

THE SOWER

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CHRISTIANITY AS WORLD-POLITIC.

What a vista the very phrase opens up! The white slave traffic, the opium traffic, the traffic in all other narcotics, the liquor traffic, trade barriers between peoples, war, the

traffic in war materials, sweatshops, unsanitary homes, superabundance for the few and poverty for the many, race discrimination, strong nations bleeding weaker nations, wealth centered in a score of hands, two or three men with the power to wreck civilization—all such are anti-Christian.

Not only so, but in the Christian faith there lies the promise of their destruction. And even more, there lies in the Christian faith the obligation to call those who accept it to the creation of "a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

It is not that the church as such

is to rule the world. But it is that the Church is commissioned so to proclaim the truth of Christ which brings also love for others, that the vision which inspired the mind of John should become a reality.

Consider his vision: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea (the symbol of division) is no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God; and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away. And he that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new."

This is not simply a religious picture. It is not simply a social picture. It is a picture of the order of human life made Christian. Without Christ it cannot come, and Christ's complete regency is this. It is not an impossible dream. Instead, it is the will of God for men. It is what every Christian man is to pray and work for. But Christian men are its pre-supposition, and how shall Christian men be secured save as men accept the Christian faith.

Suppose that every legislator in the world should become a Christian? Suppose that every dictator and president and other ruler in the world should become a Christian? Suppose that every industrialist, and every militarist, and every journalist, and every college professor, and every banker, and every corporation head, should become a Christian; "Impossible," you say. But no, not impossible. That is exactly what God is working for. There is not a man whom God created but he created him to become conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

How vast are the involvements of this hardly needs to be said. Perhaps it is the involvements which overwhelm us, and make us willing to accept something less than the divine ideal for the world as the Christian faith sets its forth.

A thousand questions are involved here which will tax the ripest wisdom of Christian statesmanship, the utmost resources of the Christian church, the keenest weaponry of the Christian mind, the largest gifts of love and service of the Christian heart. But whatever the cost, the challenge stands.

The Christian faith is given that it might be declared to all men, everywhere. It is to be declared as the power of a new life. It is to be declared as the power of a new social order: it is to be declared as the basis and the power of a new world-politic. It is to be declared as the means, arising out of God's own nature and will, whereby all men mankind shall become one family, a brotherhood by the bond of love, children of the same great Father God.

"There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female; for ye are all one man in Christ Jesus." This is the will of

... the God who framed Mankind to be the one mighty family, Himself our Father, and the world our Home."
—Edwin Lewis, in "The Faith We Declare."

PATTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

James A. Turner, pastor. Church school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. every third Sunday. Epworth League on Sunday evening at 6:30. Mid-week Bible class on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

The Trinity Choir will render its Christmas Cantata on the Sunday evening of the 24th. The public is invited to attend and hear this splendid program.

The Methodist S. S. will present its Christmas program and "The Christmas Pilgrim", a cantata with dialogue, in costume, on Friday evening, the 22nd, at 7:00 P. M.

The program is as follows: Prelude and Processional. Scripture—Christmas Story. Invocation—Pastor. Hymn—"Joy to the World." Recitation—6 girls—Under the Stars.

Recitation—A Wish—Jimmie Del-Pierre.

Recitation—The Christmas Favorite—Jean O'Leary.

Recitation—Christmas Gifts—Alphonse Noel.

Recitation—The Lord Is Come—12 boys.

Address—Pastor. Offering.

Cantata—The Christmas Pilgrim. Cast of Characters: Christmas Cheer—Betty Jean Rounsley; Ten girls: Amy, Dorothy Deringer; Rose, Sarah Morrow; Clara, Bessie Sunseri; Isabel, Gladys Rhudy; Marion, Wahneeta Blake; Ruth, Sarah McConnell; Esther, Kathryn Watkins; Bertha, Margaret Flemming; Helen, Catherine Noel; Irene, Alphretta Hobbs.

