

WITH THE CHURCHES

BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
 Preaching service at 11 a. m.
 Junior B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.
 Senior B. Y. P. U. 8:30 p. m.
 Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

DUNDEE M. E. CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Preaching 11:00 a. m.
 Epworth League 7:00 p. m.
 Prayer meeting Thursday 8:00 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
 Christian Science Society holds services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Wednesday evening services at 8 o'clock at 106 South College street. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
 H. E. Kreider, pastor, residence 508 Grant street; phone Blue 70.
 Sunday school at 10 a. m.
 Preaching at 11 a. m.
 Young people's meeting at 8:30. There will be no preaching in the evening, and the congregation will join in the union service at the Friends church.

FRIENDS CHURCH
 Sunday morning subject at Friends church; "Looking Through the Portals into the New Year." Fred E. Carter.
 Sunday evening at 7:30 a. Near East relief worker, Miss Mary A. Rolfe, will speak.

HAZARENE CHURCH
 E. J. Lord, pastor; residence 900 Fifth street. Phone Blue 173.
 Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
 Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
 Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.
 Young people's meeting 6:30 p. m. Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Services at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath as usual except for the union evening service at the Friends church, in interest of the Near East relief. Warm and urgent invitation to the public, especially those not identified with any of the other churches, to attend these services.

Prayer meeting the following Wednesday evening at 7:45 promptly; and choir rehearsal at 8:30 sharp.

M. E. CHURCH
 Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
 Classes for all ages.
 Preaching 11:00 a. m.
 Junior Epworth League 2:30 p. m.
 Senior Epworth League 6:30 p. m.
 Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

A large and appreciative audience attended the Christmas exercises at the Methodist church last Sunday evening. The program was made up of songs, recitations and dialogues by children of the Sunday school, several beautiful selections by the Sunday school orchestra, and three special numbers by the choir. An offering for the starving people in the Near East was taken.

After the Christmas exercises last Sunday night about thirty members of the Methodist choir went caroling. They sang the Christmas songs for fifteen families, among these were sick ones and people shut in. About 10:30 after singing for the pastor and bidding each other good night and a Merry Christmas, the crowd broke up.

The members of the junior league enjoyed a Christmas party last Saturday in the church rooms. The children played lively games and late in the afternoon sacks of candy, popcorn and nuts were passed. The room was decorated with Christmas trees and other Christmas decorations.

A large crowd of Epworth Leaguers and friends of the league enjoyed a very successful carol service last Sunday evening at the regular league hour. The program consisted of the popular Christmas hymns and the Christmas story.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 C. H. Phillips, minister. Services: Bible school 9:45; communion 11 a. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. 5 and 6:30; song service 7:30. Prayer service Wednesday 7:30 p. m. A cordial greeting for all who attend.

A number of senior Endeavorers played Santa Claus to some needy people of the town on Sunday evening last. They collected groceries, etc., and deposited them on the steps of the houses visited as a pleasant surprise to those who were within and anticipating a rather lean Christmas. This is real Christmas endeavor and we should thank God for the young people who, in the midst of festivities, are able to think of the needs of others and visit them in the name of Christ.

Next Lord's day is to be a busy one for the church. The morning session will commence with the Bible school, and Brother Phillips at the worship hour of the church will bring a message appropriate to the New Year celebration. "The Price of Progress" is the title. Following the last two sermons sounding an optimistic note, this should be helpful and full of inspiration. At 12:30 a basket lunch will be served cafeteria style in the basement. Church and Bible school officers are to be elected in the afternoon and a special address delivered by Hugh Brunk, pastor of the church at McMinnville.

This should be a great rally day for the entire membership at all services.

At the Wednesday prayer meeting hour next week Mr. Phillips will commence a series of studies in the book of Revelation. It is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to gain a deeper knowledge of this most wonderful message of Jesus Christ to His church.

The sermon hours for the next few Sunday evenings will be devoted to discussing and answering suggested topics and questions from the congregation. The plan is simple. Write the topic you wish discussed, or the question that you desire answered, upon paper and hand or mail to Mr. Phillips the previous week and it will receive acknowledgement and form the basis of part of the evening's study. The only restriction is that every topic and question must pertain to the religion of Jesus Christ.

