



## PREACHERS SAY NO RELIGION ON OREGON CAMPUS

### UNREGENERATE HEARTS ARE UNFIT TO TEACH GOD'S TRUTH

Prof. Howe Assailed by Rev. H. N. Mount Because His Religion Is Not Sanctioned by General Public.

The Emerald had a story on this subject ready to print last Saturday but withheld it by request until Mr. Mount had been heard. It is now no longer news and would not be worth noticing but for the fact that it has been so misrepresented in the daily press that many people have been deceived as to the true facts. It is therefore treated as a news narrative and written in the form of a historical review, giving an absolutely fair and unbiased record of the whole affair.

A week ago last Friday, members of his Ruskin class asked Professor Herbert Crombie Howe, head of the department of English Literature at the University of Oregon, to explain Christ's teaching as to the relation of God and man. Not wishing to discuss the matter in class, Professor Howe offered to examine the New Testament privately Monday afternoon with those who were interested. Rev. H. N. Mount of the first Presbyterian church attended the meeting for the avowed purpose of hearing the doctrines of Professor Howe at first hand.

It is difficult to give any brief synopsis of the contents of the lecture as it simply took the form of a general discussion, but on one specific point there has been some misunderstanding. This was in regard to the atonement, which Professor Howe asked to be excused from discussing as he did not think it bore in any way on the controversy. But when Mr. Mount replied that he thought it was the crux of the whole matter, Professor Howe said that he must disagree.

"The doctrine of the atonement," said he, "presupposes that of original sin. That, in turn, supposes a savage conception of God's character which is contrary to Christ's teaching that God is our loving Father, infinitely more loving than any earthly father. All that original sin theology is a survival from the days when our ancestors were savages, apparently cannibals, and imagined their gods after their own bloodthirsty hearts. It is part of that eye-for-an-eye theory of justice which Christ tried to wipe out of the hearts of men. The idea that God could not forgive the remote descendants of Adam and Eve for the first sin of eating an apple, until he had been placated by the blood of his own son, is a hideously ogreish notion, impossible to those who have absorbed the spirit of Christ's teaching. However, the doctrine of the atonement is no part of our inquiry, and beyond this expression of my personal opinion,

which I urge on no one, I decline to discuss the matter."

"Then you deny that Christ is our Saviour?" asked one of the girls. "By no means," replied Professor Howe. "Christ is the Saviour of the world, but it is in virtue of his life, not of his death."

After the lecture, Mr. Mount protested against continuing the inquiry, on the ground that unregenerate hearts cannot find truth. He stated that religious truth cannot be tested by reason, but must stand squarely on revelation. And he advised Professor Howe to tell students who asked for explanations of the Bible to tell them that the truths of Christianity are none of his business.

To this Professor Howe replied at the second lecture Friday afternoon that "Let there be light," the first command in the Bible is the scholar's command, and cannot be disregarded by any student or teacher. He said that we must indeed stand on revelation, but that all truth is revelation, whether in the Bible or in Copernicus and Newton. "You may always say," said he, "it is true, therefore it is revelation; but you cannot reverse the order and say it is revelation, therefore it is true. For you cannot know whether it is revelation until you know that it is true."

In the second meeting Professor Howe took up the question of Christ's divinity and showed that the Bible meant that he was spiritually and not physically the Son of God. Particularly replying to this lecture and generally criticizing the right of Professor Howe to speak on the subject as he did, Rev. H. N. Mount bitterly assailed him in his sermon Sunday evening.

The sermon was advertised in the local papers as a "reply to the two lectures of Professor Howe of the University, in which he denied the distinctive divinity of Christ, His sinlessness, His resurrection and the Atonement." Inasmuch as "resurrection" was at no time mentioned in the lectures referred to, the reference to it was unwarranted. Moreover, Professor Howe refused to discuss the atonement except as stated above, and without discussing sinlessness simply cited a verse from the Bible in which Christ objected to the application to himself of the praise of sinlessness.

