CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS TO OPEN CONFERENCE TOMORROW

Second Annual Summer Encampment Will Be Held at Columbia City, Or., With Delegates From All Parts of State in Attendance—Prominent Leaders Will Speak.

THE second annual Christian Endeavor summer conference will open tomorrow at Columbia City, Or., with endeavorers from nearly all parts of the state in attendance. Sessions will close September 5. Advance registrations received during the past week at Oregon Christian Endeavor headquarters in the Abington building indicate a large number of delegates will be present at the meetings.

The conference will be held on the site owned by the state Baptist assembly and which was the scene of several successful gatherings of the denomination. The grounds have been leased for the Endeavor meeting. The location at Columbia City, 30 miles from Portland on the lower Columbia river highway, is an excellent one, and affords a view of the Columbia and three mountain peaks.

Paul C. Brown, national intermediate superintendent of Christian Endeavor, will be one of the principal leaders of the conference. He will come to Portland tomorrow from the Idaho Endeavor convention, and will be met by a committee and taken at once to the conference grounds. Mr. Brown has attended many Endeavor gatherings in Oregon and has many friends here. He will hold conferences, lead devotions, teach various classes and participate in the recreation programme.

Lloyd R. Carrick, ex-state president of Oregon Endeavor, will have charge of the recreation programme, which will include tennis, baseball, volleyball, handball, swimming, bathing, hiking, clam bakes and bonfires. Each afternoon and all of Labor day will be devoted to recreation.

A feature of the conference will be the Bible study class conducted by Dr. W. P. White.

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The last of the vesper services held in Peninsula and Laurelhurst parks during the months of July and August under the auspices of the Portland federation of churches will be held at 4:30 Sunday afternoon.

Rev. H. L. Cox, pastor of the First Friends' church, will be the speaker at Peninsula park. Rev. J. Francis Morgan, pastor of Piedmont Presbyterian church, will preside; Rev. A. R. Schmalle, pastor of Ockley Green United Evangelical church, will read the scripture; Rev. Ira F. Hawley, pastor of the Second United Brethren church, will offer prayer. Rev. Robert Bishop, who is preaching in the Woodlawn Methodist church, will pronounce the benediction. Music will be furnished from the choir of the Woodlawn Methodist church.

At Laurelhurst park the speaker will be Rev. S. J. Reid, Baptist state evangelist for Oregon. Mr. Reid's subject will be "The Only Life Worth Living." Rev. Ralph C. McAfee, executive secretary of the Portland federation of churches, will preside; Rev. W. B. Stewart, pastor of the Glencoe Baptist church, will read the scripture; Rev. J. J. Staub, pastor of the Sunnyside Congregational church, will offer prayer; Rev. W. N. Byars, pastor of Lincoln Methodist church, will pronounce the benediction. The Grand Army quartet will furnish special music, and the congregational singing will be led by the young people of the Sunnyside Congregational church under the direction of LeRoy Robinson.

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The Portland federation of churches, through its executive office, last Wednesday sent to the pastors an announcement and indorsement of the great Portland mass meeting for public health to be held under the auspices of the Oregon section, American College of Surgeons, tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the Central school auditorium, Twentieth and Glisan streets. This meeting is free, non-political and non-sectarian, and has as its sole objective the dissemination of education on how to keep well. Three of the great surgeons of the country coming from Chicago, Brooklyn and Milwaukee, will be the speakers. Governor Olcott of Oregon is announced as one of the speakers.

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SHANGHAI, Aug. 27.—Plans are now taking form for a national Christian conference that will be held in Shanghai May 5-14 in 1922. It is expected that 1000 delegates, half Chinese and half foreign, will be chosen by the various missions, churches and Christian organizations in China to attend. The general subject that will be considered at the conference is "The Chinese Church." The chairman of the committee on arrangements is the Rt. Rev. F. R. Graves of Shanghai.

