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PROGRAM OF UNUSUAL INTEREST PRESENTED BY LECTURE ASS'N.

Seven Splendid Numbers Yet to Come---Next
Event Chapin's Study of Lincoln,
October 21st.

Mr. Chapin returns to the Lyceum platform fresh from his dramatic triumph as leading man in New York's principal theatres, in his own play "Lincoln," where seventy-three performances were given. Of this great drama the dramatic critic of the "World Today Magazine," says:

"One Strangely Beautiful Event"
The strangely beautiful event in the month's happenings overshadows the entire metropolitan field and commands the situation. That event is Benjamin Chapin's marvelous "Lincoln" drama. A play defying all the superstitions of the stage, and presenting the most idolized public character in American history, seemed destined to immediate failure and quick rebuke from the press. The opening performance was a triumph. To those students of history, present at the opening performance, for whom Lincoln has been a topic of careful study, the characterization was the most impelling and wonderful thing that any playwright or actor could achieve. It was a creation justly true to the great soul of the Emancipator himself. Gentleness, tenderness, simplicity and masterfulness were there, dominating quietly every moment of a drama which proved to be a com-

mendable setting for the great man and a vehicle in itself original and remarkable. Chapin has attempted what was deemed the impossible, and he has won a great victory."

Mr. Chapin will give a version of his play here in the form of a Dramatic Monologue.

Strollers Quartet.

The Strollers Quartet are now entering upon their fourth year and are proving one of the most popular organizations of the kind before the public. Last season their tour took them clear to the Pacific coast, and they made such a hit that a return engagement was arranged for this season. At several places they were given receptions following their entertainment.

The Strollers present their entertainment in special costumes. In one part they appear in Scotch dress and in another part in sailor costumes. Besides the singing of the quartet, there are special solo numbers.

At the famous Winona Lake Chautauqua in 1,10 the music on July 4 was given by the Strollers Quartet. Being on the Fourth of July, the audiences were unusually large, and only the best appeared on the program. The Winona Assembly Review says,

"From the first entry on the platform every number of the program was well received, and the young men most graciously responded to many encores."

Lorado Taft, Sculptor.

Lorado Taft, the sculptor who is to appear here, is a native of Illinois. He was graduated from the State University at Champaign at the age of nineteen. His taste for sculpture revealed itself when he was a boy of thirteen.

A foreign sculptor had been called from Chicago to mend the statues of the newly acquired university collection, broken in transit, and young Taft watched him with growing interest and a desire to emulate him.

Throughout his school days and later college life he constantly pursued modeling in clay and thus laid the foundation for the fame which came to him after his studies in Paris where he went in 1880. He studied three years in the Ecole des Beaux Arts and took honorable mention at the close of the first year and the first prize of the atelier at the end of his third year. After the close of his student life in Paris he returned to this country and became in 1881 instructor in the Art Institute of Chicago, which position he has held ever since.

He is a member of the municipal art commission of Chicago, a director of the Municipal Art League, a member of the National Sculpture Society and was for two years president of the Western Society of Artists. He is one of the best known sculptors of this country, and no one is more capable of learnedly reviewing art subjects.

During the Columbian exposition Mr. Taft frequently lectured in the Fine Arts building and came to be

recognized as an authority on all matters relating to works of art, as well as to his chosen profession. Two groups "Sleep" and the "Awakening of the Flowers," by him adorned the entrance of Horticultural Hall and excited much admiration.

Mr. Taft's sculpture includes the statue of Schuyler Colfax at Indianapolis, General Grant at Fort Leavenworth, the famous Columbus statue at Washington, D. C., and figures on various military monuments throughout the country.

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman.

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman is the pastor of the Central Congregational church, Brooklyn, in many ways one of the strongest churches of its order in America today. He was born among the Shropshire hills of England in 1824 and is a descendant from a race of preachers. His collegiate course was completed at Richmond College, London University, and he came to America immediately thereafter. Four years after coming to the United States he was made pastor of the Metropolitan Temple. The building was later enlarged, but still proved too small to hold the crowds that went to hear him.

During his pastoral career he has received 4,000 members into the churches of which he has been pastor. Into the membership of his present church he has received 2,000 members. The present membership of the church is 2,750.

Dr. Cadman is special lecturer at Yale, Harvard, Amherst and other colleges and universities, and he has refused the presidency of several colleges. His lectures are more than most lectures. They are vital messages, and once heard they can never be forgotten.

Dr. Cook

Dr. Cook takes the place of George R. Stuart whom the committee had originally selected. The bureau finds itself unable to deliver him and offered us Dr. Cook, a higher priced attraction, in his place. So that while Dr. Cook is not our original choice, we offer no apologies for letting Valley City hear and see the man who at one time was the "most talked of man in the world." While the National Geographical Society, under whose auspices Peary sailed, have pronounced Peary the discoverer of the North Pole, no other authority has done so.

Nat Brigham.

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The Neapolitans.

A richly costumed Italian Orchestra and Glee club that will flood the Armory with the melodies of Southern Italy. Call at Heidel's hardware store for further descriptions of these attractions.

