

THREE POTENT AGENCIES FOR GOOD IN LA GRANDE ARE CHURCHES, Y. M. C. A. AND THE SALVATION ARMY

Numerous Religious Creeds Have Busy Fields, Each Discussed by Dean of Clergy. Salvation Army Particularly Popular and Efficient Factor.

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"Agencies for Good in La Grande."
The editor has asked me to treat the above subject. These agencies are numerous in La Grande and may be divided under the following heads: Religious, fraternal, educational, social, judicial and executive. For the various lodges in promoting fraternity and extending aid to the distressed, are potent for good, while our schools, clubs of a semi-educational character, our courts of justice and managerial commission all contribute to the welfare of our town and thus are agencies for good.

But I gather that the editor wishes me to deal only with the religious bodies here represented. Of these there are eleven without counting the Salvation Army and the Y. M. C. A., which will be treated by other pens than mine. To be strictly impartial, I shall begin at the south end of town and take in order the various churches, as they come.

Roman Catholic
The stately edifice belonging to this communion, dedicated to Our Lady of the Valley, forms a landmark, and attracts the attention from afar. Not only is the architecture strictly correct and pleasing but the interior decoration corresponds with its exterior. Much credit is due both to the architect and its popular pastor, Father Driscoll for this happy combination. The membership of this church is large and the character of its work is shown in the institutions it maintains—a convent and school, which enjoys a wide patronage throughout the valley. The emphasis which therein is laid on religious training and knowledge being essential, as well as secular learning is highly important. That Father Driscoll is very solicitous in developing the spiritual life among his parishioners, is evidenced by the missions and special devotions which have been carried on, in addition to the regular weekday and Sunday services. A glance at the parish magazine calendar tells the story. Floreat Vallis Domina Nostra!

Lutheran
This church is temporarily without a pastor, its last incumbent, the Rev. W. C. Drahn, having resigned a few months ago, to the great regret not only of his parishioners, but of the people of the town generally. During his pastorate, the parish prospered and increased in numbers. Mr. Drahn had the missionary spirit and he was always on the lookout for opportunities for ministering, holding services at Perry and also across the track in Lane's chapel. As the Lutherans in this vicinity are of different nationalities the services were carried on in English as the common tongue, but once a month a service was held in German for those whose native language that was. While not large in numbers, they represent a very respectable portion of our citizens. Last spring it was predicted that La Grande might be made a missionary center by the Home Mission Board at Chicago. It is to be hoped that this will be realized, for La Grande is favorably situated for such a division point.

Seventh Day Advent
This body is small and has no resident pastor, being supplied from Walla Walla and other points. However, its members need not feel discouraged, for they belong to a body which is replete with good works. For personal piety and conscientiousness in that which they regard as right, they set a noteworthy example. I lived in California, in a town where this body was strong, many of my neighbors belonging to this faith. I learned not only to respect but to have a genuine affection for them. They ask no help of others but religiously tithe themselves for the maintenance of their work, which is missionary and philanthropic. I would therefore bid good cheer to those who self-sacrificingly try to carry on the work here under discouraging conditions. It is not numbers which count but faithfulness and steadfastness.

Latter Day Saints
The mammoth tabernacle at the corner of Fourth and O, testifies to the numerical strength. Throughout the valley and its villages, numerous of their families are located. Perhaps a "Gentile" especially one who differs so radically and divergently from them, may be accused of prejudice and manifesting the odium theologium. But I have learned that the truth is not promoted by attacking those who think differently. The truth must be spoken in love, nor must one bring a railing accusation against another. While differing greatly from them, I gladly testify to their integrity and devotion to their religion. When I see their young men sent out to maintain themselves at their own charges in missionary work, and the family life which obtains among them, I confess to a feeling of admiration, and of envy when I notice whole families attending worship and assembling for instruction. In this they set a notable and beneficial example.

Episcopal
This church is known locally as St. (Continued on Page Seven)

BY J. GARFIELD KING
(General Secretary Y. M. C. A.)
The central, fundamental and crowning feature of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association is the spiritual and moral phase. Some associations are stronger than others; some really fail to present this phase in the way that they should, but the Young Men's Christian Association in the whole stands for, and makes, the effort to live up to the principles and methods that were given by the founder Sir George Williams, and that have been adopted from time to time by the great conventions, where thousands of leaders in the work meet every four years to consider different phases. Many methods are being used by associations to emphasize this part of the three-fold development, such as the Sunday afternoon meetings in the building, on the street, in the parks, in union labor halls, noon day meetings, shop bible classes, illustrated religious talks to foreigners, temperance crusades, and scores of other methods.

