

"LABOR SUNDAY" FILLS PULPITS

Ministers Indorse and Yield Their Churches to Federa- tion Leaders.

ONE WOMAN TO PREACH.

Other Unionists Take Part Today on First Occasion of Its Kind in United States.

Labor Sunday will be celebrated today in numerous churches of various denominations throughout the city and suburbs. Labor leaders will mount the pulpits of several churches and preach the doctrine of "trade unionism," and many clergymen will preach special morning and evening sermons in the interest of organized labor.

One woman trade unionist will be among the labor preachers. She is Miss Agnes Nestor of the glove workers' union and treasurer of the Women's Trade Union league. She will preach the morning sermon at the Winneka Congregational church, her text being "The story of the life of our working girls today in shops and factories."

The Rev. E. F. Snell will occupy a pew in his church while Miss Nestor takes his place in the pulpit. Labor leaders who will occupy pulpits and preach morning or evening sermons and the churches where they will speak are:

Labor Authorities in Pulpit.

A. C. Anderson, secretary of the Painters' District council, Ninth Presbyterian church, Ashland avenue and Hastings street.

A. A. Allen, associated editor of the Union Labor Advocate, Seventy-seventh Street Methodist church, Coles avenue and Seventy-seventh street.

Emmett Flood, organizer for the American Federation of Labor, Endeavor Presbyterian church, Cornella and Paulina streets.

Oscar F. Nelson, president of the Chicago Postoffice Clerks' union, Olivet Institute, Vedder and Penn streets.

L. P. Straube, business manager of the Allied Printing Trades council, Sedgwick Street Congregational church.

The Labor Sunday idea has been indorsed by clergymen of virtually every Protestant denomination in Chicago. Bishop Anderson of the Episcopal church called the attention of his clergy to the day and appropriate services will be held in Episcopal churches and missions of the Chicago diocese.

Episcopals Plan Special Services.

A special labor service will be held by Dean Sumner of the Episcopal Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, and Bishop Samuel Fallows of the Reformed Episcopal church will preach a morning sermon in the interest of laboring men.

Other leading churches where the day will be observed are Wesley Methodist church, Halsted street and Belden avenue; Grace Methodist church, La Salle avenue and Locust street, and Crerar Memorial Presbyterian church, Fifty-seventh street and Prairie avenue.

The Rev. William White Wilson, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, will preach labor sermons at both morning and evening services. His morning subject will be "The Church and Organized Labor," and in the evening he will preach on "Honest Toil."

The Rev. G. D. Cleworth, pastor of Western Avenue Methodist church, will preach this evening on "Labor, Its Contribution and Appeal." "The Labor Problem in the Light of the Gospel" will be the subject of the sermon at First Swedish Unitarian church, 3149 North Clark street. The Rev. Austen Hunter will preach a labor sermon this evening at Jackson Boulevard Christian church.

Ministers Indorse Federation.

President John Fitzpatrick of the Chicago Federation of Labor received several hundred letters from clergymen who indorsed the Labor Sunday idea and who promised to cooperate with the officials of the federation in making the day a success. The subject was the main topic of conversation at the various union headquarters during the day and many made preparations to attend church services this morning with their families and friends.

This is the first time the day is observed in the United States. The plan to designate as Labor Sunday the Sunday immediately preceding Labor day originated at the Toronto convention of the American Federation of Labor last November. All central labor bodies throughout the United States and Canada affiliated with the federation were instructed to cooperate in making the observance of the day general in all churches.

No Labor Parade Tomorrow.

For the first time in several years organized labor in Chicago will observe Labor day tomorrow without the usual parade. Instead of a street demonstration, the unionists with their families and friends will spend the day at picnics and other outdoor forms of recreation.

The parade idea was voted down overwhelmingly on a referendum vote sent out by the Chicago Federation of Labor. Officers of the various affiliated unions asserted that the workers were tired of marching, and that the expense incurred by the local unions was too great. The fact that participants in the parades had dwindled each successive Labor day also had much to do with discouraging the idea.

Parades of unionists, however, will be held in South Chicago and Blue Island under the auspices of the central labor bodies of those districts. Members of the Women's Trade Union league, who favored a parade in Chicago, will turn out on review in the South Chicago demonstration. The girls will be headed by Mrs. Raymond Robins, president of the league.