

MUNICIPAL CHURCH MERGED AS SOLUTION OF RELIGIOUS ISSUE

Plan Would Put Ban on Collections and Make One Place of Worship.

SUGGESTED BY MAYOR

Plan Would Provide for Regular City Official Spiritual Guide Who Would Get Salary.

Municipalizing of religion in the belief that there are too many sects, too many churches, too many ministers was recently publicly advocated by J. W. Catie, mayor of San Bernardino, Cal.

By municipalizing religion Mr. Catie would do away entirely with all churches and ministers of all creeds and sects and substitute in their stead one common municipal tabernacle to be run by the city for all the people of the city with the minister in charge a city official, paid by the city.

The mayor of San Bernardino is said to have announced his advocacy of such a course after a study of municipal and social problems in a sincere belief that it would do much toward their solution.

Mr. Catie's suggestion created an uproar in his home city. Here's his proposal:

Build a tabernacle by a bond issue, a structure that would hold between 2500 and 3000 persons, and change the law to authorize the construction of such an edifice, if necessary.

Would Bar Collections.
Appoint or select a minister to be the spiritual guide and mentor of the entire community. Get an expert. Pay him well. Provide good music. Meet all expenses by regular municipal taxation.

Eliminate absolutely the giving of church contributions, taking collections, or the pastor's salary and other expenses would not be met through the regular taxation channels.

Have the municipal person perform all marriage ceremonies and officiate at all funerals, as well as give free spiritual advice at all times.

"All churches now aim to reach a common end, the salvation of the soul, but the followers are being sent over different routes to reach the ultimate goal," says the mayor. "That being so, why should not society be organized to keep a watch on the people who do not touch the public pulse, but who form an association that takes part in different political issues and influences in matters far from spiritual, thus antagonizing and driving away the people they should try to reach? The minister of the municipal institution should not be allowed to take part in any controversy, political or otherwise, but should stay strictly on his job as the city's shepherd."

San Bernardino Has a Legal Advisor and a Political Advisor, why not a municipal spiritual advisor?

Under Mayor Catie's scheme there would be no church organization and everyone by virtue of taxation would be a member whether he wanted to be or not.

And here are two statements in refutation of anticipated objections to his plan:

"All the churches are needed, you say," says the Rev. R. P. Shepherd, speaking at Pomona, 10,000 churches have been abandoned and there are today fewer preachers than there were ten years ago. Fewer churches and better ones seem to be the need today.

"The present investment in churches need not be entirely lost, as when closed they could be made over into apartment houses."

"Therefore, I say let us have only one good route to heaven and a municipal minister to point the way. People would get there easier; there would be no more battle or creeds and no more factional strife, and it would be a more absolutely peaceful family."

Son of Christianized Rabbi to Speak Here

Joseph Cohn, son of the famous reform rabbi, Leopold Cohn, of the synagogue, to preach Christ among the million Jews in New York will address a meeting at the First German Reformed church, Twelfth and Clay streets, at 3 p. m. tomorrow.

His subject will be: "How a Jewish Rabbi Found Christ," and will be the story of the experiences and trials suffered by his father when he accepted Christianity.

Mr. Cohn is an eloquent speaker and is perhaps the most prominent Hebrew in the Christian world.

Everybody is welcome. A special program of music and song has been prepared.

Entertainment Is Financial Success

One of the most enjoyable entertainments in the history of the Highland Congregational church took place last night, Monday, Feb. 8, when a benefit concert was given under the auspices of the Ladies Aid society for the musical directors' fund. Vocal solos were rendered by Ruth Peterson, Misses Mary Palmer and Mrs. Morgan Fowler; duets were sung by Misses Pfander and Palmer and Professor W. J. Carlock, accompanied with piano and on harmonium. Mrs. Elsie Bond Bischoff was the accompanist. The entertainment netted \$52.

Psychology Will Be Dr. Dyott's Theme

Luther R. Dyott, pastor of the First Congregational church, Park and Madison streets, will begin a series of sermons in his church tomorrow evening, his general theme being, "Practical Psychology."

Dr. Dyott's sermon tomorrow will be entitled, "What is Psychology and What Are Its Fields?" On February 21, it will be "The Emotions and the Will," on February 28, "Memory and Expectation," on March 7, "The Use of Psychology in Business and on March 14, "The Broadest and Best Use of Psychology."

