

LESSONS IN LIFE AND LOVE

Special Easter Services at Many of the Omaha Churches. THOUGHTFUL SERMONS ON CHRIST RISEN

The Resurrection and Its Meaning Carefully Expounded—Fine Special Music a Notable Feature—Churches Beautified with Flowers.

The Easter morning dawned with fair promise in Omaha, and a brilliant day fulfilled the morning's promise. The sun shone warmly. Silvery specks of cirrus floated to the zenith, and all the azure sky was deep. The sweet travail of the bright germinal time was evident on city squares and parks, and not all the swirling dust-clouds could brown past cheering just the tender vernal of the gracious grass growth.

The city churches, all decked in pure white flowers, whose level blossoms might be taken for herald symbols of the angel trumpets that heralded and welcomed the risen Lord, were filled with worshippers, most of whom must have felt indeed that Christ had risen again. Nature and man were surely attained to worship.

The observant philosopher had food for cogitation in the evident lack of Easter merriment in church and on the street, compared with the displays of other years. He might also draw a gracious moral from the fact that the evangelical churches, so called, rivaled the Catholic and Episcopal churches in Easter-day decoration. Heart-shed Baptist, rock-ribbed Calvinist and uncompromising Methodist churches were filled with flowers and foliage, and the latter surprised with a surprise not pleasurable, the elders of twenty years ago. The Presbyterian church in the city, whose pastor usually seems to think President McCosh had said the last word on doctrines, ecclesiastical government and service order, had a dove floating over the lily-banked pulpit. A very notable and instructive fact—holding of Easter by these churches. The world moves. The music, too, was notable.

FIRST METHODIST.

Rev. Crane Discourses of the Power of Christ's Resurrection.

The First Methodist church never contained a larger audience than that which assembled there yesterday morning to enjoy the Easter service. The decorations of the edifice were simple and beautiful. Within the chancel railing on the lower platform, the pastor, the pulpit stood a miniature forest of magnificent Easter lilies. Behind and above this foreground of white and green stood the pulpit desk, exquisitely wreathed with smilax, and still farther back and above this the choir gallery greeted the eye, dressed in clusters of lilies and strands of green. Over the electric front of the large organ were festoonings of smilax with a few fine blossoms of Easter lilies. The effect of the entire decoration was pleasing and modest, in perfect accord with the character of the service.

Mr. Thomas J. Kelly opened the services with an organ voluntary, which was followed by an anthem, "Oh, the Golden, Glorious Morning," by LeFevre. The chorus of about forty voices sang the hymn, "The Resurrection," in a very satisfactory manner and gave the organist an opportunity to prove the capacity and excellence of the great instrument over which he presided. The quartet was to have been made up of Mr. Brockenridge, tenor; Mrs. Martin Cahm, soprano; Miss Victoria Rooney, contralto; and Mr. L. B. Copeland, bass. The three first named were present, but Mr. Copeland was unavoidably absent during the morning service. There was on the occasion a noticeable deficiency of bass in the singing, but aside from this defect the work was exceptionally effective. The chorus work was inspiring and reflected credit not only on the individual singers composing it but upon Mr. Kelly, the organist and director.

After prayer by the pastor, Rev. Frank Crane, the anthem "Assured," by Schilling, was beautifully sung. The chorus work in this anthem was something of a revelation to the audience and established the conviction that where there is a large organ in a church the audience should not be content to let the single quartet do all the singing. The reading of the scripture lesson by the pastor was followed by a solo, "I know that My Redeemer Liveth," from Handel's Messiah, sung by Mrs. Cahm. The lady sustained her excellent reputation as one of the most impressive soprano singers in Omaha. In the sermon that followed, the audience listened to some plain, forcible truths being upon the "Power of Christ's Resurrection." The dominant thought in the excellent discourse was the necessity of having a living Christ dwelling in the heart as a part of one's life and everyday conduct.

A Living Christ Needed. "There is too much preaching about a dead Christ," said the speaker. "Too many people are looking toward the cross and the crucifix simply as a means by which they may escape the punishment of hell. They do not seem to understand the true meaning of Christ's resurrection. They have never got beyond the scene of the crucifixion. They have not reached the open door of the sepulcher, they have not seen the living Christ. The sermon contained many eloquent and stirring passages and was brimming full of exhortation intended to convince the audience that the vital part of Christ's life and interest for humanity was in His resurrection. Without the continual presence of the living spirit of the Master in the hearts of men all His suffering would have been in vain. "The man who has no use for Jesus Christ, excepting to be saved from future punishment in the world to come, is a drunkard and a hypocrite," said the divine. "What is Christ to you? Is He a living spirit dwelling in your heart from day to day, leading you into ways of truth and righteousness, or are you simply looking to some dead crucifix, or depending upon the assistance of some priest and hoping to slip into God's mercy at the last instant of receiving the punishment that your deeds would rightfully bring upon you? If your Christ is nothing but a dead crucifix or the utter uselessness of empty words and professions then may God have mercy on your benighted soul. You are deceiving yourself by trying to deceive God. Turn to a living Christ. Get His great love into your heart and feed the wonderful, purifying, uplifting power of a real, living Christ into the soul from day to day and lead you into joyous, un-speakable, both in this world and in the world to come." The attention given the sermon was profound and its effect must have been gratifying to the speaker. Mr. Kelly gave a very acceptable organ solo as an offertory selection, which was very much enjoyed. The choir and audience joined in singing the superb old hymn "Coronation," and the organ brought the impressive service to a close. A special musical program of exceptional merit was given at the evening service.

