

News of the Churches

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Sunday morning service at 11 a. m. Subject (Unreality).
 Sunday school at 10 a. m.
 Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock.
 The reading room is open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 2 to 5 p. m.
 All are welcome to attend our services.
 Corner First and Washington.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH

The ministerial association at its meet March 31 decided to have a series of Passion week Union services as follows:
 April 15, 8 p. m. at the M. E. church.
 Rev. R. H. Coker to preach April 16 at 8 p. m. at the Christian church, Rev. N. S. Hawk to preach

April 17, 8 p. m. at the M. E. church South, Rev. E. O. Otto to preach April 18 at the Presbyterian church, Rev. W. S. Smith to preach.

All the congregations are urged to attend these meetings and all the singers to unite and make one good choir. Let us come together in the unity of the spirit and make the most of these sacred services.
 W. B. SMITH, Sec.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. sharp. The interest is steadily increasing. We expect to have 200 present on Easter Sunday.
 Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
 Morning subject, "Agnosticism, or

A Plea for the Bible."
 Evening subject, "A Statement the Devil Could Not Prove."
 Epworth League at 7 p. m.
 Not otherwise engaged, come and worship at the church of the cordial welcome.
 N. SHERMAN HAWK, Pastor

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Communion at 11:00 a. m.
 Morning subject: "The First and Second Passions."
 Evening service at 8 p. m. Subject: "Christ in the Offering."
 Come and help us in all our services. We welcome you heartily.
 Remember the evening service is at 8 p. m.
 R. H. COKER, Minister.
 E. W. Eastman, Sup't. S. S.
 S. A. ROE, Chairman of Board.

Co-Workers Praise

Work of a Former Local 'Y' Secretary

J. L. Cramer, secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. has handed to the Observer a letter which he received Thursday from the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations, New York, complimentary to Roy J. Clark, who was secretary of the local institution just after the present building was erected and who has just returned from overseas service. Mr. Clark was Mr. Cramer's predecessor in the Y. M. C. A. office, and was the secretary in La Grande before Mr. King came, whom Mr. Cramer succeeded. The letter from the International Committee, in respect to Mr. Clark, is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Cramer:—Mr. Roy J. Clark went overseas in our service more than a year ago and has just returned. He made an exceptional record, as is shown by the following extract from a letter which we have received from the Paris office:

"Inasmuch as Mr. Clark's modesty will not permit him to tell you of the term of splendid service he has rendered, we, who are associated with him here in the bureau for re-educational secretaries, feel that it is justice to him you should know something of what he has accomplished. "Mr. Clark's record is a series of promotions. After his arrival in France during the latter part of 1917 he served as assistant secretary at La Courneuve. Later he became field secretary with Mr. I. B. Rhodes at Base Section No. 2. Here he had charge of all activities in the field, covering a very large area. On May 1st he was appointed divisional secretary at La Rochelle. His work at this place was in the nature of a building proposition, establishing new units in twelve or fourteen points in Base Section No. 2. Being released July 15th, he reported for front line work and was assigned to the 324 Division in an unattached position. He stayed with this unit all through the action at Chateau Thierry and later, in an executive capacity, accompanied the 77th Division through the Rheims, Champagne and Argonne Forest sections. Lastly, he was called into Paris to assume the management of the Personnel Bureau. At Mr. Carter's earnest solicitation he stayed on long after his contract was completed. We cannot speak too highly of his work on all occasions. His energy and industry have enabled him to be most effective, and his genial and forceful personality has been a potent factor in his successful handling of men. In fact, he is a 'live wire'."

"We learn of Mr. Clark's departure with sincere regret and know we are losing to him greatly, as his cheerful presence has done much to add to the pleasant atmosphere of our office."
 "It is not often that so unreservedly cordial a commendation of a man's

retary's service comes to us. I am sure you will be happy to know how remarkable Mr. Clark has succeeded in the difficult service. We appreciate more than we can tell you what he has done."
 "Yours very sincerely,
 "EDWARD S. PARSONS."

GENUINE PEACE

Almost everyone believes peace to be security from enemies, and also tranquility at home and with companions. But there is a heavenly peace which immeasurably transcends this. This can be given to no one unless he is led by the Lord and in the Lord, that is, in heaven where the Lord is all in all; for heavenly peace flows in when the desires arising from selfishness and worldliness are taken away. These drive peace away for they infest man's interior, and cause him, in the end, to place rest in unrest, and peace in worries because his only enjoyment comes from evil. As long as a man is in self love and love of the world it is impossible for him to know what genuine peace is, or even to believe that there is such a thing; and if anyone says that it can be felt only when the enjoyments from the love of self and the world are taken away he laughs, because he regards peace as coming from the enjoyment of evil, when it is in fact, the opposite of evil. Such is the nature of peace—it is the utmost of all happiness and blessedness. Peace means well being, because it is the utmost, and hence the universal reigning thing in the whole and every part of heaven; for peace in heaven is like spring on earth, or the dawn, which does not effect us by sensible changes but by general loveliness that flows into everything perceived, and fills with joyousness not only this reception itself, but also the separate objects. Peace in the supreme sense is the Lord. All unrest is from evil and falsity, peace is from good and truth.