"The morning services tomorrow will include special music by the choir and a practical sermon by the pastor on 'The After-Voice.'"

Special Prayer for Missions to Be Held

Next Thursday the Women's Missionary society of the Baptist churches of Portland, will meet in the lecture hall of the White Temple from 2 to 4 in the afternoon to observe the "Day of Prayer for Missions." A special program has been arranged, and Dr. Hinson will speak at the close of the service. All interested women are invited to unite in the keeping of this "Day of Prayer."

Endeavor Society Will Produce Play

The Christian Endeavor society of the Montavilla Christian church, East Seventy-sixth and Hoyt streets, will give an entertainment in the church Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

An orchestra under the direction of M. O. Rose will render several selections during the evening's program.

The main feature of the evening will be a farcical comedy entertainment, "Graduation Day at Wood Hill School." In two scenes. The sketch is under the direction of Clarence Sprague, executive secretary of the Oregon State C. E. union, and the cast of characters is composed of 17 prominent workers of the society, a combination which insures a successful performance and one that will be enjoyed by all those present.

The proceeds of the evening will be applied on pledges and other necessary expenses.

Pastor Leaves for Pendleton Soon

Rev. J. E. Snyder who recently tendered his resignation as pastor of Piedmont Presbyterian church in this city will preach his final sermon in this church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Snyder expects to leave for Pendleton where he has been called to take charge of the Presbyterian church, on next Wednesday morning.

Mr. Snyder severed his connection with the church after having pastored several years pastorate during which he increased the church's size and influence. In resigning he assigned as his reason, "he believed 'new blood' was needed."

Bible and Schools Subject Tomorrow

Another live topic of current interest and importance has been selected by the committee of the Current Events class for discussion at the regular meeting tomorrow, immediately following the morning service at the First Presbyterian church, corner Twelfth and Alder streets. Rev. David A. Kiehle, D. D., will present the subject, "The Bible and the Public Schools."

In his short address, after which the question will be thrown open for general discussion. The public is invited.

Special Lincoln Services Planned

At the morning service tomorrow at Mount Tabor Methodist church, Dr. E. E. Eldridge will preach upon the topic, "The Home and Child Culture." "Abraham Lincoln" will be the subject for the evening sermon, and special Lincoln exercises will be held at the Sunday school at 8 a. m.

The Friendship circle of the church will hold its regular business and social meeting at the Deacons home, 2125 Twenty-sixth and Plaines streets, on Wednesday next, at 8 p. m. All interested in the deacons work are invited to attend this meeting. A free will offering will be taken for the benefit of the home.

Veterans to Attend Sellwood Baptist

"Lincoln as a Christian" will be the theme of Rev. E. H. Hayes, pastor, tomorrow morning at the Sellwood Baptist church, and members of Blackmar Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R. and A. J. Smith Post, G. A. R. of Sellwood, are expected to attend the service.

The final course of lessons by Mr. Garrison will begin Tuesday evening at the Christian Y. M. C. A. at Tacoma. He will begin tomorrow evening at the Christian Y. M. C. A. in the Abington building, a series of Sunday evening public lesson talks on "Yoga as a Religion," and to present day problems. The final course of lessons by Mr. Garrison will begin Tuesday evening at the Christian Y. M. C. A. at Tacoma. He will begin tomorrow evening at the Christian Y. M. C. A. in the Abington building, a series of Sunday evening public lesson talks on "Yoga as a Religion," and to present day problems.

The Epworth League of the First Methodist Episcopal church, South Union and Multnomah streets, will resume its regular monthly business meeting yesterday at the church decided to study "The Child and the Church" with a different leader for each chapter.

Albany Secretary Leaving for Idaho

Deles L. Foster, who has been general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Albany for two years, has accepted the secretaryship of the association at Kellogg, Idaho, and will leave for his new post tomorrow morning.

Before going to Albany, Mr. Foster will be at Kellogg for two years. For economical reasons, Physical Director, Mr. Foster, will not be accompanied by his secretary, and his position will not be served for a while.