The religious work committee of the local association, continually have in mind the necessities of this important phase of the work, to the upbuilding of the association as a whole, it is essential that the local work adopt a definite standard toward this end. The Sunday afternoon meeting has been outlined, several have already been held and a number of specials will be conducted after the first of the year, among them will be Mr. Stanley Baker who made such a hit with the soldiers on the border. A series of talks have been outlined for the boys and it is with the boys that special emphasis will be placed this year. It is largely up to the association to show to the boy that there are three great institutions in this world, the "home", the "school" and the "church". The home is the basis of the community, the first impressions the boy receives are through his home life and the bent of his whole career is often determined by the home relationships. But the sad part of it is that a large majority of the homes today are merely places in which a boy may eat or sleep. The original prerogatives of the father and mother, so far as they pertain to the physical, social, and mental and moral development are now in the hands of organizations like the Young Men's Christian Association. The school offers and compels a boy to get certain related courses of study which will make him a better citizen by fitting him in a measure for the procuring of an intelligent and adequate livelihood. The church and the Young Men's Christian Association are facing today an opportunity to wield influence toward the upbuilding of the adolescent boy that is tremendous. Investigations of the past few years have demonstrated beyond a doubt that the time to let loose impulses in the life for the development character is between the ages of 14 and 20, or the plastic years of early and middle adolescence. Recent studies have shown that the

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BY OLIVE CHILDERS
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With flour soaring in price and bread following upon its trail, with coal, potatoes, fruit, milk and eggs, furniture, shoes, cotton goods and other commodities rising every day the problem of living becomes increasingly serious.

By skimping and planning and economizing, the thrifty poor who have a small but steady income may be able, with difficulty, to make ends meet, but to those who through sickness or accident are deprived of a steady income, the rapid rise in the cost of living comes as a harbinging of privation, cold, hunger and sickness.

Realizing the serious predicament of people of this class, the Salvation Army is making a strenuous effort to assist them during the coming winter and appeals to the public for their support and co-operation in this work of mercy. While America is sending help, as it should, to the war-stricken countries of Europe, it must not be said that her own people have been allowed to cry unheeded for the necessities of life.

The Salvation Army officers visit the poor in their homes and are familiar with their needs. No material relief is offered except to those in actual need, but where they find upon investigation, people who are suffering from poverty and unable to help themselves, they are quick to relieve immediate needs and, if possible, find a way whereby those in distress can be put in a position to help themselves.

Needy Get Relief
During the year ending September 29th, last, the Salvation Army in this city gave to the poor without charge 789 garments and pairs of shoes, 608 meals besides other relief of various kinds. The officers spent 812 hours in visitation, calling at 842 homes. They also held 223 meetings on the street and 226 meetings in their hall at which 254 professed conversion. At 128 Children's Meetings there was a total attendance of 7560.

Vouchers and cancelled checks are on file for all expenditures and all items of income and expenditure are recorded in the Corps Cash Book, which is audited at regular intervals.

Any further information desired will be cheerfully furnished by Ensign Olive Childers, the officer in charge, who also desires to take this opportunity to thank the people of this city for their support during the past year.

Christmas Dinner Provided For
—Aside from the figures quoted above the ensign and her assistants have held church services in the city and valley points—besides preaching 26 funeral sermons. The work that claims the attention of the Army workmen right now is the Christmas effort which is always observed by the Army.

A systematic visitation and investigation of families in need is being made and baskets of provisions will be supplied the day before Christmas.

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ENSIGN OLIVE CHILDERS.



Among rich and poor, Ensign Olive Childers, head of the Salvation Army work here, is admired, adored and loved as the ministering angel. She is a La Grande girl and fills her position in a way that leaves naught but the highest adoration for her character, her organization and her power to do the right thing at the right time. Were the one person who does the greatest good, and is the highest exponent of all agencies for good to be decided by a popular election, Olive Childers would receive the majority vote; of that there is no doubt.

GOOD PEOPLE of La Grande and Surrounding Territory

A Word of Year-End Greeting To You From

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We make a specialty of filling a 10-cent meat order with the same exacting care and constant attention to our patrons' interest that we would a \$100 order.

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