The North Dakota Educational Ass'n.

The attention of the teachers and school officers of the state is again called to the coming meeting of the state educational association at Grand Forks on October 23, 24 and 25. The program provides for discussions upon various topics and it was the desire of those planning the same to have something of interest for all teachers and school officers.

The advance membership is quite large already and gives promise of being much larger. It is a good plan to make your membership in such an organization permanent by paying the dues of \$1 every year whether you can or cannot attend. Can you who read this not send your dues to the secretary, Mr. Travis, at Mayville?

The six lectures to be given by Dr. Woods Hutchinson, Mr. J. Adams Puffer and Dr. Henry S. Curtiss are well worth the time of any educator in the opinion of many and these will be included in the volume of proceedings along with other papers.

Those desiring a copy of the program should write the secretary, Mr. Travis. The program is exceedingly neat and reflects the development of the association.

Mrs. T. F. McCue of Carrington was in town Friday a guest at the Rudolf. She was on her way home from the big show at Bismarck in which she took a prominent part in connection with the women's industrial department. Unfortunately the last day of the show she lost a valuable watch, the gift of her father, which was valued highly as a keepsake, and the loss of which is very keenly felt.

ANNUAL REPORT OF ENDOWMENT FUND BY REV. ALEX KARR

Large Subscriptions Prove That the Endowment
Plan Has Approval of Laity of the Methodist
Church.

At the annual conference of the Methodist church of the state held in Williston, last week, Rev. Alex Karr read his fourth and last annual report of work done as superintendent of the work of raising the fund.

That Mr. Karr has been able, in spite of short crops and other handicaps to raise a net amount of more than \$100 a day for the last four years, is a tribute to his ability as an executive, and exponent of the cause he represents.

Following is the substance of his report:

Presiding Bishop and Brethren:
In presenting my fourth and last annual report of the work that has been done for the Conference Claimants Endowment Fund of the North Dakota conference, I wish first to express my heartfelt appreciation of the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me by both the pastors and the people of the church, as also by the public generally.

On every field visited a genuine interest and enthusiasm have been manifested in our undertaking and our people have responded with the most open-handed liberality. If the work has in any sense failed it has not been their fault.

I am frequently assured by parties who subscribed liberally to the cause during the early part of the canvass that so soon as their pledges have been paid they will be glad to assume further obligations. Indeed some have already done so. I cite three instances, in one of which a gift of \$50 has been supplemented by an additional \$500; in another case \$300 has been augmented by \$1,000; and in the third, \$100 has also been increased by \$1,000.

That the ministers have, in all but the most exceptional cases, lived up to their agreement is everywhere admitted.

That the church has lamentably failed to make good her part of the contract is agreed to by all who know the facts.

During the recent years the increased cost of living without commensurate additional support has made it vastly more difficult for the average minister to support his family and in the great majority of cases quite impossible for him to provide anything either for the proverbial rainy day or for his own old age.

The average salary of ministers, of all denominations, excluding those holding official position, and those serving in the 125 largest cities, is \$573 per year—an amount so small as to seem incredible. The Christian church in our land is crippled by an

underpaid and debt-ridden ministry and the larger part of the burden is borne by the clergy in the small towns and rural districts, though these men have produced and will continue to produce by far the greatest percentage of results. It is scarcely to be wondered at that there is sometimes a spirit of unrest because of the plenty at headquarters and the scarcity at the picket posts and on the frontier.

That our Conference Claimants have not had a square deal can be attributed largely to the fact that "What is everybody's business is nobody's business." These veterans have had no champions—their cause has not been popular—every other enterprise of the church has had its special representatives and its enthusiastic propagandists. Not so this one. A most reprehensible degree of ignorance as to the real conditions in relation to the needs of the Conference Claimants has hitherto prevailed, not only among the laity but in the ranks of the ministry as well. My special work has made it imperative upon me to acquaint myself with the facts. My knowledge of these facts imposes upon me a sacred duty, the evasion of which would tend to perpetuate the crying injustice of the past and effectually fasten upon this conference a system which would continue to work hardship in the future as it has done hitherto.

Our general secretary, Dr. Hingey, reports that throughout the church, at large, during 1910-11, by reason of our failure to carry out the disciplinary requirement as to the pro-rating of all claims for ministerial support, that the men in the active ranks have appropriated, for their own use and benefit, the immense sum of \$68,317, every cent of which legally belonged to the conference claimants. North Dakota has been guilty with the other conferences in this respect.

I believe that the time has arrived for this conference to go on record, definitely and decisively, as to the rights of our superannuates, widows and orphans. Sense not sentiment—should hereafter determine our actions. Unless, after careful investigation and discussion of all the facts in the case, we enact effective legislation insuring impartial and liberal treatment to every claimant, this whole matter will become a fruitful source of dissension and a permanent bone of contention.

For four years I have made a careful study of conference claimants' affairs, during which time I have also been in a position to acquire an intimate knowledge of the situation.

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