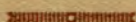


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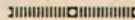
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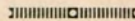
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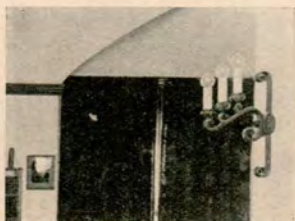


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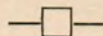
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Board of Directors' meeting, first Mon-
day after first Sunday of the month, at
8 p. m.

Ladies' Aid meeting, second and fourth
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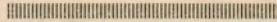
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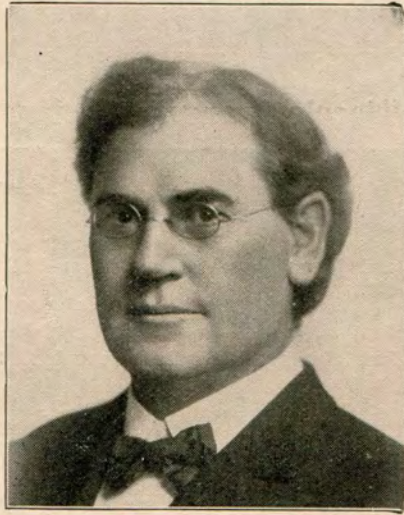
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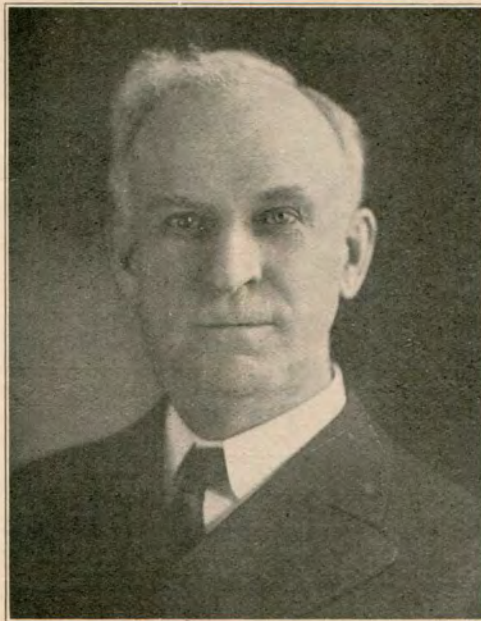
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SESSION OF CONSECRATION

(Rev. Carl Stackman presiding)

Prelude, "Rock of Ages" - - - - - Lewis

Processional, "Holy, Holy, Holy" by the Choir

(Congregation rising as choir enters)

The Lord's Prayer—by all present

Gloria Patri

Responsive Reading

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Congregation: The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

Minister: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

Congregation: Be thankful unto him and bless his name.

Minister: For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting;

Congregation: And his truth endureth to all generations.

Solo, "The Lord is My Light" - - - - - Speaks

George H. Bush, Tenor

Prayer

Hymns, No. 482. Tune—St. Anne.

1. O Thou, whose own vast temple stands
Built over earth and sea,
Accept the walls that human hands
Have raised to worship Thee.

3. May erring minds that worship here
Be taught the better way;
And they who mourn and they who fear
Be strengthened as they pray.

2. Lord, from Thine inmost glory send,
Within these walls t' abide,
The peace that dwelleth without end
Serenely by thy side.

4. May faith grow firm and love grow warm
And pure devotion rise;
While round these hallowed walls the storm
Of earth-born passion dies.

Consecration of Children

Reception of Members

Announcements and Offering

Offertory, "Melody" - - - - - Dawes

Anthem, "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs" (The Messiah) - Handel

Consecration Address

Hymn, No. 120. Tune—Rathbun

(Deacons take their places during hymn)

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming,
Adds new lustre to the day.

2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

The Lord's Supper—Administered by the Pastor and Rev. Walter A. Briggs.

