STIRRED BY EVANGELIST

Thousands Would March the Streets With Gipsy Smith.

HE MOVES HIS AUDITORS

Two Big Congregations Enthused by His Gospel Messages.

DRAMATIC CLOSE OF MEETING

Invitation to Find Christ With Orator Responded to by Large Crowd.

"You in these front seats," exclaimed Gipsy Smith at the opening of the big meeting in Convention Hall last night, "if you don't bring a stranger with you tomorrow night, I won't have you in front.

"I won't be satisfied until I can lead you through the streets of the city singing 'Rescue the Perishing.' Are you with me in that?"

Gipsy Smith waited for a reply.

"Answer me. Are you with me? Hands up, if you are."

Thousands of hands went up.

"That means you will go with me," he shouted, a smile playing over his features, his black eyes flashing.

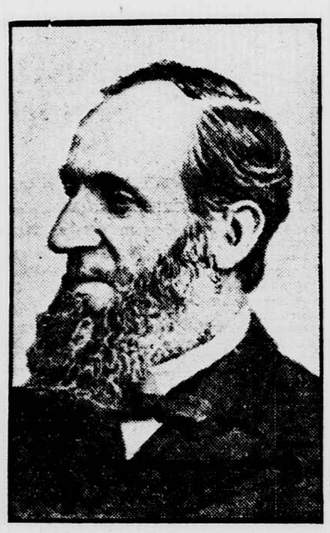
Two Services Yesterday.

"Listen! Hear me."

"Have you lost Christ?

"Be careful; you may lose Him."

These three sentences rang through the address of the evangelist before the audi-



Rev. J. G. Butler,
Assisted at Afternoon Service.

ence of 6,000 people in Convention Hall last night. "A Lost Christ," was his theme.

'Listen! Among Christians, we want not so much jaw, but a little more joy."

Such was the message of the English evangelist to an audience that packed the First Congregational Church at the first afternoon meeting yesterday at 3 o'clock.

Dramatic and impressive was the close last night of the great meeting in huge Convention Hall. The evangelist had read from the Bible of how Mary, mother of Jesus, lost Christ, how she found Him in church, how she had to go back to where she had lost Him to find Him.

He told how easy it is to lose Christ frm one's life; easy even to lose Him in church. How necessary it is to go back a hard way to find Him again. Then all heads were bowed in prayer.

"Where He leads me, I will follow," he sang, taking up a refrain which the choir had previously sung.

Then the chorus repeated the notes.

"All who feel they want to find Christ will you stand?" he asked. The chorus of 500 voices sang the words, "Where He leads me, I will follow."

"That's right, brother; that's right, sister. God bless you."

As persons stood in that vast audience, the evangelist had a word of recognition for each one. There were tears in the eyes of many; others stood with heads bowed; many wore a smile that indicated a victory won.

The chorus sang the words of the song over and over. The invitation was repeated again and again. All over the hall persons were rising in response. It was a climax that few who were present will soon forget.

"A Lost Christ," His Theme.

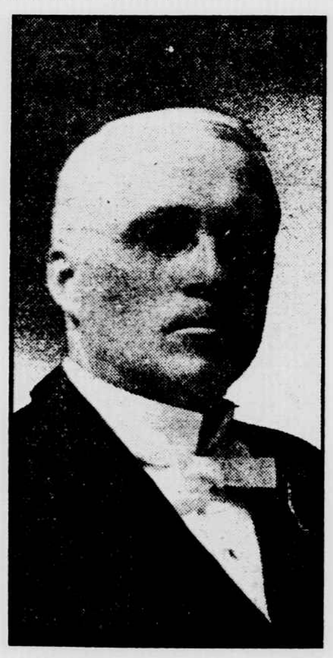
To begin his sermon last night Gipsy Smith read from the second chapter of St. Luke, in which is told of the losing of Christ by His mother, of her journey to find Him and of her regaining Him in the temple.

