

NEWS OF THE WASHINGTON CHURCHES

C. U. M. PLANS BIG THANKSGIVING

To Feed and Lodge Many Needy Ones—Appeal is Made For Public Support.

The Central Union Mission has already this year had a great many requests for charity on Thanksgiving Day. The number of applicants for assistance this year is greater than that of all previous years. It is estimated that upward of 200 families of the District will be furnished with baskets of food and clothing. Last year the number of baskets given out to the indigent was 150, at a total cost of over \$500. This estimate does not include the sum total of all the instances where relief was afforded, but merely those where the applicant was given food only.

The support of the Central Union Mission comes from the general public of Washington. It is a non-sectarian institution, aiming to do good to all classes of people. It provides lodging and work for the poor and frequently supports whole families until they have been in a condition to fare for themselves. Any person in Washington who has anything to give away would be assured that his donations would reach only the worthy by consulting the lists of needy kept at the office of the mission, at 622 Louisiana avenue northwest.

Judge Norris on Perfect Manhood

Judge W. F. Norris, of the Department of Justice, has been secured to deliver one of his lectures at the Y. M. C. A. next Sunday afternoon. Mr. Norris was for nine years a judge in the Philippines, but has for several years been connected with the Department of Justice in this city. He often lectured before various organizations in the city. His address Sunday will be on "The Perfect Manhood."

Shastri to Lecture on Indian Child-Wives

"Child Wives in India," will be the subject of a lecture at the next meeting of the Interdenominational Missionary Union December 5. Dr. Keshava Deva Shastri, president of the Hindu Reform Marriage League, of Benares, India, will be the speaker. "Conversion of Chinese residents of the United States and work among the Armenian colony in the District were told of at the meeting yesterday.

Dinner Line at Central Union Mission



Picture Taken Last Thanksgiving Day In Front of Mission Dining Hall.

Epworth League Notes.

The mission study class held at Rust Hall each Monday evening for the second vice presidents of Epworth League chapters and their friends continues in interest. It is regretted that more of the "seconds" have not been present to enjoy the meetings and to solidify the organization, but the District second vice president is grateful to those who have attended so regularly and again urges those interested in the mission work of the Methodist Episcopal Church to at least pay the meeting a visit (en masse if possible) even though they do not enroll as permanent students.

Calvary Chapter, of the Epworth League, is co-operating with the pastor in holding revival services during "Win-My-Chum Week." Next Tuesday will be league's night. The league choir will furnish music.

"How Can We Know Who Are Saved?" will be the subject of the league devotional service on Sunday evening at Foundry M. E. Church, the

meeting being in charge of A. T. Stuntz. This meeting will bring to a close the "Win-My-Chum" series which has been held during the past week.

Dumbarton Chapter devotional meeting on Sunday evening will be led by William Houghton. A solo will be rendered by Joseph Oliver.

Lester L. Schare, first vice president of the District Epworth League, and an interesting speaker, will conduct the league services at Iowa Avenue M. E. Church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The largest crowd ever in attendance at a league social at Iowa Avenue church attended the social held on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the department of recreation and culture of which Mrs. Thomas Penick is chairman.

Hightwood Park Junior League is doing excellent work and the enrollment is rapidly increasing under the efficient leadership of their deaconess, Mrs. Bruttaker. H. S. Omobundro, president of the Baltimore Conference Epworth League, spoke at the Epworth League service last Sunday evening and urged activity in the revival services which that church is to conduct the next two weeks.

Appropriate Gift.

One of the mission boards reports: "A very much appreciated contribution of \$12.66 for our work in Africa was received recently from the members of a colored prayer meeting held every Tuesday night in one of the class rooms in Union Seminary, at Richmond, Va. A request accompanied the contribution that it be sent to Mr. McKee and used to supply some permanent need at the new station of Mutoto, where he works. The contribution is in recognition of the work which Mr. McKee did in the colored Sunday school which he organized and conducted while he was a student at the seminary."

The Westminster Gazette tells a good anecdote about an Anglican vicar and his curate. The two had quarreled and the curate was requested to find some other congregation to minister to. He, therefore, preached his farewell sermon, and the parishioners came in crowds to hear him. "My text," he said, "is taken from the moving story of Abraham: 'Tarry ye here with the ass, while I go yonder.'"