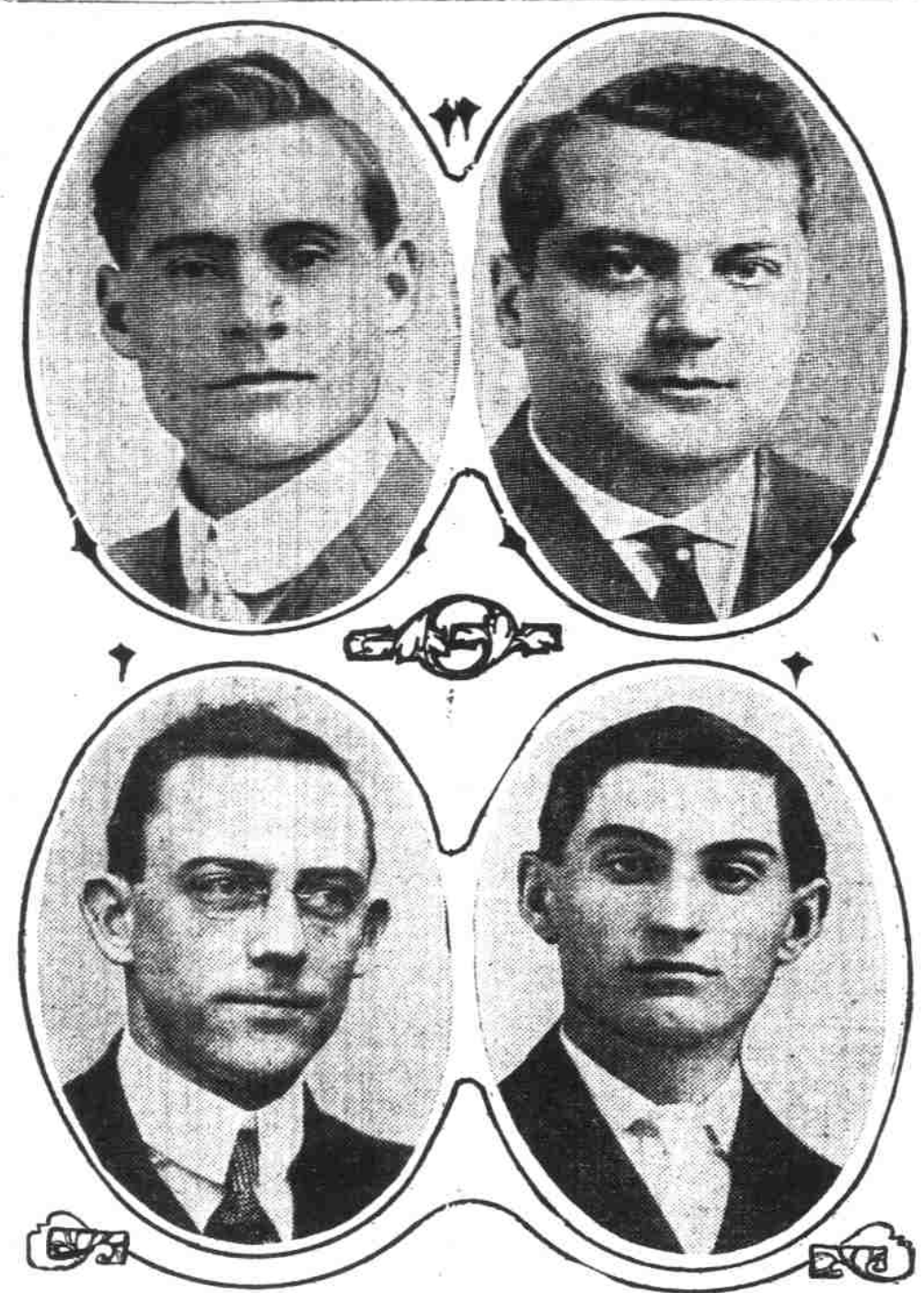
23rd Anniversary of Pastorate Observed

In honor of the twenty-third anniversary of his pastorate, members and friends of Rev. J. J. Staub, of Sunnyside Congregational church, tendered a reception to their pastor and his family. A special program had been arranged by the different churches of the city.

The enjoyment of the church for gathering that ever assembled in the church, S. C. Pier, in behalf of the friends of Rev. J. J. Staub, and his family on their long labor in the church, emphasizing the usefulness of the church and the church had acquired through Dr. Staub's efforts.

