

MARY BAKER EDDY TELLS LIFE STORY

Christian Science Leader Reveals Incidents in Her Past For First Time.

WHY SHE WAS DIVORCED.

WAS OBLIGED TO PART FROM HER LITTLE SON BECAUSE HER FATHER MARRIED A SECOND TIME.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 5.—(Special).—Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, tonight gave out for publication a signed statement revealing for the first time many incidents in her life.

Mrs. Eddy tells of her early childhood, of her father and her brothers and sisters, of her earlier education. She goes into many details concerning the death of her first husband, and for the first time, reveals the secret of her divorce from her second husband.

Her motive for making this statement at the present time is to prove to her followers and to the world that she has nothing in her life she wishes to conceal. Incidentally she takes pains to point out inaccuracies in the article concerning her now being printed in McClure's Magazine.

After drawing a pen picture of her father, Mrs. Eddy takes up the statement that the first fifteen years of her life were passed in a lonely home, and that her education ended when she was 12 years old. She says:

"Let us see what were the fruits of this lonely and unstimulating existence." All my father's daughters were given an academic education, sufficiently advanced so that they all taught school acceptably at various times and places.

"My brother Albert was a distinguished lawyer. In addition to my academic training I was privately tutored by him.

None Died of Cancer. "Regarding the allegation that all the family, excepting Albert, died of cancer," I will say that there was never a death in my father's family reported by physicians or postmortem examination as caused by cancer.

"McClure's Magazine says that 'the quarrels between Mary, a child 10 years old, and her father, a gray haired man of 50, frequently set the house in an uproar,' and adds that these 'fits' were diagnosed by Dr. Ladd as 'hysteria mingled with bad temper.'"

"My mother often presented my disposition as exemplary for her children to imitate, saying: 'When do you ever see Mary angry?'"

Proof of Her Kindness. "I will relate the following incident, which occurred later in life, as illustrative of my disposition: While I was living with Dr. Patterson at his country home in Rumney, N. H., a girl, totally blind, knocked at the door and was admitted. She begged to be allowed to remain with me and my tender kindness and sympathy were such that I could not refuse her. Shortly after, however, my good housekeeper said to me:

"If this blind girl stays with you I shall have to leave; she troubles me so much."

"It was not in my heart to turn the blind girl out, and so I lost my housekeeper."

"Notwithstanding that McClure's magazine says: 'Mary Baker completed her education at the boarding school of Smith's grammar and reached long division in arithmetic,' I was called by the Rev. R. S. Rust, D. D., principal of the Methodist Conference seminary at Sanborn Bridge, to supply the place of his leading teacher during her temporary absence."

Her First Marriage. Regarding her first marriage and the death of her first husband, Mrs. Eddy says:

"My first husband, Maj. George W. Glover, resided in Charleston, S. C. While on a business trip to Wilmington, N. C., he was suddenly seized with yellow fever and died in about 9 days. I was with him on this trip. He took with him the usual amount of money he would need on such an excursion, and their provisions in my behalf were most tender. The governor of the state and staff, with a long procession, followed the remains of my beloved one to the cemetery."

"The free masons selected my escort, who took me to my father's home in Tilton, N. H. My salary for writing gave me ample support. I opened an infant school, but it was simply for the purpose of starting that educational system in New Hampshire."

Never a Clairvoyant. "I was never 'given to long and lonely wanderings, especially at night,' as stated by McClure Magazine. I was always accompanied by some responsible individual when I took an evening walk, but I seldom took one. I have always consistently declared that I was not a medium for spirits. I never was especially interested in the 'Shakers,' never 'dabbled in mesmerism,' never was an amateur clairvoyant, nor did the superstitious country folk frequently seek my advice. I never went into a trance nor described scenes far away, as McClure's Magazine says."

Tells of Her Divorce. "Although, as McClure's Magazine claims, the court record may state that my divorce from Dr. Patterson was granted on the ground of desertion, the cause nevertheless was adultery. Individuals are here today who were present in court when the decision was given by the judge and who know the following facts. After the evidence had been submitted that a husband was about to have Dr. Patterson arrested for eloping with his wife, the court instructed the clerk to record the divorce in my favor."