ST. MARY'S AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. Butler Dwells Upon the First Easter Day and Its Import. At the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church the morning service and sermon bore on Easter, baptism and church admission and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The pulpit was surrounded with Easter lilies and calla lilies, and was adorned around the front, and ropes of it were tumbled from the chancel screen, the effect being very pleasing. The musical part of the service was selected specially to inspire with thought of that most momentous event when captivity was made captive and the Savior of the world, His great atonement completed, burst the bonds of death and rose victorious. The church quartet, under the able and enthusiastic leadership of Prof. Gahn, has assumed

a leading place among the church choirs of the city. Prof. Gahn's organ prelude was "St. Michael's" great triumphal march," and it was inspiring and rendered. The anthem was Shelley's "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," beautifully sung by the quartet. Miss Coon, a finely sympathetic strain in the solo. The offertory was Layne's "The Bright Easter Morning," sung as a solo by Mr. Weir, whose fine tenor did full justice to the music and the verse. As an organ recessional Mr. Gahn gave a masterful interpretation of the Halleluiah chorus from the "Messiah." During the praise service, Noale's beautiful hymn, "The Day of Resurrection," was sung and the inspiring "Missionary Hymn" tune, and "Hallelujahs" stringing "Onward Christian Soldiers" was also sung, the congregation joining fervently and unanimously in both.

Three little ones were received into the church through the sacrament of baptism and over a score and a half of adults were admitted and given the right hand of fellowship by the pastor, who spoke inspiring words to each. A noteworthy fact is that the ages of those taken into the communion were as follows: from four to four years, four and four years, and the baptisms and the ceremony of admission took up so much time that the pastor's sermon was performed brief, but it was inspiring. Rev. Butler's text was from the narrative of the finding of the empty tomb by the Maries as given by St. John, the ninth verse of the twentieth chapter of the gospel. He said to the disciples knew not the scriptures that he would rise from the dead.

It naturally suggested striking comparison of the first Easter morning with the Easter mornings of these years. The apostolic followers of Jesus did not expect the resurrection. It was a radical fact of Christianity. The test of fellowship with Jesus Christ is not credo, belief; it is amor, love. This is the reason why the church of Christ that characterizes entrance to the church of Jesus Christ—belief is not demanded, men are taken into it not to exact a faith but to exact a faith. "I am the vine, ye are the branches, and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Men's beliefs do not hold shut the doors of God's great purposes. The hearers were exhorted not to hesitate to enter the fellowship of the church, because there might be things which they could not see, but the Christ principle, love, of the words he spoke is sufficient for fellowship.

ST. PHILOMENA CATHEDRAL.

Sermon by Rev. McLaughlin and Instruction by Rev. McCarthy.

Easter services at St. Philomena cathedral yesterday were of the usual impressive character. The interior of the church and the altar were decorated profusely with lilies, ferns, rose geraniums and festoons of smilax, making a scene attractive to a degree. The large edifice was full to overflowing and a great many were obliged to occupy chairs in the aisles. The mass sung was Rossini's grand Italian No. 1 in E flat, with P. J. McCarthy, the pastor, as celebrant. Rev. McLaughlin, dean, Rev. William Kelly, subdeacon and leader, and Miss Coon, as organist. The music was superb, the singing of some of the soloists being most praiseworthy. As an offertory the "Regina Coeli" by Werner was given as a chorus, and it was a particularly fine interpretation, as was also the Kyrie eleison at the beginning of the mass. Too much cannot be said in favor of Miss Swift, the organist, as her stirring efforts have brought St. Philomena choir to a degree of excellence surpassed by few.

The sermon of the day was delivered by Rev. McLaughlin, and was a practical masterpiece with no overflowing of oratory, but in good, pointed speech. The reverend gentleman spoke of Easter as the greatest feast of the year, and the resurrection of the Son of God, the work of Christ as in keeping with His character as He lived among men. He likewise pointed to the resurrection of the Son of God, the work of Christ as in keeping with His character as He lived among men. He likewise pointed to the resurrection of the Son of God, the work of Christ as in keeping with His character as He lived among men.