CHURCH UPHOLDS CAUSE OF INFANTS

Child Welfare Crusade Interests Church Throughout Country. Meeting Tomorrow.

In connection with the meeting of the American Association for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality, a session will be held Sunday afternoon, November 16, at the Church of Our Father, 12th and L streets northwest, at 2 o'clock. The speakers will be Dr. Mary Sherwood, of Baltimore, on "The Community and Infant Welfare"; Dr. William C. Woodward, of Washington, and Dr. J. H. Mason Knox, of Johns Hopkins, on "The Claims of the Baby." The purpose of the Sunday afternoon meeting will be to show what the association stands for; to point out the responsibility of the entire community for the welfare of its baby citizens, and to suggest means by which everybody can help in the campaign which has now become world-wide for the reduction of infant mortality.

In this connection it is interesting to know that a number of churches throughout the country are including baby saving work, and all that it means in the way of social welfare, as a part of their social service work. The Bible class of one of the churches in St. Louis pays the salary of a nurse who devotes her whole time to work of this sort. The social service department of another church in St. Louis pays the salary of a nurse, whose whole time is given to following up the little patients, who are cared for at one of the children's hospitals. The Women's Guild of one of the churches in Baltimore supports a nurse, whose whole time is given to the nursing care of the sick mothers and babies in a factory district. These are a few illustrations of the way in which the churches are taking part in this big crusade in behalf of the babies.

Prof. Bruce to Address Colored Young People

A special meeting of the Young People's Union of the Second Baptist Church, colored, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, when some of the most promising clergymen and educators of the city will be heard. The principal address will be made by Prof. R. C. Bruce, superintendent of the colored schools of the District.

Dr. C. G. Woodson, of the M Street High School, will preside at the meeting, and will introduce the speakers, among whom will be the Rev. Dr. Bishop Johnson, C. H. Randall, and Spencer Adams. The Howard University quartet and the senior choir of the church will furnish the music.

Notes of Interest to Churchgoers

NINTH ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Ninth and D streets northeast, the pastor, the Rev. George A. Miller, will preach the third sermon in the series on "The Church of the Ages" on Sunday night at 7:45. The subject of the sermon will be: "The Rise of the Papacy." These sermons are drawing very large crowds and attracting much interest. The subject of the morning sermon will be: "The Center of the Spiritual Universe."

QUINTON TEMPLE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Fourteenth and R streets northwest. The pastor, Dr. Granger, will preach at the morning service on the topic, "Can the Lord Depend on You?" At 8 p. m. the annual missionary praise service will be held. Speakers, Mrs. Harvey S. Irwin, secretary of the Presbyterian Home Missionary Society, and Dr. J. C. Garrett, president of the Union Theological Seminary, Nanking, China, Miss Burnap will sing at both services and the ladies' chorus will sing in the evening.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Dr. Friswell will preach in the morning, choosing as his subject "Visions." In the evening the assistant pastor will conduct the services.

BARACA-PHILATHEA UNION—The November meeting was held at the Brookland Baptist church last Friday evening. After song and devotional services, led by Chorister Paul H. Primm and Mr. D. H. Dertley, superintendent of the Brookland Baptist Sunday School, a short business session was held. The feature of the session was the reports by the various classes of the union, which, as previously announced, will be a permanent feature of these meetings. The meeting was closed with a very enjoyable social hour under the direction of Mr. Louis Sherwood, jr., chairman of the Brookland Baraca class social committee.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH—Sunday evening will mark the close of the special meetings at the Second Baptist Church, Fourth street and Virginia avenue southeast. These services have been well attended through the week, and on Sundays, Dr. Stephenson will conduct the services tomorrow, speaking to the Bible school at 10, and preaching at 11. "How to Grow," 3:30; "Who Gets the Boy?" and 7:45. "What Shall I Do With Jesus?"

PARK ROAD METHODIST PROTESTANT—The pastor, Rev. G. M. Clayton, will preach at both the morning and the evening services. The subject at 11 o'clock will be: "The Greater Sunday School," and at 7:30, "The Golden Chain."

