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Organ Prelude-Meditation

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Mrs. J. L. Kendal, Soloist.

At the annual meeting of Castellar Street

Presbyterian church Wednesday night re-

ports were heard from every department

of the church and from its two chapels-

Park Forest chapel and Ontario Street

chapel. The treasurers of each department

reported all current bills paid and a little

Music for Calvary Baptist church:

Solo-Love's Eternal Crown.

Life Beyond Death?"

pers. There will be no sermon.

chard, planist and chorus assisting.

-As It Began in G.

will not hold the congregations.

First Presbyterian church.

Rev. Herbert L. Mills.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

be given by the association orchestra, Dr. Laird, and Miss Alma Schmidt, so-

A great time is expected at Chadron Sunday over the dedication of the new railroad building. Quite a number of Omnha men have gone to be present.

As soon as the weather permits, the tennis courts at nineteenth and Farnam, which have been secured again for this year, will be put into first-class shape. Physical Director Pentland expects to have them in better shape this year than last year.

The Sunday afternoon meeting will be one of considerable interest. Chancellor H. A. Bucktel of the University of Denver will be the speaker of the occasion. The chancellor is a very strong man and is one prominently mentioned for the bishopric of the Methodist church.

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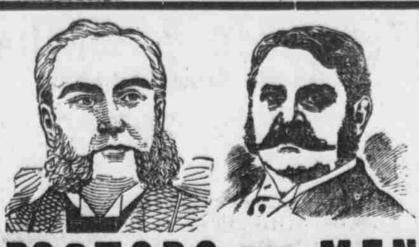
Next Thursday John W. Hansel, president of the Chicago Training school and Lake Geneva institute, will spend the evening in Omaha. In honor of his presence there will be a reunion of all Lake Genevaties and a social time in the parlors of the association from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Miscellaneous Announcements.

omorrow evening will be:

mands upon this church a broader plan must be adopted and larger ideas accepted as to the future of the work at this point.

Sunday the subject of the morning sermon will be. "Help For the Tempted"; in the evening, "Christians Out of the Church.



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Some of the delegates to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which meets May 4, in Los Angeles, will be the guests of the Omaha Preachers' next Monday. These are delfrom the country surrounding Omaha. There will be a meeting in the Young Men's Christian Association building from 2 to 4 o'clock on that afternoon, and in the evening a public session in Seward Street church. The afternoon session will be given to a discussion of what legislation the conference should enact for the benefit of the church in this part of the country. The evening meeting Solo and Chorus—Take Me to Thy Care Handel will be addressed by Chancellor H. A. Buchtel of Denver university.

The general conference meets but once in four years and is the most important meeting of the Methodist church. Delegates assemble there from all parts of the world in which the church has branches. Nebraska delegates appointed are Presiding Elder J. W. Jennings of the Omaha conference. William Gorst of Seward Street Methodist church and Rev. F. M. Stsson of Norfolk, formerly paster of Hanscom Park church. The alternate delegates are B. F. Paine of Grand Island, M. C. Hazen of Norfolk and F. E. Sahler of Ewing. The conference will be in session for one month and the Nebraska delegates leave here for the west three weeks from ysterday.

Sunday will end the existence of Kountse Memorial church as a place of worship. A reception will follow, but this is a social farewell event and a last gathering of friends. There will be no midweek service and Sunday following the congrega tion will gather for its devotions in the hall of the Metropolitan club. This has been leased for use until the new church on Farnam street is dedicated. Rev. J. E. Hummon will preach at both services, his morning sermon being, "One in Christ."

1	The music follows:
ı	MORNING.
Į	Prelude and FugueBach
	Te Deum
	Quartet-Lead Kindly Light
	veile and William Reynard.
	R. J. Spoerri, Clifford Daniels, E. N. Bo- velle and William Reynard.
	EVENING.

Miss Stapenhorst and choir.

Evening Rest Loschorn
Double quartet
Walter Sulhoff, R. J. Spoerri, Frank Kelso, Clifford Daniels, S. S. Hamilton,
E. N. Bovelle, George F. Allen,
William Reynard.

Postluda Massicao Wachs Postlude Maestoso Wachs

The Dellone hotel, under the managenent of the International Christian institute, had its formal opening Friday evening. The hotel was resplendent with new paint and furnishings, and the added graces of special decoration. An orchestra played, there were addresses and refreshments. The unspeakable weather, however, very greatly interfered with the pleasure of the evening. The hotel is now formally open.

