

# Medford Is a City of Fine and Up-to-Date Schools and Churches

## THE CHURCHES

(By Rev. W. F. Shields.)  
 Medford is well supplied with churches. There are nine denominations that have church buildings in the city. The Presbyterian church was organized in 1885 with nine members. The membership of the church since its organization is 376. The present membership is 225. The organizations within the church are: The Men's club, the Ladies' Aid, the Woman's Missionary society, the Senior Christian Endeavor society, the Junior Christian Endeavor society, the Junior Bible society, the King's Daughters and the Sunday school. The present building is insufficient for the Sunday school and the congregation, and the people of the church contemplate erecting a church edifice in the near future in keeping with the growth of the city of Medford, and suited to the growing demands of the church. The estimated cost of the new structure is from \$35,000 to \$50,000. The church now owns property valued at \$40,000. This church stands for all that is uplifting and progressive. Rev. Weston F. Shields is the pastor.

**First Baptist Church.**  
 The First Baptist church of Medford, Or., was organized in June 1885, with a charter membership of nine members—eight women and one man, the only man being S. L. Bennett, Sr., who is still a member and has held the office of deacon since the date of organization. The church building was erected in 1887, where it is located at the present time.

Altogether ten pastors have served the church, the present pastor, A. A. Holmes, having begun his services February 1, 1910.

The church expends over \$3000 a year for local expenses and gives to benevolence of various kinds over \$1000 a year. There have been about 800 members who have united with the church since its organization, and the present membership is 350. The Sunday school, of which H. C. Garnett is superintendent, has an enrollment of 285 scholars. There is great need of more Sunday school room in the church building and in the near future either an addition to the present building or a new church building will be a necessity. A live Young People's society, with Maurice Reid as president, is one of the useful departments of the church work. Mrs. G. G. Shirley is president of the Ladies' Aid society, and Mrs. H. S. Stine is president of the Woman's Home Mission society, both of which are doing good work in the church. During the past year 115 members have united with the church. The church has recently purchased property at the corner of Twelfth street and South Central avenue, valued at \$5000. The total value of church property is estimated at \$35,000.

**First Methodist Episcopal Church.**  
 The date of the organization of the Methodist class in Medford is not exactly fixed by any historical records, but was about 1885. Brother Simpson, who was pastor of the Ashland circuit at that time, transferred the membership of the Phoenix class to Medford and organized the church in this place. The present church building was begun under the pastorate of J. W. Miller and completed by G. W. Quimby. In 1892 Medford appears in the minutes as an independent charge, and Rev. E. E. Phipps was appointed pastor. At this time the membership was less than one hundred and the pastor received \$376 salary, and the church raised \$34 for benevolences. During the past six years the membership of the church and Sunday school has more than doubled, and the financial and benevolent work has more than kept pace with the numerical growth. The present membership is three hundred and is growing quite rapidly—so much so that the present building is totally inadequate to accommodate the church and Sunday school. The pressing need, at present is a new, modern church building, with better Sunday school facilities and large enough to accommodate the growing congregations. It is the purpose of this church in the near future, probably early in the new year, to begin the construction of such a building, one that will be a credit to the city of Medford.

Rev. L. F. Belknap is at present pastor of the church.

**First Christian Church.**  
 The First Christian church of Medford, Or., was organized on November 24, 1884. Of the charter members, only three are members now—Mrs. J. K. Darnell of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Miller of Gold Hill.

At the present time there is a resident membership of about 200. W. Theodore at Mock, the present pastor, has been with the church 15



WASHINGTON SCHOOL.

The church has a thriving Bible school with an average attendance of over 100. A good, live Christian Endeavor, a splendid Ladies' Aid society and a growing auxiliary of the Christian Women's board of missions. The church property, which is located near the center of the city, is valued at about \$15,000.

The past year has been one of splendid progress along all lines. The church has been strengthened by a substantial increase in membership and has made great spiritual developments.

Before the close of the year 1911 the church expects to have finished a modern, fireproof, up-to-date building in every respect.

**Southern Methodist Church.**

The Southern Methodist church was organized in Medford about 20 years ago with a membership of six. The growth of this church has not been rapid at any time, but, overcoming one difficulty after another, it has made a steady advance. It has a membership now of about 100.

