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A LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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Tuesday Evening, Dec. 19 in the Church Edifice. Speaker Introduced by Robert P. Walker

In introducing the speaker of the evening, Mr. Robert P. Walker spoke as follows:

Friends: I assume that every one present believes in a supreme power; also that everything that exists is governed by and is in conformity to law.

In the XX Chapter of Exodus we read: "And God spake... these words, saying, Thou shalt have no other gods before me." In Science and Health (page 340), Mrs. Eddy says: "The First Commandment is my favorite text. It demonstrates Christian Science."

Having one God, we can have but one law—the law of God. Christ Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount said: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." (Matt. V:17).

Jesus cleansed the leper; he raised Lazarus after he had been dead four days; the woman whom the Scribes and Pharisees brought to him he refused to condemn, but said unto her—"Go and sin no more"—all of this in fulfillment of God's law—clear evidence that there is no law of God that man shall sin, suffer or die.

That which was law and true in Jesus' time is operative and true today.

Mrs. Eddy claims for Christian Science that it is a re-discovery of the Christ teaching; that it is scientific and to do the works the Master commanded, it is necessary to abide strictly by the principle laid down.

Today loyal Christian Scientists throughout the world are doing "the works", thereby fulfilling God's law; they have reached that spiritual understanding where they can truthfully say with Mrs. Eddy: "To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, today is big with blessings." (Preface, Science & Health, Page VII).

No doubt many of you have problems to meet and have come here to see if there is anything in Christian Science that will give you relief. In anticipation of this, this Church has invited to be with us this evening, a member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass., one who is well qualified to address you on the subject. I take pleasure in presenting Edward A. Merritt, C. S. B., of Cleveland, Ohio.

The application of science to religion is no doubt the most vital accomplishment in the progress of mankind. Materialism had kept humanity for many centuries groping in the darkness through false concepts of Christianity. The religious history of the world since the end of the third century offers lessons worthy of our most careful study. Under the influence and control of Emperor Constantine the power to heal the sick by spiritual means, which had been present in the primitive church for three hundred years, was lost. How came such a change? Had spiritual power ceased to exist? No one would make such a claim. This spiritual power was not dead, merely lost. What caused it to be lost? A careful study of the history of those times shows incontrovertibly the reason. Ecclesiasticalism with its forms and ceremonies, tending to exalt and perpetuate personal worship, and material power and influence were responsible. Centuries elapsed before Christianity could regain the vital spiritual power which its Founder had provided.

Religion, according to the popular view, may be defined as the acts and forms through which men express their concepts of God and seek to commune with Him. But is this true religion? Do ecclesiastical rites and the organized actions of men constitute religion according to the standard of the Founder of Christianity? On the contrary, religion is a moral and spiritual fact. St. James said, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." The grandeur and reality of Christianity, then, cannot be understood and appreciated only

CITY TO FLOOD PONDS FOR USE OF SKATERS

REPORT ON CHRISTMAS TREE

Public Service Company to Furnish Light Free for Four Nights Commencing Sunday

By Publicity Commission
Last Friday's council meeting was fully attended, Mayor Hastings and all the commissioners being in their accustomed places at promptly five o'clock.

There was a short business session, during which several bills were ordered paid and others adjusted; also estimates read, mainly those of Ravinia Woods Sub-division.

At its close, Mayor Hastings asked if anyone in the room had sought to see before adjournment, Mr. Van Schaick rose and gave an informal report of the lately appointed committee on a community Christmas Tree for Highland Park.

He said that it was the sense of the committee that there should be such a tree placed this Christmas season in the business district; but that the city should be asked this year to assume the expense of such an undertaking. Owing to the shortness of time given to the committee in which to act, it was decided impracticable to conduct a canvass or other soliciting campaign.

Commissioner Bahr acquainted Mayor Hastings with practical suggestions made by Mrs. Eddy and others with regard to locating, lighting and ornamenting the tree; also the proffered help of the Public Service Co. in wiring it, and donating its electric lighting for four nights.

After further inquiry into cost and facilities, the council voted to place \$100.00 at the disposal of the committee who in conjunction with Mr. Bahr, as representative of the city, were commissioned to execute the plans of such a community tree.

Its location on Central Avenue, a few feet east of St. Johns was looked upon with favor by the council. The four nights of its illumination were to begin Sunday, the 24th.