Hymn No. 495, "Blest Be the Tie" - - - - - Led by the choir

Benediction

Postlude, "Largo" - - - - - Handel

(The ushers are requested to seat no one during prayer,
special music or scripture reading)

3 P. M.

SESSION OF DEDICATION

Rev. C. S. Laidman, presiding

Prelude, "Jubilate Deo" - - - - - Silver

Doxology, All standing.

Invocation, Rev. C. S. Laidman, All standing.

Scripture Lesson, Rev. W. A. Briggs

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Anthem, "Send Out Thy Light" - - - - - Gounod
 Presentation of the Keys, Urban J. Ehrhart, Chairman Building Committee
 Acceptance of Keys, Robert Nelson, Chairman of Trustees
 Solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple" - - - - - Bartlett
 Alf V. Peterson, Baritone

Announcements

Hymn, No. 177. Tune, State Street.

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| <p>1. I love thy kingdom, Lord,
 The house of thine abode.
 The church of our blest Redeemer saved
 With his own precious blood.</p> | <p>3. For her my tears shall fall,
 For her my prayers ascend;
 To her my cares and toils be given,
 Till toils and cares shall end.</p> |
| <p>2. I love thy church, O God;
 Her walls before Thee stand,
 Dear as the apple of thine eye,
 And graven on thy hand.</p> | <p>4. Beyond my highest joy
 I prize her heavenly ways,
 Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
 Her hymns of love and praise.</p> |
| <p>5. Sure as thy truth shall last,
 To Zion shall be given
 The brightest glories earth can yield,
 And brighter bliss of heaven.</p> | |

Sermon, Rev. George T. McCollum, D.D.

Gifts to the Building Fund

Response of Dedication. Led by Rev. Carl Stackman, all standing.

Minister: To the glory of God, our Father, by whose favor we have built this house; to the honor of Jesus, the Christ, Son of the living God, our Lord and Saviour; to the praise of the Holy Spirit, source of life and Light;

Congregation: We dedicate this house.

Minister: For worship in prayer and song; for the ministry of the Word; for the celebration of the holy sacraments.

Congregation: We dedicate this house.

Minister: For comfort to those who mourn; for strength to those who are tempted; for help in right living;

Congregation: We dedicate this house.

Minister: To the memory of our beloved dead; to the gentle and true of former times; to all who have unloosed the bonds of ignorance and wrong.

Congregation: We dedicate this house.

Minister: To the welfare of the living; to all the needs of all men; to the service of this community;

Congregation: We dedicate this house.

Minister: For the sanctification of the family; for the help of parents; for the guidance of children;

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Minister: For the fostering of Christian patriotism; for the promotion of civic righteousness; for aggression against evil.

Congregation: We dedicate this house.

Minister: For the application of the ideals of Jesus to international relations; for the extension of the kingdom of God in every land; for the development of better understanding among the different races;

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Minister: For the help of the needy; for the establishment of justice; for the salvation of men;

Congregation: We dedicate this house.

Minister: As a tribute of gratitude and love, a free-will offering of thanksgiving and praise, from those who have tasted the cup of thy salvation, and experienced the riches of thy grace;

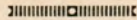
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Dedicatory Prayer. Rev. Lewis A. Convis
Gloria Patri

Benediction, Rev. Sheldon A. Harris

Postlude, "Marche Romaine" - - - - - Gounod

(Following the afternoon session everybody is invited to inspect the building. The ladies will serve a light luncheon for those who can remain for the evening session. Tables in the parish hall upstairs).

7:30 P. M.

SESSION OF CELEBRATION

Rev. Watler A. Briggs, presiding

Prelude, "Marche Solo Nalle" - - - - - Lemaigre
Processional, "Day Is Dying in the West" - - - - - by the Choir

(The people rise as the choir enters)

Invocation, Rev. Walter A. Briggs

Anthem, "Let Mount Zion Rejoice" - - - - - Herbert

Scripture Lesson, Rev. Carl Stackman

Prayer, Rev. Sheldon A. Harris

Anthem, "And the Glory of the Lord" (The Messiah) - - - - - Handel

Announcements

Offertory, "Caprice Viennois" - - - - - Kreisler

Hymn, No. 412. Tune, Warrington.

