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Mrs. Prudence Hipple Dies at the County Infirmary.

Mrs. Prudence Hipple, aged 79 years, died at the county infirmary Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, death being caused by old age and a complication of diseases.

to Waldo Tuesday morning for funeral services and interment.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere gratitude to our many friends and acquaintances for their many evidences of love, sympathy and esteem in the sad hour of our bereavement in the death of our beloved husband and father.

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DIVINE SERVICES ARE HELD IN LOCAL HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Rev. Byron C. Piatt of Central Christian Church preaches an unusual sermon on the subject "The Problem of Morals and Religion in the Public Schools"—Dr. D. H. Bailey delivers last Address on "Popular Routes to Hell From Marion, Ohio"—Promotion Day at Wesley M. E. Church.

The morals existing among the children of Marion's public schools is lamentable, according to Rev. Byron C. Piatt, pastor of the Central Christian church. In a most unusual sermon given Sunday evening on "The Problem of Morals and Religion in the Public Schools," Rev. Mr. Piatt made some startling statements to prove his assertion that the moral training given our children is very lax. He blames not so much the teachers and those in charge of the schools, however, as he does the parents of the children, who allow such conditions to exist. In the congregation which heard the sermon were H. L. Frank, superintendent of schools, Mr. Wynans, principal of the High school, and probably a dozen teachers of the High school and grammar grades.

There should be no line of demarcation between the bible school and the public school, Rev. Mr. Piatt declared. Despite teachings of the higher critics he says that he is "old fogey enough" to believe that in Jesus Christ is the one hope of the public schools. The savior must be recognized in the teachings of our children.

Rev. Piatt said that in this busy bustling age, when the object of every man is to grasp the mighty dollar, people have become so busy that they have neglected the spiritual welfare of their children. As a rule, the bible has been abandoned in the home, and in this one glaring omission, the lack of bible teaching in the home, is probably the chief cause of the waywardness of our children.

"The moral condition of the children in Marion is far from what it ought to be," declared Rev. Mr. Piatt. In saying this, however, he said that he had no intention of casting reflections on the teachers. He believed the school system to be faulty. He spoke of how the child from the very first is thrown into what he calls a "hodge podge" of childish amunity, comprising children of all temperaments. It is a difficult matter to handle the youngster who must be influenced to a certain extent by all of these associates.

Rev. Mr. Piatt said that it would be a revelation to any person to step into a crowd of youngsters coming out of the Central School building.

"To hear the language and to see the conduct of those children would make a man of the street blush," declared the Central Christian pastor. "I have heard girls scarcely in their teens swearing like troopers."

Rev. Mr. Piatt said that on one occasion he met a High school class going on some sort of a trip and he declared that the actions on the part of some of the young people was shameful.

It is at the time young people are in the High school that they demand the closest attention, Rev. Mr. Piatt said. It is then that the physical nature predominates and the will and moral nature is not strong enough to check any improper tendency.

"I believe the girls and boys should be separated after they have gone through the primary grades," said Rev. Mr. Piatt. He said that the trouble with most parents is that they overestimate the moral rectitude of their own children. They think the young people can do nothing wrong because they are "their children."

"I am interested in this question because I am interested in the kingdom of God," said Rev. Mr. Piatt, "and we can't have any kingdom of God if the very fountain-head of national life is contaminated."

"The girls and boys should be made to understand that they go

to school for business and not for the purpose of discussing their social dates," said the Central Christian pastor. "The girls should be made to understand that they do not go to school to lark in shady corners with young men who plot their downfall and too often accomplish their purpose."

Rev. Mr. Piatt said that with the average school girl the word "he" is so omnipresent that she has no time for studies. He told of having heard the following conversation in the West End between two girls just in their teens.

"What time did your fellow go home last night?" queried the first girl.

"Oh, about 11 o'clock" was the answer.

"Oh my dear, mine didn't get away until after 1 o'clock."

"The aim of education is moral," declared Rev. Mr. Piatt. "It is not a moral in a narrow sense but morality should be the general aim. If a teacher fails to gain moral results, no matter what the intellectual training of the pupil may be, if he is not morally strong, then the teacher has failed. When a young woman tells of how brilliant intellectually a young man is, how handsome he is, what a fine conversationalist he is, does she realize that she might say the same thing of the devil?"

There was an excellent attendance at the services held at the Waddell Old Ladies' Home, Sunday afternoon. The services, given by the Frances Willard W. C. T. U. were in charge of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Rowley of Wesley M. E. church.

Rev. Mr. Rowley gave an interesting sermon on a text taken from the first four verses of second Peter, following which there was an excellent musical program. Rev. and Mrs. Rowley sang "In the Good Old Fashioned Way" and a selection was sung by Mrs. John H. Bain and Mrs. James Fies. A duet by two little girls was a pleasing feature of the program.

At the close of the program there was a testimonial meeting. The next services will take place in two weeks.

At the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning Rev. S. C. Bates, pastor of the Lee street mission of the Presbyterian church, preached an excellent sermon in the absence of Rev. George M. Bourke.

Rev. Mr. Bates selected his subject from the text found in Luke, 20-18, "Whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken; but whosoever it shall fall upon it will grind into powder."

The speaker said that the verse referred to the building of Solomon's temple. Continuing, he said, in part: "The stone and the timber used in the building of the magnificent structure were all prepared before they were taken to the building. There was not the sound of a hammer or of any tool heard in the temple while it was under construction. It is said that there was a stone of peculiar shape brought to the temple but although it was tried in many places it could not be fitted into any and so was abandoned. The stone was covered with rubbish and woods sprang up over the rubbish. When the temple was completed and ready for dedication, one place remained unfilled, and no stone could be found that would fill the vacant space. Finally some one thought of the discarded stone and when it had been dug up it was found to fit exactly."

