

WITH THE LOCAL PASTORS

SAYS TOO MANY PLAY RELIGION

Rev. W. H. Freshley Urges More and Closer Communion With Jesus Christ.

"It is easier to attend suppers, board meetings and socials than it is to spend an hour daily in communion and meditation with Christ," said Rev. W. H. Freshley pastor of the First Evangelical church Sunday morning in his sermon on the subject "The Lost Christ."

"The men and women of our church who have a real acquaintance with Christ are the ones who have power and influence for God's kingdom, while the card playing, drinking bunch are a blight to the church. Many are simply playing religion. The world knows the difference between the real and the sham. What the Lord said about that church at Sardis that he said of many in the churches of our day. 'Thou has a name that thou livest, but art dead. To another church he said, 'I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot. So I would thou wert cold or hot. So I would thou wert lukewarm, and neither cold or hot I will spit thou out of my mouth.'"

"People want a day's journey without Christ. Many make that mistake today; they go a day, a week, a month, a year and some go years without Jesus. The caravan moves on without Jesus, they camp at night without Him, they travel by day without Him, and on and on they go without Him to the judgment without Him and last to eternity without Him."

"Christ can be lost by those who love Him. He was lost from them in the temple. Many a person is losing Jesus out of their lives while they are still going to church as religious workers. Many lose Him in the hurry, bustle of busy life. The student busy with his books, the business man busy with his business, the laborer providing food and clothing for his family, the minister, Sunday school teacher and church officers busy with their routine work may almost without knowing it lose Christ out of their lives."

SAYS ALL NATIONS WILL LOOK TO U. S. AFTER WAR

Rev. Burns Believes American Christianity Will be Needed Abroad.

"As the result of the great European war, the former institutions of learning and the ideals that were being brought to light will be destroyed and the church will be left to rebuild the countries and again show light upon the earth," were the words of Rev. John S. Burns, pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian church, Sunday morning in his sermon on the subject "The Coming Kingdom."

"During these days that will ring in the ears of generations to come, the people have the same kingdom, the same message is being brought to them and Christ is the same which is the only institution and work that will live throughout the struggle."

ELECT NEW OFFICERS

George J. Long, Superintendent of First Evangelical S. S.

Officers of the Sunday school of the First Evangelical church were elected Sunday morning. The election was held according to a new plan inaugurated in this church by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Freshley. Printed ballots containing the names of two candidates, chosen by a nominating committee, for each office, were distributed and, after being marked, were dropped into a ballot box. The election interfered but little with the Sunday school service. There was an attendance of 170 which was record breaking.

The officers for the year are: Superintendent, George J. Long; assistant superintendent, George Holston; second assistant, Fred Schweitzer; secretary, Milton Schulz; assistant secretary, Walter Schulz; treasurer, Emma Nimpa; chorister, Rhoda Rausch; assistant chorister, Laura Long; pianist, Florence Anderson; assistant pianist, Elmer Nimpa; librarians, Ralph Dumke and Arthur Feller; superintendent of primary department and cradle roll, Mrs. Ernest Dumke; assistant, Mrs. Charles Iwan; superintendent of home department, Mrs. George Holston; assistant, Mrs. Charles Zillmer.

ROBES AND BLANKETS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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Shows Only Pure In Heart May Hope to See God

Rev. T. J. Parsons Points Out Superiorities Over All Other Literature.

"In Christ we see the visible presentation of the invisible God," said Rev. George William Allison, pastor of Hope Presbyterian church Sunday morning in his sermon on the subject, "Seeing the Invisible."

In speaking of the great men of the past Rev. Mr. Allison said: "Many a Moses has walked the fields by day and been arrested by a bush aflame and with uncovered feet and bowed head confessed the presence of the invisible who yet gave evidence of his existence. Many a Jacob has arisen from a night of troubled sleep and confessed that of a certainty God was in his place too and he knew it not before. God is everywhere but is not to be seen with the eyes of flesh. Only the pure in heart have the promise of seeing God."

"Many of the ancient Hebrews approached the place where God was to be found with faces veiled, lest they should see Him and be smitten dead. One of the noblest aspirations of the new testament reveals us our Christian forbears wishing to behold Him 'face to face.'"

Christ Visible God. "It has moreover been the steadfast conviction of the Christian church through the centuries that Jesus Christ was the visible representation of the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God. It is through the revelation openly given in Christ that we are enabled to interpret fully the great hearted character of the eternal Father. When we see the hatred of Christ for sin—let us understand that he stands before us as a presentation of the invisible God who also hates sin. When we see Jesus loving the sinner into repentance, let us understand that God, who is love, also loves the sinner and desires his allegiance and life."

"The pitiable thing about it all is that men refuse to accept this presentation of God in visible form. They are as those who having eyes see not. While this may all be true, it certainly is a vital part of the truth, we can only understand God as we see his character revealed in God's great snowing forth in the life of Christ. "It is one of the difficulties which religion of the spirit has always had to confront; that men who live in a prosperous material world will not believe in something that they can not see and handle. An old illustration has been used to confute this state of mind, and they have been told they would as reasonably refuse to believe that they have a brain in their own head since they have never seen it. In argument they may well reply that they have seen evidences of brain in their thinking ability, and they have also the testimony of other men that there is such a thing as brain. So we as Christians believe we have seen evidences or 'showings-forth' of the invisible God, and we also have the testimony of other men's faith."

