

CHRIST AND HIS TEACHINGS.

What the Churches are Doing for the Poor and Needy.

THE SELECTION OF A NEW MINISTER.

Doings of Church People the City Over—Societies Reorganizing for the Winter's Work—Church News.

Christ said that it was more blessed to give than to receive. He said again that of these most important attributes of his faith, hope and charity, the greatest was charity.

Many of the church people of Omaha believe those statements, for they illustrate the truth of them every day by practical application. Now that the summer time is gone, the autumn is rapidly speeding by and the keen, merciless blasts of winter are approaching.

Omaha is unusually fortunate in having so small a percentage of poor people, but there will be plenty for every charitable hand this winter in taking care of the destitute.

There has been some talk of a re-organization of the association of boards of charities for the purpose of supporting St. Timothy's mission, and to distribute presents and the necessities of life among the poor in general all over the city.

Some definite action will be taken before Thanksgiving day, and in all probability a thanksgiving dinner for poor children will be provided. Rev. J. H. Reedy, who has charge of St. Timothy's mission, and several others are now contemplating some such entertainment as this, and it will doubtless culminate in deeds of charity that will be far-reaching and helpful to the unfortunate who are deprived of those common comforts in life for which the poor are so miserably circumstanced.

In All Saints' Episcopal church the Women's auxiliary was organized last Tuesday afternoon. This is a most worthy society and will doubtless secure a great deal of joy and happiness in its ministrations among the poor and those who are looking for the guidance of an Almightly hand.

The objects of the society are both charitable and missionary, and will be conducted in Omaha and the state of Nebraska. The officers are: Mrs. Augustus Pratt, president; Mrs. M. S. Van Dusen, vice president; Mrs. Charles Fottum, secretary; Mrs. C. B. Shackelford, treasurer. The directors are Mrs. M. C. Nichols, Mrs. H. F. Cady and Mrs. A. P. Hopkins.

Miss Adams of Detroit, a general officer in the Detroit diocese, organized the society and delivered a very interesting address at All Saints' church on Tuesday afternoon.

The society of the Kings Daughters has been organized at Trinity cathedral. The principal object of this society is the distribution of clothing and other articles among the poor.

Many other church societies are preparing for the charitable work of the winter, and it is none too soon.

St. Timothy's Mission. The friends of St. Timothy's mission in the city of Omaha are respectfully solicited to contribute for the work at the mission, upon the following basis:

1. The mission is under the ministerial direction of the Rev. J. H. Reedy. In connection with this mission, Mr. Reedy is making arrangements to conduct a night school for persons of any age desiring to attend.

2. The only pledge on the part of the workers is that they faithfully perform their duty, striving to lead a Christian life as members of the church universal.

3. The teachings of the mission will be based upon the holy scriptures as a text book and guide. The instruction in the Sunday school will be based upon the teachings of the Lord's prayer, the ten commandments and the apostolic creed in its simplest form and the most obvious meaning.

sweet peas and glove pink. Dainty refreshments were served at midnight, followed by prize giving. Mrs. Hutchinson of Walnut Hill and Mrs. V. Patterson, having two memories, played high five for the prize, resulting in victory for Mrs. Hutchinson and ownership of a beautiful silk head-rest. Mr. Wagoner took by way of consolation a Fifth Amendment gentleman cook. The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bohn, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wagoner, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kelton, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Coykendall, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Webster, Mrs. Sadie Vaughn of Chicago, Miss Ollie Beall, Cortland, N. Y.; Miss Bessie Kent, Cincinnati; Miss Adelaide Galloway, St. A. Orchard, B. S. Bisher, H. J. Matthew, Orff and Darby.

Homeless Young Men. Speaking of the work of the churches with special regard for the salvation of young men, Mr. Hazleton, acting secretary of the Y. M. C. A., said to a Bee reporter one day last week:

"The one who carefully studies the condition of the young men of this city, some startling facts are revealed. A conservative estimate places the number of young men, from sixteen to thirty years of age, in this city at 25,000. The relation which the young men in the average city bear to the entire population is one to six. The proportion of young men in Omaha is therefore, than this, and by some is placed at one to five.