URBAN VERBS

Dr. Samuel Schwarz claims that the oldest good story is the one about the boy who left the farm and got a job in the city. He wrote a letter to his brother, who had elected to stick by the farm, telling of the joys of city life, in which he said: "Thursday we auto'd out to the country club, where we golfed until dark. Then we trolleyed back to town and danced until dawn. Then we motor'd to the beach and played there." The brother on the farm wrote back: "Yesterday we bugled to town and baseball'd all afternoon. Then we went to Ned's and poker'd till morning. Today we auto'd out to the cornfield and getawined till sundown. Then we suppered and then we piped for a while. After that we starvinced up to our room and bed-stended until the clock fixed."—San Francisco Argonaut.

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Faith by Hearing

By REV. W. W. KETCHUM
 Director of Practical Work Course,
 Moody Bible Institute, Chicago

TEXT:—So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.—Romans 10:17.

Faith is often spoken of as if it were the acceptance as true of something which we have no means of knowing whether it be true or not. Such, however, is not the faith the Bible demands of us. It does not ask us to assent to any proposition as true without giving us evidence to support it. Take, for instance, any fundamental fact of the Gospel and you will see that this is the case.

Paul, in the fifteenth of First Corinthians, in speaking of the resurrection of Christ, at once adduces evidence to support the fact of his resurrection, and on the ground of the evidence submitted that Christ is risen, he asks us to believe in the resurrection.

It is a popular notion that faith is a leap in the dark, but real faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is based upon good, substantial evidence. In fact, in order for one to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, there must be something to believe concerning him; otherwise it would not be possible to believe in him. Faith in Christ reaches him through our faith in the facts concerning him. It is for that reason, that the Gospel is spoken of as "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." Of course, we know that Christ is the Savior, yet the Gospel is rightly spoken of in this way, because it is by believing the Gospel which tells us that Christ saves and how he saves, that we in this believing commit ourselves to him as our Savior.

Faith Based on Evidence.

Now Paul knew that real faith is based upon evidence, and that it is not simply by urging people to believe in Christ that faith is begotten, so we read of his persuading the folks who came to him concerning Jesus Christ (Acts 28:23). This should be a lesson to us who, perhaps more frequently than we ought, depend upon exhortation to lead people to faith in Christ rather than upon evidence which calls for faith. People should be exhorted, but they should also be persuaded.

When it speaks of Paul persuading them concerning Jesus, it does not mean that he pitted his intellect and will against theirs, and by sheer force

led to make them believe in Jesus. What he did, as we know, was to present evidence for their faith to rest upon. He did this by expounding to them "out of the law of Moses and out of the prophets." That is, he went to the Old Testament Scriptures and therefrom produced evidence concerning Christ's person and work. As a result we read, "some believed the things which were spoken and some believed not" (Acts 28:24). That it always is when the evidence concerning Christ is presented, for though the evidence be sufficient, some will not have Christ to reign over them.

A Case In Point.

Quite recently, I dealt with one who professes to be an infidel, and whether or not he really is one, he was most blatant and blasphemous in his talk. When I pressed him that honesty demanded that he fairly weigh the evidence and put Christ to the test, he was unwilling to do so and tried to laugh the matter, as it were, out of court. He called "the whole business," as he said, "a myth," and yet I venture to say that he never with a real desire to know the truth had put himself in the way of evidence by which real faith comes. I do not mean that he had not read the Bible. I suppose he had, but I presume he read it under the blighting criticism of a Thomas Paine or a Robert Ingersoll. Who would believe even his own good and true mother if he always looked at her through eyes of such bitter enemies as they and their ilk are of the Scriptures? Or, who would ever trust himself to his mother, if he always came to her in the spirit of criticism to find her faults and never to discover her virtues? If a man desires faith, there is a way to get it. It is a divine way that never fails the one who honestly thereby seeks the Lord. It is to put oneself in the way of faith, and just as surely as one does, providing he is willing and ready to believe, faith will come to him as the gift of God.

My infidel friend whom I tried to get honestly to put himself in the way of faith would not do it, simply because he did not want to believe. When I pressed him further, I found he had settled the matter in early youth. He had turned Christ down in a revival meeting, which he attended as a boy, and now in mature years he is trying to comfort himself with the false hope that Christ is a myth.

There is a time, we know not when: A place, we know not where: That seals the destiny of man, For glory or despair.

If you desire to believe in Christ, remember that faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

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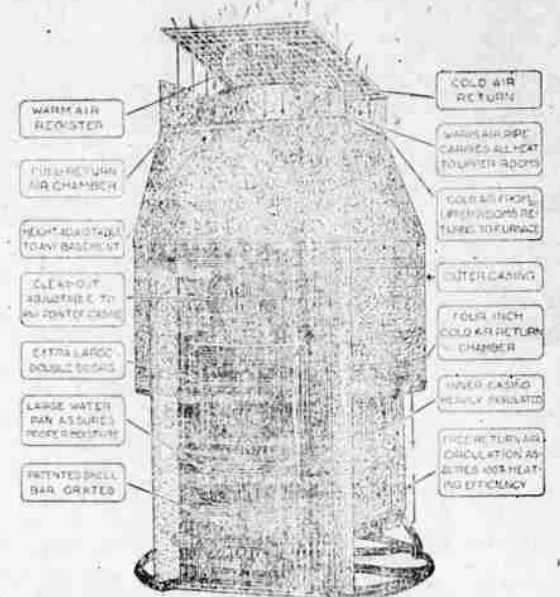
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