HANUKKAH OBSERVED AT TEMPLE BETH-EL

Rabbi Cronbach Draws Vital Religious Lesson From Old Custom.

Hannukah or the Feast of Dedication was observed Sunday at Temple Beth-El when Rabbi Abraham Cronbach spoke on "Lessons of Hannukah."

"That altar dedication in the year 165 B. C. can be made symbolic of things which are grand and important. Since that altar dedication 2084 years ago how many altars have been built—torn down, rebuilt, rededicated, torn down; rebuilt and again rededicated? "Altars are like other earthly things. They cannot last forever. Every country must build its own altar. Every generation must build its altar anew. The old altars become defiled and stained, not always with swines' flesh but with something that defiles more deeply than swines' flesh. Formalism, obscurantism, backwardness and ultimately insincerity will linger around an altar that has outlived its usefulness. When an altar has become thus defiled the only thing to do is to build a new one. When the old ideals break down new ideals must be espoused, when the old modes of life become unsatisfactory new modes of life must be substituted and when the old doctrines collapse, newer and better doctrines must be thought out. "The old custom used to be to place the Hannukah lights in the windows so that wayfarers on the dark street might be aided and guided; yes there is where religion's kindly light should burn. It is a useful religion it is a desirable one, it is a vital religion only then. The light we have must shine for others. It must shine for the wayfarers on the dark cold street and unless it does this it can not shine for us. "The light of God is something we can have never for ourselves alone but only along with others. In others we must see the common humanity. In the countenance of others we must get our glimpses of the Countenance Divine."

ARTIST FOUND DEAD

Failure to Attend Church Leads to Discovery. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.—Charles Field Hazeltine, 76 years old, artist and proprietor of Hazeltine Art gallery, failed to attend church Sunday morning. In the countenance of others we must get our glimpses of the Countenance Divine. This led to discovery of his death on heart failure in his apartment.

HOLDS BIBLE AS INCOMPARABLE

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The discrediting of the Bible as a book of authority in religion and ethics and its comparison with books of today by well known authors were discussed by Rev. T. J. Parsons pastor of Quincy Street Baptist church Sunday morning in his sermon on the subject "The Superiority of The Bible."

"By some the Bible is compared as one of the several so-called sacred books," he said, "and is classed with the Vedas of the Hindus, the Zend-Avesta of Zoroaster, the Analects of Confucius, the Tripitaka of the Buddhists and the Koran of the Mohammedans. But all that is necessary to prove the utter foolishness of such comparisons is to study the teachings of these respective books and their influence upon their followers. No better challenge could be made than the Bible makes in Isaiah as follows: 'To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.' Perhaps the reading of the Revised Version is preferable, 'it is because there is no morning for them.'"

Matchless and Incomparable. "The Bible is matchless and incomparable, whether considered as literature, philosophy, ethics, morality, or religion; and the 'Light of Asia,' and every other light, pales and fades before the rise of the full-orbed Light of God's divine revelation, as the twinkling lamps of night vanish before the effulgence of the king of day. With what conscious imperial power does Jehovah of the Bible say, 'Look unto me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return. That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.'"

"The Christ of the Bible utterly discredited all other religions when He commanded His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, 'teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you;' and the Apostle Peter, speaking of the Christ of the scriptures said, 'there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.' There is no comparative religion, no comparative Saviors, in the Bible. "The surpassing excellence and superiority of the Bible are shown in its teaching concerning creation, the character of God the origin of evil, the incarnation, the atonement, individual salvation, and the future glory of the believer. Contrast the social, educational, commercial and religious conditions in Christian and non-Christian lands, and remember that the difference is the difference between the Bible and the so-called sacred books of pagan religions. When Sir Walter Scott lay dying, he said to his son-in-law, Mr. Lockhart, 'Bring me the book.' Mr. Lockhart replied, 'Which book?' The literary genius, who had written many volumes, answered in reply, 'There is only one book, the Bible.'"

ALL WELL ON BOARD. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—"We are all well; everything splendid," Mrs. Henry Ford received the above wireless from her husband on the Oskar II, Sunday night. Theodore Delavigne, Ford's press agent, announced Sunday night that he had just received a letter from Gov. Hunt of Arizona. In the letter Gov. Hunt deprecates the fact that the pressure of business prevented him from joining the eFord party. Delavigne adds that Mr. Hunt says he is in hearty sympathy with the Ford idea.

GERMAN BIRTHS DECREASE

Rate Down 20 Percent in 4 Months Compared to 1914.

BERNE, Dec. 6.—German statistics from the 24 leading German cities show that the birth rate decreased in April, May, June and July of 1915, fully 20 per cent as compared with the corresponding months of 1914. This is the equivalent to the loss of 400,000 births annually throughout the German empire. In the Swiss town of Basle there has been a decrease in births of 25 per cent and at Zurich a decrease of 30 per cent.