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to loose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Sermon, "The Church a Community Asset," Rev. John R. Nichols, D.D.
Gifts for the Building

Hymn, No. 502, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," led by the Choir

Benediction, Dr. Nichols.

Postlude, "Postlude in E Flat" - - - - - Abernathy

OTHER OPENING FEATURES

Monday, Sept. 20, at 8 P. M. Historical Night, conducted by the Pastor, with interesting stories, exhibits and visitors (In the parish Hall).

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 8 P. M. Community Service of Praise and Prayer, in the church.

Friday, Sept. 24, at 8 P. M. Musical Entertainment in the parish hall. Admission free. Silver offering.

Sunday, Sept. 26, at 11 A. M. Sermon by Rev. Sheldon A. Harris, who was a frequent preacher in the old Northwest Mission (the forerunner of this church) during the early "seventies." In the evening the pastor will conduct worship and speak upon, "The Beginning and Development of Our Community."

Sunday, Oct. 3. Professor O. C. Grauer, organizer and first pastor of the Cortland St. Church, will preach at one of the services.

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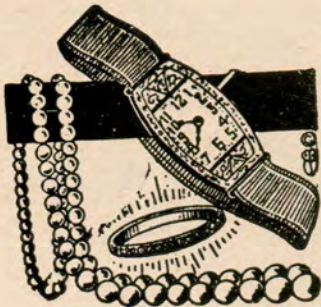
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North West Mission Chapel

For the origin of Fourth Church, we must go back to the founding of the "North-West Mission" by more earnest parents of the community under the lead of Francis B. Abbott. With their own money and efforts they built the little chapel (pictured in this edition) on the southwest corner of Western Ave. and Homer St. It was strictly undenominational and the only religious institution of any kind in the community. In this building, while still unfinished, on October 6th, 1867, was organized a Sunday School of fifty-one members. "Father" Abbott was made superintendent and Mrs. Abbie E. Tobey, "Infant class," teacher (See adults on picture).

When, after several years, it became necessary to move the building off the borrowed lot, Mr. Theodor Mismar, the black-smith, extended his hospitality, and the chapel was placed on the southwest corner of Armitage and Western Avenues facing east. Sunday School, evening services and a mid-week meeting were maintained.

On July 2nd, 1882 the mission group formally became a branch church of the First Congregational Church of Chicago. They soon purchased lots on the northwest corner of Powell Ave. and Cherry Place (now Shakespeare Ave.) Here the First Church erected for them an attractive frame edifice costing \$7,500.00, which was dedicated March 2nd, 1884. The same month the name "Grace" was

adopted by the church. The church became independent June 14th, 1893.

The rest of the story of Grace Church follows closely the gradual rise and ebb of protestant opportunity in the neighborhood. The expansion reached its height in the pastorate of Rev. J. J. Brokenshire when the total school enrollment reach 950, including Home Department. The building was remodelled and expanded. The corner-stone, laid on July 20th, 1902 is now in the interior wall of our parish hall. The re-dedication occurred June 7th, 1903. It was this building which was destroyed by fire in the early hours of Jan. 27th, 1925.

The Cortland Street Church grew out of a mission effort promoted largely by workers from Grace Church in a store on Robey St. near "Cortland." Professor O. C. Grauer was placed in charge of this work by the City Missionary Society on September 20th, 1891. Rapid progress was made. On April 2nd, 1892 the mission became a branch church of the Union Park Congregational Church and was called the "Robey St. Branch." The same year lots were bought on the north side of Cortland St. just east of Leavitt St. The church became an independent church by formal recognition on March 7th, 1893 as "Cortland Street Congregational Church." The new building was dedicated December 9th, 1894. The history of this church is one of vigorous endeavor to meet the changing needs of

