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PLEASANT FIELDS OF HOLY WRIT
 Save for my daily range
 Among the pleasant fields of Holy Writ,
 I might despair.
 —Tennyson.
The International Sunday-School Lesson
 Third Quarter, Lesson III, Mark 4:26-32, Matthew 13:31

GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM
THE STORY
 It never seemed to be necessary to ring a bell or blow a trumpet to get Jesus an audience. He went up into a mountain and the people came to Him. He opened His mouth and said, "Blessed!" He went down to the shore and the people thronged upon Him until He stepped into a boat and made a pulpit of it, speaking from the lake whose placid bosom was an emblem of the peace His doctrine produces. . . . In three incomparable parables Jesus directs the minds of men to the transcendently important fact that when man, individually or collectively, operates in harmony with law, he can rest assured that all the forces of the universe will co-operate with Him. . . . Jesus does not minify the human part. On the contrary, He magnifies it. For example, there must be wise selection of seed and soil. The latter must be prepared at the right time and in the right manner. So also the sowing. This is man's part. But in the meantime there will be that noiseless, inconspicuous but mighty germinating springing up and growing. The powers of the universe are pledged to it and insure it. It is the co-operation of God, inexplicable it is true, but none the less certain and beneficent. . . . By another parable Jesus, teaching the same truth in general, accentuates one phase in particular. He contrasts the small beginning with the great proportions of the kingdom finally attained. It had gone in a proverb that the mustard was least of seeds. That is not literally so. Jesus was not talking as a forester, but as a moral teacher who uses language with which his hearers are familiar. A mustard seed is smaller than a grain of wheat, but produces a growth large and strong enough to support birds which the wheat stalk cannot. . . . The final parable uses that universal, domestic miracle, familiar to all, and to which a dignity attaches because it has to do with the making of the staff of life.

THE TEACHER'S LANTERN
 Jesus likens the kingdom to living things: wheat, mustard, yeast. He was not the teacher of a metaphysical theology or a philosophical dogma, or the founder of an ecclesiastical establishment. He said, "The words I speak are Spirit and Life!" Accepted, they create a character which yields the fruits of a right life. . . . Jesus' teachings, however, need to be disseminated as seed is sown. They need to be cast into the soil of the human heart. The means of accomplishing this are many, but among them the Christian ministry is easily chief. Any minister who does not recognize this as his supreme function misses the mark. . . . Subordinate to this are Bible teaching, conversational literature, and that silent but mighty power of example which Jesus describes as "salt" and "light." . . . All arguments from the mere rapid spread of Christianity are fallacious, for some non-Christian systems have also had rapid growth. The question is not so much one of quantity, but quality. What are the fruits of the system compared? The effects of Christianity being such as they are, humanity is to be felicitated upon its phenomenal spread. . . . The obverse of the parable is true. There is also a principle of moral death as well as moral life. It can be propagated in the same way, namely, by precept and example. It constitutes the kingdom of darkness and death, in opposition to the kingdom of light and life.

MOSAIC FROM COMMENTARIES
 Modern science has failed to find the slightest explanation of what the life in a seed is. . . . The special mental capacities for which certain men have become eminent were all acquired. . . . If it had been possible to have examined the brain when he was four years old, there would not have been found one of the singular brain-folds which he has when he is sixty, because it made all these latter by persistent exercise. . . . Habits are due to pathways through the nerve-centers. . . . We are apt to estimate the merit of our good deeds according to the struggle we make in doing them, whereas the greater our virtue the less we shall have to struggle in order to do them. Accordingly, he does no duty without being goaded up to it is conscious of much more virtue than he has, while he who does every duty as a thing, of course is unconscious of his virtue simply because he has so much of it. . . . The heaven works by personal contact. A box of heaven on a shelf never leaves and meal.

ANALYSIS AND KEY
 Jesus Always Got an Audience.
 On Mountain-top or Shore.
 Three Incomparable Parables.
 Direct to One Transcendent Truth, viz.:
 Operating in Harmony and Law.
 All Forces of Universe Co-operate.
 Human Part Not Minified.
 On Contrary, Magnified.
 Sow Seed: Nature Does Rest.
 Mustard Small Beginning Great Proportions.
 Domestic Miracle, Yeast in Dough.

Young People's Devotional Services.
 July 21, 1912. Proverbs 4:1-9.

CHRISTIAN COMMON SENSE.
 A student with only a certificate—not a diploma—form a certain institution met the president on the campus years afterwards and said: "Doctor, I don't seem to be doing as well as I ought to; I wish you would tell me what is the matter." The President said, blankly, "I think you lack common sense." Some time afterwards the student met the President and said, "I've corrected that little fault you old me of!" Common sense is an endowment. If nature has not given it, there would seem to be no remedy. Once possessed, responsibility is entailed.