Six Fairies—Joy, Rita Blake; Hope, Carol Snyder; Patience, Ethyl McConnell; Kindness, Stella Yahner; Friendship, Mary Lee Garrity; Charity, Mildred Murray.

Pianist: Dorris Heminger. Singing Fairies: Joyce Hobbs, Sally Bertin; Janet DelPierre, Carol Steir; Shirley Buck.

FORMER PATTONITES BUY AN AMUSEMENT PARK AT LEWISTOWN

Of interest, particularly to Patton people, will be the following story appearing last week in a Lewistown, Pa., newspaper:

John H. Moren, 21 West Market St., and his son, James E. Moren, today announced the purchase of Kishacoquillas Park from Pennsylvania Edison Company. Possession was taken on Friday and that day Mr. Moren, Jr., who is also proprietor of Moren's Haberdashery, 21, West Market Street moved to the park and is occupying the house, formerly the residence of Arthur Jarvis.

The Morens purchased 45 acres of real estate, including the swimming pool, parking field, park proper, the dancing hall, restaurant and concession buildings. Mr. Jarvis had held the lease to the park and operated it for the past seven years. Recently on the expiration of his lease he moved to New York City.

Work has already been started on the cleaning and repainting of the exterior and interior of all buildings on the park grounds. There will be some remodeling done and a new entrance will be built by the State Highway department work to be started this week. This entrance from the new highway along Logan Boulevard will be a great improvement over the old entrance which was destroyed by the building of the new road. The poles which stood in the center of the old entrance will be removed and flood lights installed to illuminate the entrance from the highway to the park buildings.

A new parking field will be built near the dancing hall, making it unnecessary for patrons to walk from the former parking field at the swimming pool, into the park.

Skating will continue each Saturday night and the hall will be open by appointment on week day evenings for skating parties, etc.

Plans are already under way to bring outstanding dance bands here for dancing at the park during the coming summer the dancing season at the park to open on Easter Monday. A new heating system is being installed to assure the comfort of patrons at all seasons.

When weather permits, the swimming pool will be opened and plans call for the changing of the water as of ten as necessary to keep the pool clean. There will be night bathing, as well as during the daytime.

DO YOU KNOW.

The little red school house has not disappeared entirely, for in Pennsylvania alone, there are 5,000 one teacher schools. Of the state's 2,585 school districts, 2,410 have less than 5,000 population and 1,423 do not maintain high schools of any kind. Educators admit that equal educational opportunities are impossible for every child in the state. Yet proponents of compulsory health insurance promise every individual, every child, regardless of social or financial status,

There is no gift that would be more appreciated by a former Pattonite than a year's subscription to the Union Press-Courier.



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A Merry Christmas and sincere best wishes to all of our many friends on this happiest of all the days of the entire year!

Albright's Service Station PATTON, PA.



May Christmas bring you joy and may each day of the year add to your enjoyment of life. And may we continue to serve you in the future.

Chas. F. Pitt Co. PATTON, PA.



Good health, good cheer and good fortune—may they all be yours during this festive holiday season and may the New Year bring you manifold blessings.

Joe's Cut-Rate Store BARNESBORO, PA.



May we thank you for your patronage, your good will and your unflinching courtesy at this season. May you have the very merriest of Christmases!

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We extend the season's greetings to you and yours at this most joyous of holidays. May you enjoy the day fully, and completely.

Biller's Garage PATTON, PA.



Our sentiments are both simple and old-fashioned, and they're just "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all of you."

Cambria Flying Service M. M. NUSS PATTON, PA.



For Christmas, may you and yours enjoy all the enjoyment that this merriest of holidays can bestow! May each day of the New Year be better

Huber's Hardware PATTON, PA.



On Christmas day we extend to you our sincerest wishes for your complete enjoyment of the holiday!

Lacue & Jones Service Station PATTON, PA.



And again the Christmas holiday is here. With sincere good wishes for your happiness we extend to you our heartfelt greetings.

Davis Millinery PATTON, PA.



To one and all we send our best wishes for a Christmastic rich in contentment and pleasure and affectionate companionship. May it be the best you've ever had.

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