The mayor suggested that the Department of Public Health and Safety see to it, that skating ponds be flooded and all possible means used to give our citizens a good and wholesome time on these festive nights.

NEXT WEEKS MOVIES

Vaudeville Monday and Fannie Ward in "Witchcraft", and Burton Holmes Pictures Saturday

The motion pictures at the local Theatre for next week are, Sunday, "The Honorable Algy", with Charles Ray and Athletic pictures; Monday, Vaudeville and comedies; Tuesday, "The Heart of a Hero," and Sellig pictures; Wednesday, Anita Stewart in "The Daring Diana," Hughie Mack Comedy; Thursday, Viola Dana in "The Cossack Whip," and Musty Suffer; "Her Father's Son" and Krazy Kat Cartoon; Saturday, Fannie Ward in "Witchcraft," Burton Holmes Pictures.

STATE BANK ALTERATIONS

Banking Room of Local Institution Being Remodeled by Zimmer and Huber

Zimmer and Huber have the contract for extensive remodeling of the interior of the Highland Park State Banking room. A force of men are now at work. The changes contemplate larger officers quarters, a savings department and increased facilities generally, all of which is necessary to care for the growing business of the institution.

It is expected that the work will be complete about January 1st.

WAUKEGAN SCOUTS ACTIVE

To Earn Money by Delivering Christmas Packages to Various Parts of City

The Y. M. C. A. Boy Scouts of Waukegan on Saturday will be ready to deliver Christmas packages from Waukegan people to Waukegan people any where in the city. They will call for the packages and deliver them whenever and however wished. A small charge will be made which will be turned into the Scout treasury to buy camp equipment.

The Association of North Shore Municipalities

"Combined Effort"—"Organization"

The regular meeting of the Association of North Shore Municipalities was held at the City Hall on Monday evening, December 18th.

The co-operative spirit is now a harmonious chord and the anvil has resounded its reverberations throughout this little world from Waukegan to Waukegan, which the Association of North Shore Municipalities hopes to develop into a spot of renown.

There is nothing so cheering and so effective as a combined effort, and fundamentally this is the by-word of the Association—"combined effort" together with "organization".

The men behind this worthy and inestimable movement are men who do not act perfunctorily; they are men whose stamina and ability emanate success; therefore the Association, which has only been born, is a reality; will be a success and will administer incalculable value to the respective municipalities.

Each community, with its limited capital, is capable of only mediocre progress. Many of the citizens have long since consoled themselves in the belief "it hardly will occur in our day", or "we can't expect to see this new development", or "it is too big a task for our municipality", etc. This organization is the unthought of deliverer from our limited possibilities.

We have heard of its birth and "get-together" meeting, and this is only the first stride in the course of events to follow, as we shall soon learn of its benefiting our Cities and Villages in a manner desired.

The halcyon days are already forecasting themselves on the horizon of the municipalities of this Association, and each municipality will be offered a course to obtain the quietness of value for its welfare.

The organization might well be said to be a benefactor to each of the municipalities. Some of the towns that are struggling ahead to acquire a great deal and keep in the vanguard of the times need the help of this Association; this Association will mean much to each and to all.

Why should not this community of the North Shore, ideally located and enjoying enviable climate par-excellence, be the beauty spot of our Continent and renowned in the whole world. This Association will, as it gains in strength and unity, be able to bring this dream to a realization.

The Town of Highwood is awake to the capabilities of the Association and Mayor Meyers, and his entire council, who were present at this meeting, showed the spirit desired of combined effort and organization.

A very interesting and unique pamphlet is about to be printed that will give a more comprehensive and clearer view of the Association's membership, purposes and enterprises.

Mr. Ward W. Willis, of Highland Park, a member of the Franchise Committee of the Association, brought forth many interesting facts at the meeting, in connection with the possibilities of getting the Telephone Company to give each community the same conditions and make one uniform ordinance, and also bring about better telephone conditions. Also the question of electric lighting and street car service was broadly discussed. Mayor Lewis of Lake Forest, who is chairman of the Franchise Committee, will call a meeting of his Committee very soon at which these several matters will be gone into and new features revealed.

The Water Committee will have much to look into as to meters and water supply and better water. The Village of Winnetka, as President Rummier of that Village remarked at the meeting, last year had a profit of \$3,000 on its water plant; besides giving its citizens cheaper water, and the same town also made about \$50,000 on their electric light plant and this plant operates the water plant.

