

LENTEN PASTORAL SPURS PARISHIONERS TO A GREATER SPIRITUAL PREPAREDNESS

Rev. Upton H. Gibbs tomorrow issues his annual Lenten Pastoral to his parishioners. He deals with "Spiritual Preparedness" matching the present political question with the spiritual phase. He says in his pastoral preliminary to Lent:

The most pressing question, at the present time, in political circles, is that of national preparedness. The unwelcome fact is looming up more and more clearly, that we are most inadequately equipped for the defense of our shores and borders, against the aggressive advance of a powerful foe. The national coinage bears the legend, "In God We Trust." Good, but it is important also, to remember the words of the old revolutionary commander, "keep your powder dry." In all human affairs, divine and human co-operation is discerned.

So in the matter of national protection, we should trust in God, but in order to insure that trust being effectual, we must keep our powder dry and see it is ample in amount of the best quality, and provide everything requisite for its efficient use. Hence the necessity of raising and training armies and navies.

In some countries there is universal conscription of all males, on the ground that the safety of the state is the concern of every citizen. This is manifestly true, for the welfare of the individual citizen, is inseparable from that of the state. United they stand, divided they fall, so the state needs the man as the man needs the state. When war breaks out he does not fight as an independent unit, but as one of a national army. Guerrilla warfare accomplishes little.

The same is true in spiritual affairs. There is a spiritual as well as a worldly commonwealth or state, both being social organisms. And as our worldly interests are involved in being members of the one, so our spiritual interests are dependent on our being members of the other.

The spiritual state or commonwealth is the Kingdom of God, represented on earth by the Church, which is the time form of that kingdom. And as in the worldly commonwealth, the state needs the man and the man the state, so in the spiritual, the Church needs the man as the man needs the Church, their interests and welfare being mutual.

This spiritual commonwealth has also its foes, against whom perpetual warfare must be waged. The Church is termed militant or the fighting Church on earth. These enemies are spiritual ones. The Church then must be in a constant state of preparedness. She maintains a universal conscription, for every member of whatsoever sex or age, is enrolled in her forces. These she must train and equip. For this purpose is her system of instruction and discipline. As I am addressing those who are under my spiritual care and authority, I refer of course, to that practiced by our own communion.

According to this, the child is to be enrolled at the earliest possible moment in Holy Baptism, and "signed with the sign of the cross, in token that hereafter, he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully fight under His banner, against sin, the world and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end." He is then, to be brought up, and instructed according to this profession. Then, after some elementary training and discipline, he is to be sworn in as a recruit, by one of the chief officers of the Church, at his Confirmation. From then on, he is regarded as personally responsible for the fulfillment of his duties and obligations.

He is now, called upon to examine himself, according to the rule of God's commandments, to see wherein he has offended or been delinquent, and make acknowledgement and amendment. He is called upon to frequently renew his fealty in the sacrament of the Holy Communion, the word sacrament being derived from the Latin "sacramentum," the oath of allegiance taken by the Roman soldier. He is summoned to drills, parades, and exercises in putting on the armor of God and the use of his spiritual weapons, the sword of the Spirit and the shield of faith, and practicing self-denial in the round of fast and festival.

Lent now about to begin, is the season for the great manoeuvres, when the Church mobilizes her soldiers to try their mettle and efficiency, and see whether they can endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. My dear friends, how shall we stand the trial? If Lent be a trying-out season, it also brings an opportunity for progress and promotion. If faithfully observed, we shall come out of it, stronger and more fit, even if at first, it discloses to our humiliation and discomfiture, our shortcomings and defects.

To this I call you, "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against the principalities, against the powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand." (Ephesians 6: 11, 12, 13.)

Affectionately yours,

UPTON H. GIBBS.

La Grande, Oregon, Quinquagesima Sunday, March 5th, 1916.

UNION SERVICE BEGINS SUNDAY

The Union services at the Lane Memorial Chapel, corner of First and Crook, begin tomorrow evening at 7:30 with Rev. W. C. Drahn preaching the first sermon. The plan is to continue the meetings for a period of two weeks, the several ministers taking part according to the following schedule. For the coming week: Sunday evening, Rev. Drahn; Monday, Rev. Ford; Tuesday, Rev. Edwards; Wednesday, Rev. Tickner; Thursday, Rev. Lumper; Friday, Sec. Clark.

The ministers will attend every service possible. The people are urged to attend and also urged to invite their neighbors to attend.

The Chapel serves a community of not less than five hundred people and all are most cordially invited to take advantage of the privileges afforded. This spirit of unity should appeal to every right thinking person.

