

## NEW REDEEMER HEAD INAUGURATED HERE

Crowds Attend Services Held Sunday, Rev. R. E. Seaser, Pastor, His Views.

Crowds attended the inauguration Sunday of the Rev. R. E. Seaser, new pastor of the Redeemer Lutheran Church. The services were held at the church, the Rev. Seaser, pastor, presiding, and the introduction of the regular liturgical services into the program.

In his introductory sermon, the Rev. Seaser outlined to the congregation his ideas and beliefs. He said he had no other message to preach than that which is included in God's word.

Concerning the Lutheran Church and modern times the newly elected pastor is of the following conviction.

As to prohibition, he holds that the temperance movement, insofar as it aims at changes in the statutes governing the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquor, ought to be treated as a purely political, social and economic, and not a religious, issue. He holds that both the supporters and the opponents of this movement, inasmuch as it is a political issue, ought to be guided solely by considerations of public welfare. As Lutherans," said he, "we shall oppose the enactment of laws which prohibit the use of fermented wine, the Sacrament. As Lutherans we reject the doctrine that the use of liquor as a beverage is in itself a sin. The Lutheran Church recognizes the gravity of the evils connected with the liquor traffic, but does not, as a church, presume to interfere in a matter which, as a political issue, purely concerns the state. For the church, we deem its duty in the battle to end when it teaches the sinfulness of the misuse of liquor, and through the sanctifying power of the Gospel strengthens its members against the temptations that lurk in the use of alcoholic drink."

Concerning separation of Church and State, he holds that the separation of Church and State guaranteed to our republic in its fundamental law is one of our highest temporal possessions, and is, moreover, in harmony with the teachings of Scripture and with the Lutheran Confessions.

"As Christians, as Lutherans, and as good citizens, we view with concern the attempts which certain church denominations are making to override this fundamental law of the land, since the history of such a church shows that it has employed temporal power for the suppression of all other forms of religions, and that such mingling of church and state has brought in its train internal strife and the loss of civil liberties," he says.

"Of church union he declared, "We deplore the divided state of the church. The Christian Church is divided because men have forced their own interpretations upon the Bible, instead of accepting its teachings. A union of churches pleasing to God can be attained only when there is a readiness to reject all teaching which does not agree with the Scriptures. We hold that the Church Union movement of our day is in great part a manifestation of the spirit of indifference, which proceeds from the assumption that it does not matter greatly what a person believes, and the Bible is not sufficient to settle every point of doctrine."

### MISSIONARY VISITS KIN' AT BIRMINGHAM HOME

During the past week Dr. Ida S. Stapleton of Oberlin, Ohio, a returned missionary from Trebizond, Turkey, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. R. Looney of Purdy street. Dr. Stapleton will continue her visit with friends in various parts of Michigan for several weeks when she will join her husband, Rev. R. Robert Stapleton, and a party on a trip through the East, stopping at the sesqui-centennial exposition in Philadelphia.

Rev. and Dr. Stapleton returned to America five years ago after 20 years of service among the Armenian people. They will leave here for the Pine Mountain Mission in eastern Kentucky.

## WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

(Little Editorial picked up by the Staff and around Birmingham.)

Chief of Police James Anderson: "Because of the number of burglaries here we are asking the co-operation of the citizens in calling on the minute they hear anything in their homes that leads them to believe there is a prowler. This is better than trying to frighten the fellow away and it will be a big aid to us in capturing him."

A. W. Peppers, Pontiac: "I do not know what it is about Birmingham that seems so unusual. Certainly one gets a feeling of a beautiful village here that is not noticeable in other communities."

W. Nelson Whittemore, of Bloomfield Hills: "I am heartily in favor of wider Woodward avenue, but I do not like the idea of plastering this highway with advertising signs. I recently noticed a large illuminated sign next to J. A. Braun's beautiful estate north of Birmingham, and I

must say that this immense board does not add anything to Mr. Braun's vista. I wonder how much politics there is by allowing these signs on state property!"

Robert D. Lynd, 227 Ferndale: "I think so much of the Birmingham Eccentric that I like it to follow me around like Mary's little lamb. Will you please send it to me at East Tawas for the next three weeks?"