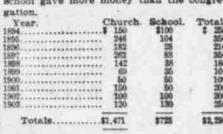
The annual meeting of the Young Women's Christian association is set for Monday evening. Half-past seven is the hour and supper will be served at 6:20 o'clock, preceding. Reports covering the year's work are to be read by the chairmen of committees and by the secretaries The meeting will be confined to members of the association. The membership contest has been concluded, with the result of 1.66, which is larger than during the year before. The membership prizes were won by Miss Grace Lillie, with a score of 319; Miss Julia Weinlander, 246; Miss Ora Johnson, 136, and Mrs. C. H. Penoyer, 45. The motto for 1905 is 2,000. The gospe by Breathing meeting Sunday will be addressed by Rev. Newman Hall Burdick of the Second Pres-

Trinity cathedral is still without a dean. Corner 18th and Dodge Streets, There has been an election of vestrymen Omaha, Offer to Return Meney it and perhaps the new members may choose Hyomel Treatment Fails to Cure Ca- some one who was not liked by the retiring members. Rev. Robert S. Copeland of Baltimore, who was sounded as to his willingness to take the parish, has declined on the ground that he feels it wrong to leave his present charge. Trinity is the last of the downtown churches so long without spiritual heads to secure a leader.

> Says the Dial of the Hanscom Park Methodist Episcopal parish: Methodist Episcopal parish:
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> Sunday is going to be a great day in our church. Dr. Buchtel, chancellor of the University of Denver, will be with us all day. He is one of our most gifted men. He is very prominently mentioned for the episcopacy. Bring all your friends to hear him. Let us pay up our last dollar subscribed on the debt and keep the day us a real judice. We want all hands to work for this day; we ask all hearts to pray for it; we ask everybody to invite everybody else to come and help us shout on that day.

sacred concert will be given at St. Cecelia's church, Fortieth and Burt streets, Sunday evening, April 17. Some of the leading singers of the city will be heard dence they can give of their faith in the and a very pleasing program is being pre-

> The offerings of the First Methodis: church and Sunday school for ten years to missions are given below. In the last year the fact is noticeable that the Sunday school gave more money than the congre



At the recent session of the quarterly conference of Seward Street Methodist Episcopal church reports were presented showing that the work of the church is progressing very favorably. A resolution was offered looking to the larger development of the church work, which met with careful consideration. It is realised that in order to meet the steadily increasing de-

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association from 8 to 10 o'clock.

The Personal Workers' class under Secretary Willis closed its work last Monday night with a social time at his home. Out from this class the past four years five men have gone into the work of the Young Men's Christian association, one into the ministry and three have gone to college to study for the ministry, while a large number of men, including the treasurer of the state executive committee, and the chairmen of several of the sub-committees in the association, as well as a number of the most active men in religious work have been trained. you; if from Neuralgia or Faceache, then you need No. 8. Stomach or Bowels-When you suffer from Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Weak or Sour Stomach, No. 10 is the sovereign

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North Side Christian, Rev. H. J. Kirschstein, Pastor-Morning, "What We Get Out of Life;" evenins. "Our Only Master."
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Response—Hear Our Praise Lesile
Anthem—O How Amiable Are Thy
Dwellings West
Gloris Patri
Offertory—Slumber Sweetly Beaumont
Patten's Orchestra
Solo—The Plains of Peace D. Barnard
Postluda
Destruda of English high life, in three acts, by R. C. Carton; under direction of Charles Frohman. The cast:

Frohman. The cast:

Duke of Droneborough. Charles Harbury Marquis of Quarmby, his elder son.

Lord Algernon Chetland, his younger son.

William Faversham Hon. Crosby Jethro. Albert Cowles Captain Standige. Charles Bertram Brabason Tudway. E. Y. Backus Richard Annesley. Edwin Haie Montague Denton. George Harker Mr. Jeal. reporter of the Weekly Searchlight. Edwin Haie Kinch, a process server. John Armstrong Swepsun, Lord Algernon's valet.

Mawley, Lord Algernon's valet. Organ Prelude—Minuet in G.... Beethoven Reeponse—Now, the Day is Over... Barnby Anthem—Remember Now Thy Creator... Adams Wyke, Brabason Tudway's footman Lady Algernon Chetland ... Julia Opp Lady Pamela Mallinson ... Madeline Rives Ottline Mailinson, her niece ... Mirian Childers Emily Cardew ... Sara Lelek Mrs Voking ...

balance with which to begin the new fiscal year. Thirty-six new members had joined One doesn't like to think what might have the church. The average of attendance in happened if Fickermaroo had finished outside the money, along with Dewdrop II; the home Sunday school was 315. Messrs, Charles A. Yost and F. William Krelle were but it looks like an odds-on proposition that elected to be new ruling elders. Mesars. the Algy family would have had to write Edward Schlick and W. Fred Krelle were home to the folks. But the good thing elected to be new deacons. No new trustees came through, and Lady Algy had enough were elected. This board, the same to make certain that she and he would throughout as heretofore, continues to be have for a time at least all the "Egyppresided over by Mr. F. W. Corliss, chair- tians" they needed, and the inference man. The congregation was pleased with left that each had had about enough of the work of its officers in every department following the stables that had claimed because of the encouraging reports they their allegiance, so let us hope "they lived happily ever after."

