

MRS. BOOTH TALKS TO MEN.

Salvation Army Chieftainess at Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

HER THEORIES OF CHRISTIANITY.

Tells of a Recent Visit to the Kansas State Prison—The Power of God to Snap the Bondage of Sin—No Drifting into a Righteous Life—Intentions Must Be Declared.

Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth, wife of and co-worker with Brigadier General Ballington Booth, commanding the Volunteers of America, delivered an address at the Columbia Theatre yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. The address was made to men only. The audience that greeted Mrs. Booth taxed the seating capacity and the standing room of the theatre.

A Message From Heaven.

"I am glad to face such an audience as this," said Mrs. Booth, in opening, "and to be able to realize more fully than ever before that I am not to utter my own words or speak my own thoughts and theories, but to bring from a message from God on high that has meant everything to me, and has brought joy, strength, power, and life to thousands. It is a message that the angels in Heaven would gladly deliver, a message of Christ's love, power, and wonderful friendship to the sons of men. It is both yours and mine, if we will but claim it."

"Last Sunday my audience was made up of 1,400 inmates of the Kansas State Prison, an assemblage of persons whose liberty was gone, and whose opportunities and chances in this life were behind them; men whose despair, degradation, and disgrace were to be seen in the garb they wore and the place in which they were incarcerated."

"Amid such shadows and misfortunes, utter hopelessness and despair, had I ever doubted the truth of God's message, or been tempted to question that Christ was a reality, I could never have had the shadow of a doubt after what I witnessed behind the walls of that State prison."

"Bound by chains of sin, crime, and vice—men whose lives were empty and barren, and who saw life as not worth living—drawn into the paths of the path of rectitude and purity—yet the power of God, and the hand of God, can snap the fetters that bind these poor unfortunates. Their faces can be brightened and their hearts set free by His never-failing power. For God's power is the essence of all Christianity."

Christianity Is Life.

"Christianity is life itself. The man who has not found that life is dead. What God wants is Christians who will be Christ followers in whose business and work the imprint of Christ can be seen. Under such conditions as these infidelity would be lost in the shadows."

"I remember that as a child I saw a picture which depicted as a foreground scenery, rocks, and trees, and in the distance the ocean. Amid the rocks was a humble grave, marked by a cross. On the cross was the inscription: 'The grave of Napoleon. Where is the Emperor?' A shadow formed in the twigs and branches of the trees portrayed the specter of a man in uniform—the Emperor."

Christ a Fact.

"There are many who look upon Christ as a shadow. They say, 'I don't believe in the fables of the Bible, or in Christ, because I see so little of him. You are Christians, but where is Christ?' We do not want shadow pictures of his truth, but Christians whose lives are so truly Christian that Christ is seen all over them. Christ is not an ideal, not a theory, but a fact at all times."

"Life, life, life, is at the bottom of the whole question of Christianity. You cannot enter the human family without being born into it. Growth follows birth. Why then be as practical in speaking of the new life. When we become citizens we declare our intentions, and have to do so before we are naturalized. So it is with Christianity. It is ridiculous to talk about drifting into it. There is no sense in becoming good by degrees. To become a citizen of the new world you must declare your intentions, cut old ties, and own no further allegiance to the old power, but concentrate your lives to the new power, its instrument, and conditions. Christ died to do for us what it was impossible for us to do for ourselves."

The Sunshine of God's Love.

"There is no greater joy in life than to bring blessing, health, and strength to others. Everyone can accept the message of truth by living it. We may not have any brilliant life of our own. We may not be brilliant stars and stars. But by keeping our hearts in the love of God, and pure we can catch the sunshine of His love and reflect it to those in the shadow."

"What are you to do with the truth of the Christ life? The Christ speaks now. The message from the God of Heaven, 'My son, give me thine heart.' He wants it. He truly loves it. His appeal is to every heart."

"The message of Christ's love was His death on the cross, to bring you freedom, hope, and heaven. Our Christianity is too easy. A man can say he is a Christian, wear religious robes, and give the sign of the cross, and give the sign of the cross, and that is all. But God wants to be the ruler of our lives."