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WELSH PRESBYTERIAN.

Contestation in Its Mists and Silence in Its As the bells of Easter morn were ringing forth their joyous peals and summoning to glad worship devout and sinful alike, the little Welsh Presbyterian church of this city seemed buried in woe. It stood silent and alone. Its congregation, torn asunder by internal dissension, remained away, and its pastor, who had announced the presence of the church and presently appeared a single member of the congregation. He had been trying to effect an entrance at the rear door and now came around and tried the lock of the front door with a key that would not fit. He said he had arrived a little late. Had he found the pastor there he would have broken open the door and allowed services to be held. "There are just five members," he said, who have caused all this trouble. They pretend to be deacons and trustees of the church and about three weeks ago demanded the pastor's resignation. He said he would consider the matter, but before he had time to do so they wrote him a letter peremptorily dismissing him from the charge. One Sunday evening after service he read the letter to the congregation, and they were asked to remain. Subsequent to this he saw fit to tender his resignation, claiming that by the terms of his contract he had the right to remain three months longer. "Some of the pastor's friends, feeling that he had a perfect right to resign whenever he pleased, voted to accept his resignation and thus enabled the opposition to carry its point. Not satisfied with this, however, these five turbulent spirits determined that he should quit the church immediately, and the lock of the possession of the keys they have locked it up. "We have been holding our prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings. These parties have undertaken to change it to a Tuesday evening because the Synodorian society was fit to meet on Wednesday, and actually came here last Tuesday evening. They held a prayer meeting. Further, it is our duty to take up at what time a collection for the pastor. When the list collection was made the opposition refused to contribute a cent. They are surely proceeding in a high-handed manner and ought to be summarily

dealt with. If they don't look out they will get themselves into trouble." Having thus spoken, the faithful member paced slowly down the lonely street and soon disappeared, leaving the occasional passer-by to wonder why the devout congregation failed to celebrate on this the resurrection morn.

AT TRINITY.

Great Throngs Attracted by the Occasion to the Episcopal Cathedral. Large crowds of worshippers attended the early morning 11 o'clock and evening services yesterday at Trinity cathedral, a great many people not being able to get into the church at the 11 o'clock service, which has come to be the particular service of the day, although why it should be so is matter for speculation, in view of the magnificent choral service of last night.

Easter is fraught with the sacredness of association. To the great crown up world it is a link uniting the material present with the beloved past. It comes attended with a throng of memories and perchance the worship it inspires is because of that sacred past which memory has idealized, more than for the comfort it brings. The florist and the milliner and the dressmaker and the human heart and everything that is young and everything that is old are in league with Easter day, everything that has been created by the Lord. And it was this spirit breathing the audible scent of myriad flowers from chancel, reredos, choir stalls and every chair that prevailed at Trinity cathedral yesterday.

While the floral decorations lacked possibly the elaborateness of last year, lilies, which are among the principal flowers of religion, were there in profusion. Easter and annunciation lilies nodded quietly to the deep swells of the organ and accorded regularly with the calm, at home and the sacred symbolism of the day. There were tulips on the baptismal font, while the lily and lily-like were completely hidden from view with these first flowers of spring.

Bishop Worthington officiated at the 11 o'clock service, preaching a stirring and inspiring sermon. At the 8 o'clock service, drawing from it many beautiful thoughts in passing. Dean Gardner was the epistolar at the 8 o'clock service, and the canticle master of Worthington hall, Lincoln, the gospelar.

Musical of the Morning. Of the music much could be said in praise, the choir and chorus of ladies voices accompanying the organ. The organist, reflecting the thorough training received at the hands of the director, Mrs. J. W. Cotton. The opening anthem of the 11 o'clock service was "The Daughter of Jairus" by Stainer, was sung with fine feeling, the boys particularly acquitting themselves in a praiseworthy manner.

From a musical standpoint, however, the big anthem by Tours, "God Hath Appointed a Day," was superb, the organist, feeling the soloist being in excellent voice, it fell upon the heads of the large audience like a benediction. The organist, as her stirring efforts have brought St. Philomena choir to a degree of excellence surpassed by few.

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Handel's Glorious "Hallelujah." But the triumph of the "Hallelujah" was reserved for the close, Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus, a mighty composition filled with divine harmonies and given with all the ability which the organist, feeling the soloist being in excellent voice, it fell upon the heads of the large audience like a benediction.

It would be a great mistake not to mention Master Doherty's solo "Christ the Lord is Risen," which was sung with fine feeling, the boys particularly acquitting themselves in a praiseworthy manner. Master Doherty has a wonderful voice and as he is using it to the great enjoyment of his fellow worshippers at an Omaha Cavalcade.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL.