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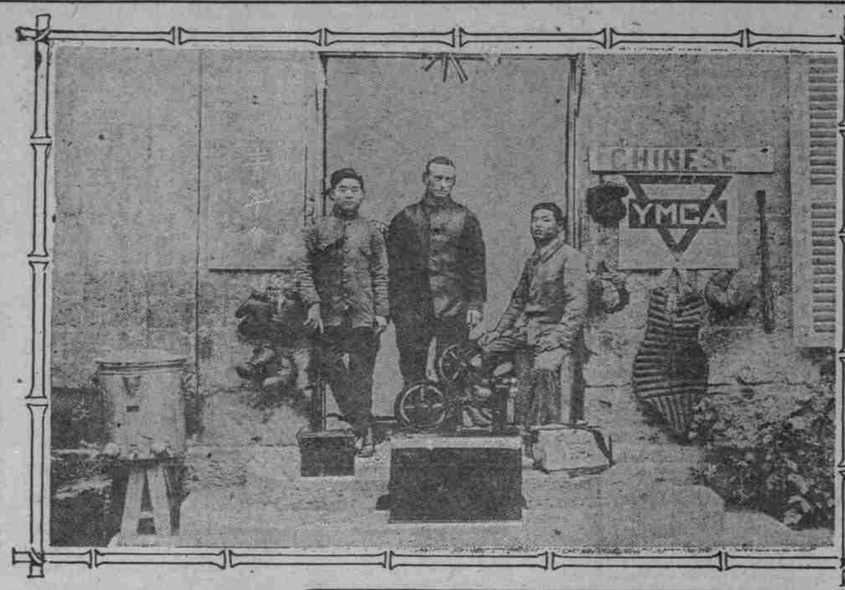
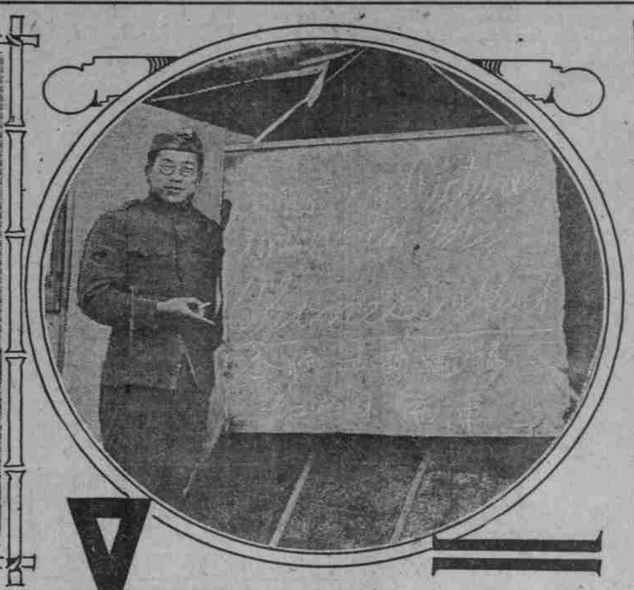
Rev. A. Krause, pastor of the St. Paul's Lutheran church, East Twelfth and Clinton streets, will occupy his pulpit in both services which are held at 10 and 11 A. M. The first sermon is preached in English on the subject, "Practice Again the Good Old Custom of Family Worship, Because It Is God's Will and Command and Brings Many Benefits." At 11 the pastor will use the German language, the sermon will be preached on the gospel of the Sunday and based on the theme, "Three Reasons to Give Thanks Unto the Lord." There will be no evening service. The Sunday school meets at 9 A. M. and the choir rehearses Tuesday at 8 P. M.





An interesting phase of the work of the Y. M. C. A. in France is shown by photographs brought to Portland by J. H. Thomas, son of the Rev. J. E. Thomas, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, who spent three years in the service of the Y. M. C. A. among Chinese coolies sent to France during the war in large numbers for manual labor. Above—(Left) Scene at entrance to Y. M. C. A. headquarters at Soissons. (Right) A Chinese "Y" secretary and an inviting announcement in two languages. Below—A "Foyer du Soldat," or soldier's hut, at Missy.

Dr. H. H. Hulten to Occupy White Temple Pulpit.

Visiting Pastor From Oklahoma Will Deliver Real Messages.

AT THE First Baptist church (White Temple) Dr. H. H. Hulten, D. D., of Oklahoma City, Okla., will speak this morning at 11 o'clock on the subject of "Witnessing." His evening theme will be "The Other Fellow."

Dr. Hulten is a man of broad culture and pleasing personality. He has a real message—one that reaches the everyday life in a telling way. He spoke to capacity audiences last Sunday, both morning and evening.

Sunday school at 9:45 A. M., with classes for all ages. Thursday evening, prayer and praise service, led by Dr. Hulten, at 8 o'clock.