George B. Boutwell: "I am glad to see that the village officers so promptly took care of the particularly undamned spots on the South Woodward avenue pavement when their attention was called to it. It was a condition which needed to be remedied and they acted very efficiently in the matter."

W. W. Newitt, health officer: "Back yards in Birmingham should not be neglected any more than front yards. More attention paid to these would make, not only for a better appearing city, but for one far more ideal in which to live."

Miss Marion Patch, librarian at the Baldwin Public Library: "In view of the fact that Birmingham is to have a fine new library in the near future, it is with many regrets that I am

leaving the work here. I have enjoyed it to the fullest extent and I think Birmingham people show unusual interest toward educational work."

## Church and Sunday School BIBLE SCHOOL OUTING

The Young Men's Class and the Young Women's Class of the United Presbyterian Bible School are holding a swimming party at Lake Orion Friday evening. Following the swim, there will be entertainment and refreshments consisting of hot dogs and watermelon. About 25 young people are expected to attend. This outing is a part of the social program planned by the young people of this church for the present summer and fall.

The Methodist Church, Maple Avenue West at Henrietta. Robert Marcus Atkins, Minister. Sunday services: 11 a. m. Sermon. Subject "They and He," a contrast in authority. 7:30 p. m. Prohibition Rally. Speaker, Congressman Grant M. Hudson.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth league for young people at 6:30 p. m. Leader, Will McClure.

United Presbyterian Church, Forest and Woodward. Henry S. Evans, Pastor. Services Sunday as follows: Bible school, 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11:15 a. m. The pastor will preach on "The Supreme Question—What must I do to be saved?" in the evening. The union service will be held in the Methodist church.

U. S. Senator Grant Hudson will be the speaker. He stands against those who advocate the modification of the 18th Amendment, and for the right enforcement of the Volstead law.

Saint James' Episcopal — Rev. C. H. McGuffey, Rector. Eleventh Sunday after Trinity. Holy Communion 8:30 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11:00 a. m. Rev. J. M. Horton, officiating.

Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle, Maccahen's Hall corner of Woodward and Maple avenues. Sunday morning worship at 10:30 Sunday school at 11:45. Evening service at 7:45.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Corner Lincoln and Ann St., R. E. Seaser, Minister.

Regular services at 10:30 a. m. Subject: "Publish Thou the Great Things which God has done for Thee." Sunday school and Bible class at 9:30 a. m.

The First Baptist Church, Bates and Willett streets. Rev. Thomas J. Edwards, Minister. Morning service at 10 o'clock a. m. Rev. Earl Sims, formerly missionary to China will be the speaker. Sunday school at 11:15 a. m. No evening service. Congregation

will unite with the union service at the Methodist church.

"Youth must end wars," declares Lloyd George. Well, youth always has had a hand in ending them.

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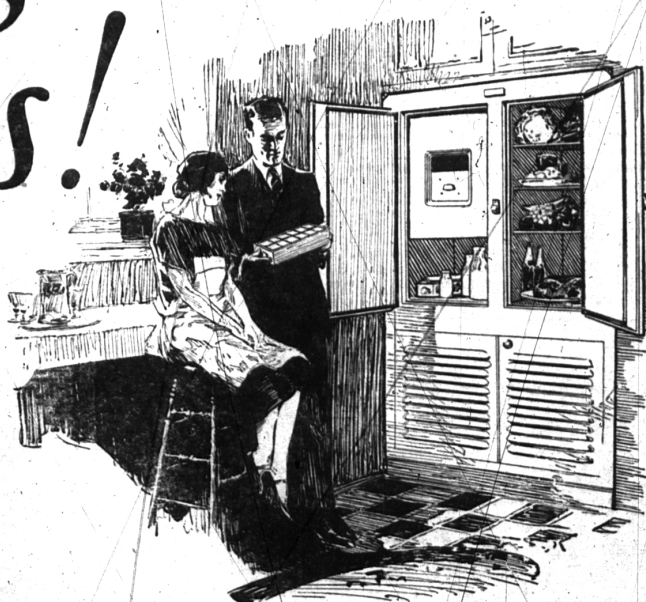
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