This church is situated on the corner of West Main street and Oakdale avenue, just opposite the Washington school. The location is one of the very best in the city and is growing more and more valuable. The present house of worship, however, is not adequate to the demand of the times in which we are living, so it is the purpose of the church to build a modern house of worship in the near future.

There are services in this church every Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m.; Epworth league and Bible study, 6:30 p. m.; preaching, 7:30 p. m.; prayer meeting each Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Everybody welcome. Strangers specially invited.

Rev. J. P. Hips, the pastor, lives at 25 N. Oakdale. Phone No. 1951.

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church.**

This church began last spring the erection of a business block to cover the 100 feet facing on Main street. Bishop Seadling had engaged to provide the funds for this building, which will mean in the future a great deal for the upbuilding of the Episcopal church in the Rogue River valley. This building has been completed at an expense of some \$32,000. It consists of four stores, eight offices and a large guild hall, 40x82 feet, with two well-furnished parlors, a well-equipped kitchen, etc. A steam heating plant heats the whole building. At present Sunday school and church services are being held in the Guild hall.

The foundation stone for the new church was laid last April, but work has for some time been suspended until the quarry could furnish stone, and sufficient funds can be secured to continue the work.

Some \$10,000 has already been pledged, but several thousand more will be required to finish the building according to the original plans. Rev.



ST. MARY'S ACADEMY.

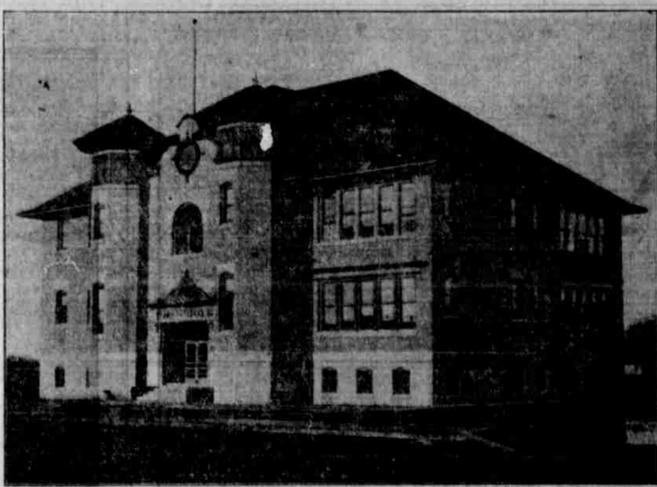
William Lucas is rector.

The Free Methodist church was organized in 1901. The present membership is 35. Rev. E. J. Herrington is the present pastor. This congregation of people have been progressive. They have a nice little church building and are erecting a fine parsonage. The property of this church is estimated at \$5000. The congregation is planning to add to the present church edifice to keep pace with the growth of our city. This church is on the corner of Twelfth and Ivy streets.

The Seventh-Day Adventist church is on North Riverside. The people of this church built their house of worship two years ago. Rev. W. L. Black is in charge of the work. The church is prosperous, and in connection with the church work carries on a denominational school for its young people. The property is valued at \$3000. This church asks for its share in the moral uplift of the city and proposes to make good.

The German Lutheran church is located on the corner of Oakdale and Fourth streets. There is a large German element in our city, and the services of the church are conducted in the German language. There is a church guilding and parsonage owned by this people valued at \$5,000. The Lutherans are everywhere noted for their morality and Godliness, and the people of this church are upright and industrious. Their plans for the future are equal to the expected growth of the numbers of their people.