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The assembly grounds recently purchased by the Oregon Baptists at Columbia City immediately assumed marked favor as a summer resort by a large number of people who, in addition to attending the summer assemblies, have also spent a fortnight at this resort on the lower Columbia. Bathing, salmon fishing and bonfire parties have helped make the days pass pleasantly. The Mountain View hotel, overlooking the river and fronting the snow-capped peaks opposite, has been filled to capacity.

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Professor G. R. Schlauch of McMinnville college, also pastor of the University Park Baptist church, who has been on his vacation and working in behalf of the college, will be back to preach today at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

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Revival meetings began at the Pleasant Home Baptist church, four miles from Gresham, last Thursday evening. Rev. Earle D. Sims, having concluded his work with the Italian mission in Portland, is now conducting the meetings for the Pleasant Home church and large crowds fill the building every service. Today Mr. Sims will preach at 3 P. M., and 8 P. M. Monday evening he will lecture on "My Travels Through Japan." Meetings will be held every night of this week. The church is reached by Bull Run car.

Rev. Mr. Sims will conduct service at the Gresham Baptist church today, 11 A. M. Subject of the sermon will be "The Garden of Gethsemane."

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Rev. Eugene Fantetti, with his wife, has moved into the new Baptist mission chapel, 420 East Forty-fourth street, and taken charge of the work. He will conduct Sunday school at 2:30 P. M., and in the evening at 8 o'clock will deliver a stereopticon illustrated sermon.

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Rev. S. J. Reid, noted evangelist and speaker, will speak at the Glencoe Baptist church this morning at 11 o'clock. His topic will be "The Master Builder." In the evening at 8 o'clock the pastor, Rev. W. B. Stewart, will speak on "A Choice Friend."

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"Realizing the Presence and Power of God Here and Now," will be theme from which Rev. R. E. Close will preach this morning at the Third Baptist church. "The Mastery of Thought" will be the subject of the evening sermon.

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Seven former residents of Pocatello, Idaho, attended services last Sunday at Sellwood Baptist church to meet Rev. C. S. Tunnell, new pastor of the Sellwood church, who came to Portland the first part of this month from a pastorate in Pocatello.

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Dr. W. B. Hinson, pastor of the East Side Baptist church has returned from his vacation and will occupy his pulpit both morning and night. In the morning Dr. Hinson will preach from the subject "The Lord's House, Hands and Heart." Tonight his theme will be "The Return of the Lord."

Dr. Hinson will have charge of the mid-week service Wednesday at 7:45 P. M. There was a very large attendance last Wednesday night to welcome the pastor back to the church, and with the return of those absent on vacation a still larger attendance is expected this week.

The automobile race contest under way in the Sunday school is nearing the end, and some speeding must take place if the Pierce-Arrow, which has led the race from the start, does not carry off all the laurels of the contest. Sunday school begins at 9:30 A. M., and if you are not attending anywhere else you are welcome here.

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Rev. P. O. Bonebrake will preach at 11 o'clock this morning at Piedmont Presbyterian church. There will be no evening services at this church.

Young People Will Sing at Hospital Today.

Speaker at Evening Meeting to Tell of Experiences in Patagonia.

SERVICES at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral will begin with holy communion at 7:45 A. M. Church school will be at 9:45 A. M. and morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. The Very Rev. R. T. T. Hicks (dean) will be in charge of all services. There will be no night service. The young people's society will meet at 3 P. M. at the main entrance of Good Samaritan hospital on Twenty-third and Marshall streets, and will sing in the wards. The young people will then go to the parish house, where luncheon will be served by Miss Louise Hays, hostess. After the luncheon the regular meeting will take place at 6:30 P. M., Miss Hays leading. John W. Lothaby will be the principal speaker. He will talk on "Three Years in Patagonia, the Land of Fire."

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Dr. A. A. Morrison has returned after a two weeks' vacation and will preach at the 11 o'clock service in Trinity church this morning. The holy communion will be administered at 8 A. M.

Beginning with the first Sunday in September, the full choir will take part in the services.

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At St David's church services will be conducted by Rev. E. W. Stockley, who expects to return to his parish in Clinton, Ia., next week. The many friends Mr. Stockley has made during his brief stay will bid him goodbye. Mr. Stockley addressed Masonic meetings in Salem and Portland during his visit.