Love is Life, and Christ's Grave is the Door of Heaven. The Easter services of All Saints Episcopal church were well attended and were as impressive as they were appropriate. The sanctuary looked extremely beautiful with its decorations of flowers and plants, gifts from the members of the congregation. Large numbers of Easter lilies, palms, smilax and plants with beautiful flowers, blooming and budding, were placed in becoming position about the altar and sanctuary, betokening the Easter day and its meaning to the Christians present.

The musical service was fine, the church choir was in good voice and expression and the music was appropriate and of the best. The following was the program: Professional hymn, 109. Victory Christ Our Passover. Plain chant. Jubilate. The organist, feeling the soloist being in excellent voice, it fell upon the heads of the large audience like a benediction.

The sermon of Rev. T. J. Mackay was not lengthy, but it was full of thought and its portrayal of the meaning of the Easter celebration. The text was Mark xvi, 3 and 4: Who shall roll away the great stone from the sepulcher? Who shall look the stone was rolled away. Rev. Mackay said that the Easter lesson is of the heart and not the intellect; that love is the life and the innermost of the heart to heaven and his grave is the door of heaven. Faith is the ladder reaching from earth to heaven and his grave is the door of heaven. Faith is the ladder reaching from earth to heaven and his grave is the door of heaven. Faith is the ladder reaching from earth to heaven and his grave is the door of heaven.

The Easter offering was liberal and

amounted to over \$100, a larger sum than the pastor asked.

ST. MATTHIAS CHAPEL.

Eternal Happiness Only Secured by Preparations on Earth. The Easter services at St. Matthias chapel were not especially elaborate, but were impressive. The beautiful service of the Episcopal church was rendered and followed by a short discourse by the pastor, Rev. W. J. McLaughlin.

The speaker dwelt upon the birth and resurrection of the Redeemer and the importance of the lesson which was taught. If there was to be a resurrection of the body in the life to come there must surely be a resurrection of the spirit in the present world. There could be no eternal happiness unless the necessary preparations were made in this life.

There was no attempt at decoration of the chapel except the altar, which was beautified by a generous burden of Easter lilies. In the afternoon a children's choral service was held and the Lenten offerings formally devoted to sacred uses.

Westminster Presbyterian.

The children of the Westminster Presbyterian Sunday school observed the festival last evening with a song and recitation service. The auditorium was beautified with fragrant flowers and blooming plants and the exercises were rendered very prettily.

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SOUTH OMAHA AFFAIRS.

Politics the Uppermost Topic in the State City.

Pivonka's hall on Twenty-fourth street and John N. Burke's hall ball court in the Third ward were the scenes of Sabbath day democratic rallies. Free beer and campaign enthusiasm were on tap in equal proportions.

The result of the election tomorrow depends largely upon the action of the business men and respectable citizens. If all who desire to see good government in South Omaha for the next year will do their duty as men and citizens by voting their sentiments, the citizens' ticket will come out victorious, but if they walk at home and refuse to vote the present judicious management of city affairs will be at an end. Every man who refuses to vote virtually casts half a vote for the opposition.

The voting place of the First precinct of the First ward has been changed from the Mack block on Twenty-fourth street to the Jerry Dee building on Twenty-fifth street between M and N.

Hon. A. L. Sutton is in the city. The various churches were well attended, and were more than ordinarily impressive. The less devoted, however, could not help noticing the gay array of Easter bonnets on exhibition.

The registration of voters closed Saturday night. The exact number registered is not yet known, but it is certain that it will exceed the registration of 1892. It is estimated that many men who took the oath and placed their names on the list are not legal voters, but if the list is checked day by day, the ineligible names will be removed, and the people who desire to see a fair expression of the will of the majority are determined that no frauds shall be committed.

Claim They Were Deceived.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., April 2.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Commissioners appointed by the president had secured the necessary number of signatures of Yankton county for the relinquishment to the government of a portion of their reservation, but the Indians now claim that through trickery, they were induced to sign the treaty and will not relinquish their claim to Washington to prevent congress ratifying it.

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But you ask, how shall colds and their dangerous results be prevented? There is only one way. Keep the blood in a healthy circulation, the stomach in good working order and the nervous system strong and active. To do this a pure stimulant must be taken, preferably pure whiskey. There are many so-called whiskeys in the market, but there is only one pure, medicinal whiskey, and that is Duffy's. The very fact that it is so strongly recommended by physicians, professional men and women, as well as by the thousands of healthy and well-proved this. Do not be induced to try any so-called, but inferior whiskey which your druggist or grocer may recommend. Insist upon getting what you ask for. There is nothing else that can accomplish the same object.

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