Church Services

EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Sunday Services. Sabbath School. Worship and sermon by pastor.

2:30 p. m. Junior Y. P. A. 6:45 p. m. Senior Y. P. A. 7:30 p. m. Sermon by pastor.

On Christmas evening, Dec., 25th, at 7:30, the Sunday School will gather around the Christmas tree and give a program. The public is cordially invited to enjoy the above services and exercises with us.

H. E. Straub, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Main and Curtis streets. Services Sunday 11:15 a. m. Wednesday 8 p. m. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. A reading room is open every Tuesday and Friday from 2 to 4 p. m., where the Bible and Christian Science literature may be read or purchased. Visitors welcomed. This church is a branch of the First of Christ Scientist, Boston, Mass.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

E. A. Lemoine, Rector. Week days: Choir practice, Friday,

7:30 p. m. Third Sunday in Advent: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning prayer, 11 a. m.; Young People's meeting, 6 p. m.; Evensong, 7:30 p. m.

St. Andrews Episcopal church will have its Christmas celebration Monday night, December 23.

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 '3.

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 9:15-10:14 a. m., German service; 10:30 a. m., text: John 3, 22-36. English service 7:30 p. m.; text: Exodus

On Christmas day, December 25, 10:30 a. m., German service and Holy Communion; 7:00 p. m., Christmas exercises of the Sunday school; program, "In Christmas Land," Everybody is kindly invited. G. Pahi, pas-

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

This is Christmas Sunday. In the morning the pastor will preach a Christmas sermon on "The Song of the Angels." There will be special music appropriate to the season.

Mrs. Genevieve Puffer Ried will render Van Dyke's best Christmas story, "The Other Wise Man," The choir will give a number of Christmas selections. We are trying to make this day one of great blessing to all. A very cordial invitation is given to all to attend these services.

The Baptist Sunday School gives its Christmas entertainment Saturday, the 21st of December, at 7:30 in the church. The entertainment consists of a very clever and original sketch called "Christmas at the Old Homestead." This was written for this occasion by Mr. W. B. Trusley. All friends are invited.

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. Sunday school at 12:00 m. Epworth League, at 6:30 p. m. Mid-week meeting, Wednesday, at 8:00 p. m. Women's Missionary Societies, first Thursday afternoon of each month. Ladies' Aid Society, second Thursday afternoon of each month. Choir rehearsal, Friday, at 7:45 p. m.

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.

There is fun and to spare if you can believe the cries that were coming from the pond Friday and Saturday nights. They were: Pull-a-way, Ki-yi, Ki-yi, Red horse, I got it, showing that the local skating season is officially opened.

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INTERNATIONAL

(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 9:49-62. GOLDEN TEXT-"He that is no

against us is for us."-Luke 9:50. This leason 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.

"And John answered" not the impetuous Peter. Who it was that had spoken we do not know, but evidently it was Jesus. Two things are without dispute: (1) The unknown one was gifts to the good and the bad. doing the work, and (2) he was giving he ceased at the command of John we cannot say. It has been suggested that could we have heard the tone of John's voice perhaps we should have gathered that John was not quite sure he had done the right thing, but he is frank and tells Jesus why he gave his command, viz., "because he followed not with us."

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. There are, of course, wrong methods which will never produce right results, but if a man is doing Christ's work and doing it in Christ's name we need to beware of allowing selfishness, the traditions of men, or the fact that "we never saw it on this wise" to allow us to hinder that man in his work, see Mark 9:39-

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 real Jesus desires in his followers. Verse 51 is one of the most sublime in the entire Bible. Where can we find anything like it? Jesus saw not the bickerings of the disciples as to place and power; he saw not the slights cast upon him by both Jew and Samaritan; Jesus saw Jerusalem and beyond that Calvary, and as steadfast as a flint "he set his face to go to Jerusalem." All of redemption, all of Pentecost, all of "this age" and the glorious consummation of "this age" is bound up in that intrepid seal of him who when "the day's were well nigh come that he should be received up" set his face

"steadfastly." 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. As we go before him to prepare the way are we entirely free from making a similar mistake? These Samaritans acted in ignorance. Perhaps, as revealed in v. 53, they saw that he did not intend to go to their village anyway (see also John 4:40-42).

Stories of Three Men. In the third section we have before na 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." Jesus did not rebuke him, for the man had but little realization of what was implied. "I'll go with him through the garden," we sing glibly. Let us pause and honestly answer the question, "Will I go?" "Am I willing to pay the price?" (John 15:20 and I. Peter 2:31.) He who had set his face steadfastly simply opens as it were the deep loneliness of his heart and gives this man a faint suggestion of that poverty of him "who was rich, yet for our sakes became poor" (2 Cor. 8:9). This is one of the few references Jesus made as to his own condition. The second man seems to be of more importance, inferentially, at least, for Jesus commands him to "follow." Notice Jesus does not say admire me, nor even worship me, but "follow me." This man seems to have a very high sense of duty, his obligation to his parents and to the amenities of society. This man's mistake was in placing anything, no matter how important, in the place of the kingdom. Jesus does not mean for us to neglect such a plain duty, but this man is pleading for a delay, and had it not been this excuse it would have been some other

The third man also had something great determination (v. 61), but like Lot's wife, he wanted one more look at the world he was going to leave. Christ's words are significant. Obey the prompting of your heart. Do not look backward to the world, but look Skagway, Alas. forward to the kingdom. The only Fargo, N. Dak. possibility of your running the race Herkimer, N. Y. before you, of plowing a straight fur-G. H. Kellogg, Los Angeles, Cal. row, is like the Master to set your face Chicago, Ill. "steadfastly." If we hang onto the world we are "none of his." . If we

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. Such a masker is always followed by a large crowd of boys who have a great deal of fun out of it.