Under the auspices of the Girls' Friendly society plans are being completed for establishment of a seaside home for city girls. They will be able to enjoy rest and quiet at reasonable charges under ideal conditions. Bishop Sumner has received numerous gifts for this practical cause and will announce definite completion shortly. Under the leadership of Mrs. Thomas Jenkins the society is growing in numbers and influence.

An engineer of the battleship Texas bore witness to appreciation of books and magazines distributed from the diocesan offices. He told of reading cook books and catalogues on a long run in lieu of clean modern reading matter. All kinds of books and periodicals will be gladly received and delivered in packages to the ships. Call Main 4368 for details.

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The Sunday school of the Clay-Street Evangelical church will commence at 9:30, with Superintendent E. J. Keller in the chair. The morning service begins at 10:45, when the pastor, Rev. Jacob Stocker, will preach on the theme, "The Love of God." In the Young People's alliance at 7 o'clock Miss Mildred Drushel will lead the meeting, followed by the evening sermon by the pastor on "Memory and Habit, Their Importance for a Christian Character."

Dr. Stansfield to Preach on "Learning to Be Content."

Influences of Present World Conditions Will Be Discussed.

"LEARNING to Be Content" will be the subject of the sermon at the First Methodist church this morning. Dr. Joshua Stansfield will show that the subtle influences of present-day worldliness are making for a deepening tide of discontent.

"Where Strong Men Fall" will be the sermon subject in the evening, and from 7:45 to 8 Dr. Roy A. Prudden will direct a congregational sing. Ira D. Morgan, the soloist for August, will sing both morning and evening. The Bible school of First church is held at 12:15 P. M. and the Epworth and Junior league meetings at 6:30 P. M.

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Dr. E. C. Hickman, president of Kimball School of Theology, will occupy the pulpit of Centenary-Wilbur Methodist church, corner East Ninth and Pine streets, this morning. During the service solos will be rendered by Miss Sadie Pratt and Maidwyn E. Evans.

The young people will conduct a unique service at the evening worship hour, 7:45 o'clock. There are to be special musical numbers by the young people's chorus choir and five-minute talks by members of the gospel team. The theme of the evening is "Jesus in Passing By." Maidwyn E. Evans will sing "The Ninety and Nine." An invitation is extended to all to attend this service.

It is expected that the pastor, Dr. Frank L. Wemett, will return from his vacation early in the week, and will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening the following Sunday.

The rehearsals of the choir will be resumed Wednesday evening. It is the purpose of those in charge of the music to develop a strong chorus, and work will soon be begun on one of the great oratorios. All people interested in music are invited to come to the church on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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The Mount Tabor Methodist church, corner East Stark-first and Stark streets, is to have the privilege of hearing the Whitney Boys chorus Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The chorus has just returned from a trip to Los Angeles, where they were heard with great delight in all the large churches.

Rev. D. C. Bevan will again occupy the pulpit in the 11 o'clock service, as the pastor is away on his vacation.

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This morning at the Rose City Park Methodist Episcopal church, corner East Fifty-eighth street and Sandy boulevard, Dr. A. A. Witham will be the speaker. The Sunday school, with Dr. J. Earl Else as superintendent, will meet at 9:45, and the Epworth league at 7 o'clock. There will be no evening preaching service.

The first Sunday in September Dr. C. W. Huett, the pastor, will be back in the pulpit after a four weeks' vacation, and there will be both morning and evening services.

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Rev. Robert S. Bishop of Yamhill and Rev. J. H. Irvine of Woodlawn Methodist church will exchange pulpits morning and evening. Mr. Bishop will conduct a union revival meeting at 8 P. M. and assist at the Peninsula Park meeting at 4:30.

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Rev. A. S. Milligan will preach at the Tualatin church this morning, 11 o'clock, and at Wilsonville, 8 o'clock.

Alfred P. Bates will preach at McCabe Methodist Episcopal church, 11 A. M., and at Sherwood this evening, 8 o'clock.

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At the First Norwegian-Danish Methodist Episcopal church, Eighteenth and Hoyt streets, C. Aug. Peterson, the pastor, will preach at 11 A. M. on "The Glory of the Lilies and the Glory of Solomon." At 8 P. M. the subject will be "Will Our Life Mean Less or More by Becoming a Christian?"

Rev. Mr. Griffis Is Absent From His Pulpit.

Ministers of the Other Christian Churches Will Substitute.