In the Churches

St. James' Evangelical Lutheran church, 1469-1471 Chapline street, Rev. A. W. Werder, pastor. The services and meetings during the week will be: Sunday, seventh Sunday after Trinity, 9:30 a. m.; Sunday school and Bible class; 10:30 a. m.; German services, and on Monday, Sunday school teachers' meeting at 8 p. m. All are invited to attend these services. Come and bring your friends.
St. James' Evangelical chapel, Elm Grove, W. Va. The services and meetings during the week will be: Sunday, seventh Sunday after Trinity, 10 a. m.; Sunday school and Bible class, and on Tuesday evening Sunday school teachers' meeting, Thursday evening choir rehearsal. All are invited to attend these services.
Zane Street M. E. church, corner Seventeenth and Jacob streets, Rev. Millard F. Fritchard, pastor. 10 o'clock a. m. public worship, subject of sermon "The Resurrection of the Dead," 11 a. m. Sunday school session, Charles H. Lemmon, superintendent, 7 p. m. class meeting, John A. Lovell, leader, 7:45 p. m. sermon by the pastor, subject, "Gambling for Christ's Honor." The Brotherhood will meet Monday evening, Epworth League Tuesday evening, prayer meeting Wednesday evening. A cordial invitation to all to come and worship with us.
Chapline Street M. E. church, 2218 Chapline street, Rev. H. B. Hammond, pastor. Regular services Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; class meeting at 8:45 p. m.; Sunday school, E. C. Lehnardt, superintendent, at 9:15 a. m. This is girls' day in the Sunday school and they will have full charge of the services. The annual Sunday school picnic will be held on Tuesday at Herring's grove. Herring's Point. The third quarterly conference was held on Thursday evening.
Thompson M. E. church, on Broadway between Virginia and Zane streets, Rev. Frederick E. Hook, pastor. Morning services at 10:30, preaching by the pastor. The subject of the sermon will be "Christ the Water of Life." Evening services at 7:30, subject, "The Man Who Counts," and the third in a

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9:30 a. m., Edward Rogers, assistant superintendent, in charge; worship, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., sermons by the pastor. Morning topic, "The Believer's Hidden Life." The evening service is in charge of the young women of the church. Subject of sermon, "Our Girls: What Will Be Their Choice?"; Epworth League, 6:45 p. m., topic, "The Advantage of a Religious Home"; Miss Caroline Spargo, leader; Boys' Brigade, Monday 7:30 p. m.; prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:45 p. m.; class meeting and choir rehearsal Friday 7:45 p. m. All are cordially invited.

First English Lutheran church, 35 Sixteenth street, W. S. Dyingler, pastor, 71 Sixteenth street. The usual worship at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; prayer meeting, 7:45 Wednesday evening; Sunday school at Warwood, 2:30 p. m. Welcome.
 Second Presbyterian church, corner of Chapline and Fourteenth streets, Rev. J. H. Littell, D. D., pastor. The pastor will preach at 10:45 a. m. No evening service. The Sabbath school and Bible classes at 9:30. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:45.
 Hope M. E. church, H. W. Flanagan, pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; class service, 7 p. m. At 8 p. m. an address will be given by Hon. W. P. Robinson. Usual services throughout the week. All are invited to these services.

Vance Memorial Presbyterian church, J. M. Potter, minister. Service at 11 a. m. No evening preaching service. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Subject at morning service, "A Righteous Plea Before a Wicked Court." Young Peoples' meeting at 7 p. m.

First Presbyterian church, corner of Chapline and Thirteenth streets, Rev. W. A. Cook, D. D., minister. Service at 10:30 a. m. No evening service. Sabbath school and Bible class at 9:15 a. m. Memorial Chapel school, Eighteenth street at 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:45 p. m.

Zion Lutheran church, 2118 Market street, Rev. A. L. Benz, pastor. Seventh Sunday after Trinity. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Chief service at 10:30 a. m. There will be no vesper service until September. The benevolent society will meet on Tuesday evening. The Wheeling District Luther League will meet on Wednesday afternoon and evening in the Lutheran church at Moundsville. A good program will be rendered. Supper will be furnished by the Moundsville League. The annual outing of the Sunday school and congregation will be held on Thursday at Blaney's grove. Special cars will leave 48th street at 8:30 a. m., and will stop at every corner coming up town. Special cars will also leave Mozart Park at the same time. A band will furnish music all day on the grounds.

Preaching in the Simpson M. E. church, Eoff street, Sunday 10:45 a. m. subject, "The Chosen Few"; 7:50 p. m. subject, "God our Light, and abundant giver." Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. P. M. P. A. Jefferies, supt. Epworth League at 6:45 to 7:50 p. m. Jas. E. Mae, pres. Prayer Sunday morning 9 a. m. Dr. W. A. Wright, leader. Class meeting Tuesday and Thursday nights, Wednesday night the personal workers and prayer meeting, the pastor will speak on the subject of remembering Jesus." C. W. W. Jenkins, pastor.

