

CHURCHES GREET 1911

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE TO BE HELD IN WHITE TEMPLE.

Dr. Hinson Thinks People Are Better Off in Bed, but Gives Consent to Meeting.

Watch services will be held at the White Temple tonight, beginning at 10 P. M. The first hour will be a social hour. Religious services will be held from 11 o'clock until midnight. The pastors of the First Presbyterian, Grace Methodist, Calvary Presbyterian and First Congregational churches and probably the First Christian Churches will participate.

Except for the efforts of Dr. William Hiram Foulkes no watchnight services would have been arranged for. Dr. W. B. Hinson, of the White Temple, confessed that he did not believe in watchnight services. "This kind of a meeting keeps people up until early morning hours, when they ought to be at home and abed," he said. When it was suggested to him, however, that none of the other large churches intended to hold such services, and that some of the people who would watch the old year out and the new year in would not wish to go to the cafes, he readily consented to allow the White Temple to be used.

Dr. Benjamin Young said last night that one reason for not holding a New Year service was that a part of it would be upon a Sunday morning. He did not consider it proper, he said, for the young people to have a meeting for general merrymaking on Sunday morning. Another reason was that he has not been feeling well and felt that it would be too great a strain, as he has to conduct two services on Sunday.

A young people's consecration service was held at the White Temple last night. Communion services will be held at the First and Grace Methodist Episcopal churches tomorrow morning. Dr. Young will preach at night at the First Church on "Getting a Good Start" and Dr. Cudlipp, at the Grace Church, will give in the evening the last of his series of sermons on "The Home."

Dr. Foulkes, of the First Presbyterian Church, has been ill, but said last night that he was feeling better and would be able, he thought, to occupy his pulpit Sunday. He will deliver a New Year's sermon Sunday morning and at night will repeat his stereopticon lecture on "The Passion Play at Oberammergau." While the pictures are being shown Dom J. Zan is to sing "The Palms" and Mrs. Virginia Hutchinson will sing the solo from "The Messiah," "He Was Despised." "The Hallelujah Chorus" will be played as an organ voluntary by Edgar Coursen, the organist.

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, at Thirteenth and Main streets, is to hold special services at 8 o'clock tomorrow night, in commemoration of the Emancipation Proclamation. Joda D. Lewis will be the chairman, Dr. James A. Merriman will read the emancipation address and Reuben Crawford, who came to the Pacific Coast in 1867, will give reminiscences of slavery days. He is a native of Virginia and is the father of 15 children. He is one of the mechanics who helped to build the Merrimac.

A watch night meeting will be held at the Commons Rescue Mission, 22 North Front street, at 8 o'clock tonight, and continuing until midnight. A rally on the street will be held at 7 o'clock.