"So my theme is 'A Lost Christ.' The least unlikely person to lose Jesus was the first to lose Him. I question whether any one ever loved Him as much as Mary. But she lost Him.

"Listen.

"There were inner circles, sacred fellowships, into which Mary entered and lived with Him. But she lost Him.

"You may love Him. But be careful. Mind the path where you put your foot. Mind the company you keep. Mind the



Rev. F. D. Power.

books you read. Mind the things on which you fix your eyes.

"You may be a church member, a Christian worker, an evangelist, a preacher. But if you are not careful you will lose Him. Be careful.

"Mary lost Him. And here's the sad part of it: She didn't know it. She thought He was in the company.

"That is true of too many. It won't do to suppose. Religious certainty is the certainty of religion.

"Thousands of church members get no further than supposition. They suppose everything is all right.

"Here's a church. It has wealth, social standing, prestige, rank, power, the power that it gains through wealth and social prestige. And they call a church meeting and put on the records a minute, 'We're rich; we don't need anything.'

"And God stands at the door of that Christless church, of that sinning church, knocking for entrance. If Christ himself appeared at the door He would be too narrow to fill the pulpit.

"Its people want a sentimental Christ, a compromising Christ, a Christ that will wink at selfishness, at greed, at lust. Lord, save us from such humbug and cant!

"Listen.

"Not only did the most unlikely person lose Christ, but she lost Him in the most unlikely place. Was He getting drunk? No, sir. Gambling? No, sir. Playing bridge? No, sir. At the theater? No. Living an easy, flirting, sliding life? No. Becoming ill tempered and hard to get on with? No.

"Where? She lost Him in church, in a religious procession. You can lose Him there.

"Hear me.

"I am not charging you with being a great sinner, but with losing Christ. Did you lose Him at church? Some don't go there to find Jesus. They go because they are fascinated with a voice, because it is fashionable to go. But that's not the way to find Him.

"You know where you lost Him. Some of you didn't lose him in Washington. But did you lose Him when you were out of Washington, where every eye was a stranger? In New York? in Paris? in London? God saw you in that distant land.

"But not only did the most unlikely person lose Jesus and in the most unlikely place, but she found Him where she lost Him. Mary had to go back. Mary could not stand more than three days without Him.

"How long since you lost Him? Three months, three years? You'll have to go back, walk every step.

"If you want to find Jesus you will find Him by doing right. You will find Him about His Father's business, and His Father's business is to find you when you come to Him a penitent."

Following came the evangelist's invitation for all to stand who wished to find Christ, and later he bade them to step into a prayer room in the rear. The subsequent meeting was opened with singing by the chorus choir and a prayer by Dr. W. P. Thirkield, president of Howard University.

Service at Congregational Church.

"There was great joy," was the text of the sermon at the First Congregational Church in the afternoon.

"If you ask me what is needed among nominal Christians today I would say a baptism of joy," said the evangelist in opening. "To look at some of you would make an undertaker weep. Where is the joy of your Christianity?

"Over in England,—my country,—an advertisement appeared in a paper, reading like this: 'A Christian preferred, but she must be cheerful.' I am not surprised that some preachers can't preach when looking into some of your faces.

"Listen. A lazy Christian knows nothing of the joy of the Lord. A 'oncer'—that is a person who only goes to church once on Sunday. A 'oncer' knows nothing of the joy of the Lord. What is wanted in Washington is a wave of joy that will sweep over the top of your pews.

"Ask yourself, 'Is your religion contagious?' Undefiled religion is the most catching thing in the world.

"What is wanted is not so much jaw, but a little more joy. If you ladies did less talking and showed more joy, your husbands would become Christians quicker.

"There is going to be joy in the hearts of many people soon. And 500 people filled with the joy of the Holy Ghost would move the city.

"Have you got a song in your heart?"

"Yes, sir," came a voice from the audience.

"That's good. I would like to have heard every one say that—that is if you've got it.