"What prevented Dr. Patterson's ar-

rest was a letter from me to this self-same husband imploring him not to do it. When this husband recovered his wife he kept her a prisoner in her home and I was also the means of reconciling the couple. A Christian Scientist has told me that with tears of gratitude the wife of this husband related these facts to her just as I have stated them. I lived with Dr. Patterson peaceably, and he was kind to me up to the time of the divorce."

Gives Up Her Son. "I was obliged to be parted from my son, because after my father's second marriage my little boy was not welcome in my father's house. 'Who or what is the McClure 'history' so-called presenting? Is it myself, the veritable Mrs. Eddy, whom a New York paper declared dying of cancer, or is it her alleged double or dummy heretofore described?'"

HAGERSTOWN.

Hagerstown, Ind., Jan. 5. (Spl.)—Mr. W. H. Wooley of Richmond was in town yesterday on business.

The Aid Society of the Christian church will meet Monday evening at the home of Mr. William Warbington.

Miss Edith Bowman returned to her home in Richmond today to spend Sunday with her parents.

Mr. C. N. Teeter and son, Lothair, and Mr. George Keagy spent today in Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle ones of near Millville, spent Thursday here, the guests of Mrs. Eliza Mason.

Mr. O. L. Voris made a business trip to New Paris, yesterday.

Mrs. Clifford Foutz is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. June Williams at New Castle.

Mr. George Craig is on the sick list. Mr. Everett Chapman of Greensfork was in town yesterday calling on friends.

Mrs. Cliver Brown is on the sick list at her home on South Perry street.

Mr. Byram Robbins of Richmond, was here yesterday the guest of Mrs. Ellen Fox.

Mrs. Rebecca Waltz of Anderson, is here, the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Teeter.

Mr. John Kidwell traveling salesman is home for a few days.

Miss Maude Hayes was entertained at dinner Friday by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayes at their home on Washington street.

Mr. Charles Peitsmeyer was taken suddenly sick at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. L. Voris, on North Plank street, Friday morning.

Mrs. Phoebe Paul has been at the home of Mr. Jess Gaunt, for the past few weeks, has returned to her home on South Perry street.

Mrs. Jane Parsons is seriously ill at the home of her son, three miles north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Thornburg have returned from a short visit with friends at Brookville and Connersville.

Mr. Robert Bowman, son of Mr. Abe Bowman, came yesterday from Muncie to make his future home with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bowman.

Mrs. Elizabeth Deardorff and daughter, Neva, were entertained at dinner Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Teeter and daughter.

Miss Crystal Keys entertained a dinner of her friends Thursday night, at her home on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. N. Teeter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murray and son, Gordon, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartley, Friday for dinner.

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Christian church will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Will Porter on South Market street. This is the first meeting of the new year and an interesting program has been prepared and it is desired that all members be present.

Mrs. William Warbington entertained in a delightful way at her home on South Washington street, the members of the Social Circle. The house was decorated in palms and presented a beautiful appearance. Miss Nellie Brant gave two fine piano selections. An elegant lunch was served. The invited guests were Mrs. Elizabeth Deardorff, Miss Neva Deardorff, Ann Arbor, Misses Nellie Brant and Esther Porter.

"The Deacon," the play given by home talent, was presented to a large and appreciative audience last night. The work of each character was commendable. Another feature of the evening's entertainment was that of the Teeter's orchestra, being its first appearance in public. The pieces played during the evening were: "Ben Ben, Rose, Greens, Boys in Blue, Still King and Sweet Remembrance, and 'I'm Going to Leave You.' The orchestra is composed of eight pieces, first violin, Mr. H. C. Teeter and Mrs. Joe Teeter, second violin, Mabel Teeter, clarinet, Will Teeter, cornet, Lothair Teeter, flute, George Keagy, bass viol, Joe Teeter and piano, Mrs. Will Teeter.

Miss Myrtle Werking entertained at her beautiful country home the members of the thimble club Wednesday afternoon. Those present were the Mesdames Chas. Teeter, Cass Glinther, B. A. Carpenter, Will Teeter, Frank Geisler, Theo. Sells, Cora Clendenen, Exum Copeland, Joe Teeter, Nellie McTigue and the guests of honor: Mrs. Clyde Reynolds and her sister, Mrs. Ben Counts, of Bucyrus, Ohio. An elegant two course lunch was served.

Mrs. O. L. Voris will be hostess next Wednesday afternoon to the members of the Progressive club at her home on North Plum street. The following program will be followed: Responses at Roll Call—Selection from Whittier.