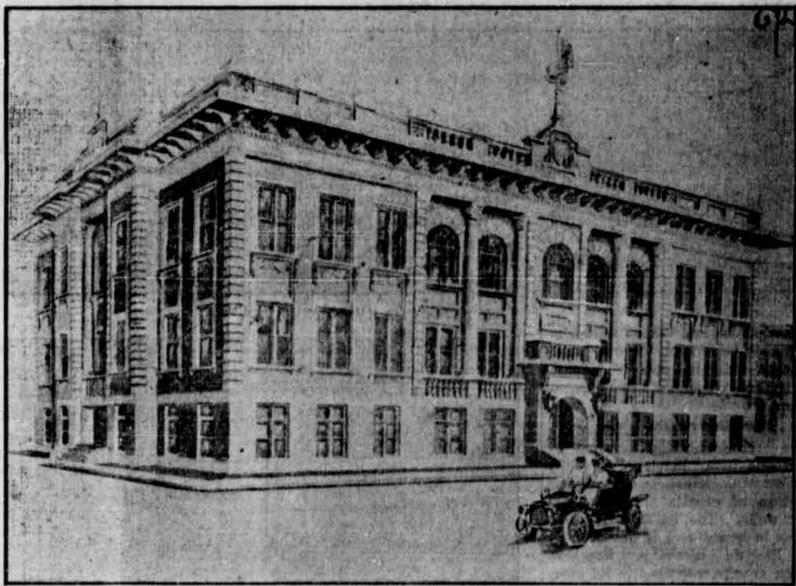
The Roman Catholic church was organized early in the history of Medford, and the first church building was in the north of the city on the corner of Front and Third streets. Two years ago a fine edifice was built on South Oakdale avenue, and also a manse for the priest. St. Mary's Academy, a new school building, stands on the corner of



LINCOLN SCHOOL.



HIGH SCHOOL.



QUEEN ANNE AND JACKSON SCHOOLS, TO BE ERECTED DURING 1911.

Holly and Twelfth streets. A large hospital is in contemplation by this people. The present value of the property of this church is \$50,000. The estimated value of the proposed hospital is \$100,000. As all the buildings of this church are new and up to date, it is ready for the present and prepared for the increased growth in the future.

The churches of the city have been harmonious. There is no strife among the churches. Nothing is more discreditable here than for one church to attempt to profit at the loss of another. There is a common understanding among the pastors of the various churches to help each other, and co-operate with

each other in the religious work of the city. The membership of the churches is composed of men and women representing the various walks in life. They are prominent in business, in the professions and in every great enterprise of our city. The church people are zealous in their efforts to make Medford a large, beautiful and moral city. Most of the churches were active in an effort to banish the liquor from our city, and our state. All stand opposed to the immorality of the liquor traffic.

The members of the churches stand ready to lend assistance to any and all movements that are consistent with good morals and Christianity. They stand for the salvation of all the people and for the practice of righteousness and justice and brotherly love in the daily life. "Believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." "What doth Jehovah require of thee but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

The completeness (always) of a store's advertising is a reliable test of the completeness of the store service.

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## THE SCHOOLS

(By U. S. Collins, superintendent Medford city schools.)

Since the earliest dawn of civilization, the theme which has received the most earnest consideration, engaged the attention of the most thoughtful minds and awakened the profoundest discussions, is that of education. It enters into all matters of public concern and embodies the very source of national life, and, like patriotism, is becoming universal; that is, it is becoming of vital importance to each individual. Higher scholarship and higher professional qualifications seem to be the watchwords of the hour.

Today we stand on the threshold of a new era. Studies which affect human life in practical ways are replacing the old ones, the utility of which has long been questioned. The educational tendency is toward a training that supplies to the practical side of life, and dealing with these branches there is no community in the great commonwealth of the state of Oregon that offers better facilities along those lines than the city of Medford. Her system of public schools excels many larger cities in the kind of work done, and in the general interest in education, and her willingness to secure these results give her the distinction of having among the highest salaried teachers in the state.

Medford is probably unsurpassed by any city in the northwest in the beauty and equipment of the high school building recently completed—1909.

The course of study embraces English, Latin, German, French, among the languages; chemistry, physics, botany, physiography, astronomy, geology, agriculture, horticulture, among the sciences; American, ancient, mediæval, modern, English in history; algebra, geometry and trigonometry, in mathematics. Aside from any of these subjects the student has the advantage of training in commercial art, domestic science or manual training departments. These divisions are complete in themselves, each having their special room and instructor.