The sermon itself was as unfair to Professor Howe as its title. In several cases he misquoted, but it is probable that they were unconscious mistakes. His entire tone, however, was personal and so colored by suggestions as to prejudice his audience against the professor. In fairness to Mr. Mount it must be admitted that he had reason to be somewhat irritated by mis-statements of his position coming from outsiders.

In defining his position on Professor Howe's right to discuss the subject Mr. Mount said, "I do not object to professors holding unorthodox doctrines. Neither do I object to religion being preached on the campus under the auspices of some recognized philanthropic organization like the Y. M. C. A. What I object to is for a professor to invite himself to give lectures on the campus that are not in harmony with the great body of Christian people. Let Professor Howe obtain the sanction of any large philanthropic organization, and he can speak on any subject he chooses. The present matter would not be so serious but for the fact that Professor Howe is continually ridiculing the faith of his students in class."

The latter statement has not been sub-

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## OREGON PLAYS WILLAMETTE ON NEXT SATURDAY

### PRACTICE GAME TONIGHT WILL DECIDE MAKE- UP OF TEAM

Training Becomes More Severe as Season Advances—Squad is Overhauled.

Tonight the University of Oregon football squad is working out against the Eugene High School boys in a practice game. The showing the various men make will be an important factor in deciding who will make the Salem trip Saturday.

Michael and Hickson are out of condition and may not get into the Willamette game. Michael has a minor injury and Hickson is far under weight. This will be a loss as both men have been showing up splendidly.

Willamette has a fast heavy team this year and while they are comparatively new to the game the Methodists always play their best against Oregon. This year they average close onto 165. While the team expects to win of course, it will probably be by no overwhelming score and above all they will be on their guard against a recurrence of last year's Whitworth game.

Manager Goodman will start Friday evening with the team for Salem and catch the evening train out Saturday night so the men will not miss much regular practice.

Training has been severe and Trainer Hayward means business as is shown by the squad losing another man for violation of training rules. Freshman Kay carried too long at a party last Saturday and it came to Hayward's ears. Kay was showing up well at quarter and seemed to have all the earmarks of a thorough player. Ben Chandler is also out of the game, though probably but temporarily.

Captain Clarke has been playing quarter the past week and becoming fairly efficient in the position. Oliver Huston has been shifted to end. The training table has been systemized and George Sullivan added to the bunch.

Sunday morning the fellows were routed out and at 9:30 started on a hike to Springfield.

Signal practice and blackboard work has been instituted from 7 to 8 four evenings in the week. The men are drilled on the fine points of the game and the talks illustrated by diagrams on the board. Signal practice is also held on the gym floor.

### BASKET BALL MAY BE REVIVED AGAIN

At the basket ball meeting this afternoon general plans for the year were discussed but definite action was left until a better organization could be perfected at a later date. It was also agreed to allow the freshmen and sophomores to practice in the gym. from 3 to 4 and the juniors and seniors from 4 to 5 every afternoon.

## PRESIDENT CAMPBELL SPEAKS AT ASSEMBLY

The lecture delivered in Student Assembly this morning, by President P. L. Campbell, dealt with the subject of practical arrangement of a student's course in university work to insure the maximum of effectiveness in results. He showed that the three main benefits derived from a university education are the ability to plan ahead, to conserve time, and to endure sustained effort. It is therefore, to the interest of every student to arrange his or her course so that it shall tend, in the greatest degree possible, toward developing these three abilities. His studies must accordingly be so planned that every hour may become productive of the greatest amount of work possible to it.

Showing further that periods of mental effectiveness follow a rhythmic movement of alternate stress and relaxation, Mr. Campbell brought forward the practical suggestion that students make an effort to arrange their schedule of studies with that fact in view. Thus the periods of ineffectiveness should not be burdened with a weight of work greater than can be satisfactorily handled, while the burden may safely be increased for the periods of high efficiency for mental achievement.