America—Song by the club.

"Home and Life of John G. Whittier,"—Mrs. Rachel Petty.

Musical—Mrs. Ebert Wilkoff.

"Landscape Pictures Around Our Home Town"—Mabel Teeter.

Musical—Mrs. O. L. Williams.

Topic for discussion—"The Servant Problem and How to Solve It"—Mesdames Williams, Voris and Burton, leaders.

Musical—Mabel Teeter.

Questions for bureau by each member, conducted by Mrs. Caroline McTigue.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. O. L. Voris.

Humorous sketches, Mesdames Lelia Thurston, Geisler, Hunt, Weaver and Lawson.

Musical—Mrs. Addington.

HOW THE REV. HENRY A. BUCHTEL, FORMERLY OF RICHMOND, WON COLORADO GOVERNORSHIP

Took the Nomination that Others Rejected and is Perhaps the First Methodist Minister to Occupy Such a High Political Position—Takes His Office Tomorrow.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 5.—On Monday there will be inducted into the office of Governor of Colorado the Rev. Dr. Henry Augustus Buchtel, D. D., A. M. and LL. D., and for the first time in the history of Colorado, and possibly of any other State, this high office will be occupied by a Methodist preacher.

The story of how Dr. Buchtel accepted the Republican nomination for Governor after it had been declined by each of the other prominent Republican leaders and then carried the entire corporation-made ticket, State and county through to victory by a plurality of over 16,000, and also elected a Republican majority in the Legislature which will elect a successor to United States Senator Thomas M. Patterson is a story full of interest, and not without its humorous phases. Politicians recognized in the move a bold and desperate attempt to place the stamp of respectability upon a ticket that had suffered deep humiliation.

September 14, the Republican State convention then in session, nominated for Governor, Philip B. Stewart, of Colorado Springs, a Harvard graduate and close personal friend of President Roosevelt. The nomination was accepted by Mr. Stewart on the promise given by "Boss" William G. Evans, president of the Tramway Company, and campaign manager for all the public service corporations, that William H. Gabbert, now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, whose term expires December 31, and who was elected as a Populist six years ago, should be placed on the Republican State ticket for re-election. The next day, while Mr. Stewart was suffering from a sudden attack of appendicitis, and was confined to his bed in the hotel, this pledge was violated and Judge Gabbert was re-nominated.

This violation of a sacred pledge so angered Stewart that as soon as he had recovered sufficiently to dictate a letter, he formally resigned from the ticket. This occurred two days after the convention had adjourned. The unexpected action of Stewart plunged the Republican campaign management into a chaotic mass. The convention had, as is customary, taken the precaution to appoint a vacancy committee, and the three members of this committee for four days worked day and night in an effort to fill the vacant place on the ticket.

Gabbert Hung on the Nomination. Realizing that he had made an error, "Boss" Evans endeavored to bring about the withdrawal from the ticket of Judge Gabbert. It was urged by all the leading spirits that Gabbert would surely defeat the whole ticket. He had for months been bitterly assailed through the press and otherwise, for his alleged pro-corporation rulings on the bench, and his nomination seemed like the waving of a red flag in the face of an enraged bull. But Judge Gabbert refused to resign. He declared that he was on the ticket to stay, even if all his associates withdrew.

Then pressure was brought to bear upon Governor Jesse F. McDonald, who had been elevated from the lieutenant-governorship at the time that Governor Peabody resigned after the famous Governor Adams onster proceedings. But the party leaders had regarded McDonald as too weak a candidate to present to the convention, and he declined to step into the breach now that the party so urgently needed a Moses.