UNITED BRETHREN—The Rev. Bishop H. H. Fout of Montana will preach in the morning while in the evening the pastor, Dr. Charles E. Fultz, will deliver the sermon.

WAUGH METHODIST CHURCH—There is to be held a bazaar beginning Monday and lasting through Wednesday. Dinner will be served on Wednesday. The prices at the bazaar will be below the regular retail standard.

WASHINGTON SECULAR LEAGUE—Dr. Thomas E. Will, secretary of the

District Suffrage League, will address the meeting on the subject, "Should the People Rule?"

In this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich.—Henry Ward Beecher.

CENTENNIAL BAPTIST CHURCH—"Why Many Washington Males Are Not Men" is E. Hes Sweet's subject Sunday night, 8 o'clock. Rev. R. R. Riedel, who delighted the congregation recently, will occupy the pulpit again Sunday morning, at the 11 o'clock service. The Thursday night meeting will be omitted next week on account of the Columbia Association of Baptist Churches.

CENTRAL UNION MISSION—Needs all sorts of contributions for the Thanksgiving donations. Last year 150 families were taken care of and made happy. Anything will be accepted by the Union from a ton of coal to a pair of old shoes. Each article given will be placed where it will do the greatest amount of good.

WESLEY M. E.—W. L. McDowell, D. D., the District superintendent, will preach at 11 o'clock.

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—The morning subject will be "China's Awakening," delivered by the eminent Chinese mission worker, the Rev. W. H. Lingde. The sermon in the evening will be delivered by the pastor.

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH—The board of trustees endorsed the Times' religious advertising campaign.

HOLY SPIRITUAL CHURCH—Madeleine Curtin is holding enthusiastic meetings.

SPIRITUAL TEMPLE SOCIETY—Dr. Terry's subject will be "The Doctor Within."

Fifth Baptist church will be represented at the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Columbia Association of Baptist Churches by the following delegation, which is next to the largest one which will be sent:

The Rev. J. E. Briggs, J. J. Darlington, R. A. Ford, C. C. James, Conrad Bennett, George H. Shumate, C. C. Darber, J. R. Tume, W. E. Mooney, M. I. Japlet, J. B. Bailey, W. W. Simpson, H. T. Charles, H. R. Norton, Mrs. Walter Carter, Mrs. E. Olive, Mrs. W. E. Mooney, Mrs. J. W. Wattle, Mrs. C. C. James, Mrs. Annie E. Grigaby, Mrs. C. N. Chipman, Mrs. A. W. Cummings, Mrs. H. L. Corcoran, Mrs. Daisy Hatton, Miss L. U. King, Miss Emma Robey.

West Washington Baptist—Dr. Gaw has returned from conducting a series of revival services in Alexandria, at the First Baptist Church. Tomorrow morning Dr. Gaw will address his congregation on the subject, "The Church's Messages to the World." In the evening he will begin a series of sermons on "Death," his subject being, "It is Necessary to Die." Baptism follows.

ENDEAVORERS PLAN FOR THANKSGIVING

Series of Services in Every Section of City—Straw Ride Next Friday Evening.

The Christian Endeavor Union is planning one of the largest series of Thanksgiving services ever undertaken by a religious organization in Washington. Between 6 and 9 o'clock prayer meetings will be held in as many sections of the city. Among the churches where these union Thanksgiving services will be conducted are Chevy Chase Presbyterian, Takoma Park Presbyterian, Sixth Presbyterian, Eastern Presbyterian, Congress Heights, Baptist, First Congregational, Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Protestant, and Brooklyn Baptist.

Some of the leaders of these union meetings will be Horace M. Gillman and D. C. Davis, each a former president of the District of Columbia Christian Endeavor Union; T. C. Crump, superintendent of the evangelistic department of the union; William Sweetser, former officer of the Illinois and Chicago C. E. unions, and others. Edward P. Gates, formerly president of the local union, and Rexford L. Holmes, president of the union, will cover three of the union meetings, speaking briefly each.

The social committee of the Mr. Pease and Congregational society has planned a straw ride for that society to be given next Friday evening. Miss Mildred Hoag will be the soloist at the Sunday evening service of the society. The meeting will be conducted by Miss Bertie Sellers.