"This is the figure Christ applied to himself. The Jews had rejected Him and He was now making a last appeal for them to accept Him as the Messiah. To them the lesson was this: If they accepted Him they must bow down before Him and so would be broken. If they rejected Him, the stone would fall down and grind them into powder. They rejected Him and forty years later the stone fell upon them and ground them into the powder as prophesied."

"The lesson for us is that we can submit to Christ, and in so doing we will be broken or we can continue to resist Him and we will be ground into powder."

At the morning service the choir rendered several special selections and Mr. E. B. Mitchell sang "One Thing, I, of the Lord Desire."

Rev. Oscar Robstsky, pastor of the First German M. E. church, of Columbus, filled the pulpit at the local German M. E. church, Sunday morning and evening. He preached two excellent sermons to large congregations. Quarterly communion took place in the morning.

At Epworth M. E. Church Sunday night, Rev. D. H. Bailey delivered the final sermon of a special series on the theme, "Popular Routes to Hell from Marion, Ohio." His theme was "How Church Members May Help the Devil."

Rev. Bailey built his sermon around the sixth verse of the Thirtieth Chapter of Ezekiel. "When I say unto the wicked, wicked man, thou shalt surely die, if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man shall die in iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand."

The pastor referred to three ways through which many church members help the devil. He named the first as misrepresenting Christ, the second as compromising with evil and the third, being conservative and neglecting to fight evil. He declared that aggressive righteousness always supplants evil. Rev. Bailey referred to the religious responsibility of a church member. He declared that the church members should be a model, a light to guide his evil brother from the ways of evil into the paths of righteousness. The pastor concluded his effort by pointing to the more minute ways which the member has in helping the Devil.

At the conclusion of the services last night, Rev. Bailey announced that beginning Sunday evening, December 1, he will deliver the first of a series of special sermons on the subject, "The Seven Angels of Marion." The first angel which the pastor will refer to will be "The Angel of the Commercial Club." The pastor announced that on next Sunday evening he would talk on the Mormon question.

The congregation of the Wesley M. E. Mission on Davis street held an all day's meeting Sunday and the services were very largely attended. The first meeting of the day was held at 5 o'clock and consisted of a prayer and testimonial meeting. The session was well attended and much interest was manifested by those present.

Three powerful sermons were enjoyed during the day. The morning and afternoon sermons were delivered by Rev. Charles Strouf of Urbana and in the evening Mrs. Strouf, wife of the evangelist, occupied the pulpit. At the morning, afternoon and evening meetings the edifice was crowded to its utmost capacity.

Since the services began two weeks ago, 52 people have been converted. The revival will continue until Thursday night with meetings every afternoon and evening. The meetings have proven a great success both spiritually and financially. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the services.

The annual promotion exercises of the Wesley M. E. Sunday school took place Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. There was an excellent attendance and the program was one of unusual interest. The exercises were in charge of O. A. Parr, superintendent of the Sunday School.

The large platform was well filled with singers and the musical features of the program were unusually good. Five little tots were promoted from the kindergarten department to the primary department, the promotion exercises being in charge of Miss Carrie Bain, superintendent. Nine children were promoted from the Primary department to the Intermediate department, the exercises being in charge of Mrs. C. E. Rowley, superintendent of the primary department. Many others were advanced among the various classes.

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FORMER RESIDENT DIES AT SPRINGFIELD

Mrs. Mary Silverthorn Passes Away Saturday.

Deceased was a Life Long Resident of Marion—Remains Brought Here Monday for Burial.

Mrs. Mary Silverthorn, a life long resident of this city, died Saturday morning at the Odd Fellow's home in Springfield, death being caused by advanced age.

Mrs. Silverthorn was born in Marion and lived here until six years ago when she went to the home to spend the remainder of her days. She was the widow of the late William Silverthorn, who at one time was quite well-to-do. She was eighty-six years of age and had outlived practically all of her near relatives.

The remains were brought here at 12:30 o'clock Monday afternoon on the Erie and were escorted to the Marion cemetery by a large delegation of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges. Rev. D. H. Bailey conducted a short funeral service at the grave.

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PETITION FOR A DIVORCE

At Last Filed in Common Pleas Court.

Says Wife Threatened to Kill His Son and She Even Offered to Cut His Own Heart Out.

According to the petition for divorce which John H. Borland filed in the court of common pleas, Monday against Catherine Borland, he is endowed with something akin to the patience of Job. According to Borland's claim, Catherine deserted him no less than nine times since their marriage here in 1905. Eight times she left him and eight times he permitted her again to return to the household. The ninth time, however, there was no reconciliation, and now the much deserted husband wants separation papers.

No children have been born as a result of the union, but Borland has children by a former marriage and they have been the source of no small amount of domestic trouble. Saturday, January 6, 1906, Borland says his wife threatened to kill his oldest son, Zell, with a butcher knife which she held at the time. She has threatened to kill his other children, and as they are very young, he says he is afraid she may carry out her threat. Mrs. Borland has also extended her threats to her husband, according to his assertions. He says that she has announced her intention of cutting out his heart.

Mrs. Borland has a multitude of faults, according to her husband. She swears and uses vulgar language and has gone so far as to teach his small children how to talk the same way. Borland's attorney is H. E. Hill.

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