"Of these 25,000 young men, at least 50 per cent are homeless. This estimate is based upon a test of a representative 1,000, taken from all classes, more than one-half of whom, to the question 'Are you boarding?' answered 'Yes.' The greater part of these 500 were 12,500 who are boarding as young men of limited means and small salaries, and in consequence not able to occupy elegantly furnished rooms and lodgings at fashionable hotels. On the contrary, they must content themselves with plainly furnished rooms and good, but not different, board, as the case may be. In the majority of cases they are entirely without the comforts of home-life, rarely coming in contact even with the family of their parents, and in many instances, by means of the audacity to push themselves into society, and having few acquaintances with married people in the city, the homes of our citizens are effectually barred against them. Even if they are members of regular attendants upon churches, they rarely if ever are sought out by the members of the church and invited to their homes. Thousands of young men have been in this city for months and have not in that time seen the inside of a Christian home. Hundreds of these young men have been regular attendants upon the city churches for periods ranging from six months to two years, and have all this time never had them the influence of a Christian home. I can cite numerous individual cases. There are about three hundred young men in the city who are boarding upon the business colleges, many of whom are working their way and utterly deprived of all semblance of home life.

"The young men of this city, at some time in their life, had pleasant homes—homes in which a loving mother or a devoted sister was the center. While under the influence of that mother or that sister they were shielded from evil. Now, deprived of the comforts of home and the influence of loved ones, made to feel that they are estranged from association with Christian people, it is not wonder that they fall into temptation! When our homes are closed to them and the saloons, the gambling halls, the dancing halls, the house of ill-fame stand wide open and offer a hearty welcome, is it to be wondered at that they seek in these to satisfy their cravings for society, and amid these pleasures forgetfulness of all their sorrows? The greatest wonder is that so few yield.

"The fact that Christian people are so remiss in discharging their duty towards these young men may not be so much due to unwillingness as to indifference or thoughtlessness. They do not seem to realize that the souls of these young men; that these young men are entrusted to their care by loving parents, with the hope that they might, here, find the home life of which they are so sorely deprived! Say what they will, the Christian people of this city cannot escape the fact that they bear the responsibility of shielding these young men.

"It is true that the Christian people of this city have done something for the young men. Through the Christian churches, the Christian church has provided a pleasant place of resort, free from blighting influences. But this is not all that is required. Even when under the influence of the association these young men are still deprived of the refining influences of home, and it is not until they are placed in homes that their full duty will have been discharged.

"The question is asked: In opening our homes to these young men do we not incur danger by bringing them in contact with our families, our sons and our daughters? I answer, No. Far less danger is to be feared from these young men than from the young men who are daily admitted into the Christian homes of this city, and to the society of our sons and daughters, without a question in regard to their influence. The young men who are neglected in this city are the young men who modestly forbid them from passing themselves forward, and whose character, with few exceptions, is not such as would lead them to take advantage of kindness shown them.

"The question of ability to entertain these young men is a stumbling block to many. It does not require great preparation and lavish expenditure of money to entertain a young man for an evening. It is the home surroundings which they need, and these all have. Lavish preparation is likely to embarrass rather than entertain them.

"Now a word in regard to the spiritual condition of these young men. Of the 25,000 less than 2,000 are members of the Evangelical churches, not more than 100 are added yearly to the churches by conversion. At this rate it would take 180 years to bring the 25,000 now outside the church to Christ, while at the same time thousands of young men are coming up to fill the places which these leave. From this it will be seen, that unless something unusual takes place to reach the hearts of these young men, a large proportion of each generation is as surely lost as if they were actually pronounced.

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Spring and Mantou, Col. Rev. G. S. Davis, editor of the Nebraska Christian Advocate, will fill his pulpit today at the morning service.

The Methodist of Omaha are again agitating the idea of establishing a hospital. A meeting was held at the Young Men's Christian association rooms last Monday, at which the matter was talked over. Another meeting will be held tomorrow to further the preliminary plans.

On Wednesday of this week the general assembly of all the Congregational churches of Nebraska will be held in Norfolk. The session will open with an address by Dr. Dyer, and will be followed by other able speakers and writers in a church closing on Sunday evening.

The annual session of the Woman's Home Missionary union of the Congregational church held last week was a very satisfactory gathering. In the election of officers for the ensuing year Mrs. A. A. Stiger of Omaha was elected vice president and Mrs. A. B. Somers as one of the associate vice presidents.