Many gifts were received by the pastor.

ENDEAVORERS HOLD THEIR BIGGEST RALLY



Top, left to right—Walter L. Myers, chairman of convention committee of State Christian Endeavor Convention which will meet at Eugene next Friday, Saturday and Sunday; Karl Lehman of Boston, Mass., interstate field secretary of United Society of Christian Endeavor, one of nationally prominent men, who will address state convention.

Bottom, left to right—A. H. Charters, president of Spokane Avenue Presbyterian Christian Endeavor society; L. B. Herder, president of Zion German Congregational Endeavor society.

The annual rally of the 58 Christian Endeavor societies of the city held last Tuesday evening in the Westminister Presbyterian church, proved the largest gathering of its kind ever held in Portland. Many hundreds of people assembled in the auditorium to pay homage to the anniversary of the birth of the Endeavor movement and to hear Rev. J. J. Staub, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, speak on the subject: "Bliss and Mollified."

The roll call resulted in two societies, the Spokane Avenue Presbyterian and the Spokane Avenue Presbyterian, responding with a perfect attendance of their members, 30 coming from Millard avenue, and 13 from the Sellwood church.

Special songs, yells and stunts were features of the opening part of the program. The singing, under the leadership of Dr. J. W. McMichael, was enjoyed by the audience. Henry Marcotte delivered a message of welcome and G. Evert Baker presented the two trophy cups to the winning societies. The third cup is to be presented to the Spokane Avenue Presbyterian society tomorrow night at a special young peoples' service.

WHAT CHURCH MEMBERS AND CLERGY ARE DOING

Interesting Studies Presented.
Special mid-week services are now in session on Thursday evenings at the First Presbyterian church, corner Twelfth and Alder streets, in preparation for the Easter season. Rev. Edwin H. Boyd, D. D., pastor, is presenting some interesting studies in the experiences of Jesus. The study for this week is "The Resurrection of Jesus." The study for next week is "The Resurrection of Jesus." The study for the following week is "The Resurrection of Jesus."

Relation of Nations.
"Man to Man Among the Nations of the World," will be the sermon subject of the Rev. W. G. Elliot Jr., at the Unitarian church, Broadway and Yamhill streets, tomorrow morning. Dr. Elliot will discuss of the relations of nations as performed by individuals, between the citizens of different nations and a white art. The sermon is one of a series in "The Finalities of Faith."

Lincoln Patriotic Service.
A Lincoln Patriotic service will be held at the Sunnyside Congregational church Sunday evening under the auspices of The Men's League. Special selections of music will be rendered by the choir and the Veterans' Male quartet. W. G. Pike will deliver the address of the occasion on "The Life and Influence of Lincoln." The public is cordially welcome.

Visiting Pastor to Speak.
Rev. W. J. Fenton of the Pacific conference, formerly of the Columbia conference, will occupy the pulpit of the Union Avenue Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow, both in the morning and in the evening at 7 o'clock. The Chambers quartet will sing at the morning service. The public cordially invited.

Health and Religion Is Theme.
"Health and Religion" will be the theme of a series of sermons which will last until Easter at the Kenilworth Presbyterian church. Tomorrow the subject of the pastor, Rev. L. K. Richardson, will be "Bible Healing."

Pastor Recovers Health.
Rev. Frank James, pastor of Woodstock Methodist Episcopal church, recovered from his recent illness and will occupy his pulpit at both morning and evening services tomorrow.

To Occupy Own Pulpit.
Rev. C. Howard Davis, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, East Seventh and Couch streets, will occupy his own pulpit Sunday morning and evening.

Missionary Society Meeting.
The Women's Home Missionary society of Sellwood Methodist church will meet at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Orcutt, 827 Spokane avenue.

Women Plan Meeting.
The women of the Transylvania circle of the First Christian church have planned for a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. H. V. Hartzell, 1048 Division street, next Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock at which the following program will be rendered: Vocal selection, Mrs. J. R. Thiehoff; reading, Helen Berry; paper, "Under the Roof of the World," Mrs. H. R. Winchell. Quotations from favorite authors, Mesdames Kuriz, McKernan and Leonard.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

NATIONAL LEADERS TO ATTEND BIG CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION

Statewide Meeting Will Assemble for Three Day Session at Eugene on Friday.