Very careful preparation has been made for this series, and not only is it expected that the North Side will attend liberally, but that those from the South will participate as well.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH.

(In I. O. O. F. Hall.)

Sunday service at 11:00, Sunday School at 10:00, Wednesday evening testimonial at 8:00 p. m.

Subject for March 5, "Man."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

(Sixth and Spring)

Sabbath School 9:45, Jesse Wiseman, superintendent. Mrs. Helena Williamson, church organist. Morning Worship, 11:00. Subject, "Our Babies."

Prayer Service Thursday evening at 7:30 'clock.

B. Y. P. U. at 6:30; Subject The

"The Consecration of Strength."

Mr. Wiseman.

Evening Worship, 7:30. Subject:

"The Manner of Looking."

REV. J. J. TICKNER, Pastor.

Residence 1407 Sixth St., Phone Red 1811.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

(Sixth and Washington avenue.)

Sabbath School, 9:45 a. m., W. F. Landrum superintendent, Mrs. W. W. Berry organist. Morning Worship

"The Child in our Midst."

Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Sub:

"Consecration of Strength" Psa.

29:1-11—Miss Alice Snook.

Evening service at 7:30. Subject:

Sacred Song Service.

Special program.

G. L. CLARK, Pastor.

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Holy Communion except first Sunday

in the month, 8 a. m. Sunday

School 9:45 a. m. Morning Service 11

a. m. Evening Service 7:30 p. m.

The hour for evening service at

Peter's church is changed to 7:30.

The rector will pay a tribute in his

sermon to the late Mrs. E. E. Slater.

UPTON H. GIBBS, Rector.

Residence 1502 Fifth street.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

(Seventh and Pennsylvania Ave.)

Bible school at 9:45

Mrs. F. E. French, superintendent.

Morning worship at 11 a. m.

Special Baby Week program.

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 o'clock.

Evening services at 7:30. Sub.

Prayer Meeting, Thursday 7:15.

Leader, H. L. Ford.

H. L. FORD, Pastor.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS.

(Tabernacle Fourth and O Sts.)

Sunday School, 10:30 a. m. Sacra-

ment meeting 7:00 p. m. M. L. A.

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with their social hour after class

work. Primary Tuesday after school

hours. Religion class Thursday after

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Thursday at 2:00 p. m.

CHARLES J. BLACK, Bishop.

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M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Sabbath School 9:45 a. m. Mrs. J.

H. Lumper, superintendent; Mrs. J.

H. Lumper, organist. Morning wor-

ship, 11. Subject:

Epworth League at 6:30 o'clock.

Evening worship, 7:30. Subject:

J. H. LUMPER, Pastor.

Parsonage 2108 North Fir street.

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(Opposite High School.)

Sabbath school at 9:45 a. m., Wil-

liam C. Drahn superintendent, Harris

Humbel, organist. Class meeting,

9:45; Morning worship 11:00 o'clock.

Subject:

"The Power of Firm Conviction."

Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock at

North Side Lane Memorial Chapel.

Subject, "The Time is Short".

This will be the first service in the

two weeks of daily meetings to be

conducted at the North Side Chapel.

A choir and several musical instru-

ments will add to the interest of the

service tomorrow night.

WILLIAM C. DRAHN, Pastor.

Res. 806 Main avenue.

ISLAND CITY CHURCH.

Island City church, Sabbath school

10 a. m., Walter Williams superin-

tendent, Leta Kiddle, organist. Morn-

ing worship 11—subject:

REV. W. D. SITTLER, Pastor.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

(Fourth and Spring Streets.)

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Sabbath School 9:45 a. m. W. C.

Wattenberg, superintendent. Morn-

ing worship at 11 a. m. Subject:

The Cry of Children.

6:30 Epworth League, Andrew

Marker, president.

Evening worship at 7:30 subject,

King Solomon's Prayer.

Prayer Meeting, Thursday.

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Yakima Boy Accidentally Shot.

North Yakima, Wash., March 2.—Loren, the 14-year-old son of William L. Seibley, who was accidentally shot by his father Sunday, died Monday afternoon in St. Elizabeth's hospital in this city. The young man entered the doorway of the house just as a shotgun was accidentally discharged as his father raised the weapon with the intention of breaking it and looking through the barrel. The father is a telephone lineman.

Drunken Drivers Fined.

Lebanon, Ore., March 2.—Fred Gentry and R. Kreitz, who were in charge of the transfer team, belonging to August Muetze, that ran away a few days ago demolishing one of the metal electric poles, appeared before the recorder and pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. They were fined \$25 each and agreed to stand good for the broken light post.



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