's, 23rd NEAR WASHINGTON CIRCLE.
Rev. Robert Talbot, rector; Rev. W. A. Masker, jr., curate; 7:30 and 10., holy communion; 11, matins; 8, evensong.

St. Margaret's Ch. Conn. ave. and Bancroft place.
REV. HERBERT SCOTT SMITH, D. D., Rector.
REV. CHARLES J. WINGATE, Asst. Minister.
Services, 7:30 and 11 a.m., the rector will preach. No evening service. Strangers cordially invited.

St. Stephen's, FOURTEENTH AND COLUMBIA ROAD.
REV. GEORGE F. DUDLEY, RECTOR.
SERVICES—7:30, 11 A.M. AND 8 P.M.

The Nativity, 7:30 a.m., holy comm'n. 8 p.m. (8; 9:15; 10; 11; 8.
The Resurrection, 3:15, 4 (Pt., 7:45).
The Catholic (Universal) Church—for all men.

All Souls' Memorial, CONN. AND CATH'L AVES.
The Rev. J. Machride Sterrett, D. D., rector.
11, morning service and address by the rector.

St. John's Church, 16th AND H STS.
Rev. ROLAND COTTON SMITH, D. D.
Rev. EDWARD SLATER DUNLAP, M. A.
Rev. GEORGE WILLIAMSON SMITH, D. D.
8 and 11 a.m.

Churchmen! The Emergency Fund is to reach $400,000. To date our board of missions has received $205,000. Give "one day's income or wage" through your parish.

The Cathedral, Bethlehem Chapel, Mt. St. Alban, D. C.
Holy communion..... 7:30 a.m.
Morning prayer and litany..... 10:00 a.m.
Holy communion and sermon, preacher, Canon De Vries..... 11:00 a.m.
People's open air evensong and sermon, preacher, Rev. J. Henning Nelms, D. D., Subject, Magna Charta and Freedom..... 4:00 p.m.
Take Tenleytown and Rockville cars.

St. Thomas', 18th NEAR DUPONT CIRCLE.
Services—11 and 8 o'clock.
11 a.m.—Sermon by Rev. C. Ernest Smith, D. D., D. C. L.

Church of the Epiphany G ST. Near 14th.
Rev. RANDOLPH H. McKIM, D. D., Rector.
Rev. Percy Foster Hall, Rev. E. H. Ingle, Assistants.
Services: 8 and 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.
At 11 a.m., Dr. McKim will preach; subject, "The 700th Anniversary of Magna Charta."
At 8 p.m., Rev. Arthur R. Taylor of York, Pa., will preach. Offertory anthem, "Peace and Rest," by Robert Batten.
Organ recital, 7:40 p.m.
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Mt. Pleasant, COLUMBIA ROAD NEAR 14th STREET.
Rev. CLARENCE A. VINCENT, D. D., Minister.
Morning service, 11 o'clock, Children's day service. A fine program will be given by the school. Sunday school, 10:15 a.m. Christian Endeavor meetings, 6:45 p.m. The evening service has been discontinued until fall, as have the adult Bible classes.

First Congregational, 10th AND G STS. N.W.
Rev. JAY T. STOCKING, D. D., pastor.
Rev. ROBERT W. COE, Asst. Pastor.
11 a.m., Children's day service, with story by the pastor. Music by quartet and chorus choir. 9:30 a.m., Sunday school. 7 p.m., Y. P. S. C. E. No other evening service.

FRIENDS.

Friends Meeting, 1811 I ST. N.W. 11 a.m.
A cordial invitation is extended.

UNITARIAN.

All Souls' Church, COR. 14th AND L STS.
ULYSSES G. B. PIERCE, D. D., Minister.
11 o'clock, morning service; sermon by Dr. LeGrand Powers.

REFORMED.

Grace, 15th AND O STS. N.W.
H. H. RANCK, PASTOR.
11 a.m., worship and sermon; 7 p.m., Children's day service. S. S., 9:30 a.m.

CHRISTADELPHIAN.

Christadelphian Ecclesia, 330 Pa. ave. s.e.
Naval Lodge Hall.
Every Sunday, 11:30 a.m. All welcome.

Christadelphian Chapel, N. H. and Ga. aves.
Sunday, 11 a.m.—"Whatsoever Thy Hand Findeth to Do, Do It With Thy Might." 8 p.m., "Shall Religion and the Sword Go Hand in Hand?"

UNIVERSALIST.

Church of Our Father, 13th AND L STS. N.W.
Rev. JOHN VAN SCHAICK, jr., D. D., Pastor.
Worship at 11 a.m. Children's day service. Address by Dr. Willard S. Small. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Free kindergarten, 11 a.m.

RESCUE MISSION.

Central Union Mission, 622 LA. ave. n.w.
Services—Week days, 12 noon and 7:45 p.m.; Sundays, 9:30 a.m., 3 and 7:45 p.m. Gospel wagon meetings, Sunday, June 13: 1st and N s.e., 4:30 p.m., Rev. H. F. Lutz, speaker; 7th and La. ave., 6:45 p.m., Rev. William A. Melvin, speaker. Public reception to new superintendent, 8:45 p.m., Monday, June 14.

Gospel Mission 214-216 John Marshall pl. n.w. (4½ m.)—Services every night in the year. Evangelist T. E. Phillips, Sunday, at 7:30 p.m. Open-air meeting, 9th and K n.w., 4:30 p.m., Sundays; also 4½ st. and Pa. ave., n.w., 7 p.m. The songs used in the BILLY SUNDAY CAMPAIGN are used at all these services. Everybody welcome.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL.

Gospel Tabernacle 1502 14th st. n.w., Lewis Hall, Rev. B. Carradine, D. D., pastor.—Preaching services, Sunday, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, class meeting, 7:30 p.m. Theology class, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Seats free. Everybody welcome.

LUTHERAN.

Keller Memorial, Md. ave & 9th n.e.
Pastor.—Preaching, 11 and 8; Sunday school, 9:30; Junior C. E., 6; Intermediate and Young People's, 7.

Atonement, North Cap. & P. i. ave. n.w.
Rev. I. O. BAKER, Pastor.
Services, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; S. S., 9:30 a.m.; Thursday eve., prayer