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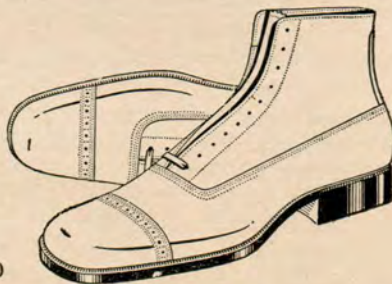
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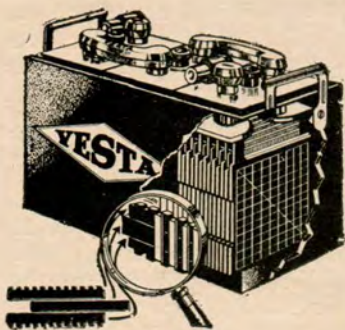
its situation. Its natural constituency was being slowly constricted by the Polish consolidation north and east and growing barrier of Milwaukee Ave. on the south and west. This unit of our parish work is the most efficient organized community service recorded in our parish history. It was always much of a missionary field.

The Maplewood Church started as a mission school on Maplewood Ave. north of Fullerton in June, 1889 when the neighborhood was growing very rapidly. On December 21st, 1892 they organized as a church under the name "First Congregational Church of Maplewood," later changed to "Maplewood Congregational Church." The church was formally recognized by a Council on January 3rd,

1896. With heroic effort a frame church was built on rented lots, a part of our present site. The school varied between 175 and 300. The church membership reached 120 at one time. A new basement was installed in 1902 at a cost of nearly \$1,300. The Daughters of the King appear first on the records in 1907, under Mrs. Chase's motherly care, by making a much-needed donation of \$25.00 to the church treasury. As the building grew older the problem of upkeep and the question of remodeling were ever pressing. It was this building which we tore down last September to make way for our present building. This congregation little realized that their heroic struggles were preparing a future center for a united parish taking in all three churches.



The Three Churches which United—Maplewood (left inset), Cortland Street (right inset) and Grace Church.



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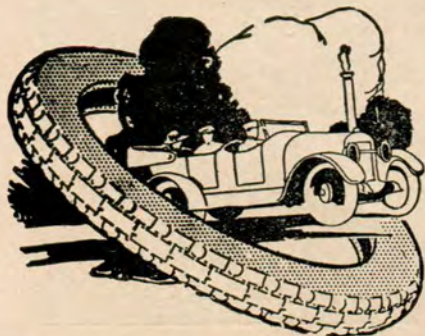
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Central Church after the Fire.

The wisdom of consolidating the Cortland, Grace and Maplewood Churches became apparent to all by 1916 and the merger was consummated on October 3rd of that year. The name Fourth Church was then adopted. The old Grace building became the center for all general meetings. Schools were maintained at all three centers. The Cortland center was

Carl Stackman. Our present pastor is the third.

The problem of future location had been pressing for some time. In the autumn of 1924 we received an offer on the old central building but declined it and decided to repair and paint the building and continue for a time. We had just completed our improvements when the fire came at 1:00 A. M., January 27, 1925. Then all was changed.

We decided to sell the old lots, buy additional property adjoining the "Maplewood Center," raise money, build and labor here. And, here we are today, grateful to God for bringing us through to this new day of opportunity. There are problems to solve; there is hard work to do. The days of struggle are not over but our faith is strong. We must be true to our heroic record and faithful to our new responsibilities.



Rev. Carl Stackman

rebuilt by the City Missionary Society in 1917 but the diminishing work was closed about four year later, the property sold and the money held by the Society for us and now invested in this building. The first pastor of the United Church was Rev. Walter A. Briggs; the second, Rev.



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SPECIAL NOTES

The general contractor's foreman on our building was Mr. August Franzen. To his careful and conscientious supervision we owe much of the credit for the unusually substantial quality of our new edifice.

Mr. Stusse, our electrician, saved us over \$400.00 on the contract price of his work.

We regret that the absence of Rev. W. A. Briggs from the city as we go to press prevents the appearance of his picture in this issue as the first pastor of the consolidated parish.

Please notice that the financial statement on another page makes no provision for a church organ. Also notice the hungry looking space at the rear of the choir waiting for one. The choir has been saving money toward a pipe organ.

