

heal the soul. Such miracles were means to an end, rather than an end in themselves.

Nor would we say that God never grants a miraculous cure today, that He never in answer to believing prayer prolongs the life of one who is apparently beyond hope of recovery. In the last analysis, whenever bodily cures are effected today, be the patient Christian or unbeliever, it is the work of the Lord that health us. Medicine has no virtue, doctors no skill, save as the Giver of life and health works through these natural means. While, therefore, it is entirely proper that we pray to God in times of sickness and look to Him to heal us if it is His will and best for us, we must not allow the body and its needs to crowd out of our minds the far greater needs of the soul.

Let me repeat it: Sin is the root cause of all sickness, both of soul and of body. Our first concern must therefore be that our souls find healing from the sickening effects of sin. And such healing of souls is always connected with the forgiveness of our sins. If my sin has been the leprosy of lust, my forgiveness will be evidenced in a cleansing from that foul leprosy. If my sin has been a blasphemous, cursing tongue, my forgiveness will be evidenced in a tongue that prays instead of curses. If my sin has been the rottenness of envy, my forgiveness will be evidenced in the soundness of love and unselfishness.

Whatever the sin, God's first benefit of forgiveness of the guilt of sin is always followed by His second benefit of healing the effects of sin. And whenever sin is the direct cause of bodily sickness, such bodily disorders are likewise healed once the underlying cause has been removed.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And forget not all his benefits:  
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities,  
Who healeth all thy diseases."  
W. F. Suhr.

Highland Park Methodist Church  
North Avenue at Laurretta Palce  
Rev. F. D. Hopkins, Minister

Next Sunday morning the pastor speaks upon a very vital theme which he somewhat disguises under the topic, "Why the Cupboard was Bare." However, the title of his discourse is more closely related to his theme than you may think and was not chosen simply for its novelty. He will illustrate his remarks in quite an unique manner which will interest everyone present. He asks for a large hearing on this very vital theme and especially requests his men members and friends to be present. There will be special music at this and all services during the weeks that lie ahead.

There was a fine audience last Sunday, notwithstanding the change to daylight saving hours. Rev. Wm. Doble, former pastor, was present and assisted in the services most acceptably. The Sunday school dropped slightly in attendance owing to so many boys and girls oversleeping, but the average per Sunday this past month of March compared with March of 1928 and 22 higher, which is quite a gain.

Now that flowers are blooming, it would make the church a very de-

lightful place if those having flowers would bring or send a few to church each Sunday for decorations. The flowering in the church yard has attracted much attention because of the beauty of its bloom.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society is giving a chop suey luncheon at the home of Mrs. Sarah Laegeler, North avenue, this week Thursday at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Louis Miller and Mrs. Julius Laegeler are assisting hostesses.

The Swedish Methodist Church  
Highwood Avenue and Everts Place  
Rev. William W. Nelson, Pastor  
Friday, May 3: 7:00 p. m.—Meeting of the Boy Scout troop at church.

Saturday, May 4: 8:00 p. m.—Ninth special program of music, speech and song. With the exception of our last concert, there is no admission charge at these Saturday evening programs. An offering is taken for the building fund. Everyone is invited to partake of refresh-

ments in the church basement after the program.

Sunday, May 5: 9:00 p. m.—Confirmation class hour; 10:30 a. m.—Sunday school; 6:00 p. m.—Annual Epworth League program. There will be an installation of the new cabinet at this time. Every leaguer should be present and on time; 7:45 p. m.—Our Twenty-fifth Anniversary service. Special speaking and singing. Both languages will be used. The public is invited.

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