St. Johns Ev. Prot. Congregation, W. G. Ulfert, pastor. Next Sunday service at 10:30 and Sunday school at 9 a. m. No evening service. Next Wednesday picnic of the Sunday school in Blaney's grove. Extra cars leave the city at 9 a. m. from corner Chapline and 16th streets. Tickets round trip 20 cents can be had any time, especially on Sunday before or after these services from the pastor or Prof. Humenopt, Wm. B. Hoos, and Elmer Krauskopf. Further announcements in church.

Warwood Christian church corner Richmond avenue and 17th street. Rev. J. C. Pryor, pastor. Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Sermon and Communion at 10:45. Christian Endeavor at 7:15 p. m. Sermon at 8 p. m. Regular midweek prayer meeting Wednesday.

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First Church of Christ, Scientist, A. O. U. W. Auditorium, 1119 Chapline street. Services, Sunday at 11 a. m. Subject, "Life." Sunday school at 10 a. m. Wednesday testimonial meeting at 8 p. m. Home address.
 Reading room open daily, except Sundays and holidays, from 12 a. m. to 4 p. m., also on Saturday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock, 1119 Chapline street. The public is invited to visit our reading room and attend our services.
 evening at 8 p. m. Sunday school picnic Thursday July 25th. Members and friends invited to attend, place of holding picnic will be announced next Sunday.

St. Matthew's Church, corner Fifteenth and Chapline streets, Rev. Leonard W. S. Stryker, rector, services for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 21st—Holy communion, 8 a. m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 10:30 a. m. Rtr. J. R. Mathews will conduct services at St. Paul's, Elm Grove, evening prayer and sermon, 7:45 p. m.

Warwood Presbyterian Church, Twelfth street, near Main, Edgar W. Day, pastor. Sabbath school at 9:45 a. m.; morning service at 11 a. m. There will be no meeting of the Endeavor society until the first Sunday in September. The temperance meeting announced for Sunday evening has been put over until a later date, and instead Rev. W. A. Cook, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Wheeling, will preach. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:45 p. m.

First Presbyterian Church, Elm Grove. Teaching service at 10 o'clock. Lords Supper 11 to 11:15. No preaching in morning. Y. P. S. C. A., 6:45 o'clock. Preaching at 7:45 by Rev. A. T. Cox. Subject, A Demin Christ or no Savior.

Second Presbyterian Church, corner Market and 12th streets, Rev. Charles H. McDonald, D. D. pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; Sabbath school at 9:15 a. m.; Christian Endeavor meeting at 7 p. m.; Prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7:45 p. m. The pastor will preach Sabbath morning on Faith, "the last discourse in the series on Aids to Christian Living." And in the evening "The flower of the few."

OIL AND GAS
 The northwest extension of the Blue Creek field in Kanawha county is still furnishing some good producers and at the same time a good many are not better than light pumps. On Elk river, the Ohio Fuel Oil Company has completed its No. 6 on the A. P. Hays farm, located 120 feet west of the Walnut Creek Oil Company's No. 5 on the Colliery right of way, and the well produced 690 barrels the first sixteen hours. The initial production of this well is higher than any late completion in the northeast extension.
 In the northeast extension, between the railroad and Elk river, the Walnut Creek Oil Company has completed No. 4 on the Coal & Coke R. R. right of way and will not have better than a 10 barrel pump.
 In the southwest extension, below Pinch creek, the South Penn Oil Company's No. 2 on the Fred Gardner farm, located 475 feet north of the Freudenberger Oil Company's No. 1 on a part of the same farm, produced 460 barrels the first twenty-four hours.
Blue Creek Gauges.
 The production of the Blue Creek field has settled down to a pretty even pace. The new wells are of a size that prevents any noticeable decline in the daily output of the field. The wells and farms producing 50 or more barrels a day are as follows: Ohio Fuel Oil Co., 1 to 10 Barth-Schwartz, 160 barrels; Nos. 1 and 2 E. E. & W. E. Myers, 70 barrels; Nos. 1 to 4 Grace B. Myers, 55 barrels; Nos. 1 and 2 J. N. Keen, 190 barrels; Nos. 1 to 12 G. W. White, 435 barrels; Nos. 1, 2 and 6 A. P. Hays, 260 barrels; Cherokee oil farmer (15 wells), 930 barrels; Nos. 1 to 4 J. M. Young, 300 barrels; Nos. 1 to 5 Ethel Price, 340 barrels; Nos. 1 to 4 J. S. Newhouse, 50 barrels; Nos. 2 J. N. Price, 75 barrels; W. L. Booker, 240 barrels; United Fuel Gas Company Nos. 1 to 5 Keeten heir, 100 barrels; Nos. 1 to 3 J. A. Wise, 309 barrels; Nos. 1 to 9 James F. Brown, 1,635 barrels; No. 1 J. E. Hays, 115 barrels; South Penn Oil Company Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Albert Myers, 1,450 barrels; Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Jane E. Chow, 58 barrels; Nos. 1 to 4 and 6 and 7 Hamilton, 627 barrels; Nos. 1, 2 and 3 W. S. Jarrett, 445 barrels; Nos. 1, 2, 5 and 6 U. C. Myers, 880 barrels; Nos. 1 to 3 Fred Gardner, 460 barrels; Nos. 1 and 2 J. M. Jarrett, 195 barrels; No. 1 George B. Myers, 120 barrels; Davidson & Gates Nos. 1 to 8 United Fuel Gas Company Nos. 1 to 6 Coal & Coke R. R. right of way, 740 barrels; Greenup, Hummel & Schwabe Nos. 1 to 6 David Jarrett, 800 barrels; Morrell Oil & Gas Company Nos. 1 and 2 Robertson-Jarrett, 60 barrels; Freudenberger Oil Co. No. 1 Fred Gardner, 265 barrels; No. 1 Black heir, 40 barrels; Ivory C. Jordan, receiver, Nos. 1 to 4 Edna Myers, 110 barrels; Tishkawa Oil & Gas Company Nos. 1 and 2 Becker heir lot, 200 barrels; W. S. Edwards Oil Company Nos. 1 to 4 Graham heirs, 340 barrels; Nos. 1 to 4 B. Jones 45 acres, 90 barrels; and Nos. 1 to 3 E. S. Jones lots 110 barrels.

