

CHURCH SERVICES OF DAY

Rev. W. G. Watkins Denounces Church Fairs and Festivals.

HE SAYS THEY ARE DEBASING

Has No Respect for Those Who Will Only Contribute to Churches Through These Affairs--Terms Them Disciples of Loaves and Fishes.

Rev. W. G. Watkins preached a sermon at the North Main Avenue Baptist church last night upon "Church Amusements." The reverend gentleman based his discourse on John 11, 13-18, and an interesting introduction described the journey of Christ from Cana to Jerusalem and his visit to the Feast of Passover.

"In the mind of any one who believes the Bible there can be no doubt as to what Jesus did. The question is this, Which of these affairs, if any, that are held for amusement and money getting in our churches are in nature and business what Christ intended and cast out? I believe many of them are."

The Chance Element. "I ask any of you to show me the difference between church chances and the wheel of fortune as it is practised by the fakir or in the gambling den. Every time you pay 10 cents to guess what is in the cake, or buy a ticket with a number on it, with the expectation of getting the lucky number that will bring you the prize, you take your chances like the man at the wheel or at the card table. Only one out of the whole number can be successful, all the others paying money on expectations that will never be realized."

"Of the business enterprises in the church, I believe most would be condemned. I know from observation that many of them practice fraud. Seldom, if ever, are they conducted on true business principles. Who is there so innocent as to go to a church festival expecting to get as much ice cream for 10 cents as in an ice cream parlor? Gospel measure is brimful, pressed down and running over; but instead of giving Gospel measure, the church festival goes far below the standard of the world's measure, otherwise there would be too little money in it. Of course, no one will say it is for the church, and on that principle are willing to pay 10 cents for half-a-plate. Be it so, then at best it is but half charity and the other half is fraud."

Disciples of Loaves and Fishes. "Moreover, when an honest attempt is made to conduct the affairs on right principles it evinces gross carnal tendencies. It means that those from whom the church cannot take money except in lieu of a dinner or supper are justly entitled to the approbrium which Christ hurled at those of old, who followed him simply because he fed them with bread and fish, who ever since have been stigmatized as 'disciples of loaves and fishes.'"

"These affairs are also a deviation from the original and divinely appointed method of supplying the cause of God. In the old Testament God called upon the people to bring in their tithes. In the New Testament every lay by him in store as God has prospered him. Those represent the sources of the church's revenue, and they indicate direct and frequent offerings and not the method of supplying the cause of God. In the old Testament every lay by him in store as God has prospered him. Those represent the sources of the church's revenue, and they indicate direct and frequent offerings and not the method of supplying the cause of God."

Debasing and Corrupting. "I would not be auster. I would not deprive young people of all pleasure, but I do believe that these affairs in churches are debasing and corrupting, and that there are other means and exercises which the church may use for the culture, development and profit of its young people and the enlargement of its own life."

AT ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL.

Close of One Mission and the Opening of Another.

With a reception to the members of the Blessed Virgin's sodality the young ladies' mission of the cathedral ended last night, and the mission for the female members of the congregation was begun. Father Bucholtz left on the midnight train for Waterbury, Conn., to open a mission there. During the week Father O'Reilly will conduct the services, assisted by local priests. The daily order of exercises will be masses at 6.30, 7 and 8 a. m. Stations of the cross after last mass each morning and confession morning and afternoon, and a sermon each evening at 7.30.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Father Bucholtz preached to the women of the parish upon a general subject. Their duty is, he said, to say their daily morning and evening prayers, attend all religious services at the church, hear mass regularly and go to confessions and communion at the proper seasons of the year. The speaker took up the subject of the sacrament of matrimony and said that a prerequisite essential to happiness between man and wife is the piety of the latter. The husband was established by God to rule over the household and the wife must be obedient. Cleanliness, tidiness and habits opposed to extravagance are qualities in a woman that makes the husband love her and brings happiness to the household. The sin of unfaithfulness is the most atrocious act that a wife can commit, and many temptations surround a married woman. If she be truly religious God will give her grace to withstand all these temptations. Woe to the parents that do not exercise a proper care over their children, because on the last day God will demand an account of parents for the lives of their offspring. See that they begot a love for work, attend to their education, send them to school, and above all other things watch over their religious teachings. After the sermon Father Bucholtz pronounced benediction and large numbers approached the sanctuary rail and were

invested with the scapular. Religious articles were blessed.