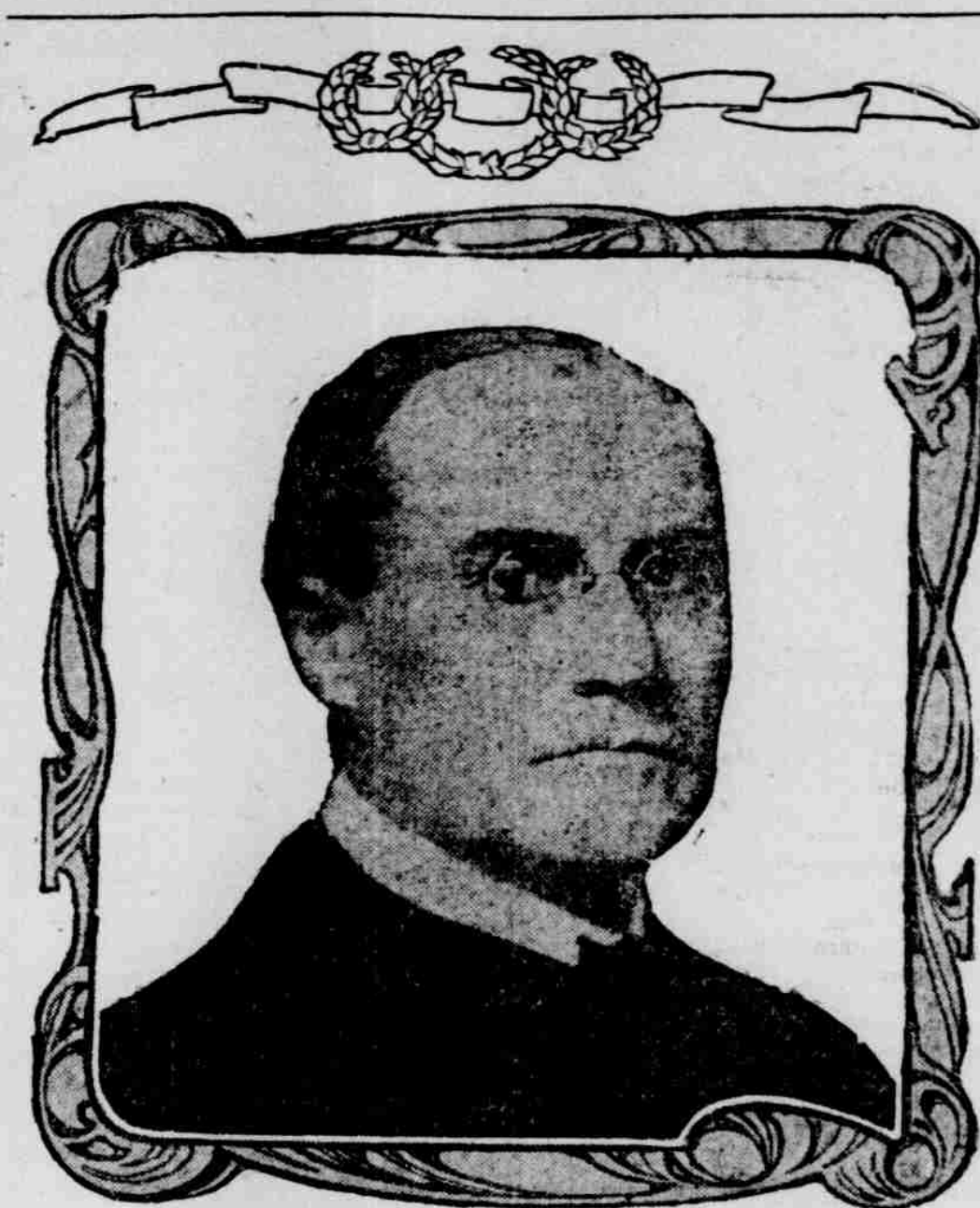
Then Gen. George W. Cook of Cook's drum corps fame, and senior vice-commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who had been nominated for Congressman-at-large, was appealed to. No governorship for him, however; he wanted to serve his party at Washington. Besides, it looked like sure defeat for any man who had the courage to step into the vacant place.

Congressman Robert W. Bonnyge and former State Treasurer Whitney Newton, of Pueblo, were next he sought to come to the rescue, but both declined. There was no lack of small fry politicians who saw in the situation an opportunity to achieve some measure of prominence, but not a single real party leader would consider the nomination.

Resort, in Desperation to Buchtel. Finally, in desperation, just before midnight of the fourth day after Mr. Stewart's retirement, Dr. Buchtel was called up on the telephone and was then and there tendered and then and there without delay, accepted the nomination, and out of the entire State's population he was no doubt the least surprised over the action of the committee.

And this is how it came about: Former Governor John Evans, the deceased wealthy father of "Boss" William G. Evans, founded the University of Denver, a Methodist institution. William G. Evans, together with his mother and other members of the family, have been heavy contributors to the support of this institution, and during the dark days of its financial stress were its mainstay.