The Southwestern Presbyterian church has secured a pastor, and the people of the congregation are looking anxiously for his arrival, which will be in about three weeks. The gentleman is Rev. R. N. Atkinson of Quincy, Ill. He is considered a well educated and successful pastor. Speaking of his coming to Omaha the Quincy Whig of October 14 said: "The Rev. R. N. Atkinson has been called to the pastorate of the First Union Presbyterian church to accept the pastorate of the Southwest Presbyterian church of Omaha. He concluded his labors in Quincy on Sunday last and will leave for Omaha on his new charge on November 1. The departure of the Rev. Mr. Atkinson from this city will be deeply regretted, not only from the fact that he has been a member of our own church and congregation, but by the church generally. The influence of his good work here cannot be measured by the boundaries of his immediate congregation. It has been felt throughout the city and he is a minister whom Quincy can ill afford to lose. A man of broad views, a deep thinker and an earnest worker, Mr. Atkinson is one of our great gifts to any community. He will take with him to his new field of labor the sincere regard and good wishes of the people of Quincy generally."

RELIGIOUS. The fifth annual convention of Christian Workers in the United States and Canada, is to be held in the South Baptist church, Hartford, Conn., November 10-12, 13 and 14. The receipts of the American board in September were \$22,519 of which \$17,687 was in donations. For the same month last year the society received \$25,717, of which \$19,310 was by donations.

Secretary Mable of the American Baptist Missionary Union is to visit the foreign missions of that society. Mr. George A. Pillsbury of Minneapolis, paying all the expenses of the journey.

A beautiful new church, costing \$250,000, was last week consecrated in New York City by Bishop Doane. The building is the work of the rector, Dr. Charles F. Hoffman, of the Protestant Episcopal church of All Angels. It is a memorial gift in honor of his parents.

Several Christian ladies propose to conduct a normal class to promote the training of juvenile temperance workers in New York and vicinity. The class will be conducted and methods of carrying on such work will be given and illustrated. Teachers, Sunday school teachers and officers, city missionaries, temperance workers and all others interested in such work are invited to attend.

The Canadian government has been called upon to intervene in a religious dispute which is now agitating the province of Ontario. The governor general has received a memorial signed by over ten thousand Roman Catholics, including Archbishop Tache of Winnipeg, asking that the so-called "Protestant" legislators abolishing Catholic separate schools and the dual language be dissolved.

The general theological library (denominational) of Boston is now located in its new building, No. 6 Mount Vernon street. It provides a complete theological library, reading room and religious museum, and is the only library of this specific kind in the world. It now contains more than fifteen thousand volumes, not including the duplicates. The association contains 300 members and seats a larger number.

Leo G. Bennett, United States Indian agent in the Indian territory, with jurisdiction over many thousand Indians, in a recent report gives credit to the Christian missionaries for the moral advancement of the five tribes. His report shows that the Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians have invested large sums in church property, that the number of churches and schools under their supervision has been greatly increased, and there is a growing interest among the Indians in religious matters.

Recent statistics show that the Catholics of Germany now control 250 political and ecclesiastical political districts, and in the next ten years ago. Of those 250, the number of daily is 80, while 42 are published three times a week, 59 are semi-weekly, and 66 are weekly. The total number of papers published in the world is an increase of nearly one hundred per cent in ten years. Thus, there is one Catholic paper published for every 65,000 Catholics in the country. In Austria the Catholic press is almost a failure. On the other hand, Switzerland, with a Catholic population of 1,200,000, has 120 Catholic newspapers, or one for every 350,000, while in Austro-Hungary there is one for every 650,000.

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LIKE A ROMANCE BY GOETHE.

Singular Stories Brought Out by California Girl's Sad Death.

TRAGIC WORK OF A MATCH MAKER.

What the Jury Found in the Case of the Young Bride Who Took Her Own Life—One Doubtful Thomas.

A short time ago The Bee printed a dispatch from Redwood City, Calif., telling how Louise Esslinger, a young girl, had suicided on her wedding night. The details of the affair as brought out by the coroner's investigation and published by the San Francisco Examiner, furnish a romance of fascinating interest, bringing to light all the grossly of an old-time burg in Saxony or Alsace. Erickmann-Chatrain would have made the tale a second "L'Ami Fritz."

