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**ARE THE CHURCHES WAKING UP?**

We always enter with fear and trembling upon any discussion of religion or churches. It is a subject which we know very little about. The average man, also, is not versed on the church or the work it is trying to do in this world.

However, we have been observing lately that almost every denomination is waking up. It was not so very many years ago that the man who did not go to church was the exception. Now almost the opposite seems to be the case. The churches have not been gaining in membership with the increase of population and they have not been able to find out the reason.

The trend of the times seems to say to them, "Get up to date. Give the people religion in a twentieth century manner and they will respond."

Each denomination is trying to work out its own salvation. The Episcopal church, for instance, is adopting a regular program. In the past every little parish and big one, was allowed to do its work in the way it best saw fit. This will go on but under the program as outlined by the leaders of the church.

The Methodist denomination is considering radical changes in "The Rules on Discipline." They have pledged a monstrous sum to carry on the work. The leaders of the church are thinking, studying and planning along new lines.

There is talk in the air of a union of churches. Of course, this is not new, but one reads and hears more of it every day.

As a concrete illustration, the Congregational church in our village has adopted a definite program. They are using newspaper space for advertising. Nothing new, this advertising some of the most successful churches in the United States have done it for years, but all these things show the trend of the times.

The day is not far distant when again the man, or woman, who is not a member of some church and a regular attendant at divine service, will be the exception.

**OUR LIBRARY—AGAIN!**

Downers Grove people have never yet failed when something for the good of the community was at stake. They will not now fail in the proposition to make our Public Library something more than a name.

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We have the building to properly house the volumes needed. It is one of the most beautiful public buildings along the Burlington and practically the only one we have in the village. The taxes and the income from the hall barely pay the annual cost of maintenance, to say nothing of keeping the present books in repair or purchasing new ones. Real money is needed.

The people of Downers Grove will soon be asked to respond to pleas for cash to carry out a real library program for the village. It will be for their benefit, for the benefit of their children and for those who follow after us. The schools need a real public library, the public needs a real library and it is up to the public to give its self one.

When the program of financing is arranged and presented, we hope everyone will back up the Library Board in its endeavors.

**TWO LOCAL RESIDENTS PASSED AWAY IN WEEK**

MRS. CATHERINE HOFF

Mrs. Catherine Hoff, wife of Mr. H. C. Hoff and mother of Fred W. and Elmer L. Hoff died very suddenly at her home on North Forest avenue last Wednesday night. The cause of death was heart failure and she had not been sick at all. Her death, coming as it did, when she was apparently in the best of health was a profound shock to her husband, sons

and many friends.

Mrs. Hoff (nee Gries) was born in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, November 19th, 1861 and she spent her girlhood in this beautiful Wisconsin county. On December 23, 1882 she was married and made her home there until she moved to Downers Grove in 1914. In her short stay in the village she made many friends, especially in her neighborhood on the north side where she will be sorely missed.

Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon at her home, the Rev. J. B. Little of the Baptist church officiating and burial was made in Waldheim cemetery.

JOHN OLSON

John Olson died at the home of his son, Arthur E. Olson on Oakwood avenue, Tuesday, October 7th. The end, though not unexpected, was a shock to his surviving relatives. His death was peaceful rather like slipping off of the troubles of this earth for the joys of heaven.

Mr. Olson was born in Norway, March 20, 1834. When a young man he came to America, settling at Geneseo, Ill., where he resided nearly all his life. He was married to Miss Mary Nyman, five children being born to them, only one surviving. Mr. and Mrs. Olson would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary had she lived one year more. She died eleven years ago at which time Mr. Olson came to live with his son.

Mr. Olson was a shoemaker by trade. He was a man of rugged constitution and sturdy character, a lifelong member of the Lutheran church



and a very devout Christian. He was a man of quiet, even temper and of kindly spirit. No one ever heard him say an unkind word against anybody. He was never heard to find fault or complain.

He was strictly temperate and exemplary in his moral life, living to a ripe old age and was gathered at last like a ripe shock of corn into the Heavenly garden.

Mr. Olson was buried in the family vault at Waldheim cemetery at the side of his wife and children.

By wetting the leaves thoroughly and then weighting them down by sticks or soil will be a splendid winter protection and the weight and moisture of the winter snow will bring about rapid incorporation of the mulch with the soil. Further detailed advice along this line will be sent free to any reader of this newspaper by the American Forestry Association.

the loss of our beloved wife and mother.

Mr. H. C. Hoff and sons.

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**"The Need of Trained Leadership"**

Next Sunday morning at the "whole family" service a presentation of the Midwest Religious Leadership Campaign will be made by Rev. S. E. Lynd.

Come at 10 o'clock and enjoy the study and discussion period and then stay to hear Rev. Lynd at 11 o'clock.

At the Social Hour (6:30 p. m.) everyone, young and old, is invited to meet Miss Grace Hemingway who will be pleasantly remembered as one of the former kindergarten teachers and her brother, W. A. Hemingway, M. D., who recently returned from China where he has served humanity as a medical missionary.

7:30 p. m. Dr. W. A. Hemingway will tell of Some Aspects of Medical Mission work in Shantung, China, that much talked of part of the world these days. He will be assisted by Miss Hemingway in some choice readings. Special Music by the Men's Chorus.

**First Congregational Church**