Six years ago Dr. Buchtel was called to Denver to become chancellor of the University of Denver to succeed Dr. W. F. McDowell, who had been elected a bishop of the church. In his capacity as chancellor he had been thrown much in the company of the institution's chief supporter. He had identified himself with the Republican party, having two years ago stumped the State in behalf of former Governor Peabody, who was at that



GOVERNOR ELECT HENRY A. BUCHTEL.

time a candidate for re-election.

Natural for Him to Help.

It was quite natural, therefore, that the old family friend and pastor should be turned to in the hour of the party's dire distress, when every available logical candidate, who, under ordinary circumstances, would have jumped at the chance, turned a deaf ear to the importunities of the bosses. Politicians said that the preacher had been sent for and that there was no hope.

The result of the election only serves to illustrate the fact that in politics, at least, no one can with positive assurance look very far into the future, for, far from being the laughing stock of the State, and a weak candidate, Mr. Buchtel surprised friend and foe by his practical attitude and his lively campaign.

He set forth his position soon after the nomination in the following pointed language: "If I take this nomination, I must take it absolutely untrammelled and unqualified. I must be under no commitments, obligations or pledges to any individual, organization or corporation of any kind or nature whatsoever, and under no other circumstances will I consider it."

At a ratification meeting a few nights subsequently he promulgated the campaign slogan, "Smile and push."

Buchtel's Advantage.

At the outset Dr. Buchtel had this advantage: For six years he had been traveling over the State and had visited every city and town of consequence in the interests of the University of Denver, and during that time he had preached in many Methodist churches over the State. In this way he had become well and favorably known to a large number of people. The Republican campaign committee, backed by Simon Guggenheim, of the smelter trust, who has senatorial ambitions, and by the public service corporations, was plentifully supplied with money and a whirlwind campaign was started, special trains and all. Efforts were made to get a few speeches by Secretary Taft while on the way to and from Idaho, but it is presumed that the President had heard from his old college mate Stewart, and the plan fell through.

Then came the alleged turnaround of the Democratic managers by William J. Bryan, who, it is said, thought it the wise thing to side-step the Colorado campaign on account of the fact that Democratic State Chairman Milton Smith is the attorney for the telephone company, and that participation by Bryan might be construed as inconsistent, in view of the Roger Sullivan incident.

The chances of Dr. Buchtel were further boosted by the Independent Democratic candidacy of Judge Ben B. Lindsey, and the Socialists showed their deep and abiding appreciation of Senator Patterson's support, through his newspapers and otherwise, of the course of the Western Federation of Miners, by nominating for Governor William H. Haywood, secretary and treasurer of that organization, who, for some months, has been a prisoner in the Idaho penitentiary, awaiting trial on the charge of complicity in the assassination of Governor Steunenberg, last December. In order to prove their moral support of Haywood and the other imprisoned officials, the miners of the State voted almost solidly for Haywood, and their strength was drawn chiefly from the Democratic ranks. So it happened that when the ballots had all been counted Dr. Buchtel was found to have a plurality of over 16,000, and even Judge Gabbert had been pulled through with a substantial margin.

Long an Indiana Preacher. Dr. Buchtel is a native of Ohio. He is the son of Dr. Jonathan B. Buchtel, founder of the Buchtel University of Akron. The family later moved to Elkhart, Ind., and in 1853 settled in South Bend. The Governor-elect is a graduate of DePauw University. Entering the Methodist ministry, he served successively as pastor at Zionsville, Ind.; Greencastle, Ind.; Knights-town, Ind.; Grace church, Richmond, Ind.; Trinity church, Lafayette, Ind.; Central-avenue church, Indianapolis, Ind.; First church, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Calvary church, East Orange, N. J.; Trinity church, in Denver, the latter the most beautiful and costliest Methodist church in the West, having been built during his administration as pastor.

Dr. Buchtel's administration promises to be a practical business one. His record as a financier and a manager is excellent. Six years ago the University of Denver was tottering under the weight of \$260,000 debts, and had only 374 students, including the professional branches. This debt has all been placed on a solid financial basis, it now has approximately 1,300 students, and it has come to be recognized as one of the foremost educational institutions in the West.

There also promises to be little or no ostentation, for it has already been announced that the Governor-elect will not exchange his bungalow at University Park for any mansion on Capitol Hill.

