

FAREWELL OF REV. OSTROM

Final Sermon of Evangelist, but Meetings Will Be Continued.

LIKES OMAHA BETTER THAN AT FIRST

St. Mary's Avenue Congregational Church is Thrilled and Sermon Makes Impression on Large Number.

The last of the federated gospel meetings inaugurated two weeks ago under the auspices of the Westminster Presbyterian, Hanson Park Methodist Episcopal, First Baptist and St. Mary's Avenue Congregational churches, was held last evening at the last mentioned church, that edifice being seated to its utmost capacity, many standing up during the entire service.

Rev. E. V. Moore, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church, announced that in view of the good work accomplished during the past two weeks, it had been decided to continue the meetings for another week under the leadership of the pastors of the four churches.

Services will be held on this and tomorrow evenings at the Westminster Presbyterian church, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the First Baptist church and on Friday evening services will be held at various homes. These meetings will begin at 7:35 P. M.

Rev. Mr. Ostrom's text last evening was, "Come, for all things are now ready." "My text," said the speaker, "has more meaning now than ever before. We are at the end of everything good up to now. We have less excuse to be ungrateful now than we ever had; we have more reasons to be grateful now than in the days gone by; all things are now ready."

"We are continually making excuses for our failures to become Christians. Our excuses are weak, we are hypocrites. Let us be sincere in this matter, friends. If we do not want to accept the invitation, let us say so; say yes or no; gather your forces about you, gird up your loins and meet the issue frankly."

"No Excuse is Valid." "Some people say they cannot be Christians because they read conflicting statements about the true religion and are bewildered by fads and isms. They get half the truth and do not look into the question thoroughly and sincerely. There is not a fad today that is not as old as the fourth century. Christianity never asks you to lay down your reason. Jesus Christ will charm you if you are sincere."

"Many offer as a reason for nonattendance at church the old excuse that some church members are hypocrites, don't pay their bills, beat their wives and commit other misdeeds. To such I would say then it is your manifest duty to join the church and help those whom you think are not what they should be."

"Not a few say they cannot conduct their business and join the church. It is all right for their fathers and mothers in their rural surroundings to associate with the house of the Lord, they say, but times have changed and the present city

competition and hostile militancy against their church-going. Then go to the country, I would say to this class, if they are sincere in their statements, but I say there is no good reason for any city inhabitant to remain away from God. The Lord gave us six days for active affairs and the seventh day specifically for worship, but the last day is being desecrated.

"Come, friends, be sincere. 'Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out,' saith the Lord. All things are ready. Will you not look into your being tonight and say, 'Lord, Thou art mine. I will come unto Thee?'"

TO KEEP CHILDREN OUT OF WRONG

Miss Allen Tells Object of Nebraska Home.

Miss E. G. Allen, secretary of the Nebraska Children's home, delivered an address at Plymouth Congregational church yesterday afternoon, the purpose and achievements of this institution. She took for her text, "It is not the will of our Father in heaven that one of these should perish," and "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." She said in part:

"It is the purpose of our association to look after the homeless and abandoned children and find good Christian homes for them. The association has been in existence twenty years and in that time homeless children to the number of 10,000 or more have been placed in good homes. The association has been in existence in Nebraska about ten years and 700 homeless waifs of this state have been similarly cared for. These children have been gathered from different quarters of the state and Douglas county alone has furnished 100 of these children."

"A great number of criminals come from neglected homes and it is to prevent the growth of criminals that this association has been created. We aim to care for the children under 12 years of age, and many of our charges are but infants and children of but 2 and 3 years of age. We have no home or nursery for these waifs, but seek to place them in good homes, and are meeting with the most gratifying success. The great demand is for little girls of from 18 months to 3 years of age and the prevailing request is for a pretty, sweet little girl with curly hair. We have three applications for little girls to one boy."

"Upon the conclusion of Miss Allen's address subscriptions were called for to assist in the maintenance of the association by weekly payments of 10 cents for five years, to be paid annually. Committees have been appointed in all of the churches for this purpose. The growing of subscriptions is progressing encouragingly."

COMMENDS EFFICACY OF PRAYER

Right. Rev. R. H. Weller of Fond du Lac at Trinity.

Right. Rev. R. H. Weller, bishop coadjutor of Fond du Lac, Wis., occupied the pulpit of Trinity cathedral yesterday morning. "There is a certain feeling that there is no value in getting down on our knees in prayer," said the bishop. "Prayer is the mightiest power in the grasp of man. Not only should it be the last refuge of every man in the hour of trouble, but it should be the first resource of man every day in the ordinary event of life. There are endless arguments against prayer, but what is the value of prayer? Prayer is first to be considered. Accordingly this argument it is impossible for God to answer prayer. It is foolish. We say the world is governed by laws. The ordinary definition of law is 'a rule of action.' Law does nothing; it is the state behind the law which makes it active, enforcing. The same thing is true of the laws of nature. The condition involves something back of the law—the Lawgiver."

"Of old time when man thought there was no world but this the idea of a God who could answer prayer was satisfactory to all, but now when knowledge has grown and we know the world is not a simple planet in the universe—how wonderfully ordained and conceived it is—our conception of God rises larger than in the old days and we say it is foolish to believe He hears the prayers of a single child at his bedside. It seems foolish now that we see His greatness. His eternality. But greatness is not in the ability to overlook small things, but in the ability to see small things, for big things are made of the small. The largest planet on one side of the scale is not better than the smallest babe on the other."