Frau Groner from time immemorial here kept a bakery, writes the Redwood City correspondent of that paper. She hailed from the ancient town of Klingenstein in the Rheinpfalz, Germany. She was a comely maiden. Twenty years ago, when she landed in New York, she was married to a baker named Jacob Pfanz, who kneaded the daily daily bread of Redwood City until the year 1881, when he died, leaving all he had accumulated behind him, together with an income policy good for \$5,000, which had secured at the instance of his thoughtful wife.

Now, in the old Rhine towns they have an institution which they call a "matchmaker." The term, English in its origin, is a corruption of this honorable institution, which has degenerated into a marriage bureau. Of course there are matchmakers and marriage-makers in other countries, but then they are generally amateur affairs.

Well, the Frau Pfanz managed the store end of the bakery, and it was a popular place, and she was a good manager, and her husband's neighbor who wished to hear what his or her neighbor was doing. In this fashion it gradually came to take on the air of a marriage bureau.

In 1881 Jacob Pfanz died, and in less than a year his widow, Margarethe Pfanz, nee Esslinger, married a Christian Groner, who worked in Haddler's brewery here.

The Germans here have a list of weddings achieved under the auspices of Frau Pfanz, and the names of the brides and grooms are success. But while Frau Pfanz interested herself in arranging the affairs of her neighbors she was keeping an eye open for her own romance.

The German community has one member named William Becker. He came from the district of Haddler in Saxony, where he had loved the Frau since the first time they played together in the district of Haddler in Saxony. That is he loved her until she gave him the mitten. William Becker seems to have drifted to California long after Jacob Pfanz and the Margarethe, whom he had wooed unsuccessfully, had been married, and settled in Redwood City.

Margarethe adopted a sisterly tone in some of her letters, giving him sound advice as to where he should place his money for safe keeping, and urging him to beware of "the devil."

Pfanz was a man well on in years and with a short lease of life, so it was understood that Becker might find happiness some day. Indeed, he had long been a devotee of the pen, and he had written his despairing affections by writing him of the pleasant fate that might await the both if Becker took to Margarethe all his earnings and put them in her hands, with that unquestioning faith which admits not of the slightest question or a receipt. The total number of letters received by Becker and there was among the visitors at the bakery one Chris Groner, who worked at Haddler's brewery. Groner had seen the Pfanz household a pretty girl named Emma Krueger, who was on a visit to Redwood City for a month. He fell in love with her at first sight, and before long he had proposed to her. He was to give Frau Pfanz a silk dress if she would arrange a marriage between himself and the attractive Emma. Frau Pfanz agreed to the proposal, and she was only a short time after her husband's death.

A month or two passed and Frau Pfanz changed her mind. She found a gentleman in the city who wanted to marry her, and to alleviate the regrets of her good friend Chris she changed the name of Pfanz to that of Groner.

When poor William Becker heard of her second marriage he was beside himself with grief. This philosophy came to his rescue. He did not attack all the presents he had sent to Margarethe, but he prayed that she send him back the savings of many years, which he had entrusted to her keeping, and so that is why William Becker goes about with the "Sorrows of Werther" upon his soul, and the romance is simply one of the amusements of the German newspapers here relate of the actors in the recent tragedy.

In the jury room tonight, it is said, one of the jurors had a sudden outbreak of the facts of the mystery had not all been brought to light, but the other jurors were satisfied that they had sufficient on which to base a verdict. One of the jurors at the reading told your reporter tonight that when Louise wished to leave the dance at midnight George Erickmann-Chatrain said to his new made bride, angrily: "If your butcher were here you'd stay." Louise answered sadly: "Yes, perhaps I would."