The anthem sung by the choir today in the afternoon session was the last number rendered by them in the building that burned.

The "last word" in the church torn down on this site last year was the Lord's Prayer by all present; so we put it first this morning to give everybody the first word here.

Our Sunday School is beginning the new year, October 1st, on a new basis of organization and curriculum. Our new building affords four splendid departmental rooms besides the church proper and the large parish hall. Let us build up a strong school. Boost for it.

As we go to press the ladies have almost 200 reservations for the opening banquet Wednesday, September 15th. Mr. Nelson has made some splendid new tables which will be stored under the stage between meals.

As a record for the future let us name the persons appearing on the new church picture in this issue. Left to right: Mrs. Fred Minter, Mrs. John Lekberg, Mrs. Catherine Soper (our Senior member), Mrs. U. J. Ehrhart, Mrs. Matilda Wosch, Mrs. Alfhild Amundson, Mrs. (Rev.) F. E. Stillwell, baby Paul, and Ruth Marie Stillwell, Mrs. Margaret Wylie, Deacon

John Nicolai, Miss Lillian Miller, U. J. Ehrhart, and Roger Ehrhart.

Our longest-time members, with dates of joining are: Mrs. Catherine Soper, December 7th, 1884; Mrs. Hannah Yeungberg, July 3rd, 1887; Deacon Wm. Fraser, July 7th, 1889; Edward C. Johnson, March 1, 1891; Mrs. Jennie Ninter, March 1st, 1891; Miss Emily Johnson, May 10th, 1891; Mrs. Elsie Fraser, Sept. 6th, 1891; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen B. Foy, March 6th, 1892.

Extract from Life and Work—Dedication Number of May 1903.

"Let us in the midst of our enthusiasm, 'take time to be holy,' and in dedicating our beautiful house of praise unto God, see to it that our bodies are consecrated as temples of the Holy Ghost."

"John J. Brokenshire, Pastor."

Let it never be forgotten by this church that during the whole winter of 1925-26, while our church was being built, we enjoyed the free hospitality of the Vassar Underwear Co., Diversey Ave. and Rockwell St., every Sunday. In their ladies' dining room we held our Sunday School and morning service under clean and comfortable circumstances, we having only to provide for the re-arrangement of the room each Sunday. This proved a real convenience and a great financial saving at a time of crisis. "Next to ourselves" we will always like Vassar.

JESUS AND I

I cannot do it alone,
The waves run fast and high,
And the fogs close chill around,
And the light goes out of the sky.
But I know that we two shall win in the end—

Jesus and I.

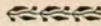
Coward and wayward and weak,
I change with the changing sky:
To-day so eager and bright,
To-morrow too weak to try;
But He never gives in, so we two shall win—

Jesus and I.

—Selected.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cost of Building Proper

General Contractor	\$50,078.00
Architect	3,250.00
Heating System	3,845.00
Plumbing	1,475.00
Electrical Work	1,070.00
Electrical Fixtures	1,100.00
Art Glass	1,092.00
Composition Floors	1,048.00
Linoleum	87.00
Extras on various contracts above	500.00
Total cost of building	\$63,545.00

Other Expenses

Cost of two adjoining lots with house	\$9,000.00
Remodeling parsonage, etc....	2,836.00
Cement walks	526.00
Garage	380.00
Pews and chancel furniture	2,718.00
Financial campaign	2,632.00
Estimated cost of lawn, furni- ture, etc.	1,500.00
Total of these other expenses	\$21,592.00
Total cost of New Center....	\$85,137.00

Money Received

Fire insurance (less Bldg. Soc. claim)	\$10,500.00
Sale Powell Ave. lots	7,900.00
Sale price Cortland St. (from C. C. M. E. S.)	4,800.00
Chicago Cong. Missionary and Extension Soc. loan	7,500.00

Building Fund pledges to Sept.