Dusters in Doddridge and Harrison.
 On Bear fork of Ohio creek, Union district, Doddridge county, the Philadelphia Company has drilled the test on the Charles Spurgeon farm to a depth of 3,200 feet and found nothing but a light oil. In the Big Indian formation it will be about 400 feet from that level. Light gas and dusters are the latest offerings from Lewis county. On West Park river in Collins settlement district, the Hope National Gas Company has drilled a test on the Charles Watson farm through all sands and has a duster. This test was drilled to a depth of 1,200 feet. The same company has drilled its test on the Thompson farm through the Pittsford sand and has a duster. On the same stream, the same company's test on the George Hall and Mary McAninch farms are both dry in the Pittsford sand.
 On West Park river, in the same district, the Hope Company has completed a test on the J. B. Farrell farm and has a light gas and a duster. The test was drilled to a depth of 2,000 feet in the Pittsford sand and has a duster. In the western end of the field in the same district, the same company has completed its test on the W. C. Pittsford farm and has a light gas and a duster.

Southwestern Ohio.
 News of New Straitsville, in Coal township, Perry county, is that the Betty oil company has completed its No. 2 on the Hinton farm, two and a half miles in the Clinton sand. The No. 1 well on this farm was completed nearly a year ago and has the record for being the first well of the corporate estate of New Straitsville. The well was completed on a well on the Elrod Farm and Marshall heirs and has a duster. The No. 2 well was drilled to a depth of 2,000 feet in the Pittsford sand and has a duster. In the western end of the field in the same district, the same company has completed its test on the W. C. Pittsford farm and has a light gas and a duster.

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M'MECHEN
Personal Workers to Hold Meeting.
 Owing to Rev. E. D. Fellars, Ph. D., pastor of the First M. E. church of this city being away on his vacation, the Personal Workers Band of Wheeling, who had charge of the services at the church last Sunday, will again conduct the services tomorrow. Sunday school will be held at the regular hour, 9:30 a. m. Services at 10:30 a. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m., and services by the Personal Workers at 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.
Use GLOSSIT on your piano.
To Open Bids Monday.
 Bids for the construction of the new First M. E. church will be opened on Monday. Architect M. F. Galloway of Wheeling, who has the contract and drew up the plans, has the bids, and the same will be opened as above stated. It was the aim of the architect to open them last Monday, but owing to the fact that one of the contractors who had contemplated bidding on the structure was not ready, the opening was postponed until Monday. Work on the new edifice will be started within the next few weeks and pushed to completion.
Last Performance.
 The last performance of the Great Locomotive Chorus of the company which has been located on the lot at the corner of Third and Marshall streets for the past week, will be given this evening. The chorus, which has attended the other all during the week, and a large number is expected to-night.
To Give Best Excursion.
 The members of the Church of God have completed arrangements to hold their annual hold excursion on next Wednesday evening. The boat Liberty has been chartered for the occasion and will leave the local wharf about seven o'clock. Stops will be made at Benwood, Helix and