The play itself is a quaint little patchwork of things one has seen before; just Music for Calvery Burning.

MORNING.

Anthem—Sweet and Low, Savior Dear..

Barnby... sufficiently reminiscent to pique one's mind into locating the situations and thereby recalling delights of bygone days and play-Solo—Love's Eternal Crown

Frank Brackett

Mrs. G. W. Noble.

EVENING.

Anthem—My God, My Life, My Love

Weber-Wilson

To the auditor who cares to hark back Women's Chorus-Will We Walk With
Jesus? Lorenz along the track of memory. Mr. Carton has ingeniously contrived a number of variations for familiar situations, and by A service for the Modern Woodmen will the very simplicity of his methods has be held Sunday evening in the First Conadded a charm to their arrangement and gregational church. They will meet at management. The finale of each act is a their lodge rooms and march to the church. triumph of simplicity, and, being most The sermon will be appropriate to the artistically and thoughtfully worked out by the company, is made uncommonly effect In the First Baptist church Rev. J. W.

Mr. Faversham has developed during the

Conley, D. D., begins Sunday evening a years since he came here a leading man it series of sermons on "The Life That Is to a high-class stock company; his stellar Come." The first subject is "Is There a honors are easily worn for having been fairly won. He is a man of ardent temperament, easily responsive to surround-A portion of the Easter music will be reings, and the cordial reception he received peated in All Saints church during veslast night certainly had its effect in urging him to his best. His character in the play is one of repression, a well-bred gentleman, Music at North Side Christian church who doesn't seem to be understood by those who know him best, and who is placed in a false position, from which he is happily rescued by his wife, who did know him. The situations are handled with a quiet confidence, the result of long familiarity with the role, and afford the exterior evidence of ability to correctly ap-At All Saints' the musical services will be preclate and accurately express dramatic resumed at 4 o'clock. The choir will sing Miss Opp. although not in robust health, Parker's "Behold, Ye Despisers," with bari-

enters into the spirit of the play with as tone solo by C. S. Haverstock, and Miss much zeal as does the star; in fact, this Grace Barr will sing "Hosanna," by Geacan be fairly said of each of the supportnier. The rest of the program will consist of selections from the music rendered on ing cast. The excellent bits of acting aside from those of the leading characters are so numerous that it would take a long time to tell of all. Miss Opp is tall and At the First Baptist church a part of the dark, and moves about the stage as one Easter music will be repeated. Miss Pritaccustomed to the surroundings. She has a charm of manner that is quite con-vincing because of its unaffectedness, and her demeanor and the expression of her voice lead irresistibly to the conclusion that her reputation for sincerity is not without ample foundation. Omaha is certainly glad to make her acquaintance, and may say to her, in the conventional phrase, "Now that you have found the way, we hope you will come often." Miss Roebuck quite shares with Miss Opp in any praise that Campbell Morgan, who is known as the may be given, for she enacts a very diffisuccessor of Moody in the north field work, cult role with exceeding good taste and will revisit Omaha for one week commencrare judgment, having several opportuniing Sunday afternoon, April 17, and exties to exceed the proprieties and spoil a tending over the following Sunday. There scene or a speech, and neatly avoiding will be two services daily in the First Methodist church, Twentieth and Daveneach. Her struggle with the dress in the ball room scene was a capitally sustained port. Last year when Dr. Morgan was here assumption of discomfort, and her final the First Methodist church was crowded exit on the arm of the marquis of Quarmby daily. Arrangements have been made for a bit of dissemblance worthy of the artist overflow meetings in case the First church she apparently is.

The audience last night was not so large as the merit of the attraction deserved, the unusual weather conditions being largely responsible for this fact; but the house was well filled with a fine representation of the fashion and intelligence of the city, and the reception given the play and the players was certainly sufficiently warm to make up for any lack of numbers.

THE BANK OFFICIALS Action to Recover \$106,000 on the Postlude Grieg
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G Kratz, choirmaster. Ground that Officers Were

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Prof. A. D. Thompson of Weeping Water STEUBENVILLE, O., April 9 .- Suft to cademy, will supply the pulpits of Cherry recover \$106,000 was filed today by the Hill and Park Vale Congregational churches, in the absence of the pastor, stockholders of the defunct First National bank of Mount Pleasant against the officers and directors individually. It is alleged that the officers and directors were The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors will be held Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the association partiers. grossly negligent in the conduct of the business, allowing unrestricted loans to be made and that they fraudulently dissipated a part of the funds of the bank. The musical program at 3:30 o'clock will

Mines at New Chwang. WASHINGTON, April 2 .- Mr. Conger, the

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