REV. HAROLD H. GRIFFIS will be absent from his pulpit at the First Christian church for three Sundays, in attendance at the international convention of Disciples of Christ at Winona Lake, Ind.

Rev. Mr. Griffis goes to the general assembly both as a delegate from his own congregation and as one of the national directors of the United Christian Missionary society, under whose auspices the convention is held. During his absence the pulpit at the First church will be occupied by the pastors of other Christian churches in Portland and vicinity.

This morning at 11 o'clock Rev. Herbert F. Jones of the St. Johns congregation will preach. In the evening at 7:45 the sermon will be delivered by the pastor emeritus, Rev. Samuel M. Conner, who will have for his theme, "Miracles True and False."

The music for both Sunday services will be directed by the Temple quartet, consisting of male voices, and will include the tenor solo, "Cast Thy Burden" (Hamblen), by H. M. Whetsel; also the anthem, "The Radiant Morn Hath Passed Away" (Woodward), by quartet choir.

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At the Kern Park Christian church, Forty-sixth avenue and Sixty-ninth street, Dr. J. F. Ghormley will speak at 11 A. M., taking for his theme "The Sabbath of God." At 8 P. M. he will speak on "The Restitution."

"The Enthusiasm of Jesus" Is Sermon Subject.

Rev. Mr. Tully Will Preach Today at First Presbyterian.

REV. NORMAN KENDALL TULLY will preach at both services today at First Presbyterian church. His morning topic will be "The Enthusiasm of Jesus" and in the evening he will speak on "Jesus, the Sinner's Friend." The regular midweek meeting Thursday at 7:45 P. M. will be led by Rev. Mr. Tully. His subject will be "The Last Supper," the last of five studies in "Christ's Pathway to the Cross."

In the absence of the choir on vacation, P. A. Ten Haaf is leading the singing and is soloist. During this month also Miss Alice Johnson is the organist.

Mrs. Samuel T. Lockwood, for 17 years an active member of this church, died in Long Beach, Cal., August 20, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edna Forsyth. Mrs. Lockwood was for nine years president of the Woman's Missionary society. Upon her initiative in 1900 the "United Mission Study" series was introduced, and she was the inspiring leader of one of the pioneer mission study classes of Portland. She moved to Pasadena in 1907.

Miss Mary J. Donnelly, community worker Ferron, Utah, who is one of the home mission representatives supported by the Woman's Missionary society in Oregon, is spending a short time in Portland on her way back to Ferron. Miss Donnelly expects to be at the church service this morning and will remain for a short time afterwards to meet the members of the missionary society and any others who may be interested in her and her work. A committee of women will be with Miss Donnelly at the rear of the church.

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Rev. Ralph C. McAfee, executive secretary of the Portland Federation of Churches, will preach at the Rose City Park church this morning at 11 o'clock, on the subject "Shall We End War?"

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Philip A. Parsons of the University of Oregon, and president of the Social Workers' association of Oregon, will occupy the pulpit of the Central Presbyterian church, East Thirteenth and Pine streets, this morning. No evening service is held during August.

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At the Millard Avenue Presbyterian church this morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. William F. Pottemith will speak. At 8 P. M. will occur the fourth and last of a series of song service programmes, preceded by a piano recital at 7:50 by Mrs. Ethel Wood Lewellen. The programme is as follows:

Prelude; hymn, "He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought"; hymn, "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"; hymn, "We Sail Along Toward the Harbor Light"; responsive reading, No. 7 in the Psalter; solo, "Closer Still With Thee" (Walter Rolfe), Mrs. George Colvey; reading, "The Two Carpenters" (Gale), Miss Hazel Maran Clark; hymn, "Praise Him, Praise Him"; prayer, from the Presbyterian ritual followed by the Lord's Prayer; hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," solo with congregation respones, soloist, Mrs. George Colvey; announcements; offertory; responsive reading, No. 8 in the Psalter; solo, "Ivory Palaces" (Henry Barraclough), Mrs. George Colvey; reading, "Grown Land," Miss Hazel Maran Clark; hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"; Mizpah benediction; postlude.

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Rev. Norman Kendall Tully will be the speaker at the men's resort meeting, at 4 P. M. today. Mrs. Jennie Jones, contralto, will be the soloist. Miss Alice Johnson, the regular pianist, also will be back. Featuring the services will be a special song by the men, which will precede the speaker.