The twenty-fourth state convention of Christian Endeavor societies will open at Eugene next Friday morning to continue in session through Saturday and Sunday. For the past two months, extensive advertising has been carried on by the convention committee, located at Eugene, in all parts of Oregon.

Large posters, letters, and copies of the State Christian Endeavor paper, have been carrying the slogan of "500 or bust" to the small churches in outlying districts as well as the larger societies of the towns and cities. Indications are that 500 will be in attendance. In a letter from the convention committee, it is stated that a carload of people are coming from Coos county alone. About 75 will come from Portland and vicinity.

Special transportation arrangements are under way for the accommodations of people going by way of Portland. A special train will leave the Union depot over the main line of the Southern Pacific on Friday afternoon, the nineteenth, at 2:30 p. m., providing 51 or more have registered on or before February 16, paying \$3.60 to C. E. headquarters at Eugene, and \$1.00 to Eugene, for which receipt will be given, entitling the holder to a ticket on the train and a railroad certificate which will provide for a one-third rate return.

This train will make stops along the main line at points where Endeavorers desire to board this train, and will arrive in Eugene about 8 p. m. in time for the evening program. The special will return to Portland on Sunday evening following the close of the convention. The train will be carrying a special will not be required to return on this train, the privilege of coming back on the regular trains being extended until Tuesday, the twenty-first.

The program of the convention will be of special interest this year since three great leaders in the Christian Endeavor movement are present in the persons of Karl Lehman, interstate field secretary for the United Society of Christian Endeavor; H. H. Rottmann, field secretary for the West; and Clyde E. Van der Maaten, president of the Idaho Christian Endeavor union, and a former field secretary.

Following the three day session at Eugene, Mr. Lehman will hold meetings in Portland, Albany, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Newberg, Oregon and other points, and from towns and communities near these points will gather to hear and to meet him.

The annual election of officers, raising of a budget for next year's state union work, and the report of the future work committee, will be among the special features of the business sessions of the convention.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Congregational church will meet Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the parlors of the church. Mrs. Flora E. Wolfenden will speak on "The Religions of the Hawaiian Islands." Miss Alta Blood, "The Work of the Chicago Commons."

The hostesses having this meeting are Mrs. W. L. Johnston, Mrs. M. F. Henderson, Mrs. W. B. Knapp, Mrs. M. Walton, Mrs. G. B. Tobey, Mrs. R. C. Taylor, Mrs. A. H. Harding, Mrs. W. D. Palmer and Mrs. J. D. Ripley. All women of the church and their friends are invited to attend.

Methodist Revival To Begin Tomorrow

Tomorrow morning at Gresham Free Methodist, Tyler J. Colburn, president of the Holiness Ministers' association and pastor of the West Piedmont Friends church, will commence revival services under the auspices of the Free Methodist church, corner Twelfth and Alder streets, at 7:30 o'clock each evening until February 28, with services mornings and evenings Sundays. Later afternoon meetings will be arranged.

Rev. Melville T. Wire, pastor, will be unable to occupy his pulpit tomorrow at Linneman Memorial Methodist Episcopal church, owing to the illness of his wife, who was taken to a Portland hospital Friday morning.

At the evening musical service at this church, Mrs. E. H. Jones and C. C. Hargrove, and Mrs. E. W. Aylesworth and C. E. Rusher will render a duet.

Dr. Hinson to Hold Revival in Spokane

The Rev. W. R. Hinson, pastor of the White Temple, will hold a series of evangelistic meetings at the First Baptist church, Spokane, from March 1 to March 10, inclusive, every evening and Sunday during his stay in the inland city. Prior to his coming, during the first week in March, out-of-town friends were invited to the homes of members of the church to prepare for the revival. Dr. Hinson's assistant, the Rev. Mrs. A. W. De Long, will hold the pulpit at the White Temple during his absence.

Revival Series to Be Held by Dr. Law
Rev. L. P. Law, pastor of the First Methodist church, Seattle, has decided to conduct the series of revivals in the Methodist south church at Corvallis. The series will start February 21, and last several weeks. He will be assisted by Mrs. Law, who is an evangelist singer. Dr. Law conducted services of this nature in Corvallis about a year ago, and was quite successful.

