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### THE CHURCHES

**Free Methodist.**  
No. 1228 North Winter street. Sunday services: Sabbath school 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:45 p. m. W. J. Johnston, pastor.

**Salvation Army.**  
Sunday services as follows: Knee drill, 9:30 a. m. Sunday school and Bible class, 10:30 a. m. Christian praise meeting, 3 p. m. Y. P. L., 6:15 p. m. Salvation meeting, 7:45 p. m. Week night services every night except Monday and Thursday. Capt. and Mrs. Keiso.

**Rural Chapel.**  
H. C. Stover, minister. Morning worship at 11:30. Sunday school at 10:30. Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m.

**Central Congregational.**  
Corner South Nineteenth and Ferry streets, H. C. Stover, minister. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Junior Christian Endeavor at 9 p. m. Senior Endeavor at 6:45 p. m. Evening sermon by the pastor at 7:30. Prayer and Bible study hour Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

**First Methodist Episcopal.**  
Corner of State and Church streets, Richard N. Avison, minister. 9 a. m. Class meeting. 9:45 a. m. Sabbath school, Messrs. Schramm and Gilye, superintendents. 11 a. m. Morning worship, sermon by the pastor. Subject: "A Country Worth Defending." 6:30 p. m. Intermediate League, Mrs. M. C. Findley, superintendent. 6:50 p. m. Epworth League, Miss Eva Scott, president. 7:30 p. m. Evening worship, Rev. B. O. Peterson, D. D. will speak on "The Challenge of the Philippines to the United States." Music by the choir under the direction of Dr. Frank W. Chace.

**First Congregational.**  
James Elvin, pastor. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Prof. W. I. Staley, superintendent. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Special music by chorus choir, direction of Wm. McGilchrist, Sr. Dr. Tufts, the author of the proposed new Sunday law will be the speaker at the morning service. Christian Endeavor at 6:30. All young people of church cordially invited to attend. Pleasant Sunday evening services at 7:30. Hearty congregational singing, general company good fellowship, fine choir music, moving pictures. Address by pastor, "A Tribute to the Telephone Girl." Subjects of moving pictures, "A Trip to Portugal," "Wild Birds of Scotland," and the famous telephone film "Spinners of Speech." Doors open at 7 o'clock. Come and bring a friend with you. Thursday evening meeting at 7:30. Studies in Book of Acts. On Friday afternoon at 2:30 the regular monthly missionary meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. S. S. East, 525 Center street. Topic, "An Hour in Alaska." Leader, Mrs. Phillip E. Bauer. Hostess, Messlames S. S. East, D. R. Ross, Lloyd Farmer.

**Leslie M. E.**  
This is the last Sunday of the contest with Jason Lee Sunday school. Every friend of Leslie church is urged to be present at the Sunday school session at 9:45. Joseph Barber, superintendent. Morning service 11 o'clock. Junior League, 3 p. m. Mrs. J. C. Spencer, superintendent. Epworth League, 6:30, topic, "The Gold of God." Helen Moore, leader. Evening service, 7:30. Preaching morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Spencer. Everybody welcome to these services.

**Lutheran.**  
East State and Eighteenth streets, George Koehler, pastor. Sunday school in German and English at 10 o'clock. Divine service at 10:30 a. m., subject "The Worst Famine in the World." Luther League at 7 p. m. Evening service in English at 7:30 p. m.

**First Church of Christ, Scientist.**  
Sunday services are held at 440 Chemeketa street, at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. Subject of Bible lesson, "Christ Jesus." Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock. Reading room in the Bible based building, suite 303, and is open every day, except Sundays and holidays, from 11:45 a. m. to 4 p. m. All are welcome to our services and invited to visit our reading room.

**Unitarian.**  
Corner of Chemeketa and Cottage streets, Richard F. Fischer, minister. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning service at 11 o'clock, subject "Unitarian Christianity, What It Stands For." No evening service. Mrs. T. H. Galloway will sing. Mr. Harry Mills, organist. All friends of progressive thought and of liberal religious are cordially invited to our services. Bring your friends.

**Commons Mission.**  
No. 241 State street, Rev. John Wood, fin speaks Sunday at 3 p. m. Services Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 p. m. Free employment office. Phone 918. J. D. Cook, superintendent.

**W. C. T. U.**  
Memorial service will be held in Ramp Memorial hall Sunday, 4 o'clock, in honor of Mary A. Ramp, who departed this life January 15, 1916. All white ribbons, relatives and friends are requested to be present. Rev. D. J. Goods will deliver the address.

**First Presbyterian.**  
Vacation day will be observed at the morning hour when the joy of shepherding, the romance of preaching will be presented by the pastor in the endeavoring to interest young people in considering the gospel ministry as a life-work. In the evening Dr. Tufts will speak on the proposed weekly rest day legislation. Do we want a new Sunday law in Oregon? Should the old Sunday law be repealed? There is an effort on foot to have it repealed, shall we let it go? If so, what shall take its place? The voters of Oregon will be asked in vote on the question. Dr. Tufts has the whole subject on his tongue's end. The Sunday school meets at 9:45 o'clock. Mr. Jos. Albert is superintendent. Classes for all ages.

**United Evangelical.**  
North Cottage street between Center

and Marion, A. A. Winter, minister. 10 a. m. Sunday school, Mr. A. A. Fleisher, superintendent. 11 a. m. Sermon and reception of members, subject "Faithfulness." 3 p. m. Junior Endeavor, leaders Pauline Remington, Perill Fleisher. 6:30 p. m. Young People's meeting, leader, S. P. McCracken. 7:30 p. m. Evangelistic service. Monday night at 7 o'clock Bible class-official board meeting at 8 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

**Y. W. C. A. Notes.**  
Jubilee services, celebrating the fiftieth year since the founding of the Young Women's Christian association, will be observed Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Y. W. C. A. rooms, over the Roth grocery store. The address of the afternoon will be delivered by Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, president of Willamette university.