As to whether or not the plan to have one main centrally located electric light plant and water plant will be feasible and beneficial to the several communities will be discussed at the meeting of this community.

The question of supplies for the different municipalities was given much consideration and it is planned to have each City and Village send to the Chairman of the Purchasing Committee, Mr. Albert Macdonald, Mayor of Glencoe, a list of the intended purchases they will make for the year 1917 and advantageous quotations can be procured and in this manner, dealing with the situation as a whole, it will mean a saving over and above the present manner of purchasing to each town.

The item of municipal accounting will be gone into by that committee. And on Tax Valuations, Mayor Lewis thought it would be to the interests of the towns to employ a scientific man to study the conditions on taxation in each of the several municipalities, who would work in conjunction with the Committee on Tax Valuations, and make a general report on the now existing plan, and recommendations with reference to a more equitable and just manner in the levying of taxes.

President Samuel M. Hastings has called the next meeting of the Association for Friday evening, January 26th, 1917 and it is planned to have all of the members of the Association present at the meeting together with the Boards of Health; the Heads of the Police Department, Fire Department; Superintendents of Streets and all Department Heads of each of the Municipalities having membership in the Association, for the purpose of getting an interchange of ideas and suggestions with the aim in view of "combined effort" and "organization" towards the adoption of uniform regulations in so far as they are applicable.

LAKE FOREST FIRE THURS.

Kent Clow Residence and Contents Destroyed by Fire in Spite of Efforts of Volunteers

Kent S. Clow's \$100,000 home at Lake Forest and practically all of its contents were destroyed by flames last Thursday night, despite the hard fight put up by the "society volunteer fire department."

Mr. and Mrs. Clow escaped in near zero weather in their bath robes. Thus clad, they aided the fire fighters in rescuing a few articles of value from the burning home. The children and servants also got clear of the house without mishap, despite the swift manner in which the fire took command. The fire started at 11:30 Faulty wiring caused it. It was carried so swiftly between the partitions that the blaze seemed to break simultaneously from the walls of every room in the house. Mr. and Mrs. Clow were aroused. Throwing on their bathrobes, they took their children to safety.

Society members of the volunteer

fire department got the small chemical engine quickly to the scene and made a strong fight to save the house. They succeeded in saving the outer walls of the building and prevented a spread to any of the outhouses. The contents of the house, with the exception of a few articles which the firemen and members of the family were able to take out, were destroyed.

POST OFFICE OPEN TO 10:30

Parcel Post Will be Delivered on Sunday and Monday. One Carrier Delivery Monday.

The Post Office will be open up to ten thirty in the morning on Christmas Day with one delivery by carrier. All Parcel Post will be delivered as it comes in. On Sunday all parcels coming in will be delivered, but if anyone wishes to have such mail kept in the post office until Monday, the officials would be pleased to do so, if notified. All grocery stores and markets will be closed all day Christmas.

FIRST COMMUNITY TREE FOR HIGHLAND PARK

SERVICES SUNDAY AT 5:30

Deerfield, Highwood and Ravinia Invited to Join in the Singing of Christmas Carols. Baglers Open Program

At the sound of the bugle call, to be given by the high school bugle corps, on Sunday afternoon at five thirty, Mayor Hastings will wish all the citizens a "Merry Christmas." The occasion will be the lighting of Highland Park's first Community Christmas Tree. The "Big Tree" which is set on E. Central Avenue near St. Johns Avenue is thirty feet high and has been brought from fifteen miles west of Elgin. One hundred and fifty lights are to adorn the tree and electric current will be furnished by the Public Service Co.

In an other part of the paper will be found verses from different carols which will be sung around the tree. It is suggested that our readers clip them and take them along for reference. The carols will be sung by a chorus of voices from the different schools and churches. Mr. Carl Booth is in charge of the singing and is anxious to have everyone present and join in this greatest good fellowship meeting Highland Park has ever had.

At five fifteen everyone is asked to assemble at the Northwestern station and at five thirty move in a procession to the tree.

The following is the program to be carried out:

Trumpets.
Procession from station to tree.
Of Come all ye Faithful.
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear.
Christmas Greeting from Mayor Hastings.
The First Noel, by high school and grade schools.
Holy Night.
Deerfield, Highwood and Ravinia are all asked to join in this celebration.