REFUSES TO GIVE AID

Franz Josef Won't Send Troops to Egypt.

ROME, Dec. 6.—It is learned that Emperor Franz Josef has refused to send Austrian troops to aid the Germans and Turks in the proposed expedition against Egypt. The emperor contends that all available Austrian forces are needed to defend Austria's western frontiers against Italy.

TO MAKE SACRIFICES

Part Salary. LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Daily Express says it is understood the British cabinet ministers have agreed to show an example of self sacrifice to the rest of the nation by foregoing part of their official salaries.

The proposal is that their salaries shall be cut down by one-third. An official proposal has also been made to reduce the salaries of members of parliament and the pensions of retired justices and other officials.

ASSERTS BELGIUM MUSEUMS RESPECTED

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JAPANESE JOHN D. VISITS NEW YORK



BARON EI-ICHI SHIBUSAWA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Baron Ei-ichi Shibusawa, the Japanese money king and head of the Nipponese commercial world, has arrived here from San Francisco and will spend some time in an effort to strengthen commercial relations between this country and Japan. The aged banker, 76 years old and known as the "John D. Rockefeller" of Japan, has always been a sincere friend of this country and expressed a hope that the business relations between the two countries would increase to still greater proportions.

Norway Won't Allow Ford's Party to Land

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—It is not at all certain that Norway will be glad to see Henry Ford. From Copenhagen Sunday night came the disturbing tidings that it is possible the peace negotiators will not be allowed to land in Christiania.

The Copenhagen dispatch has it that Foreign Minister Ihlen says that unless the American ambassador in Norway introduces the pilgrims, his country can in no way recognize the peace bearers. They can hold meetings just as the women's peace conference did. Mr. Ihlen says, but they will have to watch their step.

Foreign Minister Wallenberg of Sweden says that he has not been officially informed of the coming of the crusaders. Therefore, he says, he does not know what his government will do about it.

RESCUE MISSION DOES GOOD WORK

Many Families Being Assisted With Food and Work.

Rev. Mrs. Emma Martindale spoke at the LaSalle street rescue mission Sunday evening at the regular meeting which resulted in a number of conversions. Several men have secured steady positions through the work of the mission and many families have been given clothing during the fall.

Over 100 free beds have been given out since Oct. 1, to men who have secured work but who were not able to pay for rooms. Here people are assisted in finding work, are furnished with beds until they are able to get rooms elsewhere.

CASTLE GOING TO WAR

Dancer to Enlist in English Aviation Corps.

BOSTON, Dec. 6.—Vernon Castle has closed his engagement with "Watch Your Step" here and is going to England and enlist in the aviation corps of the British army. Mrs. Castle will remain with the company.

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Table with 4 columns: COUPON Xmas Gifts, Great COUPON Sale of Millinery, COUPON SHAPES, COUPON HATS. Includes items like Women's 50c Box Xmas Kerchiefs, Trimmings, Hats, etc.

Table with 4 columns: COUPON Waist, COUPON CORSET, COUPON Hosiery, COUPON Underwear. Includes items like Beautiful \$1.50 and \$2.00 Silk and Cotton Waists, Corsets, Hosiery, etc.

Table with 4 columns: COUPON 25c Kitchen Aprons, COUPON \$1.25 Silko-line Comf'ts, COUPON Child's 50c Dresses, COUPON \$1 and 1.50 Kid Gloves, COUPON 75c Cedar Mpp and Oil, COUPON 50c Flannel Sacques, COUPON Child's 75c Sweaters, COUPON Wom's 39c Drawers, COUPON 50c Hockey Caps, COUPON Jersey Silk Petticoats, COUPON \$1.50 and \$2 House Dresses, COUPON Box of 3 Kerchiefs.

Table with 4 columns: COUPON MEN'S, COUPON Infants' \$2, COUPON 50c Crib Blankets, COUPON Boys' \$2 and \$1 Norfolk Suits, COUPON \$1 and 1.50 Wool Knicker Pants, COUPON Boys' \$1.25 Wool Shirts, COUPON Boys' \$1.50 Heavy Wool Socks, COUPON Men's \$1 Finest Dress Shirts, COUPON Men's \$1.50 Flannel Night Shirts, COUPON Men's \$1.50 Xmas Gift Sets, COUPON Men's \$1.50 Striped Overall, COUPON Men's \$3 Wool Ribbed Union Suits.

Table with 4 columns: COUPON \$3 Bath Robes, COUPON \$3 Wool Sweaters, COUPON \$1 Long Kimonos, COUPON Child's \$3 Knit Sets, COUPON \$3 Wool Blankets, COUPON \$3 Wool Knit Anzora Sets, COUPON \$2 Reducing Corsets, COUPON Child's \$3 Hand Bags, COUPON \$3 Wool Blankets, COUPON \$2 Reducing Corsets, COUPON Child's \$3 Hand Bags, COUPON \$3 Wool Blankets, COUPON \$2 Reducing Corsets, COUPON Child's \$3 Hand Bags.

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