5th, 1926	17,069.00
Parsonage loan from Bldg. Soc.	2,500.00
Loan from Second Security Bank	18,000.00

Total received to date	\$68,269.00
Cost uncovered by Receipts to date	\$16,868.00

Money Expected Immediately

Grant from Cong. Church Bldg. Society	\$3,500.00
Loan from same Soc.	6,500.00

Total expected immediately..	\$10,000.00
Cost to be still uncovered after Receipt of above...	\$ 6,868.00

Our Indebtedness

Above uncovered balance.....	\$ 6,868.00
To the Missionary Society....	7,500.00
To Bldg. Soc. for parsonage loan	2,500.00
To Bldg. Soc. for church loan.	6,500.00
To Second Security Bank	18,000.00

Total indebtedness	\$41,368.00
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Pledges on hand, finally due

May 1928	22,930.00
Amount of Indebtedness not covered by pledges	\$18,438.00



Chairman of Building Committee

SPECIAL GIFTS

Window, by the Neves.
 Window, by the Daughters of the King.
 Window, by the Marksmen.
 Window, by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fraser.
 Window, in memory of Mrs. Minnie Publow.
 Window in memory of Deacon Chas. Youngberg.
 Window in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Amel F. Anderson.
 Window in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bayfield.

Window in memory of Mr. Martin Sierts.
 Dishes (to serve 150), by Mrs. Wm. F. Schuth.
 Kitchen equipment, by Ladies' Aid.
 Kindergarten furnishings, Mr. and Mrs. Schuth.
 Piano, by Mrs. Walter Stokes.
 Reed organ, by A. C. Symons.
 Bible, by Geo. W. Reiker.
 Western Pipe & Supply Co., dining table legs.

SENATOR BORAH GIVES THE WETS A KNOCK-OUT

If the New York referendum scheme "could be put into effect, forty-eight States would construe the Federal Constitution, and the Federal authorities would have to accept the forty-eight constructions. We might have forty-eight different standards of intoxicating liquor and forty-eight different methods of determining intoxicating liquors. Each State would have the right to ship its brand of liquor into every other State. The Federal Government would be placed in the position of conniving at this condition and compelled to sit silent and supine while confusion reigned supreme over the prostrate and discredited form of the Federal Constitution."

"Whether sold in the open saloon or the brothel, its natural haunt, or secretly purveyed in defiance of law, the wicked stuff works its demoralization and ruin to individuals, communities and States. From the time it issues from the coiled and copper-colored worm in the distillery until it empties in the hell of crime, dishonor and death, misery and poverty and remorse marks its maledict course. Not only is the record of the centuries made up against it, but now the modern industrial world with its complex and delicate machinery, with its demand for security, safety and fitness, asks that it be banished."

"Now what these advocates of the referendum want, when they speak candidly and plainly, is the right to sell and transport intoxicating liquor. The only way to meet the proposition which they have in mind is to submit, if they wish to employ referendum, the question of whether we shall amend the Constitution—submit it in the way provided by the Constitution."—The Calvary Messenger.

CHURCH PROGRAMS ON RADIO SURVEYED

A prominent radio broadcasting station recently made an inquiry into the place of religion on broadcasting programs. Of 180 stations participating in the survey, 103 reported that religious services were regularly upon their programs. Fourteen of the total number are owned and operated by some church organization. Eighty-six stations broad-

cast church services on Sunday; the remainder have special religious programs during the week. Several stations reported resentment and jealousy on the part of churches which were not included in the broadcasting program, the complaint being that members of their churches remained at home to tune in on the big church services. Twenty-two stations have religious programs prepared at the station and designed purely for the radio audience. Several stations express the opinion that broadcasting religious services encourages religious tolerance.

A new weapon—a radio direction finder—has been put into use by the Government against rum runners. By means of the instrument, Coast Guard vessels will be able to detect readily the location of rum ships which are equipped with radio.

The longer I live the more highly do I estimate the Christian Sabbath, and the who impress its importance on the commoner grateful do I feel towards those munity.—Daniel Webster.



