

GENERAL USE OF RADIO CONSIDERED BY PRESBYTERIANS

DR. PARSONS TO BEGIN DUTIES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Musical Program to Be Given Sunday by Hansen.

Rev. T. J. Parsons, newly called pastor of the College Avenue Baptist Church, will enter upon his work Sunday, preaching both morning and evening.

His coming to this important Baptist Church on the north side will open an enlarged program of activities. The College Avenue Church recently passed its golden anniversary and has plans for an aggressive future.

The coming of Dr. Parsons to the church brings a man of wide experience in Christian work. Pastors in Wisconsin and Indiana have shown marked changes under his leadership and one of the most interesting pastorates was held in Chicago.

Because of his leadership, the Indiana Baptist convention called him some time ago to become the superintendent of the southwest district.

Under his administration, church life took on new interest, small churches were revived and a more efficient pastoral leadership made possible. His district with regret gave him up when he was elected editor of the Indiana Baptist Observer.

PIANO RECITAL TO BE GIVEN AT CHURCH

The piano students of Francis H. Topmiller will give the first of a series of recitals Sunday at 3 p. m. in the Beville Avenue Evangelical Church.

The following will take part: Thelma Swigert, Margaret Abel, Clay Hall, Esther Kruege, Jessie Unger, Virginia Hassler, Eileen Johnson, Carl Schubert, Esther Garrison, Violet Nordberg, Jerry Holman, Mildred Morris, Dorothy Doseh, Margaret Zeigler, Harriet Essig, Francis Kennedy, Milburn Jones, Geradine James, Myrtle Wilson, Arthur Wilson, Catherine Quinn, Thomas Cowley, Mary Sius, Marjorie Holcomb, Virginia Osborn, Kenneth Lime, Elizabeth Brooks, Helen Louise Perkins, Paul Bogart, Margaret Irvin, Neva Stiff, Elizabeth Miller, Catherine Blake, Mary Rohos, Lucille Clark, Louise Holtzman.

HENSEN ARRANGES ORGAN PROGRAM

A musical praise program will be presented at the vesper service of the Second Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon at 4:45 with the following numbers:

Organ Meditation Prelude—
"Praise Ye the Father" Lemmons
Anthem—"Praise Ye the Father" Gound
Anthem—"Hallelujah" Dudley Buck
Solo—"Hallelujah" Moore
Organ Interlude—Evening Song Schumann
Anthem—"Savior, Again to Thy
Praise" Wm. W. Chadwick
Organ Postlude—"Jubilate in F" Silver
Charles F. Hansen is the organist.

DR. FRANK S. C. WICKS OF All Souls Unitarian Church announces the following order of service at 11 a. m. Sunday:

Processional—Responsive Reading—First Selection.
Hymn 336.

Covenant.

Anthem.

Worship of Aspiration.

Scripture.

Hymn 466.

Notice and Offerings.

Reverie—Rogers.

Anthem—"The Theater."

Hymn 468.

Dudley Buck.

Organ Postlude.

Postlude.

REV. H. R. BORNEMAN of New Jersey Street M. E. Church will speak Sunday morning on "In Search of the Acts of God," and at night, "Mountain Steps."

AT GRACE M. E. CHURCH Dr. M. B. Hyde will preach Sunday morning on "The Reach of Faith," and at night Judge E. A. Miles will speak.

REV. CHARLES H. GUNSONS will lecture Sunday night at the First American Spiritualist Church.

AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH Rev. L. C. E. Fackler will

speak in the morning on "Christ's Disciples Show Their Littleness of Faith in the Midst of the Storm." At night, "Who Shall Wear the Robe of Glory?" The vestry will meet Tuesday night at the parsonage. The Dorcas Society will meet this week at the home of Miss Freda Engle, 308 N. Jefferson Ave.

DR. FRANK L. HOVIS of St. Paul M. E. Church will preach in the morning on "A Separated People," and at night on "Marking Out Our Own Salvation."

DR. ARTHUR PHILLIPS, the pastor of the Richardson Memorial Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, will close his work in the Fairview Presbyterian Church as preacher-evangelist on Sunday. At 11, he will speak on "The Attractiveness of Jesus," and at 7:45 on "The Heart of the Gospel." Following the church supper, Thursday at 6:30, Dr. Edward Haines Kistler will conduct a preparatory service at 7:15, speaking on "It's Me, Lord!" The Sunday school council meets Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the church parlors.

THE REV. G. L. FARROW of Victory Memorial Methodist Protestant Church will speak on the subject, "Can the World Reproduce Calvary," in the morning service. Special communion service for all those who came into the church during our evangelistic services. In the evening his theme will be, "The Seven Greatest Commandments."

"HOW TO MAKE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE A SUCCESS?" are the words from which the Rev. J. H. Rilling of the Second Evangelical Church, will preach his morning sermon. "What Must I Do to Be

DR. LEWIS BROWN of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will preach Sunday morning on "Rendering to All Their Dues" and at night "Faith and Healing."

"A RELIGION THAT INSPIRES" will be the morning theme of Dr. Edwin Cunningham at the Central Universalist Church.

DR. FRANK S. C. WICKS, PASTOR OF ALL SOULS UNITARIAN CHURCH, AT WORK IN HIS CHURCH STUDY.

By THE VISITOR

Calling on Dr. Frank S. C. Wicks in his study at All Souls Unitarian Church, is like going into the library of a home.

That is the real idea behind the architecture and plan of All Souls Church, on N. Alabama St., near Fourth St.

The general plan of Dr. Wicks and the architect was to get away from the regulation church building. So a homelike-looking structure was built.

And the study is just another idea of an American home. It is here that Dr. Wicks writes his sermons and prepares his work for civic betterment.