Asked whether he intended resigning the chancellorship of the University, he replied:

"No, sir; I intend to run 'em both."

b. Farewell (violin obligato) . . . Tosti Miss Edwards.

In China when a wedding is about to take place the calendar is consulted, and if the signs are not good the wedding is postponed. Sometimes it is necessary to postpone the date several times, and when the signs are auspicious it generally turns out well. The ceremony consists in drinking together a cup of samshoo in the nuptial chamber.

The Coconut Tree. A large coconut tree yields as many as 100 nuts a year. Natives use the nuts for dishes as well as for food.

Narrow Nostrils. Very narrow nostrils are unsightly; also they are dangerous, as they are likely to discourage their owner from breathing correctly—that is, through the nose. The recognized surgical way of treating them is to wear in each nostril for a short time daily a small piece of sponge.

Language Changes. So rapid has been the change in the English language that the English of today bears no more resemblance to the English of 1,000 years ago than it does to German.

The Starfish. The common starfish has five points—sometimes six. Specimens with more than five points are very rare.

a. Elegie, (violin obligato) . . . Massenet

Sunday in the Churches

First Presbyterian—Thomas J. Graham pastor, Sabbath school, 9:15 a. m. Divine worship, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. These services are beginning of the week of prayer. The call to prayer should be heard by all. The Christmas music, under the direction of Mr. Earhart, will be repeated to-night.

East Main St. Friends—Alfred T. Ware pastor. Bible school at 9 o'clock. Meeting for worship, 10:30 a. m. Junior Endeavor, 2:30 p. m. Senior Endeavor, 4:30 p. m. Gospel service, 7:30 p. m. At the morning meeting there will be a public reception of new members. Midweek meeting for worship and monthly business meeting, Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

First Baptist Church—F. Robert Smith pastor. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. Subject: "The Fatherland of God," and at 7:30 p. m. Subject: "The Call of God to His People." Sunday School at 9:15 a. m. Junior's at 2:30 p. m. B. T. F. U. with Christian Culture Course at 6:30 p. m. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of the morning service. All are cordially invited to attend the services.

United Brethren—M. Hobson pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Sunday School will be organized for the year. Organization of the Juniors at 3 p. m. Y. P. C. U. at 6:30 p. m. Ladies' Aid Wednesday at 2 p. m. Prayer Meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m. All are invited.

First M. E. Church—R. J. Wade Pastor. Sunday School at 9:15 a. m. Prof. W. A. Fiske, Supt. Morning service at 10:30. Communion service and address. Reception of members and baptisms. Class meeting at 11:15. Junior League at 2:00 p. m. Love Feast at 2:30 o'clock. Vesper song service at 4 p. m. By request, the choir under Prof. J. Leroy, will repeat the Christmas music. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Leader, Miss Agnes Johnson, Deaconess. Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. T. J. Johnson, D. D., of Muncie. Families are requested to bring dinners and suppers and make it an all-day meeting. Strangers welcome.

First Church of Christ Scientist—Services at 10:30. Subject: "Life." Children's Sunday School at 9:30. Wednesday evening, testimonial meeting at 7:30. Pythian Temple, All are welcome. Christian Science Reading Room open to the public every day except Sunday. No. 10, North 10th St.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church—7:30 a. m., Holy Communion. 9:15 a. m., Sunday School. 10:30 a. m., Epiphany service. 6:45 p. m., Young Men's Bible Class. 7:30 p. m., P. M. Missionary service, address by Rev. S. Harrington Littell, of Hankow, China.

Grace M. E. Church—W. M. Nelson pastor. Sunday School at 9:00 a. m. Rev. T. J. Johnson, D. D., of Muncie, will occupy the pulpit at 10:30 a. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. The pastor will preach at 7:30; subject: "The Two Ways." A cordial invitation is extended.

Reid Memorial United Presbyterian Church—Rev. S. R. Lyons pastor. Corner Eleventh and North A streets. Preaching by the pastor, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School, 9:45 a. m. Christian Union, 6:30 p. m.

