

SOCIETIES PLAN TOURS

Religious Organizations Include Numerous Outdoor Activities, Boat Trips and Annual Conventions in Vital Part of Program; Expect Young People to Study Here.

ALTHOUGH outdoor activities, which is a vital part of the program of the various young people's religious societies have come to have a place in the year-round schedule for Miami young people, they find more time in the summer to devote to beach parties, boat rides and excursions.

With the arrival of each May, weekly excursions for the four months that the stores have half holiday on the East Coast a greater opportunity for these affairs is afforded. Taking advantage of the period, the directors of recreational programs for different churches have arranged for some extensive excursions.

Practically all of the Episcopal, Methodist, Christian Endeavor, Young People's Society, Baptist, and other religious organizations include either the beach or boat trips in their weekly plans. The Thursday afternoon meetings have come to be the outstanding feature of the week. Adopting the "beach" feature of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., leaders of these young people's groups have various excursions. Among them will be races, jumping, relay, comic stunts and many other means of entertainment and fun.

Church leaders during recent years have come to recognize the four-fold program of the Y. M. C. A. as one thing to make part of their activities. Miami has the advantage over the hundreds of other American cities because of the beach accommodations. Young people naturally delight in swimming and beach parties. Realizing that this is a fine way to assemble the young folks and lead their interest in church, these leaders make capital of such a plan.

While it is planned to omit the usual religious features of the work there is often a group to be seen in some quiet spot meeting in a committee to work out some of their problems. However, nearly all of the time is devoted to physical contests, swimming, and sports, and just before they have their picnic lunch community songs are made a helpful pastime.

To further encourage and offer incentives a group with better geographic knowledge, the different denominational leaders have already planned to have club houses or assembly buildings near the beach or on the bay. Recently the Baptists accepted a donation of some valuable ocean front lots at Delray on which an educational plant for summer assemblies will be erected. The White Temple is also working out such a project.

done to maintain the point of contact with young people from all sections of the South.

If the plans of both the Methodist and Baptist materialize, the winter months will find many of the young people of these denominations visiting Miami, for it is planned to give them post-graduate work in religious education. During the summer months a general course of study is given, while during the regular months advanced lectures and opportunities to do special work would be offered.

SPAN OF LIFE LONGER

Future Men May Live a Thousand Years, Is Prediction by Scientists.

PRESENT day man, on the average, lacks only 12 years of achieving the Biblical life span of "three score and ten." That is to say, a baby born today should live for 88 years, 20 years more than the average contemporary of George Washington lived and twice as long as the average person lived at the time of Shakespeare. And, thanks to the efforts of science in combating disease, the average span of life is increasing every year. Will science in time succeed in

prolonging the average life until, like Methuselah, we measure our lives by centuries instead of years? This is the question raised in the July issue of Popular Science Monthly, which points to recent statements by eminent scientists that suggest an even more astounding possibility, namely, that science some day may succeed in causing men to live forever.

One of the statements comes from Professor Fritz Haber, noted German chemist, who expresses his belief that men may learn to live for 10 centuries or more. In the human body, he says, are various essential chemical agents known as "enzymes." These, he declares, eventually deteriorate, causing death. It is more than a theoretical possibility, he says, that science can supply substances that will prevent these important chemical agents from wearing out and that human life can be prolonged as long as the old enzymes are replaced.

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scientist of Johns Hopkins University, is another who believes old age may be conquered. Old age, he says, may be caused by a still undiscovered chemical substance—a poison—that finds its way into the blood and attacks the body cells. What we call death, he believes, does not occur until various parts of the body have surrendered one by one to the poison.

This explanation of death, other scientists have found tenable, according to Popular Science Monthly. Moreover, they have advanced the belief that an "antidote" for the poison of old age some day may be found.

Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute many times has kept human tissues alive long after the body from which they were taken was laid in the grave. The transplanting of an organ from a dead body to a living one, where it has continued to function perfectly, is a feat of surgery performed more or less frequently. Actual death in every portion of the body does not take place, science now believes, until long after the body has reached the grave.

Several scientists have demonstrated in the laboratory that the cells of living things, properly fed, properly warmed, will live practically forever.

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