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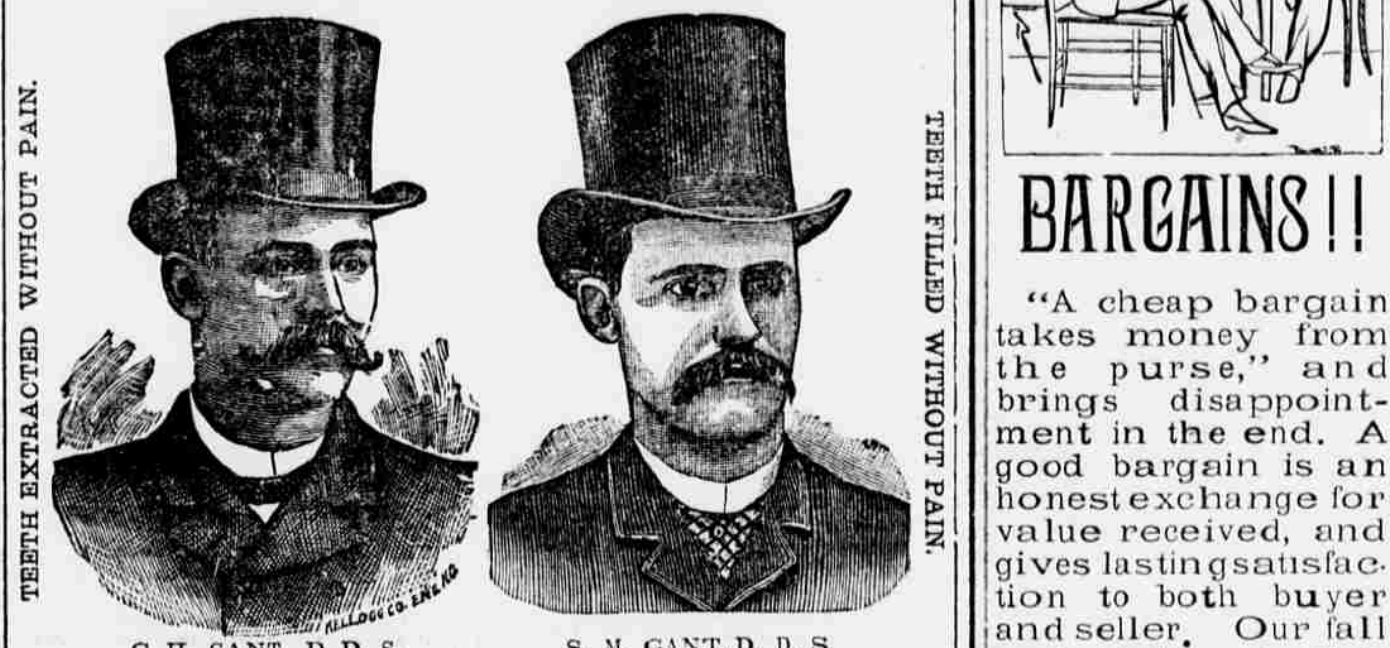
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"I took an interest in all her lessons, and overwelmed her with advice. These attentions embarrassed her and she exhibited signs of impatience, which I misinterpreted, attributing them to aversion. But after all, what right had I over her? Why was I vexed at her greater familiarity with Winne, whom she addressed simply as Winne, whereas she called me Monsieur Jules? She had a right to prefer him to me. And what ground did I have to be angry? One day I went to hear her perform at the concert of the conservatory. She played well, and eager to offer my congratulations, I went to wait for her at the foot of the stairs. She came down soon after with her little friends. I advanced to meet her, but on seeing me she turned away her head abruptly and walked on without saying anything. 'Evidently,' I said to myself, 'I over her.'"

"A little later, seeing her come away, the day of her graduation, with her arms full of prizes, weeping at the separation from her teachers, he decides that she

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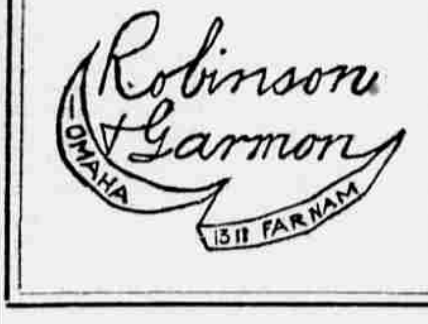
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Your usually undemonstrative men seldom make good husbands. Understand, however, that there is a wide difference between morbid reticence and mere shyness. The shy man keeps you at a distance from him by shrinking away from you, the reticent man by holding you at arm's length. A lady about to make a choice for life between the two will do well to give the preference to the former. Very reserved men are very difficult to govern.

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