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"The Mid-Way House on the Way Home" will be the morning topic at Kenilworth Presbyterian church. There will be no evening service. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M.

Dr. and Mrs. L. K. Grimes have returned from touring the beaches and a trip to Rainier park and through Oregon and Washington. The doctor will immediately resume his duties as pastor of the Kenilworth church.

Miss Bessie Nicholson, who has been the summer guest of Dr. and Mrs. L. K. Grimes, returned this week to Chicago, where she is prominent in educational circles.

'Christ Jesus,' Lesson Topic in Christian Science.

Services Will Be Held in All the Churches This Morning.

"CHRIST JESUS" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, today.

The churches hold services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. First and Sixth churches hold Sunday evening service at 8 o'clock, the other churches having discontinued the evening service during August.

Wednesday evening meetings, which include the testimonies of Christian Science healings are held in all churches beginning at 8 o'clock.

Sunday school is maintained for pupils up to the age of 20 in all churches, the sessions beginning at 9:45 and 11 in all except Third and Fifth, which hold their sessions at 9:30 and 11.

Reading rooms are maintained for the public at 1133 Northwestern bank building and 33 North Third street, where the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read or purchased.

The churches are located as follows: First, Nineteenth and Everett streets; Second, East Sixth and Holladay avenue; Third, East Twelfth and Salmon streets; Fourth, Vancouver avenue and Emerson street; Fifth, Sixty-second street and Forty-second avenue Southeast; Sixth, Pythian temple; Seventh, 403 Smith avenue, St. Johns.

Dr. McElveen to Preach Two Sermons Today.

Music to Be Feature of Service at First Congregational Church.

TWO large audiences welcomed Dr. W. T. McElveen home from his vacation at the First Congregational chuch last Sunday. This morning the Congregational minister will preach on "Unifying One's Personality." He will show how the best psychology is in perfect harmony with the teachings of Jesus in its directions as to how to organize and develop a strong individuality. At the night service he will answer four questions: (1) Is Mr. Gompers correct in saying that unemployment is a crime? (2) Is the suggested Y. M. C. A. zone of silence policy in the capital and labor dispute Christian? (3) Can H. G. Wells write as he promises a new Bible? (4) What is the soul?

Mrs. Drake will prelude both services with brief organ recitals. At the 11 o'clock service she will play organ selections from the works of Biggie, Croffe and Mumma. At the night service she will give the following programme:

"Nocturne (Lisurance), "At Sunset" (Biggie), "Andante" (Beethoven).

Joseph Finley will be the soloist at the morning service and Mrs. Niederer will be the soloist at the night service.

Arthur Larimer of the Portland Y. M. C. A. and who for a number of years was a Y. M. C. A. secretary in Honolulu, will give a stereopticon lecture at the church school session at

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CHRISTIANS ARE DECLARED NEEDED FOR SALVATION OF WORLD

Appeal of Jesus Said to Have Been Ever Urge to Follow Hard Life Like That Endured by Master Himself. Ease Never Promised Disciples.

BY REV. NORMAN KENDALL TULLY, Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

"For I determined to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified."—I Corinthians ii:2.

IN order to understand that declaration of Paul to the Corinthian Christians, we must go back to the seventeenth chapter of the Acts. There we read that Paul was waiting in Athens for some of his companions to overtake him. While he waited his heart was stirred by the superstitious expressions of the religious aspirations of the people, which filled the city. He began to talk about the one true religion.

The attention of some of the sects of philosophers called Stoics and Epicureans was attracted to him. They arranged a meeting of curious folks, with ears itching for novelty rather than hearts yearning for truth, for Paul to address. Paul delivered a learned discourse, couched in a philosophic vein, and ornamented with literary allusions.

Speech Is Failure.

It is the only time recorded in the new testament when Paul tried to be profound, and speak in the persuasive words of wisdom, in order to convert men. The result was failure. The crowd mocked at mention of the resurrection, and dispersed saying flippantly, "We'll hear you again on this matter."

Only one man of importance was won, Dionysius by name, and a woman of none too good a reputation, called Damaris, and a few others.

Paul was humiliated. He came to Corinth in a chastened mood. Philosophy, high-sounding phrases, man's wisdom, is all right as intellectual exercise, but it cannot save men. Paul learned his lesson, and ever afterwards, in pleading with men, relied upon the power of the holy spirit and the glory of the cross.