At the opening of the assembly Miss Ethel Evans gave an instrumental selection, Chopin's Polonaise, which was received with applause.

## SERIES OF "STRICTLY GIRL" PARTIES BEGUN

The Co-ed dance in the gymnasium Saturday night is intended to be the first of a series of "strictly girl" parties that are scheduled for the coming year as a means of getting the girls better acquainted. So well were they pleased with their first success that they have decided to make such parties regular affairs in the future. All are unanimous in their desire to see them continued.

Saturday night's affair was declared by the girls to beat ordinary dances completely, though the absence of spectators renders independent judgment impossible. Beginning with the grand march at 7:40, uninterrupted fun lasted till almost eleven before the girls dispersed. The only disappointment they report is that three dances had to be left out for lack of time.

Music was furnished by the University Mandolin Club; its members being the only atom of masculinity present. The gentlemen escorts did not seem to be missed as the girls who filled their places excelled anything ever before attempted in the way of gallantry. But it is reported that assistance was graciously accepted on the way home.

Invitations are out for a Hallowe'en party to be given at Miss Maude Beal's home on East Thirteenth street. This is the first of a series of affairs to be given during the winter by some local girls under the name of "Entre Nous."

The Gamma Delta Gamma girls entertained with a dinner party after the Girls' Dance, Saturday night. The guests were the partners that the Sorority members escorted to the dance.

## ACACIA TO BE INSTALLED AT U. OF O. FRIDAY

### LOCAL MASONS GET CHARTER FROM COLLEGE FRATERNITY

Organization Contains Many of the Prominent Men on Faculty and in Alumni.

The installation of a Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity in the University of Oregon will take place Thursday evening, October 28. The Acacia Fraternity was first organized in the University of Michigan in 1897. Since that time it has been opened to the principal Universities of the U. S. having chapters in the Universities of Michigan, Stanford, Kansas, Nebraska, California, Ohio, Harvard, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Cornell, Purdue, Chicago, Yale, and Iowa.

The chapter will be installed by J. F. Pullen (Grand Vice President), assisted by two members from the University of California chapter, and two members from Stanford University chapter.

The local Masonic Club was organized three years ago and contains many prominent members of the faculty as well as students and alumni. The charter was granted to this club in June, 1909, and the boys have taken up their abode in a recently purchased home at the corner of 9th and Hillyard streets. The charter members to be installed are as follows:

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY—J. F. Bovard, Prof. B. J. Hawthorne, Dr. H. B. Leonard, Prof. John Straub, Dr. Frederick G. Young, Prof. Frink, and Prof. Frederick S. Dunn.

ALUMNI—Lorid Loridson, L. R. Alderman, Prof. F. S. Dunn, Judge E. O. Potter, Darwin E. Buston, Prof. A. W. Lowe, Paul Bond, James Cuning, Floyd Booth, Webster Kincaid, S. S. Spencer, Bert Prescott, A. R. Tiffany, L. M. Travis, and Ray Zacharias.

STUDENTS—Chancey Cumming, '10; Bary Estham, '10; Ormond Rankin, '10; Zeno Riddell, '10; Francis Curtis, '11; F. E. Dunton, '11; James Odell, '11; Philip Brownell, '12; David McDaniels, '12; C. A. Osterholm, '12; Ernest Smith, '12; Fred Strand, '12; Calvin Welsh, '12.

This fraternity differs from other college organizations in that it is a Hebrew letter fraternity instead of a Greek. Members of this organization must be Masons, but being a Mason does not make one a member.

## CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 27—  
Eutaxian Society, 7 p. m., Library.  
Meeting for organization of Free Religion Association, 7 p. m., Deady Hall.  
Friday, October 29—  
Meeting Committee on Oratory and Debate, Vallard, 4 p. m.  
Y. M. C. A., 7 p. m., McClure Hall.  
Saturday, October 30—  
Laurean Society, 7 p. m., Deady Hall.