"The arguments of the world against prayer converge upon one point. All of these arguments do not take the faith out of the heart which prays to God. He doesn't think God answers his prayers, he knows."

WILL PAY HONOR TO LINCOLN

Trinity Methodist Will Celebrate the Day Next Sunday.

Trinity Methodist church will celebrate Washington's birthday next Sunday. Lincoln day also is annually celebrated by the congregation. The new minister, Rev. Dr. Smith of Great Falls, Mont., is in sympathy with these customs and not only in this but in all things seems to be in accord with his people. He has already been given a cordial welcome to the hearts of all who hear him.

Dr. Smith is a pleasing speaker. His evening sermon yesterday was on Job's query, which is still the world's query: "If a man die shall he live again?" "Immortality of the soul is one of the most important questions of all ages," said Dr. Smith. "It is a question of joy or of sadness. The great heart of humanity longs for immortality, and while this is true it does not argue its truth. Yet this universal desire does not stand alone, for a divine inner voice is heard spoken by revelation and this is an answer by God. This birth of the church flies to the southern zone and this is the voice for the summer lands of peace and the longing of the soul is answered. Christ brings immortality by unstopping deaf ears and opening blind eyes, and when He asks why labor for the meat that perisheth. There has been no philosophy but that one of religion that gives any answer of peace to this question."

SAYS RELIGION RESTS ON HISTORY

Rev. Mr. Hummon Preaches on Christ the Passover.

The efforts of Leo G. Kratz to secure a large choir at Kountze Memorial church have met with success. The anthem "Rejoice in the Lord, Oh Ye Righteous," as rendered at yesterday's services and the bass solo "Ashamed of Jesus," as rendered by William Grigor, were impressive. The sermon by Rev. Mr. Hummon on "Christ the Passover," was relative to the commemoration of the Lord's supper which took place immediately afterward.

"The Passover was instituted in Egypt," said Rev. Mr. Hummon, "to teach the young Jew and how the Jews were led out of bondage. Christ is our passover and His blood was shed for us for the remission of

CUPID KEEPS MERCURY BUSY

St. Valentine Makes Lots of Work for the Messenger Boys.

BUNDLES OF LOVE TOKENS EXCHANGED

Leap Year Adds Interest and Amusement to the Day for Many of Those Who Give and Receive.

Omaha messenger boys had a great deal to do yesterday. Their burdens were not heavy, but were precious and sometimes costly and generally meant a lot to the person who received them. Some of the ordinary-breeded clerks could not be depended upon and the messenger boys had to do the work. A fairer sun nor a prettier air to look at but not to feel never greeted the day of Cupid. It was a morning calculated to assist mightily the portent of a valentine and, no doubt, the meteorological conditions worked their own happy effects as they nearly always do.

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Thousands of Valentines exchanged hands over the city yesterday, not to speak of those leaving and coming into town from abroad. The local sale of the "regular," candy, books and flowers was larger than ever before and it would seem almost an oversight if anyone did not receive an offering.

Leap Year Adds Zest.

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"You kin have me, all right," spoke some of the latter, and if everyone of the young men receiving them did not feel chesky it was because he lacked proper clothing, sleep or nourishment.

But the boys and girls who really meant what they said got down their rhyming dictionaries, just as they used to do in spinning-wheel times, and indited thoughts more or less scorching in more or less sincere and could not be bought—beyond price were they and generally beyond any danger of ever being offered for a price, for these things are dear to the sweet one.

Home-seekers and Colonists.

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month the Missouri Pacific railway will sell both one way and round trip tickets at very low rates to certain points in Kansas, Arkansas, Southwest Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, etc. On the round trips stopovers will be allowed on the going journey with final limit of twenty-one days to make the trip. For pamphlets, time tables, rates, etc., write or call on any agent of the company or Thomas F. Godfrey, Pass & Ticket Agent, S. E. corner 14th and Douglas streets, Omaha, Neb.

Organizing Building and Loan.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—At a meeting of business men at the Masonic hall last evening steps were taken looking toward the organization of a local building and loan association. The stock subscriptions came in so rapidly as to insure

MAKES LONG JOURNEY ON FOOT

Wayfarer from California Tells of Trip and Crimes and Entreats Rest in Jail.

Like a ship that passes in the day, David Bradley called at the police station the other day and asked if he might remain for a few days and recuperate, as he was tired and footsore traveling by the primitive methods offered by nature. His manner and appearance did not belie his statement. The elements of humor and pathos were strangely blended in his remarks as he told his story between bites of lunch given him by Jailor Kirk. A wanderer on the face of the earth, he looked as he addressed the little group around him.

He did not stay more than a few hours, however, as he was offered a job cutting sixteen cords of hickory wood, which task ousted him to "fold up his tents like the Arabs and as silently steal away," as soon as he could.

"David Harley is my name," he began. "I am 22 years of age. About two years ago I took to stealing in Sacramento, Cal., taking meat from boxes on back porches. Finally I was given a sentence of two years, which I served. When I got out of the penitentiary I returned to my former home at San Francisco, but could not find any of my people. I inquired all around the old neighborhood, but the only satisfaction I could get was that they had gone away, no one knew where. They told me my sister—Helen was her name—had died. I tried the best I could to get some trace of my folks, but failed. Then I thought I would go around to some of the small towns in that part of the country. The first night I was in San Francisco I slept on the lawn of a mansion. A policeman caught me and took me to jail. I was given ten days. Then I went to Oakland and from there to a small town where I made a fire for the night out of three railroad ties. This was on the outskirts of the town."

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