Our Hundred Converts.

"What will you do with the offer the Christ makes you? At the Kansas State prison last Sunday over 100 of the convicts stood up and accepted Christianity amid the scoffing and jeers of those who do not believe in God. These convicts declared themselves for God in a place where it had to be a Christian."

"In this audience of the free how many will declare themselves for him? In presenting to you this testimony of the new life I have an appeal to your consciences, and not to your emotions. I ask you to take the stand for Christ."

"Mrs. Booth then repeated that all join in singing the wonderfully comforting words, 'Nearer, My God, to Thee,' and sang it as a prayer, that the cross might be sanctified to all present. A number took the stand for Christ during the singing of the hymn, which the exercises closed with the rendition of the doxology."

PICTURES OF CHRIST.

Presented by Artist Maehen to Sacred Heart Church.

William H. Maehen, a local artist, has painted for the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Fourteenth Street and Whitney Avenue, four pictures, which have been placed in the recesses of the altar. Directly over the altar is placed the largest picture. This picture represents the love that Christ bears toward the world and the love the world gives him. The central figure in the picture is Christ looking down upon the world. Completely surrounding this are thirty-five angels. Four angels in the foreground are throwing burning incense to Christ, representing the love of the world. Two angels on either side of Jesus appear to be handing him hearts, which represent the prayers of the people of the world. This picture is eight by ten feet. On either side of the altar are two smaller pictures. On the left is a painting of Christ as the Good Shepherd, while on the other side the Saviour is represented as knocking at the door. This portrays the passage in the Scriptures: 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.' Under the table of the altar is a picture representing the lamb of the slain. The lamb lies upon a Bible and its head rests upon a cross. The Church of the Sacred Heart has just been completed. The Rev. Father Joseph F. McGee is the rector.

CHURCH AN ENEMY OF LIBERTY.

Colored Lawyer on Race Questions Before Baptist Lyceum.

Ours is a civilization that demands that every political and civil right guaranteed to the humblest citizen of the Republic should be held sacred and inviolate. It demands that anarchy, mob violence and lynch-law, twin sisters of hell, should cease in every portion of our country, and that law and order, the cornerstone of a free Republic, the only safeguard guaranteeing the protection of life, liberty, and property, should be maintained."

The above expression was the keynote of a lecture delivered yesterday afternoon by Thomas L. Jones, colored, before the Lyceum of the Second Baptist Church.

His subject was, "Is the Church Keeping Pace With the Demands of Civilization?" Mr. Jones is a lawyer, and an active practitioner at the local bar. The meeting was presided over by Mr. R. W. Thompson, the president of the Lyceum.

"It is in a tangible fact," Mr. Jones said, "that during the past twenty years thousands of American citizens, mostly negroes, have been lynched, burned, or put to death in the most barbarous and inhuman manner by lawless mobs and bloodthirsty ruffians. In the perpetration of these heinous crimes it is a notorious fact that seven ministers' names are prominent in our country, are not free from the blood of these innocent victims. They have been known to lead mobs and to encourage these unchristianized demons in the taking of human life. 'Are the churches of this country which should be the torchlight of civilization and the pioneers of Christianity, and present the system of morals as taught by the life of Christ and as found in the doctrines of the New Testament? Humanity answers No. Reason demands that all Christians should be in the negative.' 'Our civilization,' Mr. Jones said, 'demands that the churches of the country cease paying ministers in dollars in gold, and Christianizing of the heathen, the violation of necessary missionary work at home.' 'The trouble is, however, that in many sections of the country the Anglo-Saxon pulpit is in league with the perpetrators of the heinous inhuman and heinous crimes, and are daily bringing disgrace upon our Christian civilization. These churches are in favor of mob violence. They are in favor of the 'Jim Crow' card, and in favor of denying the American negro of his right to vote, and make no hesitancy in drawing the color line against him in every walk of life. 'I hold these churches responsible for three-fourths of the crimes that are committed against justice and humanity.'"