"The Bible says 'Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' That is the joy that comes after service. I sometimes go home so tired after a day of work that I throw myself on my bed to rest without taking off my clothes. And my little girl comes to my side and points her finger at me.

"'Naughty papa, to go to bed without saying your prayers,' she says.

"And when I am too tired to sleep I grasp in my handsa pile of letters from those I have been able to help. Then I feel that joy of service.

"Here a woman has two boys and they put her up to making a request of Christ. She begins by being nice to Him, and He asks her what she wants, because He knew she wanted something by the way she approached Him. She says to Him: 'I've got two boys here, James and John. When you go to heaven let one sit on one side of you and the other on the other side.' He agrees, but tells them they have got to work for the seats.

"You can't book seats in glory as you do in a theater; you've got to work for them."

Rev. Dr. F. D. Power, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, presided over the meeting and made the first address.

"A city may have its wickedness, its wretchedness, its sorrow," he said, "but it also has its Christianity, its happiness, its joy."

Rev. J. G. Butler, pastor of the Luther Place Memorial Church; Rev. J. J. Muir, pastor of the Baptist Church; Rev. Albert Evans, pastor of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, also assisted at the service.

For Conversion of Children.

Plans for revival services for children in connection with the Gipsy Smith evangelistic campaign are being made by prominent church workers here. It was announced today that those interested in the conversion of children will meet for a conference at the Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church South, 9th and K streets, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

At that meeting, it is expected, details will be arranged for a series of union meetings in churches in various parts of the city. These will begin next Sunday and continue for one week, the services each day to begin about 4 p.m. The plan is said to have the entire approval of Gipsy Smith.

A children's choir is also to be formed, it is announced, and all children who can sing and desire to join in these services will meet for rehearsals Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons of this week at 4 o'clock at the Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church. Rev. A. W. Spooner will be the director of this children's choir.

HAPPENINGS IN ALEXANDRIA

SOCIAL SESSION OF YOUNG MEN'S SENATE TONIGHT.

Assistant Inspector General Commends Local Military Company.

Business of the Courts.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., October 20, 1908.

Arrangements have been completed for a social session of the Young Men's Senate, which will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at the Young People's building of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. A musical and literary program has been planned for the occasion with talent from this city and Washington to participate. At the conclusion of the affair refreshments will be served. Admission will be by card only.

The program is: Instrumental solo, Mr. Samuel Wade; vocal solo, Mr. Wilmer A. Waller; instrumental solo, Miss Nena Tanner; vocal solo, Miss Angelia Murphy; quarrel scene from "The School for Scandal," Lady Teazle, Mrs. Thomas A. Hulfish; Sir Peter, Miss Harriet Pollard; vocal solo, Miss Josephine Gould; instrumental solo, Miss S. Marie Myers; vocal solo, Mrs. Elizabeth A. De Dier; vocal solo, Mr. Kenneth Ogden.

The committee on arrangements consists of: J. G. Graham, T. H. Clarke and C. W. Shaffer.

Officers of the association are: H. Noel Garner, president; Thomas H. Clarke, vice president; Josef Goldsmith, secretary; George Applch, journal clerk; Harrie White, reading clerk; Marshall Schofield, financial secretary; Rev. C. D. Bulla, chaplain; A. H. Dawson, sergeant-at-arms; W. R. Pickens, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Emmett Rinor, postmaster.

Military Company Commended.

In his annual report, submitted to Adjt. Gen. Charles J. Anderson, Joseph Lane Stern, lieutenant colonel and assistant inspector general of the state militia, says that Company C, 1st Virginia Regiment, of this city has competent officers and very good material, but is hampered by lack of conveniences for equipment and the men have slight acquaintance with the rifle. He adds that he mustered the company into service July 2 last.

Members and officers of the company feel confident that they will soon be familiar with rifle and tactics.

Arrangements have been made for a meeting of the Bryan, Kern and Carlin Club at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, at which time committees will be appointed to make arrangements for canvassing the city to bring out a large democratic vote on election day. The meeting will be held at the office of Col. F. L. Smith.