Reception of the Sodality. The evening opened with the singing of the hymn, "All Hail Our Mother and Dear Queen," by the sodalists. After the Veni Creator, Father Bucholtz preached the sermon, the subject being, "The Blessed Virgin and the Sodality." The speaker referred to the pure holy life of Mary, she was always a virgin and never committed any sin. She is upheld to the members of the sodality because she is the mother of our Redeemer. She is the type of Christian morals and an extraordinary means of grace. Catholics do not worship Mary but they implore her intercession because her position in heaven as the mother of the Trinity, since she is the mother of the second Person, enables her to bestow favors which God grants through her. She is the model of Christian morality and should be imitated. She is not an ordinary means of grace, such as the sacraments, but her prayers are a more merciful intercession render her an object that is it worth our while to honor. The speaker went on and described the life of Mary, her humility above all, and her deeply religious conduct on this world. God is pleased to see women imitate her and is most generous to those who are devoted to the mother of His only Divine Son. "The hymn, 'Hail Holy Virgin,' was sung and next came the reception of the postulants, over sixty of them. This was a most impressive ceremony as they filed to the altar rail and received the badge of the sodality. Besides the postulants nearly eighty members were admitted to full membership in the society. They received their badges and the blessing of the priest.

Following the reception the hymn, "There is No Heart Like Thine Dear Lord," was sung. Miss Mary Canavan played the accompaniment on the organ. Then came benediction of the blessed sacrament, the chanting of the Te Deum and blessing of religious articles.

HERO KING OF SWEDEN.

His Three Hundredth Anniversary Celebrated by Lutherans. Unusual interest was attached to the services at the Trinity English Lutheran church yesterday when the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of Gustavus Adolphus, the hero king of Sweden, who died in defense of Protestantism, was celebrated.

In the evening at the conclusion of evening prayer Rev. E. L. Miller, pastor, introduced Major Everett Warren, who delivered an excellent address appropriate to the occasion, during the course of which he remarked that the occasion formed the second time he had the pleasure of worshipping with the Lutherans, the first being in July last when touring through Switzerland.

"Gustavus Adolphus," he said, "was a greater man from an historical point of view than Martin Luther. Luther persevered and protested against the papal supremacy but Gustavus Adolphus gave his life for the cause for which he worked. It was not possible at this day to appreciate the difficulties which Adolphus encountered unless we had a knowledge of his environments."

What Luther Taught. "Luther's ideas provoked discussion and it was a matter of state business to crush them out. Luther taught not only justification by faith, the superiority of private Scriptures, but the right of private judgment. When Ferdinand II. started a revolution in 1618, if you can, the monastic despotism, and the taking from individuals the right to examine the Scriptures for themselves; imagine the many who were driven away from you, and imagine, further, that by the same edict your rector were carried and elected as a target at the court house for the constabulary. You regard it as outside the pale of possibility. Imagine these things and you have a faint conception of the days of Martin Luther in the dawn of the Seventeenth century."

Major Warren then described with much eloquence the savage cruelty of Wallenstein, who was employed by Frederick II. to secure the prisoners, and take to himself the booty and to be responsible to no one, so long as he succeeded in crushing out the new ideas; and how Count Mansfield lost his life as a martyr in the massacre. The church of Luther's followers became a by-word and in this state of affairs no one imagined that in 1629 a man who would secure the right of individual liberty would come from Iceland, a place less in area than the state of Michigan. But Sweden furnished the Christian soldier of Europe, whose only parallel in history was General Oliver O. Howard, who saved the day at Gettysburg.

Services of the Hero King. Gustavus Adolphus perceived what was being done by Ferdinand II. in South Germany; he gave good-bye to his people and entered his new career, to rescue the persecuted Protestants. Hearing of his arrival, Ferdinand endeavored to secure the death of Wallenstein once more, but, being unsuccessful, secured one as bloodthirsty and who was responsible for the destruction of 40,000 persons without excuse, justification or cause, except that they worshipped God in a manner different from that therefore in vogue.

The speaker then referred to the services of Gustavus Adolphus and that God always raised great men in times of emergency to save His people and His Gospel, as with the Israelites in the days of old Adolphus had aided and made the Reformation possible in England, had made it possible for the

COULD HARDLY BREATHE.

Cataract of the Nose, Throat and Stomach--Life Made Miserable by Headaches, Pain and Cough. Lida McCandless, 1239 South Thirty-fifth street, Philadelphia, in conversation with a reporter, said: "I had a very bad case of cataract of the nose, throat and stomach, with frequent headaches, pain under the shoulder blades and a horrible cough. I had to keep my mouth constantly open day and night to breathe, and felt as miserable as one possibly could. I was advised to try Munyon's Catarrh Cure. I am happy to say that from the beginning I felt relieved and continued to grow better until now I am entirely well. I am so thankful that this remarkable remedy was ever discovered, and hope others will take advantage of my experience."

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