The commercial department gives instruction in bookkeeping, commercial correspondence, commercial law, commercial arithmetic, shorthand, typewriting and penmanship. The art department instructs in painting and mechanical drawing. The domestic science, the so-called "fad" of yesterday, is the necessity of today, and has so proven itself. It has grown into such favor among the girls in the high school that two instructors are necessary for this popular department. The manual training receives its full share of patronage in an excellent equipped and commodious room. The two last subjects begin in the fourth grades and continue through the high school.

Horticulture and agriculture are the two last subjects added to the science department of the high school.

The marked increase in the population of the city of Medford is realized in the fact that the large high school building but recently completed, together with the large commodious Washington school and annex, and the Lincoln school, cannot accommodate the 1600 students.

St. Mary's Academy is a private institution in the city which is doing a splendid work along educational lines. It is conducted by the Catholic sisters.

The new year has a most promising outlook, however, which is manifest in the construction of two large buildings to provide for the increase of population and attendance. These buildings will be constructed largely of brick and stone, of the latest architectural design, and contain the latest improvements in lighting, heating and ventilation. Each will be equipped with gymnasium, boys' and girls' lunchrooms, principal's office and library room.

Attention is given to physical education, and the mental value of the play, is considered just as great and as necessary as many of the regular "school exercises." Therefore such games as football, basketball, baseball and other outdoor games and exercises are encouraged within reasonable limits. The Medford high school football team now and for the past two years have held the championship of Southern Oregon.

There are many occasions throughout the school year whose attraction is very greatly aided by discourses of good music; in fact, there are many events where it is an essential thing. The high school orchestra and the high school mandolin club, under the faithful and efficient direction of a special instructor, are doing good work, and students musically inclined can enter at any time.

## The Greater Medford Club and its Work

By Hattie Warner Gore

The 20th day of April, 1911, will mark the eighth birthday of the Greater Medford club. For nearly eight years this organization of faithful and unselfish women, devoting itself to the study of civic betterment, has served the city of Medford, reflecting credit on the ability and foresight of its public spirited membership and accomplishing work of enduring value to the public. The useful city woman is a distinctive product of the last two decades and every city, north, south, east, west, presents its own individual problems, providing an extensive field for the exercise of originality and initiative in rendering effective service.

The first characteristic work undertaken by the ladies was that of improving and beautifying the city park blocks, after which the present beautiful fountain was installed, benches added and a gardener engaged to keep up the grounds. The public library consisting of some 50 volumes of current fiction and kept in a leading store next engaged the interest of the club, the books were removed to the city hall where more space could be secured and a campaign instituted to increase the number of volumes and interest a wider reading public. Tireless efforts have been put forth to secure a \$20,000 Carnegie library and at this time the final petition has been sent in and the prospect is exceedingly bright

for ultimate success. Public health, and sanitation, the humane treatment of dumb animals, the providing of public drinking fountains and the distribution of fruit and flowers to tourists have been taken up at stated times. Aggressive and effective work was done at a recent school election in getting the property holders out to vote, while praiseworthy efforts have been made to beautify the city streets. The special edition of the Mail Tribune, edited by the club last May, netted \$1200.00, while Block day swelled the club's funds by some \$400. Many delightful and informal afternoons of music and sociability have been given with the result that the club's membership has been largely increased and the talent of many ac-

complished women made available in attaining the desired ends. As a city grows in wealth and population the necessity for and the scope of civic improvement work increases; responsibilities weigh more heavily and the opportunities to serve the town are wider, all of which is an additional stimulus to high endeavor and greater activity. The park and the library boards are regarded as permanent factors in the civic work, additional acreage has been secured for park purposes, and a systematic canvas is being conducted for the purpose of inducing property holders to plant trees and cultivate roses. A rose show is one of the contemplated undertakings and a persistent effort toward market inspection and clean

streets and alleys, is apparent. Subscriptions are being solicited for the purpose of erecting a fountain on the site of the old depot and arousing an interest in parking the railroad right-of-way. The ridiculous over-crowding of the pupils of the public schools has caused much discussion among mothers and teachers and means are being devised for securing improved ventilation, shorter hours of home study, and a higher type of health among children of school age. In every effort put forth by the club, solicitation of public co-operation has been greeted with the most cordial and hearty support by the townspeople, who recognize the inestimable value to our community of The Greater Medford club.