T. C. Crump, superintendent of the evangelistic department of the local C. E. union, will address the Intermediate Endeavorers of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Sunday evening.

Canton Clergyman At Church of Covenant

At the service at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow the Rev. Dr. A. A. Fulton of Canton, China, will speak. Dr. Fulton is widely known and should attract a large audience of his friends in this city. In the morning and evening Dr. Wood, the pastor of the church, will speak, his evening subject being "The Eccentricity of the Christian." At this service the choir of one hundred voices will assist.

An English Methodist missionary at India, wrote home to the girl he was in love with, asking her to come out and marry him. The girl's aunt had the same name. She got the letter and went out. The missionary met her on the quay, and such was his delicacy of mind and he married her. When she died years afterward, he married the niece.—The New Century.

FAITH

WITHOUT WORKS IT IS A DEAD ISSUE

Written for The Washington Times by Henry Longcope.

Faith has been defined in various ways, and volumes have been written on the subject sufficient to stock a library, but perhaps the most unique conception of its meaning was given by the child who said that "Faith was believing something which you knew was not true."

Now, the pity of it is that such a misconception has entered into the minds of thousands, either in one form or another, because they have confounded two very dissimilar things—Faith and Credulity.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, while credulity is a readiness to believe anything, no matter how slight the evidence may be—the mark of a feeble mind.

The petition of the man who prayed, "Oh, God, if there be a God, save my soul, if I have a soul," was no more an act of Faith than was the prayer of the woman whose view was obstructed by a high hill, and, having heard her minister say that if she had faith, even as a grain of mustard seed, mountains could be moved, she added to her evening prayer the request that the obnoxious hill be taken from her sight. On awakening in the morning, she looked from her window, then sank back upon the pillows with a sigh, saying, "I knew it would be there, just the same."

True Faith is at the beginning of every journey; it is in the heart of every day laborer and mechanic; it is in the soul of every preacher, teacher, or artist. Without faith the activities of the world would tumble to pieces and return to chaos.

Show me a man without faith, and I will show you one "whose suspicions are among his thoughts, which are like bats among birds, they ever fly by twilight."

Without faith the heart is full of jealousy, mistrust, and doubt. With a well-founded faith in one's self is man guided to a faith in mankind.

Without faith the national banknote, in your purse would have no more value than any other scrap of paper. Faith in the stability of the Government makes it valuable.

Faith is the basis of our commerce, our industries, and our social relations. The mariner has faith in his compass, his chronometer, and his sextant. He has faith that the great sun will come on the morrow through ninety-five millions of miles of space to help him locate his position on the face of the waters. He has faith that that luminous center of eternal truth will never lie.

Our social relations would have no more vitality than a footstone in a mouldy graveyard were it not for the faith which was born in love and cradled in the arms of hope.

Credit is nothing more than the reliance on the truth of something said or done; it is belief, trust—in a word, it is faith—an intangible quality. We can neither see, touch, taste, nor handle credit, because it is an expectation of something to be received within a certain limit of time.

Yet credit is a power which helps to move every industrial wheel and flows through each channel of finance in the nation, and is as common as the air we breathe, and as little thought about, until interrupted. It is this, and more, but sums up in the one word—Faith.

Whether it be the expectancy of the man in the trench that he will receive his wages on Saturday night, or the confidence which one trader has with another, and by which millions of dollars change hands daily, at the bottom they both rest on faith.

Take faith away, try and substitute something else for it, and every wheel stops and every channel dries up. It is the unmaterialistic made into an actual working plan for the peoples of the world.

In order to act we must believe, and in accordance will be our deeds. We must believe that we can do things before we are able to do them. Without faith we will not try to accomplish, and consequently will accomplish nothing, and cannot succeed.

The Church is one of the great moral factors in any community. It is great not because it is perfect, for the reason that it is only as perfect as you and the other members of this community deserve to have it and help to make it. The spring cannot rise higher than its source, and a chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

Get hold of an ideal, have faith in it. Get into the atmosphere where the highest ideals are encouraged. If one wishes to become a painter or a musician, he associates with others of like inclinations; he goes where music, paintings, and sculpture abound that he may have his thoughts stimulated and his ideals turned into realities.

So with the church. It erects temples that we may find the temples within our own souls.