Dr. Wicks is one pastor who has given up nearly all of the prescribed duties of a pastor, such as making calls to the homes of members of his church.

He has been able to devote time for making weekly calls at the city hospital. He is chairman of the social service committee of the city hospital. He is a member of the Florence Crittenton Home and many other organizations. He probably belongs to more organizations than any other pastor of the city.

"And I am not a joiner," he told me. "I am interested most in the work of civic betterment, anything that will make Indianapolis a better place to live. My work is largely along these lines."

Children Work

During the twenty years that Dr. Wicks has been here he has been a worker toward better conditions for children.

"I am emphatically in favor of the eugenics bill now before the Legislature to stop the multiplication of feeble minded children," he said. "I am opposed to Sunday laws of any character, blue, pink or any other color. Let everyone enjoy Sunday in his own way, consistent with the liberty of others. If a man wants to get

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson of Vine and Branches Proves to Be Powerful

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for Feb. 1: The Vine and the Branches—John 15:1-11.

By WM. E. GILROY, Editor of The Congregationalist.

THE sermons that Jesus preached when He was here on earth would seem to have been remembered, and to have been

so effective, because of their brevity and pointedness.

The Master put His great thoughts in simple form, and He enforced them with illustrations drawn from the every day life of the people.

He took the things that came nearest to the heart and mind of them. He wove the teachings which are indelibly impressed in the minds of the disciples that years afterward these sayings of Jesus were recorded, and they have become as indelibly written into the world's literature and into the life of the Christian church.

The teaching of this lesson is so simple that there seem little to do but tell the story. What can one add that would make it greater, or what would make it clearer?

But it is the simple and commonplace things that people neglect. So it is necessary to read and re-read even the simplest teachings of the New Testament, to emphasize them and comment upon them, until they come to have the reality for modern men and women that they had for those who knew Jesus in the days of His flesh.

Life Must Have Roots

Herein the simple figure of the vine and the branch, Jesus reminds us that life must have roots and nourishment.

Branches do not grow just of themselves. It is through the vine, itself deeply rooted in the soil, and reaching out for water and air that the branch has life.

And just as Jesus taught that the love and comfort of God come to men through the incarnation of God in human life—in Himself—so Jesus here teaches that it is in oneness with Him that men may find life and continue to live.

The words of Jesus are mystical. Perhaps with our prosaic minds we cannot fully appreciate their real significance insofar as they have metaphysical and theological meaning. But lest we should miss their practical meaning Jesus has put it all very plainly.

There are real and definite tests whether we are "in the vine" or not.

Merely claiming to be good Christians, and to be abiding in Christ is no proof of actual oneness with Him. If we are actually in the vine our lives will display the characteristics of the vine.

What are these? The lesson plainly indicates them.

First of all is fruitfulness. "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing."

But fruitfulness itself is conditioned by continuance of life. The branch that abides not in the vine is "withered."

May we take the other side of the figure and emphasize the juiciness of the branch that abides in the vine?

Somehow "juicy" is not just the

whole truth.

It is the "juiciness" of the branch that abides in the vine.

MR. SMITH'S THEATRE

SUNDAY and ALL WEEK

ABRAHAM LESTER AND CLARENCE PRESTON
in
IRVIN WILLAT
REBECATION

Jack Holt, Ernest Torrence, Lois Wilson, Noah Beery
in
"North of 36"

If you saw "The Covered Wagon" you must see the companion film by the same author. A picture of super-thrills!

"HOT DOG," the greatest comedy ever acted entirely by small animals.

MOTION PICTURES

term that anybody uses to describe the average Christian. Possibly the term as used today has not an altogether pleasant significance.

Abundant in Life

But, if we can dissociate the term from its usual reference, does not "juiciness" express just what the Christian ought to be?

He ought to be active, lively, over-

whelmingly abounding in life, and exuding the evidences of life at every pore.

Jesus said that He had

come to give men life and to give

it more abundantly.

A further condition of fruitfulness

is obedience—having the word of Jesus abiding in our hearts, and keeping His Commandments.

This is the test of our oneness with Christ—it is the test of His

oneness with the Father.

So there grows out of this another condition, or accompaniment, of the fruitful life. It is prevailing prayer.

And the secret of prevailing

prayer is in living so close to Christ

that we know His will in such a

way that prayer becomes, but a

bending of God to our purposes, but

a bending of our lives and our pur-

poses to the outworking of God's

purposes for the world.

If we believe that God is supremely

good, that He did actually so love

the world that He gave His only be-

loved Son, "what could be higher

than this—to dwell with Him,

through Jesus Christ, to have the

fullness of His life pulsing through

our veins, and to manifest the vigor

and vitality of our own being in the

bringing forth of the fruits that

glorify the God of grace and truth?

"Heralds" is my Father glorified,

that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye

be my disciples."

There was unanimous opinion that

some method of cooperation among

the Protestant groups is imperatively

called for, else in time the stations

will find it impossible to deal with

the many separate religious agencies

seeking to use broadcasting facilities.

The experience of the New York City

Federation of Churches, which has

been requested by WEAF to serve as

MOTION PICTURES

Federal Council of Churches Asks Pastors for Views Con-

cerning Broadcasting of Sunday Sermons—Minis-

ters Favor Plan as Submitted.

A special committee of the Federal Council of the Churches has been formed to consider the general use of the radio by the churches with special reference to an interdenominational approach to the question.

Walter Irving Clarke of Philadelphia, editor of Presbyterian Publicity, has called upon Presbyterian pastors to present their views on the subject.

Dr. Edward Haines Kistler, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of this city, stated that he has broadcast, but the general trouble is that it is too expensive for the smaller