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. The children place their shoes instead of stockings in the corner of the fireplace, and there is not a nation that excels France in giftmaking at Christmas time.

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. "Hans Trapp," the Alsatian Ruprecht, often appears at the same time and asks in stentorian tones which of the little ones have been aughty and make the little ones feel like hiding themselves. But the "Christ Kind Lady" soon dismisses Mr. Hans Trapp and distributes her

We crank up and start for the Jesus the glory, Luke 10-17. Whether home of the Christmas Tree. For weeks our German friends have been preparing for the coming of Christ mas Day. The tree has been trimmed and now it is lighted. The children have gone the rounds singing their carols. Father is standing at the door waiting for all the family to gather. The door is thrown open and there is a scramble into every nook and corner of the room for the presents, as St. Nicholas does not pu them upon the tree. St. Nicholas has been good and has left many tokens of his good will.

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. If the yolks an whites assume proper shape, the vital question "Whom shall I marry?" is answered. Then they climb a tree and shake the branches and if a dog chances to bark, the direction from which the suitor is to come is assured.

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

We fly to the Scandinavian peninsula for our last visit, because the Christmas festival lasts for thirteen days. Great preparations are made for this greatest feast day of all the

The day before Christmas is cele- he fled frantically up the stairs. brated 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. The houses are scrubbed from top to bottom, and all the children are bathed and clothed with new clothes as far as possible. When the parents are ready to let the children in to the tree they all join hands and encircle tree and sing their beautiful

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

We would like to visit Italy and Russia and several other countries but the children are all in bed dreaming about the wonderful Child that came to earth so long ago.

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.

Members of the various brother hoods and men's church organizations fostered a feeling of good fellowship, which has come to stay not only among themselves, but in true Christian fashion, brotherly spirit was exchanged with visiting citizens.

A delightful program was success fully 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. Those among us who are opposed or indifferent to such public institutions as a Y. M. C. A., library, or the enlargement of our school buildings, could not help being inspired by the good motives behind these projects. Of the fifty or sixty members and citizens present, a large majority voluntarily declared themselves ready to supply their consent to the reviving of the library project, in a manner

which would assure success. The sentiment imbibed by those present brought forth a resolution to hold a similar meeting with a view of formulating definite action.

Muddled.

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 one way."-YOUR MAIL

HEY stood in the deserted vestry of the church, facing each other angrily for the first time in their lives. Then suddenly Janet swept the diamond from the third finger of her left hand and held it forth. "You will oblige me by taking this back," she said bitingly.

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

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. Faintly they heard it go bounding far down the metal pipe which led to the furnace below, each supposing it lost forever in the flames and not know-

by some strange fate it had bounded through a small hole in the pipe and now lay amidst the rubbish of the church's basement. For an instant the girl's eyes softened, then hardened again and she turned them aside. Upon the floor in a corner of the little the

ing that in its fall

church mouse sitting upon its haunches, and she nodded towards him. "To be renewed when the little church mouse brings it back to me," she returned coldly.

They turned their backs upon each other and walked away.

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. Cautiously, hungrily, he approached ft, smelt of it, felt of it with his gray whiskers, then stood it up before him. Its glitter fascinated him. Surely this glistening thing about the size of a kernel of corn must be good to eat, and he tried his sharp teeth upon it. Yet gnaw as he would, he could not even scratch it, and at last he decided that it was only good to play with. He was a little thing, and half starved as are all church mice, so it came to pass that it was not long before he had worked his head and forelegs through it and was running about with it encircling his middle, a very small creature wearing a diamond saddle with a gold girth. It was fun for a time, but he soon became tired of it and tried to erawl out. He could not. Becoming panie stricken



Janet, alone and very unhappy, sat in her pew at Christmas morning service. It was rather chilly church and she slipped one hand into her muff. Then she gave a start, for within it she felt a small, struggling thing

with something round and hard about 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. She drew it forth. It was her engagement ring.

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, and she saw the deep unhappiness that lay in his eyes. 3he approached him, looking up at aim with the old expression which he knew so well. Softly she slipped one hand into his own, and as his fingers gently closed about it he felt something hard, round and familiar within his grasp. He raised her hand. The engagement ring-his own-encircled har third left finger.

"The little church mouse brought it back to me. Listen while I tell you," she said, drawing a trifle closer For a moment her voice mur-

"Is it not wonder-'ul!" she exclaimed, half awed, as she fin-His eyes ished. ightened.

Wonderful, dear! i is "ar more than that. It is a miracle of His Spiri' wrought upon His day-His token of love everlasting and that even we are not forgotten."

Tightly his arms closed about her. HARRY IRVING GREEN.

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 bouse suitable for the tree a couple Bt weeks before Christmas, and gradually accumulate there all decorations dd presents. The tree can betrammed a day or two before the holfand the presents wrapped more y and easily because they are all place. The children, too, will mystery that centers around ble room.-Housekee

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