Through the courtesy of the editors of the Graphic we have been able each week to acquaint many with the work of the church. We certainly appreciate this kindness and the opportunity of making ourselves and our work known to many whom we do not meet personally. To these especially, and to the members and all our friends, we take this opportunity to extend our sincerest good wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. We pray for you the fellowship of Jesus Christ, the author and source of all true joy and happiness, may be richer and fuller than ever before; that your interest in the work of His kingdom may be increased so that you may rejoice at the onward march of righteousness and be found at the close of the year with but few regrets because of faithlessness. Fifty-two Lord's days spent in the house of the Lord will form a sure foundation for a happy new year and should you care to spend two or fifty-two with us you can be sure of a brotherly, christian welcome.

PROGRAM AT CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Bible school entertainment given at the Church of Christ on Friday evening of last week exceeded the expectations aroused by the published program. The house was filled to capacity, late comers having to stand. The children were at their best and everything went off without a hitch. It would really be hard to say which was the best number rendered as all were good, yet some deserve special mention. The little play was splendid and the acting was devoid of all stiffness, the Brownies being especially good and creating a wealth of amusement when they brought in their Christmas pie, which when opened revealed a beautiful little fairy (Ruth Collins). A fine drill by the intermediate girls was well received and the pantomime by the senior girls was really beautiful. The stage effects were fine and the decorations, chief of which was the Christmas tree, were in keeping with the season. A collection was received for "benevolent work." Altogether it was a splendid evening's entertainment and fully repaid the efforts of those responsible. A vote of thanks is due the various committees who made possible the event and particularly the program committee, Ethel Johnson, Freda Parrish and Zella Hughes, who were untiring in their work of training the children.

RELIC OF SAXON DAYS

The New Year begins precisely at midnight and almost everyone nowadays sees the New Year in by general festivities and many good resolutions, which are promptly forgotten on January 2.

The festivities marking this occasion, says Hereward Carrington, scientist and author, are very ancient and in old Saxon days it was the custom to partake of a bowl of speed ale, which was passed around with the expression "Wasshael," which meant "to your health!" Hence the origin of the Wassal, or Wassel bowl.

We now keep New Year on January the first but the Chinese, Jews, Turks and many others do not observe it on this day. Even Christian countries have not always observed it thus; the Romans began the year with the March equinox. The later Teutonic nations for a long time continued counting the beginning of the year from March 25. It was only in 1563, by an edict of Charles IX, that France changed the time of the beginning of the year to January 1. In 1600 Scotland made the same change, and England only did so in 1752, when the Gregorian system was adopted there. It will thus be seen that the New Year, observed on January 1, is relatively new, though we are accustomed to think that it dates back from time immemorial.

It was Julius Caesar, in the year 48 B. C., who first reformed the calendar—altered by the Egyptian astronomer Sosigenes. He made it a few minutes too long, and a second correction was necessary. Pope Gregory made certain changes in 1582, A. D. and additional minor changes were made later on, from the "old style" to the "new style" calendar.

We now employ the new style. After the French revolution France decided to set up an entirely new order of things. A new calendar was made. The Christian era was wiped out, and was replaced by the new French era, beginning September 22, 1792. Instead of our week of seven days, a week of ten days was established—in accordance with the decimal system—the tenth day being set aside for rest.

Instead of the mythological names of the months, others deduced from the prevailing seasons of the year were substituted. Everything was to be based upon reason! The Notre Dame was converted into a "Temple of Reason."

Mme. Momo, the young and beautiful wife of a Jacobin printer, was chosen to represent "Reason." And so it went.

The months were chosen and given French names which were thought to be characteristic of them. Thus autumn had a vintage month, a foggy month and a sleety month. Winter, a snowy month, a rainy month and a windy month. Spring, a budding month, a flowery month and a pasture month. Summer, a harvest month, a hot month and a fruit month.

Each month began somewhere between the 18th and the 22nd—according to our reckoning. Thus the first month of the autumn trio began on September 22, and lasted until October 21, etc.

With the restoration of a stable government in France, this calendar was repealed, and the usual one substituted. But for a time, as we have seen, New Years day did not begin on January 1, in France, so late as the last century, and it does not begin on that date in non-Christian countries even today!

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