

UNITARIANS TO MEET AT STATE PARK

Laymen of Two States Will Confer

J. R. Shannon to Address Today's Session on 'Social Relations.'

About 2000 Indiana and Ohio delegates gathered in Brown County State Park today for the two-day annual Ohio Valley Unitarian Laymen's League conference.

Delegates were to register between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. today. Principal speaker this evening is to be Prof. J. R. Shannon, Indiana State Teachers College, who is to address the assembly at 6:30 p.m. on "Social Relations."

At 7:30 p.m. tonight, William Rowland Allen, L. S. Ayres & Co. personnel director, is to present a report summary on "Unitarians Face a New Age." The day's program is to close at 9:30 p.m. with a candlelight service.

Officers are to be elected at a business meeting at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow. Pastors present are to conduct services at 11 a.m. and the session is to be opened by Rev. John Brown, Unitarian Church pastor at Urbana, Ill. Miss Charlotte Lieber, All Souls Unitarian Church, Indianapolis, is to be soloist.

Norman Coulon is conference president.

Broad Ripple School Ends

Exercises for 105 to Be Held Tomorrow.

Commencement exercises for 105 boys and girls are to close the two-week vacation church school at the Broad Ripple Christian Church tomorrow night.

A pageant, "I Love to Tell the Story," is to be presented. An electrically lighted miniature replica of the church building, constructed and completely furnished by the children, is to be exhibited.

The Rev. John Ray Clark, pastor, directed the school. He was assisted by 15 workers.

Miss Jeanne Gass was superintendent of primary work; Miss Dorothy Bass, beginners; Miss Margaret Duval, juniors; Esther Reno Dillenbeck, music; Glenethel Thrush, pageantry; Thomas Herrin, woodwork; Helen Rector and Betty Collins, lines.

Trinity to Have Home-Coming

Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Oliver Ave. and Davison St., is to hold its annual Home-Coming service tomorrow.

Dr. William C. Hartinger, District superintendent, is to speak at 10:45 a.m. in the newly redecorated church.

Dinner is to be served at noon. In the afternoon, a brief memorial service is to be held honoring former members.

The Rev. John E. Hewson is to speak at an evangelistic service in the evening.

ZION CONGREGATION TO CELEBRATE



On the left is the present Zion Evangelical Church. The first log church was built where the frame building stands on the right. Later the building shown

here was constructed, and when the brick church was erected it was converted into a parochial school and later removed.

IN INDIANAPOLIS CHURCHES TOMORROW

BAPTIST

Emmanuel—The Rev. Harry C. Line, pastor. Morning—The Rev. John Mediator, pastor. Evening—The Rev. John F. Fashaw, pastor.

Beech Grove—The Rev. Verdi Allen, pastor. Morning—"The Bible and Science." Evening—"Sanctification."

Riverdale—The Rev. George D. Bileman, pastor. Morning—Children's day program; evening—"Elevation and Spiritual Growth."

Memorial—The Rev. G. Kinsley, pastor. Morning—"Let the Word Put Asunder"; evening—"The Word of God."

Broadway—The Rev. R. M. Dödrell, pastor. Morning—"Does Your Faith Hold?" Evening—"The Word of God."

Tele Path—The Rev. U. Clutton, pastor. Morning—"Looking Away to Jesus"; evening—Bible School closing exercises.

Woodruff Place—The Rev. L. C. Trent, pastor. Morning—"Confession for the Sinner"; evening—"Fitness for the Kingdom."

First—The Rev. H. H. Noel, pastor. Morning—"The Light of Life."

CHRISTIAN

Broad Ripple—The Rev. John Ray Clark, pastor. Morning—"Christian Opportunity"; evening, pageant by vacation church school.

Bethany—The Rev. R. E. Kipp, sub-pastor. Morning—"Human Goodness"; evening—"Thoughts."

Holiday—The Rev. Raymond R. Ohaver, pastor. Morning—"God's Name"; evening—"Living Witnesses."

Englewood—The Rev. O. A. Trinkle, pastor. Morning—"The Name"; evening—"The Beginning of Wisdom."

Central—The Rev. W. A. Shullender, pastor. Morning—"Life in the Kingdom"; evening—Garden Club.

Fairfield—The Rev. H. W. Mount, pastor. Morning—"To Whom Shall We Go?"

Third—The Rev. William F. Rotherham, pastor. Morning—"Religious Attitudes"; evening, young people's fellowship.

Downey Avenue—The Rev. B. B. Johnson, pastor. Morning—"The Christian Disciples"; evening, Irvington Union church services, the Rev. H. O. Johnson, speaker.

University Park—The Rev. S. Grundy Fisher, pastor. Morning—"Radicalism and Its Cure."

Christian Science—The Rev. Cyrus M. Young, pastor. Morning—"The Common Things of Life."

Eighth—The Rev. Glen W. Melt, pastor. Morning—"The Word Among the Common People."

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Christian Science" is the subject of the lesson-sermon in all churches.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

West Twenty-Ninth—Street—D. W. Hall, pastor. morning and evening.

CHURCH OF GOD

West Side—The Rev. John J. Williams, pastor. Morning—"The Calamity of a Lost World"; evening—"The Power in the Blood of Jesus."

South Side—The Rev. A. Sherwood, pastor. Morning—"The Christian Race"; evening—"What Is Pentecost?"

Weekly Sunday School Lesson

Messages From Genesis

Text: Hebrews 11:3-10, 17-22

By WM. E. GILROY, D. D.
Editor of *Advances*

THE Messages from Genesis that we have been studying during the last quarter are linked for review with the powerful sermon on faith in the 11th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

The author of that chapter, seeking to enforce the nature and power of faith, drew illustrations from these stories in Genesis, giving us an example of the proper use that we ourselves may make of these stories from the childhood of a race.

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TWO precautions are necessary in our reading, studying, and teaching of these lessons if we would interpret them correctly, and derive from them their moral and spiritual lessons.

We must remember that they are stories that come from the early history of an ancient people, and like all such stories, they were gathered together by later writers who sought to record and treasure for the people the subtilities of their history. They are stories full of imagery.

On the other hand, the moral and spiritual teaching is not to be lightly esteemed because it is in this ancient setting. If we read the Old Testament intelligently, we can see how the conception of God grew in the minds of devout Israelites.

The thought of a tribal God concerned primarily for themselves as a chosen race gradually enlarged until in such a book as the Book of Jonah we have a conception of a God of grace and love concerned for all people.

In the later chapter of the Book of Jonah we have the representation of the prophet as a servant, revealing the exaltation of the innocent for the guilty that found its fulfillment in the atonement of Jesus and in the Christian doctrine of the cross.

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BUT to view these stories just as ancient tales reflecting the conception of a tribal God is to miss something of the reality of the faith and moral integrity that were at the very foundation of this larger conception of the God of the whole universe, a God of mercy and justice.

There is the story, for instance, of the conflict between the herdsmen of Abraham and Lot, and of Abraham's fine attitude of peace and willingness to set peace about his own material interests. There

is the revelation in Jacob of the finer qualities in a man that strive for mastery in the presence of trickery and deceit and the temptation to see nothing in life but his own interests. There is the sermon on forgiveness and magnanimity, virtues that we surely have not conspicuously attained in our modern world, that is preached so clearly in the powerful story of Joseph.

The fact is that when we seek the moral and spiritual element in these ancient stories, we find things that speak to us concerning all the needs and problems of our life today, and suggest the moral and spiritual elements that we must recognize if we would build in our individual lives and in society.

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