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You liked the way the parson preached;
 Perhaps he found you only drifting
 And down inside your soul he reached,
 Your hope restoring, spirit lifting.
 Perhaps he, too has worn a yoke,
 Perhaps temptation, too, befell him;
 You liked the words the preacher spoke—
 But did you think to stop and tell him?

You liked the painter's vivid art,
 You liked the poet's cheery rhyming,
 Some instrument has stirred your heart
 And set the bells again to chiming;
 Some actor human first of all,
 Some singer making life the better,
 Perhaps with joy you still recall—
 But did you think to write a letter?

So many things so many days
 Make man indebted to this neighbor;
 So many folks so many ways
 Are helping others with their labor,
 Some simple service you require;
 You ask the bill, receive, and pay it;
 The work was done as you desire—
 But did you ever think to say it?
 Douglas Malloch.

CONVERTS AMONG THE JEWS

According to the "Jewish Chronicle", the Jews numbered, at the beginning of the sixteenth century, about 1,000,000; at the commencement of the nineteenth century they numbered 5,000,000; half a century later, 7,000,000; now, some 15,000,000. Just as they increased when they were persecuted in Egypt, so in the land of Israel's severest persecution (Russia) the Jews have multiplied most. During the Great War 804,000 Jews served in the armies of nations; that is, four per cent of all Jewry fought; as against three per cent of those Gentile nations that were involved in the war. It is said there are now 115 missionary societies labouring among the Jews of the world, with some 700 missionaries, or one to every 20,000 Jews. Some 204,540 Jews were baptized in the nineteenth century. There is one Protestant Hebrew convert to every 156 Jews, while there is but one from every 525 Gentiles; that is, if Gentiles had yielded to Christ as the Jews did in the nineteenth century, Gentile converts would have been 7,000,000 instead of 2,000,000. Hebrew converts who enter the Christian ministry are three times

more numerous than the Gentile. The Lord is blessing the Testimony of all labourers in the Jewish vineyard—be they Jewish or Gentile believers and He delights to listen and respond to the intercessory ministry of prayer in behalf of Palestine and Israel's Salvation.
 —Palestine and Prophecy.

SUMMER CONFERENCES STILL GROWING

Reports from many sources indicate that the number of summer conferences under religious auspices being conducted during the present season is in excess of any previous year and that registration up to date is from ten to fifteen per cent higher than in the past. The Presbyterians are now said to conduct 100 such conferences, the Episcopalians 72, the Baptists 65, the Methodists 114, and other denominations smaller numbers. There are, besides, many conferences under interdenominational auspices as well as the extensive series of camps and conferences conducted by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. It seems likely that taking into consideration all the persons who are in the camp, conferences and chautauquas which have a religious interest, there will be at least a million to listen to some form of religious instruction during the present summer season. If the average expenditure involved is \$25, which seems well within the probable fact, it will be seen that an enormous sum is now being voluntarily paid out for instruction in matters concerning the life of the church. So large, indeed, has grown this whole movement, that it is now necessary for many of the conferences to set aside part of their time for normal classes in which to train conference leaders.

HORSE SENSE

A horse can't pull while kicking.
 This fact I merely mention.
 And he can't kick while pulling.
 Which is my chief contention.

Let's imitate the good old horse
 And lead a life that's fitting;
 Just pull an honest load, and then
 There'll be no time for kicking.
 —Heart and Life Bulletin

IF

(With Apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

If you can go to church when all about you
Are going anywhere but to the House
of Prayer,
If you can travel straight when others
wobble
And do not seem to have a righteous
care;
If you can teach and not get tired of
teaching,
Or tell the truth when others lie like
sin,
Or pray and pay and carry heavy burdens
You'll prove yourself a saint, and you
will win!

—William Wood.

C. E. UNION WORLD WIDE

Opening the London convention of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of the movement, announced that he knows of no country today without a Christian Endeavor Society. In the United States Dr. Clark stated, more than 5,000 new societies were formed during the past year, while six thousand union meetings of young people, held under C. E. auspices, brought together representatives of a hundred denominations.