CONGRATULATED THE BISHOP.

Total Abstinence Union's Address to Rector Church.

Bishop Conroy, rector of the Catholic University, has been presented by the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America with an illuminated address, congratulating him on his recent elevation to the dignity of Bishop.

DR. CONROY WAS FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS PRESIDENT OF THE CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE UNION.

The Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe preached last night at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church on the last words of Christ, which the speaker declared, were not the words He spoke from the cross, but those found in the last chapter of Revelation. They are: "And the spirit and the bride say come." "It was not the voice of John who spoke these words, but the voice of Christ," said Dr. Radcliffe. "It is so in our world in our thoughts and our lives. These words are an invitation to all mankind, for the words of the gospel are not limited; they are for all who will accept them, and these are the last ones Christ uttered for human ears."

DR. RADCLIFFE FINDS THEM IN BOOK OF REVELATION.

"When we talk about the doctrine of evolution we are forced into the conclusion that Christ gave His apostles. A soul must be in harmony with its environment; a lost soul is a moral suicide."

BISHOP SATTERLEE'S FEARS.

Decares That the Civilized World Reject Christ and Fall.

"I am in dread lest the civilized world will reject Christ and have its day of judgment, and that some other race will become Christianized and triumph."

THIS WAS THE EXPRESSION OF RT. REV. HENRY Y. SATTERLEE, BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON, WHO CONDUCTED THE EVENING SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BEACON HILLS, CORNING STREETS NORTHWEST, LAST EVENING.

Bishop Satterlee preached an eloquent and thoughtful sermon, taking as his theme the progress of the world toward preparation for the coming of the kingdom of God, in spite of the apparent triumph of inquiry. He read from the thirteenth chapter of Revelation, the twenty-eighth of Isaiah, and the twenty-first of St. Luke.

DR. LUCCOCK ON TEMPERANCE.

Spoke to Junior Christian Endeavor of Metropolitan Church.

An address on temperance by Rev. Dr. George N. Luccock was the feature of the weekly meeting of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society at the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, Fourth and H Streets southeast, yesterday afternoon.

BANNER'S MEMORY HONORED.

History of Colored Astronauts Related at Odd Fellows' Lyceum.

The members of the Colored Odd Fellows' Lyceum met in their hall, 1006 M Street northwest, at 8:30 p. m. yesterday, to do honor to the memory of Benjamin Banner. A special musical program was delivered, and a paper read, entitled "The Life of Banner." An open discussion followed the reading of the paper.

ARTIST WHIPPLE'S MCKINLEY.

Portrait Commended by Throng of Visitors at the Shoreham.

A throng of people, including many competent art critics, filed into the reception room of the Shoreham yesterday to view the life-size portrait of the late President McKinley, executed by Mr. Charles Avre Whipple, the New York artist. The general expression of opinion was highly complimentary. The pose is particularly graceful and natural, and the life-like reproduction of the features is admirable. Among those who inspected the portrait were Secretary Cortelyou and several members of Congress.

Lansburgh & Bro

Open Every Evening Late Until Christmas

Our Jewelry and Sterling Silverware Department Offers Many Helpful Suggestions.

- Ebony Comb and Brush Sets with sterling silver trimmings. Only 75c
- Dresden Vases, with gilt trimmings, new shapes and colorings. \$1.48
- Makes a nice present.
- Gents' Shell Combs with sterling silver mounting, acceptable to any man. 48c
- Makes a nice present.
- Pretty Brooches set with colored stones, in the latest designs. Choice 25c
- Makes a nice present.
- A guaranteed good Time Clock. \$1.48
- In gilt, pretty design, at 98c
- Makes a nice present.
- Sterling Silver Scales, manicure and embroidery pieces. 48c
- Makes a nice present.
- Gold Chains for fobs or muffs, in rope and link patterns. Special. \$1.48
- Makes a nice present.

Lansburgh & Bro

420 to 426 Seventh St.

FEWER HYMNS FOR THE METHODISTS.

REVISION COMMITTEE AT WORK.