He said, "My brethren in Corinth, when I came to you, I did not do as I did in Athens, depend upon excellency of speech, or of wisdom. No, I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified."

Meditation Is Invited.

Brethren, let us think together this morning about the cross. When we say "cross," let us be sure that we know exactly what we mean. The cross, what is it? It is different things to different people. It is an architectural device, a fitting way to end a church steeple. It is a piece of jewelry suspended from a man's watch-chain, or hanging about the neck of a pretty woman. It is a figure of speech.

Do we not all sigh about the crosses we have to bear, and smile over them through tears? But none of these things is the cross presented by Paul. When we say cross, we mean a rough piece of timber with the broken body of a dying man hanging upon it. That hideous spectacle it at the heart of our religion.

Haze Distorts Vision.

Age mellows all things. We suffer in our time from the golden haze which surrounds christianity. That haze distorts our vision and obscures the cross. Multitudes of people hold views of christianity for no other reason than that they fit their temperament or please their sentiments. Christianity is a poem, the rhythm of whose cadences soothes the imagination and comforts the troubled mind; an anthem, to be rendered by the lips of sweet singers or interpreted by the masters of song; a picture, infinitely tragic and pathetic, before which we can sit and wonder or cry; a philosophy, a learned thing, to be discussed in lectures and proclaimed in eloquent orations; a dream, clear and luminous as the Syrian sky under which it had its birth. The cross is a hard line in the poem, a difficult note in the anthem, a dark shadow in the picture, an enigma in the philosophy, and the central glory of the dream.

Jesus Is Practical.

But this is not the religion of the Son of God. Jesus was the most practical man who ever lived. His religion is a matter-of-fact, everyday affair. Jesus was intensely busy. He was always conscious of being driven.

He said, "I must be about my father's business." "I must work the work of him that sent me." "It is my meat and drink to do my Father's will."

He mixed with men, and his will crossed theirs. He went into society, where people were wrapped round and round with foolish conventions and cramping restrictions and disregarded them all in the way that the Son of God ought to have done. He stepped across estranging chasms and walked through dividing walls to the consternation of all the sticklers in the land. He entered the church, where men were hampered and restricted by the worn-out traditions of the past. He disregarded those traditions, and set new precedents, and never said by your leave to anyone.

Temple Is Invaded.

He went into the temple and drove out those who were desecrating God's house and degrading his worship, although his action filled the hearts of the leaders with murderous rage. He entered politics, and denounced those who occupied the seats of the mighty and used their power for selfish aggrandizement instead of public service.

Of course it was not pleasant. It was exceedingly disagreeable. The world could not endure his interference. At first it looked askance at him. Then it began to snarl and show its teeth. Jesus early recognized that the path that he was treading led straight to doom, but he decided to keep on.

"The cup that my Father has given me," he asked, "shall I not drink it?"

He drained it to the dregs. Immediately after Peter confessed him at Caesarea Philippi, Jesus began to speak of his death. Peter remonstrated with him, and said, "No, this can never be to you."

Death Is Topic.

Jesus replied, "Clear out of my way, and hinder me no more. You know the thoughts of men, but you do not understand the mind of God." A little later, on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus again talked of his death. Then, as they were going through Galilee, he stopped by the side of the road and said to his disciples, "Let this saying sink deep into your ears, the son of man is going up to Jerusalem to die."

Steadfastly he set his face, and they could not turn him. As they drew near the city he spoke more in detail. "They are going to mock me, and scourge me and spit upon me. Then they will kill me." When James and John wished to sit on thrones in his kingdom, he asked, "Are ye able to drink the cup that I shall drink of, and be baptized with the baptism that I shall be baptized with?"

Not only did Jesus set his face toward the cross, but he required his followers to do likewise. He told them that the disciple is not above his teacher, nor the servant above his master. If he was hated and persecuted, they must expect the same treatment. Read the tenth chapter of Matthew, where Jesus sends out the 12. He tells them to take no equipment, but to rely upon such treatment as they would receive. He told them that he was sending them out as sheep into the midst of wolves. They might get killed, but not to care for that. There are lots of worse things.

"Fear not them that kill the body, but fear rather him who has power over the soul." Read the tenth chapter of Luke, where Jesus sends out the 70. His instructions are practically a repetition of what he said to the 12, with the difference that he said "lambs" instead of "sheep." What can a sheep do in the midst of wolves." A lamb can do less. Jesus tells us that this world is a wolf to any man who tries to live the Christian life. Nevertheless, live the Christian life.