South Eighth St. Friends—Clarence M. Case, pastor. Bible school at 9:15 a. m. Meeting for worship at 10:30. Men's Social Union at 3 p. m. C. E. at 6:30. Monthly Bible School Conference Monday at 7:30 p. m. Round table class, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Meeting for worship Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

First English Lutheran—E. G. Howard, pastor, Sunday school at 9 a. m. Special addresses by Rev. J. W. Kapp, D. D., of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Rev. S. J. McDowell, of Springfield, Ohio. Morning worship at 10:30. A dedicatory service with sermon by Rev. J. W. Kapp, D. D. Evening service at 7 p. m. Sermon by Rev. S. J. McDowell, of Springfield, O. Services each evening of the week at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to all these services.

Whitewater Friends—Charles A. Francisco, pastor. Sabbath school at 9 a. m. Meeting for worship at 10:30 a. m.

First Baptist—H. Robert Smith, pastor. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m.; subject, "The Fatherhood of God," and at 7:30 p. m.; subject, "God's Call to His People." Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Juniors at 2:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. with Christian Culture course at 6:20 p. m. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed after the evening service. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Second Presbyterian—North Nineteenth and C streets, C. O. Shirey, pastor. Morning worship at 10:30; subject, "A Comforting Reminder." Evening service at 7 o'clock; subject, "A Startling Proposition." Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Earham Heights Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Brotherhood meeting at 2:30 p. m. Men of the East End are invited to the Brotherhood meeting. Junior C. E. at 2:30 p. m. Senior C. E. at 6:45 p. m. The Week of Prayer will be observed with services every evening but Saturday, in charge of the pastor.

Fifth Street M. E.—J. O. Campbell, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior League at 2 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Friends and strangers are invited.

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VATICAN DENIES PLOT IN FRANCE

Threat to Publish Papers Seized in Paris Calls Out Protest.

MAY HURT NEW BISHOPS.

ADMITTED IN ROME THAT DOCUMENTS PROVE THAT POPE TRUSTED AND HELD IN LOW ESTEEM CERTAIN PRELATES.

Rome, Jan. 5.—(Spl.)—The Osservatore Romano today publishes the following communication from the Vatican:

"It is stated that the French government intends to publish the text of some of the documents seized at the papal nunciature in Paris Dec. 11. The holy see declares that it declines any responsibility for the publication, leaving it to the persons who may think themselves injured by the publication of the documents to use the means which they judge best to protect their rights. It must be borne in mind, however, that no inventory was made at the time of the seizure by the French government."

Deny There Is a Plot. The news has created a bad impression even outside Catholic circles. A well known prelate declares that not a word will be found in any of the documents that can be interpreted as hostile to a republican form of government. This, he added, constituted evident proof that the church has not been conspiring against the French government and that the report of a plot is groundless.

The Vatican believes that the reason for the publication of these documents is an effort to alienate a portion of the French clergy from the holy see because certain of them contain references to some of the French bishops, and show not only criticism of their attitude and work, but that the Vatican did not hold them in high esteem.

Protests From America. The Osservatore Romano continues to publish protests against the action of the French government. Today it makes public the protest of the Society for the Diffusion of Intelligence regarding the Catholic Church signed by Archbishop of Chicago, F. C. Kelley, and N. A. Fanning, and that of the Society of the Diocese of Newark, signed by J. A. Sheppard, president.

REPEAT XMAS PROGRAM

AT A VESPER CONCERT

Music Given at First M. E. Church at Christmas Time Was so Pleasing That Many Requests Have Been Made That It Be Repeated.

At 4 o'clock the choir of the First M. E. church will repeat their Christmas program. Requests have also been received for the repetition of several other musical numbers, which will be given then. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this sacred concert. The program to be given under the direction of Prof. Harris, is as follows:

Earth and Heaven Mercedante By the Choir.

Recit.—O, Worse Than Death—Air—Angels, Ever Bright and Fair—"Theodora" Hand-

Mrs. Bessey Waggoner. Saviour, Breathe an Evening Blessing, (Arranged by Mr. Harris from the "Sextet" Donizetti

By the Quartet. Inflammatus—"Stabat Mater" Rossini

Miss Nellie Williams and Choir. See the Conquering Hero Come—"Judas Maccabaeus" Handel

Mrs. Logan, Miss Friedley, Miss Mary Friedley and Choir. Face to Face Johnson

Celia Carroll. How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me? Pfeiffer

Miss Carolyn Karl, Mr. Wehly and Choir. Invocation—Rev. R. J. Wade. Cradle Song of the Soul