**Mrs. C. A. Park and Mrs. P. L. Blackerby** attended the fiftieth jubilee exercises of the Y. W. C. A. in Portland this week and witnessed the pageant presented by the Portland association in which 100 young girls participated. The Bible class of Miss Nina McNary, which meets Monday evenings is growing in membership. Many of the young women come from their work direct to the rooms and have their lunch in the tea room. The class is open to all young women in Salem and the weekly meetings are held Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the rooms of the Y. W. C. A.

### Fourteen Denominations Increase One-Fourth Within the Decade

Definite evidence that the churches in America are making a steady and strong growth has been gathered by the laymen's missionary movement for presentation to its meetings. An elaborate table of figures shows that the membership of 14 denominations increased more than 25 per cent within a decade and that the gifts of the churches grew twice as fast.

The year to year figures of church progress, especially when presented in January, are so largely made up of "estimates" that they are frequently challenged, and certainly cannot be accepted as a basis for absolute deductions.

The gathering of statistics is slow and the movement of church life also is gradual, and it is too general to be accurately summarized for any brief period. So the careful compilation put out by the laymen's movement, showing the actual progress of 14 leading denominations in the decade from 1904 to 1914, is more useful than partial later returns could be.

The progress made since 1914 has apparently been even greater than in the preceding years. So that the church really has reason for optimism, if the statistical tables may be accepted as a safe index. The denominations included in the survey are as follows:

Baptist, northern convention; Baptist, southern convention; Congregational; Disciples of Christ; Lutheran; Methodist Episcopal; Methodist Episcopal, south; Presbyterian in the U. S. A. (northern); United Presbyterian; Protestant Episcopal Reformed in America; Reformed in United States and United Brethren.

These represent a total communicant membership of 16,462,162, and 128,244 separate congregations.

In any study of church progress, the natural first question concerns the growth of membership. If the church is not increasing in members, no other figures can be accepted as of any great importance.

The 14 denominations named increased in this given decade 25.1 per cent. The proportion of progress in the creation of new congregations was not so great, showing that there has been a let up in the era of church building and pioneer mission work, owing to the more settled conditions of America.

Because the laymen's movement sees the financial aspect of church work, it has figured out the proportionate increase in gifts. Thus, in 1914 those 14 denominations gave the local church expenses, including salaries and building operations, repairs, etc., \$137,080,840, or an increase of 39.7 per cent. For all forms of benevolent, educational and missionary work in the United States the corresponding gifts were \$21,163,780, which represents an increase of 62.8 per cent.

Noteworthy as this advance in benevolent giving, it is less remarkable than the fact that in the same year \$11,635,317 were given for all branches of foreign missionary work, or an increase of 87.5 per cent.

With its famous zest for figuring things out to decimals, the laymen's missionary movement has worked these tables out into the proportion of giving by the average member every week, which shows that 16 cents is the average contribution per member to local church expenses, and this is an increase of 11 per cent during the decade. For all kinds of missionary and benevolent work, Mr. Average Church Member gives 3.7 per cent.

Only those who have occasion to keep tabs upon church affairs know how difficult it is to gather reliable statistics, and they best understand the value of the compilation made by the laymen's movement.

**Social Growing Communions.**  
The most surprising advances in church membership during the decade were achieved by the Southern Baptist and Northern Methodist. In 1904 there were 1,832,638 members of the Southern Baptist convention reported. Ten years later this had increased to 2,588,938. In the same time the Northern Baptist convention had made substantial progress from 1,121,474 to 1,330,151.

The Methodist Episcopal church, which is the largest in the country, grew from 2,833,305 to 3,516,402. The Methodist Episcopal church, south, which is somewhat smaller, grew to nearly a half million members; to be exact from 1,593,836 to 2,045,047.

In the half million class is the Northern Presbyterian church, which increased its membership from 1,079,939 to 1,478,603. The Southern Presbyterian church added almost a hundred thousand members in the decade, or from 246,759 to 332,359. More than one hundred thousand new members were taken in during the decade by the Lutheran General Council, which jumped from 286,124 to 504,423. In the same period the Lutheran General Synod added 20,000 to its membership in 1914 or 248,506.

The Congregationalists lacked ten thousand of increasing by one hundred thousand, their membership in 1914 being 763,382.

The Protestant Episcopal church climbed up from 804,208 members to a point just a little this side of the million mark—and which has since been passed. The figures in 1914 were 985,067.

The pocket book nerve has often been called the most sensitive in an organization, and by this token that a general increase in the benevolent expenses at home and abroad by a fraction of about 70 per cent, and the membership increasing by one-fourth, it would seem that the churches have no reason to feel pessimistic.

**High School Notes**  
An instructive lecture was delivered in the assembly hall Wednesday morning by the Rev. William Day Simmonds, Wednesday morning, speaking on "Booker T. Washington and His Rise From Slavery." He also gave some general instructions of what is necessary for one to become a writer, or speaker, emphasizing simplicity.

"Use your hand and head and heart in doing those things which are nearest to you, and do them exceedingly well and by so doing, success will be assured," he said.

The senior girls are now disturbed since the senior boys have become so democratic in dress as to wear flannel shirts and corduroy trousers and are discussing the question of dress and what would be appropriate for them to wear, corresponding to the everyday attire of the boys. To decide upon a proper garment a committee has been appointed, consisting of Marcella Byrnes, Ethel Mettelchrist and Evelyn De Long.

The rules as drawn up by the Boys' and Girls' Clean-Up committee and accepted by the student body council are as follows:

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