Discourse Is Recalled.

Read the 16th chapter of John. It is a part of the discourse of Jesus in the upper room. He is saying the last things to his disciples that he will ever say. He realizes the importance of saying the most necessary things. Hear him: "They will put you out of their synagogues. Yea, the time will come when he that killeth you will think that he doeth God service." "These things have I told you that when they come to pass you will remember that I told you." "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world."

In the same words Jesus sifted his would-be disciples. Read Luke ix for the exacting terms of discipleship. A man said: "Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest." Jesus replied: "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head." "Can you meet that test?" Another man said: "I will follow you, but first let me go and bury my father." Jesus answered: "Let the dead bury their dead." A third man said: "I will follow you if you will let me go first and bid farewell to those who are at my house." Jesus said: "He that putteth his hand to the plow and turneth back is not worthy of me."

Cost to Be Counted.

Turning to the crowds, Jesus told them to count the cost before becoming his disciples. He asked them to consider a man building a tower or a king going to war. Would they not take account of their resources before proceeding? So, he insisted, let everyone count the cost before he follows me. The cost is suffering.

In the same tone he spoke after he was raised and glorified. In the ninth chapter of the Acts he tells Ananias to search out Saul of Tarsus and tell him "what great things he must suffer" in his Lord's behalf. The New Testament everywhere presents the call to discipleship as a call to suffering. You read the New Testament with your eyes shut if you do not see that.

Honor in Men Sought.

How foolish Jesus was to talk to men like that. Surely he will repel them. Why speak of suffering? Why not keep the cross in the background? We never would dare to speak to men as Jesus did, because we do not know what is in men. We know what is on the surface and what is immediately below the surface, coiled serpents that hiss and bite. We have heard them hiss and felt them bite. We do not want to stir them up! So we stay on the surface. But Jesus knows what is hidden in the deep recesses of the soul, where the fountain of character is, and the sources of action are. He knows that deep down men honor the noble life and will respond to the heroic appeal.

We need to learn to sound his appeal. How often we hear it said, "Oh he a Christian. You do not know how happy you will be." The New Testament uses a nobler appeal than that.

Grand Tone Adopted.

Again, young people are appealed to to become Christians because it will please their parents or those who are interested in them. But nowhere in the New Testament does the argument descend to that level. Sometimes young men are urged to become Christians to save their souls. Young men need to be reminded that it is a worthy endeavor for them to seek their personal salvation, but when the New Testament pleads for the acceptance of Christ it speaks in grandest tones. Young men, become Christians, not to be happy, nor to please your folks, or even to save your immortal souls, but to throw yourselves into the hard, rough work of bringing a stubborn world back to God.

This world is wrong side up; only Christian men can set it right. Mankind is wandering in darkness; only Christian men can turn on the light. Heroism is an exalted virtue, but mankind has made no progress in physical heroism since time began. Moral heroism needs to be cultivated.

Moral Growth Behind.

Our problems are due to the fact that our material advancement has outstripped our moral growth. Never was there more of a chance for moral heroism than is presented by the world today. The social world is full of foolishness and frivolity. It can be purified only by those who have the spirit of Jesus. The political world is full of corruption and afflicted by gigantic wrongs. It can only be purified and its wrongs righted by men whose souls are heroic. The business world is not yet Christian. Dishonesty and greed, raw selfishness and the law of the jungle frequently dominate it. Only men and women who are willing to suffer like heroes can cleanse its Augean stables. The church is full of formalism and stiff inertia. Only men with hero stuff can put new wine in its old bottles. Education is too often dull and formal, cold and aloof from the struggling masses. Only those who have the spirit of Jesus will engage with never-flagging zeal in the thankless task of educating all the children of all the people.

Appeal to Young Made.

Young men, I appeal to you to be Christians, not to be happy, nor to please your mothers, nor even to save yourselves, but to sweeten the life of your city, conserve the strength of your nation and bring a lost world back to God.

Let us all follow the example of Christ, "who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant; being made in the likeness of men, and being found in fashion as a man. He humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death; yea, the death of the cross." Behold! Down, down, down! Up from the pit of his humiliation comes the exhortation: "Follow me," and down from the heights of his glory there falls the promise—"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne."