

Church Services

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH. Sunday Services. 10:00 a. m. Sabbath School. 11:00 a. m. Worship and sermon by pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. First Church of Christ Scientist, Main and Curtis streets. Services Sunday 11:15 a. m. Wednesday 8 p. m.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. E. A. Lemoine, Rector. Week days: Choir practice, Friday, 7:30 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. We shall emphasize the Christmas thought at the morning and evening service. The Christmas exercises of the Bible class will occur Monday evening, December 23.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GROVE ST. On next Sunday, the fourth in Advent, the Sunday school will have rehearsal of the Christmas program.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH. This is Christmas Sunday. In the morning the pastor will preach a Christmas sermon on "The Song of the Angels."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Rev. J. H. Williams, pastor, Sunday services: Class meeting at 10:00 a. m. Public worship at 10:30 and 7:30.

HEAR 'EM YELL. I got it—Red Horse! Come on, get your skates and go over to the lake and indulge in the old ice games.

ADVERTISED LIST. The letters and cards advertised below will be sent to the Dead Letter Office December 23, 1912, if not called for prior to that date.

Walter Allman, Rockford, Ill. Walter Allman, Chicago, Ill. Miss Lillian Griffin (2) Skagway, Alaska. Miss Grace Hemingway (2) Skagway, Alaska.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 22

FOR AND AGAINST HIM.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 9:42. GOLDEN TEXT—"He that is not against us is for us."—Luke 9:50.

This lesson naturally falls into three divisions: I. The mistaken zeal of the disciples of Jesus, vv. 49-50; II. The intrepid zeal of Jesus, vv. 51-56, and III. The lack of zeal on the part of some would-be followers of Jesus, vv. 57-62.

Evidently monopolistic ideas are not a modern development. The desire to control all religious authority has given rise to the most damnable blots on the history of the Christian church. Christian intolerance is one of the devil's sweetest morsels.

Work in Christ's Name. This spirit has always been one of the serious drawbacks in the advancement of the kingdom. Belong to our party, follow our methods, or else quit working.

Scholars are divided as to the interval of time between verses 50 and 51, but the second section is a wonderful illumination of the sort of zeal Jesus desires in his followers.

Certain of the Samaritans refused to receive him and his party. This time John has another to speak with him, James. They again show the spirit of intolerance and to it they add that of vindictiveness.

In the third section we have before us the stories of three men whom Jesus met, each of whom lacked sufficient zeal to become his true followers.

The first impulsively answers some emotion of his heart and assures Jesus that he will follow "whithersoever thou goest."

The third man also had something he wanted to do first. He expressed great determination (v. 61), but like Lot's wife, he wanted one more look at the world he was going to leave.

CHRISTMAS IN MANY LANDS.

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head into the dining room upon a golden platter, and also "Hoodening," or "Goodening," in which a mask in the form of an image of a horse's head carved out of wood, and the upper part of the mouth is pulled up and down with a string is used.

We must leave "Merry England," because the other nations are not so far behind in celebrating this universal holiday. A flight of twenty miles lands us in France. The churches were filled on Christmas Eve to hear the sacred music and see the blaze of light.

In Alsace Santa Claus is represented by a young lady all in white, her hair of white lamb's wool hanging down her shoulders, and a crown of gold upon her head around which are burning tapers.

We crank up and start for the home of the Christmas Tree. For weeks our German friends have been preparing for the coming of Christmas Day. The tree has been trimmed and now it is lighted.

Germany has some quaint superstitions which are practiced at Christmas time. Young maidens take empty glasses and eggs and go to a pump or running stream, fill the glasses, hold them upon their heads and break the eggs into them.

Arriving in Holland we find that St. Nicholas has already made his annual visit. On the sixth of December he distributes his gifts to every child. But Santa Clause comes on the twenty-fifth of December with a message of good-will to all.

The day before Christmas is celebrated by feeding the birds. Sheaves of grain are placed upon poles and roofs so that birds may know that the Christ was born on this day.

"A child is born in Bethlehem That is the joy of Jerusalem. Halle, Hallelujah."

GET-TOGETHER MEETING

The Get-Together meeting held in the parlors of the Methodist church on Thursday evening, December 12th, was a rousing success.

Get together is an old purpose. This meeting surely was dignified by its true name, it accomplished its purpose most admirably.

A delightful program was successfully carried out, in the course of which speeches made developed the fact that our village has reason to be proud of its public-spirited citizens.

The lecturer arose and said impressively: "Every time I see a young man coming out of a saloon, I want to go right up to that young man and say, Turn right and young man; you're going the wrong way."

THE CHURCH MOUSE.

AT THEY stood in the deserted vestry of the church, facing each other angrily for the first time in their lives.

He stood looking into her eyes, growing grayer of face as he saw the stubborn anger that reposed within them. "Which means that our engagement is broken, and that I may not hope for its renewal," he replied very low.

For an instant their gaze met as the glittering thing, lightly held, was passing from hand to hand; then as she released it and before his grip had become secure there was the slip of a nervous finger and with a tinkle the ring fell upon the iron grating of the floor register.

A week passed, and the little church mouse prowling about in the darkness of the basement, saw something through the gloom, that glittered even more brightly than did his own eyes.

Janet, alone and very unhappy, sat in her pew at the Christmas morning service. It was rather chilly in the church and she slipped one hand into her muff.

with something round and hard about it. Involuntarily she closed her hand, and as she did so the little church mouse popped out of the muff and scampered away, leaving the round object in her fingers.

The last of all to leave her pew, Janet stepped into the vestry upon her way out. Dick was standing before a window with head bowed, looking older, grayer of face than he had a few weeks ago.

"Is it not wonderful!" she exclaimed, half awed, as she finished. His eyes lightened.

Wonderful, dear! It is far more than that. It is a miracle of His Spirit wrought upon His day—His token of love everlasting and that even we are not forgotten."

A Christmas Time Saver. To save the minutes on Christmas eve and leave time for the many things that are bound to come up, shut off from the children one room in the house suitable for the tree a couple of weeks before Christmas.

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