The two-story brick dwelling house formerly the property of the late Mayor Henry Strauss has been sold by Mrs. Philip Leterman of Charlottesville, Va., to Messrs. Samuel and Lewis Bendheim of this city. The price is said to have been $8,300. The house is known as No. 407 Prince street. The sale was made through John D. Normoyle, real estate dealer. Messrs. Bendheim will shortly occupy the same.

Steiner-English Marriage.

Miss Lelia Hough Steiner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Steiner, and Mr. Horace English, formerly of Leesburg, Va., but now of Washington, were very quietly married at 7:30 o'clock last night at the home of the bride's parents, 205 North Washington street. Mr. and Mrs. Steiner at once left for a northern trip. They will reside in Washington. The wedding was slated to occur Wednesday, but the couple learned that their friends had planned to surprise them and consequently decided to marry last night.

In the Local Courts.

In the police court this morning the case of Robert Grimes and William Washington, charged with selling ardent spirits on Sunday, was continued until Friday. John Hill, colored, charged with the larceny of a bicycle, was turned over to the Washington authorities.

Other cases disposed of were as follows: Charles Parker, colored, disorderly conduct, acquitted; Ann Russell, colored, drunk in the street, sent to the workhouse for thirty days; Charles Quail, improper conduct, continued until Thursday.

Although Alexandria county is supposed to be "dry," a grand jury yesterday afternoon returned nineteen indictments against residents of the county for selling liquor without a license. The indictments were prepared and presented to the jury by Commonwealth Attorney Crandal Mackey. Many of those indicted are colored people.

In the corporation court this morning a verdict for the plaintiff for $12 was given in the case of George C. Smith against A. S. Doniphan, an appeal from a decision of a justice of the peace.

A final decree confirming the report of John M. Johnson, commissioner of sale, in the case of John McWilliams against Annie Webster, for sale of property 227 North Pitt street to Robert W. Ballenger for $800, was given.

General and Personal News.

Sarah Jackson, colored, who lives near Mount Vernon, Fairfax county, Va., has offered a reward of $25 for the arrest of John Jackson, colored, and the return of a two-year-old child alleged to have been kidnaped by Jackson July 2 last.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. William Lynch, who died Sunday last, took place at 9:30 o'clock this morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Rev. Father Cutler conducted the services, and the burial was made in St. Mary's cemetery.

It is expected that Representative John Sharp Williams will be orator of the evening at the annual memorial services of Alexandria Lodge of Elks, which will be held at the opera house the first Sunday in December next. At a meeting of the lodge held last evening arrangements were made for the services.

Capt. W. B. Smithers of this city has been elected a delegate to represent Potomac Division, No. 459, Order of Railway Conductors of this city. The convention will convene at Birmingham, Ala., October 23.

The condition of William Quinn of New York, who fell from a trestle at the Potomac railroad yards and was seriously injured, has considerably improved. Dr. Smith said this morning that hopes are now entertained for Quinn's recovery.

Miss Lisa Deane Anderson of this city is one of the sponsors and maids at the grand encampment of Confederate Veterans which convened at Charlottesville, Va., this afternoon.

A number of members of Fitzgerald Council, No. 459, Knights of Columbus, will go to Washington tonight to witness the exemplification of the third degree of the order which will take place in that city.

FORTY HOURS' ADORATION.

Closing Exercises Held Today in St. Joseph's Church.

The closing exercises of the forty hours' adoration were held in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 2d and C streets northeast, at 8:30 o'clock this morning. A solemn high mass was sung by Rev. Valentine F. Schmitt, assisted by Rev. Ignatius Fealy, deacon, and Rev. Stephen Connolly, subdeacon. John Hoffman was master of ceremonies.

At the conclusion of the mass the blessed sacrament was carried in solemn procession about the church, preceded by the children of the parish, who strewed flowers in the way. Benediction concluded the services.