The committee in charge has worked long and hard to make this a joyful occasion and the hearty co-operation of the public is sincerely asked for.

GOOD ROAD BOOSTERS MEET

Plan \$1,000,000 Bond Issue for Lake County's Roads in the Spring

\$1,000,000 for good roads is to be Lake county's slogan for the year of 1917.

Already steps have been taken to submit a proposition of voting \$1,000,000 in bonds for good roads to the people of the county at a special election to be held next spring.

At the regular meeting of the good roads association of Lake a County held in Witten's hall Friday, a resolution was passed which will bring about the calling of a bond issue election.

On recommendation R. W. Dunn, attorney for the Good Road Association of the Chamber of Commerce of Chicago, this resolution was passed by the good roads boosters of Lake county.

"Be it resolved, that Senator Rodney B. Swift as our president appoint a special committee—to be composed of representatives of the several townships of Lake county, to investigate and make a study of the \$1,000,000 bond issue, and report their findings at the next meeting of this association, to be held in Waukegan in January."

It was R. W. Dunn who delivered the main address. He proved a forceful speaker, and there was no question in the minds of those present but what he knew whereof he spoke. Mr. Dunn engineered the passage of a \$2,000,000 bond issue in Chicago, and he claims that the price of good roads in Lake County is to be paid in the coin of eternal vigilance as well as in the coin of dollars and cents, and that Lake county must pass a \$1,000,000 bond issue to keep pace with other counties of this and other states of the union.

\$1,000,000 will build 200 miles of brick or concrete road and will cost but 6.4 cents per acre in rural districts and 26 cents per \$100 valuation in cities. It would take fifty years under the state aid plan, but by bond issue it will take only four years.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS IN LOCAL CHURCHES

CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE

Appropriate Songs and Stories to Celebrate the Yuletide. Christmas Trees, Candy and Presents for all Children

Trinity

The Children's Carol service and Christmas tree will be held in the Parish House on Sunday afternoon, Christmas Eve at four o'clock, and in connection with it will be given the beautiful little Mystery Play "When the Master Came" which the children presented so effectively last year.

The gifts which the children bring to the tree will be sent to St. Mary's Mission House at the Cathedral in Chicago, to be given to the poor children for whom the good sisters provide.

The Children's service will be over in time to permit them to take part in the service at the Municipal Christmas Tree at 5:30.

Ebenezer Evangelical

The Christmas entertainment of the Ebenezer Sunday School will be given on Saturday evening, Dec. 23, at 7:30 o'clock. A program has been prepared which will be interesting and instructive to all. Among the many things on the program there are recitations, solos, choruses, a dialogue, and a stereophon lecture "The Birth of the Christ Child". Come and help make the occasion a joyous one.

Presbyterian

Christmas will be observed in all of the services at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday. In the Bible School at half past nine, the school will give a special program, the children taking part in the Christmas exercise. The parents and friends are especially invited to attend this service.

Highland Park M. E.

The children of the Sunday School will meet at the church at seven thirty to celebrate Christmas. The choir will render Christmas music, and the children will sing carols and speak pieces appropriate to the occasion.

St. Johns Evangelical

At seven o'clock on Christmas eve, the Sunday School members will gather at the church for the usual Christmas program. There will be a tree with presents and candy for all. There will be special Christmas music.

First United Evangelical

A Christmas program of song and story will be given in the church tomorrow evening. Everyone is invited to attend the entertainment. There will be appropriate decorations with candy and gifts for all.

Swedish Lutheran

Special services will be held in Library Hall, the evening of Christmas day at 8 o'clock.

You are most cordially invited to attend these services.

Highwood Congregation

The Christmas Festival arranged by the Sunday school will be given in the church Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Baptist Church

On Christmas Eve, at seven o'clock the members of the church will gather around a lighted tree to sing songs and recite poetry concerning the Yuletide season.

A GROWING CHRISTMAS TREE

A Tracy Lay Family Invites Everyone to View a Real Christmas Tree at 522 E. Vine Ave.

Beginning on Christmas Eve and continuing until New Year's night, there is to be a Christmas tree illuminated with electric lights on the lawn in front of the A. Tracy Lay residence at 522 E. Vine Ave. Everyone, especially the children, are welcome to come and see it. The tree will be lit during the hours of five to eight each evening. The tree is growing on the lawn, which feature adds to its beauty.