

CHURCH WORK IN INDIANA IS HEAVILY HIT

Research Institute Criticizes Work of Church in Indiana Severely.

NEW YORK, (AP)—Low standards of spiritual life among Protestants all over the state of Indiana, according to the report of the Indiana Survey of Religious Education, the first volume of which, entitled "The Religious Education of Protestants in an American Commonwealth," has just been published under the auspices of the Institute of Social and Religious Research, formerly the Committee on Social and Religious Surveys of this city.

"This committee was organized in January 1921. It conducts and publishes studies and surveys and promotes conferences for their consideration.

Its aim is to combine the scientific method with the religious motive. It co-operates with other social and religious agencies but itself is an independent organization.

"The committee is composed of John H. Mott, Chairman; Ernest D. Burton, Secretary; Raymond B. Fosdick, Treasurer; James L. Barton, W. H. P. Faunce, and Kenyon L. Butterfield. Gallen M. Fisher is executive secretary. The survey upon which the report is based was made under direction of Walter S. Atherton."

Many church buildings in Indiana subject their congregations weekly to fire hazards which the civil authorities ought not to permit; the township or district supervisors of local Protestant Sunday schools are inexperienced and untrained; the supervisory machinery throughout the state is unproductive most of the time; the Sunday school teachers as a class are untrained and "the unmistakable marks of pedagogical 'quackery' are observable," the report says.

But it is plainly indicated that no other state dare point the finger of scorn at Indiana on account of the conditions shown by the survey to exist there, that state having been chosen as the field for this exhaustive study of moral and religious conditions because it was regarded by experts in religious education as the most typical American state.

"The lack of co-ordination within the denomination and of the denomination with the general movement for religious education," says the report, "is the most outstanding weakness revealed by the survey of denominational Sunday school agencies. Not a denomination was found which had unified its various boards into a single religious educational leadership, to its own satisfaction. And the survey failed to reveal a denomination which had satisfactorily related itself to the general Sunday school movement. As a result of this failure of co-ordination, there is overwhelming evidence of friction, wastefulness and inefficiency."

The survey, which was completed at a cost of \$109,000, shows that of the 2,835,492 people in the state 275,914 are Catholic; 23,322 are Jewish; 5,670 belong to other non-Protestant faiths; 792,928 are members of Protestant churches, and 61 per cent of the entire population, or 1,734,137, are not members of any church.

Of the children and youth under 25 years of age, 12,794 are Catholic; 12,650 are Jewish; 2,510 belong to families of other non-Protestant faiths; 486,140 are Protestant and 749,840 are nominally Protestants but not identified with any church. There are 618,150 children in Sunday school parochial schools, or other religious schools, and 531,590 children, nominally Protestant, who are not receiving moral or religious instruction under the direction of any religious body.

The Protestant churches of Indiana provide only 24 hours of religious instruction annually for their children and the children who are enrolled are absent every other Sunday. Of every four children enrolled in Sunday school at 12 years of age, three drop out before they reach the age of 13 years.

"The professional training of the Indiana Sunday school teachers for religious education is almost negligible," says the report. "The rank and file of Sunday school teachers have had no courses in the Bible, religion or religious education, in any institution of higher learning.

"The leading denominational colleges of Indiana devote more than thirteen times as much energy to the preparation of teachers for the state as they do to the preparation of teachers for the church.

"Counting 50 per cent for general education, 24 per cent for professional training and 15 per cent for teaching experience, the typical Indiana Sunday school teacher would grade 39.3 per cent, and the largest single group of teachers would grade 23 per cent. Compared with the rural public school teachers of Indiana, it may be said that 87.7 per cent of all the Sunday school teachers of Indiana fall below the lowest standards which are accepted by the state for rural public school teachers.

"In Indiana, forty-seven cents out of every municipal dollar go for the support of public schools; but only two and three-tenths cents of every church dollar go for the support of the church schools."

The volume just issued presents also detailed recommendations by the survey staff for the betterment of conditions in the state. The two volumes that are to follow to complete the report will contain the standards and measurements developed for the purpose of the survey, and the schedules and codes that were used.

Obituary

Garnette McGraw
WALLOVA.—Death closed the young life of Garnette McGraw last Sunday in the La Grande Hospital. The young lady was a sophomore in the local high school, and is mourned by a host of friends. A mastoid operation had been performed about a month ago and recovery was assured. A cold, and a subsequent infection in the wound back of the ear effected the brain however, and death came as a relief from suffering. With Christian fortitude just previous to her passing, she sang "Jesus is All the World to Me" and other hymns. She also desired to cheer her loved ones with her testimony of love and faith in Jesus as her savior and that she had no fear of death.

The funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church on Tuesday, by Rev. Pease, Rev. Shields of the Presbyterian Church, read the scriptures, and Rev. Petells closed the services with some appropriate remarks. The church was filled with those who knew and loved the happy girl. The pall bearers were Shirley White, Verna McEath, Lottie McCrae, Helen Fisher, Walena Cramer, and Ruby Hoop.

Garnette Anna McGraw was born May 20th, 1906, at McGraw, West Virginia. Her death came at La Grande November 11th. She was a bright and cheerful girl, and had the happy faculty of making many friends. She was a member of the Christian Endeavor, and the Christian Sunday School. She was buried in the Wallowa cemetery. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. McGraw; four sisters, Mrs. George McGraw, Mrs. Lester Jackson, Mabel McGraw, and Jaunita McGraw; and two brothers, Virgil and Guy McGraw.

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HAVERHILL, Mass.—When the American Legion started a drive to raise \$25,000 for a clubhouse here, the entire city knew it, because a general firealarm was sounded. Everybody who called to find out where was the fire was told he might buy a brick in the new building for a dollar.

CHICAGO (AP)—While reconstructing a wild west movie he had recently witnessed, Frederick Roach, 11, accidentally hanged himself by a neck tie fastened to a water pipe in the attic of his home Saturday. Stephen, his 8-year-old brother, told the police he and his brother were playing "movie" and when it came time for the death of the "villain," Frederick adjusted the neck tie about his neck and went through the process of being hanged. While gasping for breath his younger brother tried to free him but was unsuccessful.

BOSTON, Mass.—Lafayette post, American Legion, composed of 1,500 local policemen, is taking steps to protect members of the local police department from alleged unjustified charges against many of them. A resolution adopted by the post declares the post declares that indictments against members of the force almost invariably have been thrown out of court, or, when brought to trial have resulted in full exoneration of the accused parties. Such clearing of name, however, it was stated, has failed to reimburse the victims for loss of time, legal expenditures and injury done their reputations. The resolution states that members of the post will give their fullest co-operation in heading off such attacks before they result in official action.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—When Elsie Janis, "sweetheart of the A. E. F.," gave a performance in Brooklyn, the King's County Council of the American Legion petitioned Borough President Hiegemann to give her the key to the city. This was done. A group of Legionnaires, with color guard and other military array accompanied Miss Janis to and from the theatre.

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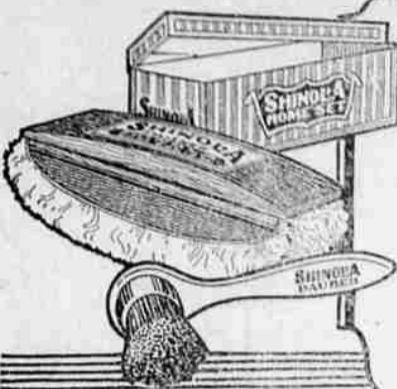
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