Adjutant Freed Is To Leave the Coast
Adjutant and Mrs. George J. Freed, with headquarters at Seattle, who for the past six years have had charge of the Salvation Army Scandinavian branch in the Pacific northwest, have received orders transferring them to new territory. They will arrive here today from the Sound to bid their comrades and friends farewell on their last night at the Scandinavian Army hall, Tenth and Burnside streets.

At the branch of the Salvation Army has prospered greatly under the leadership of Adjutant and Mrs. Freed and it is with deep regret their comrades and friends learn of their leaving.

The adjutant's new command has not as yet been announced.

Predatory Wealthy Scored by Bishop

"Our centers of vice are the slums and the '400's; they are much alike," said the Rt. Rev. Charles D. Williams, bishop of Michigan recently in a violent attack on the predatory rich in which John D. Rockefeller, Richard Baer, the coal magnate, and the land-owners of New York fell under the flail. The attack was made in the course of a speech at Cooper Union, New York.

"I don't believe one of our swollen fortunes was gained by productive activity," asserted the bishop. "No man could have possibly laid the foundations of such colossal fortunes as we see around us. They have all come about through the power of privilege and loving tribute."

Forced rebates permitted Standard Oil to steal legally, stated the bishop, and the advertising he dubbed the "mother of trusts" enabling the U. S. Steel corporation to steal legally and the agricultural machinery trust to reap its reapers and mowers to Canadians more cheaply than to people at home.

"Richard Baer and his friends grabbed Pennsylvania coal fields," declared Bishop Williams. "They said, 'Pay us what we want or you'll freeze.' And we saw a president of the United States down on his knees, begging for a release, Mr. Baer, give us some coal."

And flaying the land owner, he said: "Mr. Astor gets a bit of land on Manhattan island for a few links and a hole in the ground and the Young New York, but spends his living in ease. Yet every child born on Manhattan island raises the value of land about \$15 and most of this goes into his pocket."

The Sunday school of this church met last night and the Young People's meetings are held in the lower Temple and in the church parlor at 6:15.

Will Have Charge Los Angeles Work

Adjutant and Mrs. R. Goode, of the Scandinavian branch of the Salvation Army here, have just received instructions of transfer to Los Angeles, to take charge of the work there. Here, Adjutant and Mrs. Goode have been three years, and during this time the local branch has been placed in a very flourishing condition. Ensign and Mrs. Fred Anderson of Tacoma will succeed Adjutant and Mrs. Goode. A farewell concert will be given at the Swedish tabernacle, Seventeenth and Gilsen streets, on the evening of February 26, in honor of Adjutant and Mrs. Goode.

CHURCH'S SOCIAL EVENTS ARE NUMEROUS

The Neighborhood clubs joined in an all day meeting at the White Temple last Tuesday. The attendance was large and much sewing was accomplished for local charitable organizations. Luncheon was served at noon by committee having the meeting in charge.

Mrs. M. C. George and Mrs. R. M. Jones entertained the members of the St. Vincent de Paul society, a national church at the home of Mrs. George, Thursday. At this meeting the annual election of officers took place, and new members were received into the circle. It was also voted to limit the membership to 50. Refreshments were served and a social hour followed the business meeting.

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Rabbi Will Speak To Presbyterians

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise will be heard before the Association of Presbyterian Ministers, in the church house of the First Presbyterian church, 454 Alder street, on Sunday morning, Feb. 14, 10:30. His subject will be "Customs of the Hebrews." The lectures will be illustrated with 50 stereopticon slides. This is a special meeting at which both men and women will be admitted.

Over 1500 Received Into Baptist Church

On Sunday morning at the White Temple the pastor will preach a sermon of the Kingdom series answering the question: "Are There Two Resurrections?" The Temple quartet will sing the hymn "The Kingdom of God" and Norman G. Howe will sing for an offertory "How Many Hired Servants" by Sullivan. At night the pastor will preach on the theme: "Who Made God?" There will be special music in the evening with Lucien Becker's organ recital commencing at 7:15 o'clock.

The Day of Atonement, when Baptism will be administered at the night service, when several candidates will be baptized. Over 1500 members have been received into this church during the four years and nine months of the present pastorate.

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