New Book to Contain Some Old Favorites and 100 New Selections

Plans for Including Gospel Hymns.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—The reduction of the number of hymns in the Methodist Episcopal Hymnal, which is being carried on by the committee on revision of that church, in session here, has occasioned some concern among churchgoers of that denomination, lest old favorites be eliminated in the desire to make the book less bulky.

THIRD MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

This is the third meeting of the commission appointed by the board of bishops, as instructed by the last general conference, for the purpose of revising the Methodist Episcopal Hymnal. The first sessions having been held in New York City. The reason for holding this meeting in the West was largely founded on a desire to show courtesy to the Western Methodists. It is expected that the committee's work will be ready for submission to the bishops at their next annual meeting, on April 26, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE, THE REV. DR. CHARLES M. STUART, OF EVANSTON, ILL., COMMENTED TODAY UPON THE WORK IN HAND AS FOLLOWS:

Work One of Magnitude. "We believe the task of revision will be completed in time for the publication and issuance of the new hymn books next fall or early in the winter. We, the bulk of the hymn book will be considerably decreased, although the style of printing may have much to do with that. There are now 1,350 hymns in the book, and we shall probably take 700 of those out, and in place of them use 100 new hymns, which will still cut down the original number about half. Of course, we cannot tell what hymns will be eliminated or which will be substituted, as such changes can be made up to the hour of going to press with the new book.

"There will be no move toward eliminating such long-beloved favorites as 'Rock of Ages,' 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul,' and 'From Greenland's Icy Mountains.' To cut out such beloved pieces would be to invite criticism, which is the very thing we want to avoid. 'Lead, Kindly Light,' and 'Nearer, My God, to Thee,' McKinley's favorite hymns, will, of course, not be disturbed, although the author of the latter was a Unitarian.

QUESTION OF GOSPEL HYMNS.

"One of the most delicate questions before the committee is the selection of Gospel hymns to add to the new collection. Two views are being regarded on this matter in the Methodist Church. One of these is that as these are of a lighter character and properly belong to the evangelistic field they ought to be excluded from a standard hymn book. The other view is entirely opposite, and is that, as they are of a popular character, they should find a place in the new hymnal.

"It may be stated authoritatively that the committee will include in the new book a proportion of the best Gospel hymns. The committee's sessions consist not only in looking over hymns but in the actual playing of music. To this end Prof. E. P. Harrington, of the State University of Maine, has been appointed musical adviser of the committee, and through all the sessions, giving practical instructions of the work under revision. The committee has substantially decided on the hymns that are to be retained, and has also selected the 100 new hymns, but they are still subject to change. The object of the present session is to fix the hymns, and as far as possible assign musical settings or tunes to them.

A strong demand has been made upon the committee to provide a series of responsive readings to be included in the hymnal. This demand may be acquiesced in, the committee has decided to invite the assistance of two experts in arranging for the musical settings for the hymns."

Lansburgh & Bro

Open Every Evening Late Until Christmas

Our Jewelry and Sterling Silverware Department Offers Many Helpful Suggestions.

- Ebony Comb and Brush Sets with sterling silver trimmings. Only 75c
- Dresden Vases, with gilt trimmings, new shapes and colorings. \$1.48
- Makes a nice present.
- Gents' Shell Combs with sterling silver mounting, acceptable to any man. 48c
- Makes a nice present.
- Pretty Brooches set with colored stones, in the latest designs. Choice 25c
- Makes a nice present.
- A guaranteed good Time Clock. \$1.48
- In gilt, pretty design, at 98c
- Makes a nice present.
- Sterling Silver Scales, manicure and embroidery pieces. 48c
- Makes a nice present.
- Gold Chains for fobs or muffs, in rope and link patterns. Special. \$1.48
- Makes a nice present.

Lansburgh & Bro

420 to 426 Seventh St.

FEWER HYMNS FOR THE METHODISTS.

REVISION COMMITTEE AT WORK.

New Book to Contain Some Old Favorites and 100 New Selections

Plans for Including Gospel Hymns.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—The reduction of the number of hymns in the Methodist Episcopal Hymnal, which is being carried on by the committee on revision of that church, in session here, has occasioned some concern among churchgoers of that denomination, lest old favorites be eliminated in the desire to make the book less bulky.

THIRD MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

This is the third meeting of the commission appointed by the board of bishops, as instructed by the last general conference, for the purpose of revising the Methodist Episcopal Hymnal. The first sessions having been held in New York City. The reason for holding this meeting in the West was largely founded on a desire to show courtesy to the Western Methodists. It is expected that the committee's work will be ready for submission to the bishops at their next annual meeting, on April 26, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE, THE REV. DR. CHARLES M. STUART, OF EVANSTON, ILL., COMMENTED TODAY UPON THE WORK IN HAND AS FOLLOWS:

Work One of Magnitude. "We believe the task of revision will be completed in time for the publication and issuance of the new hymn books next fall or early in the winter. We, the bulk of the hymn book will be considerably decreased, although the style of printing may have much to do with that. There are now 1,350 hymns in the book, and we shall probably take 700 of those out, and in place of them use 100 new hymns, which will still cut down the original number about half. Of course, we cannot tell what hymns will be eliminated or which will be substituted, as such changes can be made up to the hour of going to press with the new book.

"There will be no move toward eliminating such long-beloved favorites as 'Rock of Ages,' 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul,' and 'From Greenland's Icy Mountains.' To cut out such beloved pieces would be to invite criticism, which is the very thing we want to avoid. 'Lead, Kindly Light,' and 'Nearer, My God, to Thee,' McKinley's favorite hymns, will, of course, not be disturbed, although the author of the latter was a Unitarian.

QUESTION OF GOSPEL HYMNS.

"One of the most delicate questions before the committee is the selection of Gospel hymns to add to the new collection. Two views are being regarded on this matter in the Methodist Church. One of these is that as these are of a lighter character and properly belong to the evangelistic field they ought to be excluded from a standard hymn book. The other view is entirely opposite, and is that, as they are of a popular character, they should find a place in the new hymnal.

"It may be stated authoritatively that the committee will include in the new book a proportion of the best Gospel hymns. The committee's sessions consist not only in looking over hymns but in the actual playing of music. To this end Prof. E. P. Harrington, of the State University of Maine, has been appointed musical adviser of the committee, and through all the sessions, giving practical instructions of the work under revision. The committee has substantially decided on the hymns that are to be retained, and has also selected the 100 new hymns, but they are still subject to change. The object of the present session is to fix the hymns, and as far as possible assign musical settings or tunes to them.

A strong demand has been made upon the committee to provide a series of responsive readings to be included in the hymnal. This demand may be acquiesced in, the committee has decided to invite the assistance of two experts in arranging for the musical settings for the hymns."

Beautiful Gift Furniture On Credit.

Today the Christmas buying begins in real earnest; at this season, when there are so many demands on your purse, you will find satisfaction in the thought that your credit is good here—not only for supplying household needs—but for the gift buying as well. You will find no handsomer or more serviceable presents than Morris Chairs, Parlor and Music Cabinets, Bookcases, Decorated Parlor Lamps, and fine Haviland China; you can buy all these things on easy weekly or monthly payments, without signing notes, or paying any interest. Make your selections at once, and we will deliver the goods whenever you say.

Parlor Suites, Fancy Pieces.

Don't let Christmas find a faded Parlor Suite in your house; there's no NEED of it—for you can choose here from upward of 100 beautiful patterns on credit. You can select no handsomer gift than a Parlor or Music Cabinet, Decorated Parlor Lamp, or beautiful Rooker—and these articles are here in vast variety—at all prices. Make your selections now—before the rush begins.

Chamber Suites, Chiffoniers.

Perhaps you are to have company during the holidays, and may need an extra Bedroom Suite. Our stock is almost without limit, and includes the newest and handsomest patterns in Solid Oak, Bird's-eye Maple, &c. You will find one here at any price you wish to pay. A great variety of Chiffoniers in Golden Oak and Bird's-eye Maple, beautifully polished and mirrored. Your choice of them all on easy payments.

There is just time enough to fix up your dining room for Holiday week; Sideboards and China Closets are here in grand variety, and at all prices; Dinner and Tea Sets in the newest Haviland decorations. If you need a Carpet, we will make, lay, and line it for you free of cost. Warm Bedwear, too, for these cold nights—and all on credit.

Grogan's Mammoth Credit House.

817-819-821-823 Seventh St. N. W., Between H and I Sts.

Xmas Specials.

Exquisite... Water Colors, \$1.50. Beautiful Pictures in Carbon, Platinum and Photogravures, 25c to \$5.00. Framing to order at very low prices.

S. J. VENABLE, "The Framery," 610 9th Street N. W.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY RATES.

USE THE CELEBRATED KIB BUTTER

Full Sets of Teeth, \$5.

DR. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

ROSES, VIOLETS and GARNATIONS. Shaffer, 14th and I Sts.

TOPHAM'S, New Store, 1219 F St. OPEN EVENINGS. GIFTS GALORE.

Everything in this immense store is admirably suitable for giving. For this reason this is the Mecca of gift buyers.

You'll be amazed at the variety. Every stylish leather—every new shade and design—plain and mounted—many of which are from our own work rooms.

On large centre tables we've displayed hundreds of sorts at \$1, \$1.25, and \$1.50.

TOPHAM'S, 1219 F St. N. W.

\$5 Teeth that Fit.

Including Painless Extraction and our re-embodied method, which makes them fit accurately. Gold crowns, 25c; porcelain crowns, \$4; gold fillings, \$1.50 up; white fillings, 50c up. Hours, 9:30 to 6. Sunday, 10 to 4.

KNABE PIANOS.

Bargains in new and used instruments of various makes. Sole agents for the Aeolian and Pianola.

PIANOS RENTED. Wm. Knabe & Co. 1209 Penna. Ave.

Woodward and Lothrop

New York—Washington—Paris

A Thousand or More

Holiday Dress Patterns

Have been added to the already very liberal collection displayed on centre counters, main floor. The most popular fabrics, imported and domestic, are represented, and the lengths are all ample—graduated according to the various widths of the goods. And they are put up in gift shape, ready for presentation.

We also offer several lots of

Colored and Black Dress Goods,

Purchased for the Holidays, At Very Special Prices.

Colored Dress

40c a yard for 50c inch Two-toned Venetian. 65c a yard for 75c quality 42-inch Satin Venetian. 50c a yard for 75c quality 50-in. All-wool Homespun. 59c a yard for \$1.00 quality 50-in. All-wool Cheviot Plaids. 75c a yard for \$1.25 quality 54-inch All-wool Camel's Hair Cheviot.

Black Dress Goods.

37c a yard for 50c quality 38-inch All-wool Black Cheviot. 59c a yard for 75c quality 42-inch All-wool Albatross. 65c a yard for 75c quality 50-inch All-wool Cheviot. 75c a yard for \$1.00 quality 50-inch All-wool Zibeline Cheviot. 75c a yard for \$1.00 quality 46-inch All-wool Satin Prunella. 75c a yard for \$1.25 quality 45-inch All-wool English Herringbone Cravenette. 75c a yard for \$1.25 quality 45-inch All-wool Showerproof Serge. \$1.00 a yard for \$1.25 quality 54-inch All-wool Camel's Hair Cheviot.

Holiday Dress Patterns

Of the above fabrics and many others cut in suitable lengths and neatly handed or boxed, as preferred. \$2.00 to \$7.50 the Pattern.

Cotton Dress Patterns.

Percales, \$1.00, \$1.25, and \$1.50 the pattern. Gingham, \$1.00, \$1.25, and \$1.50 the pattern. Prints, 50c, 60c, and 72c the pattern. First Four—Teeth Street.

WOODWARD & LOTHROP.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Signature of Dr. J. C. Altman