STEAD'S PRAYER LIST

Dr. Henry Lunn, a lifelong friend and literary co-labourer of the late W. T. Stead, tells this characteristic incident: "I received from him one Christmas one of his little books, and in it was printed, 'To the companion of my Rosary,' and then followed my name and his signature. I asked him what it meant, and he said, 'I keep a list of all the people with whom I have been brought closely in contact, and each of them is down in my calendar for the day when he first crossed my path, and on that day I pray for him.' Thus closely did he unite himself with the people he met.—The Christian Herald.

TRY THIS ONCE

"When you are discouraged
Don't let your courage fade
When you get a lemon
Just make some lemonade."

THINGS THAT ENDURE

Honor and truth and manhood—

These are the things that stand,
Though the sneer and jibe of the cynic
tribe

Are loud through the width of the land.
The scoffer may lord it an hour on earth,
And a lie may live for a day,
But truth and honor and manly worth
Are things that endure away.

Courage and toil and service,

Old, yet forever new—

These are the rock that abides the shock
And holds through the storm, flint-
true.

Fad and folly, the whims of an hour,

May bicker and rant and shrill:

But the living granite of truth will tower
Long after their rage is still.

Labor and love and virtue—

Time does not dim their glow;

Though the smart may say, in their
languid way,

"Oh, we've outgrown all that, you
know!"

But a lie, whatever the guise it wears,

Is a lie, as it was of yore.

And a truth that has lasted a million
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To the Poet

The Bible is to religion what the Iliad is to poetry.—Joubert.

To the Naturalist

Every leaf is a spacious plain; every line a flowing brook; every period a lofty mountain.—Hervey.

To the Mathematician

The best evidence of the Bible's being the Word of God is to be found within its covers. It proves itself.—Charles Hodge.

To the Thinker

The Bible is most thought-suggesting book in the world. No other deals with such grand themes.—Herrick Johnson.

To the Living

Do you know a book that you are willing to put under your head for a pillow when you are dying. Very well; that is the book you want to study when you are living. There is only one such book in the world.—Joseph Cook.

To the Teacher

The word of God tends to make large-minded, noble-minded men.—Henry Ward Beecher.

To the Prisoner

The Bible is a window in this prison world, through which we may look into eternity.—Timothy Dwight.

To the Explorer

Like the needle to the North pole, the Bible points to heaven.—R. B. Nichol.

To the Author

Even the style of the Scriptures is more than human.—Steele.

To the Dying

The Scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying.—Flavel.

A glory gilds the sacred page,
Majestic like the sun,
It gives a light to every age;
It gives, but borrows none.

—Cowper.

—The Word at Work

RELIGIOUS ADVERTISERS IN CAMPAIGN

Mr. Charles Steizle, who was recently elected president of the church advertising department of the associated advertising clubs of America, is laying plans for a world-wide campaign of religious advertising. The advertising clubs of every city will be enlisted and posters, billboards, newspapers and radios will be used. Modern books on advertising methods will be furnished to ministers; lecture courses on publicity will be offered in seminaries. The nature of the messages which will be thus universally transmitted has not been revealed.

NEAR EAST RELIEF OFFERS PRIZES

Mr. Henry Morgenthau has offered the Near East Relief \$1000 to be distributed in prizes for posters, slogans and poems, challenging American people to share their abundance with the impoverished orphans of Europe, particularly of the near east. The best poster will claim \$500 and the best poem \$100. The winners' efforts will be used on Golden Rule Sunday, Dec. 5. Entries must be sent to the Near East relief headquarters, 515 Fifth Avenue, New York, City, not later than Aug. 31.

NEW EXCAVATIONS IN PALESTINE

Prof. Melvin G. Kyle, president of Xenia theological seminary, has uncovered the ruins of the biblical city of Kirjath-Sepher. The Xenia expedition which Dr. Kyle heads has just returned to America after a winter of excavation. The efforts of the expedition resulted in historical evidence that the old city was built by the Cananites about 2000 B. C. or 700 years before the conquest of Canaan by the Israelites. The city was burned five times between its founding and its final destruction.

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