

ITS FIRST HALF-CENTURY

GROWTH OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SINCE 1851.

Ten Members at the Beginning and 625 Now—Struggles of the Pioneer Ministers.

The service at the Congregational Church yesterday morning was a fitting commemorative of the 50th anniversary of organization. A large congregation listened intently to the review of the work of the church during its half-century of life.

The pastor, Rev. Arthur W. Ackerman, preached from the same texts that were used by Dr. G. W. Atkinson and Rev. Harvey Clark in the dedication of the first house of worship, on June 15, 1851.

"If we should personally this first Congregational Church in its first 50 years of its existence, we should picture a way-worn traveler, heavily burdened. The path he has traveled is rough with jagged rocks and overgrowing thorns; a steep way in the general trend of it, yet passing through quagmires and dense forests, and dry and dusty plains. But he has pushed on in spite of discomforts and dangers, and has grown in strength and influence.

"But the glorious church of Jesus Christ is suffering, burden-bearing church, bent on freeing itself from evils and proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ to a gossamer world. Whatever else may be said, the church has been a burden-bearing church. It was organized only eight years before Darwin published the greatest book of the nineteenth century, which has opened a new era in the world's thinking.

"But to overcome is to win the crown and the new name, and the church is to be judged by what remains. The work it has attempted or longed to accomplish, by that part of it which would not be defeated. And such glorious things may be spoken of this city of God concerning its membership in 1901. It has 625 members; at the close of the first decade only 20; after 30 years of effort a few more than 100; when it celebrated its 50th anniversary the count was about 250; a decade later about 500; on this 50th jubilee 625. So far as can be ascertained, 1642 people have been identified with the church, and 790 of them have taken on the confessional in 1851.

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Programme of the Week. This afternoon at 2:30 there will be held a meeting of the Congregational Ministers' Club. The Rev. Cephas P. Clapp will give an account of his trip East to attend the seventy-fifth jubilee of the Home Missionary Society.

LONG BEACH A HIGHWAY. Project to Monopolize It Defeated by Portland Men. Owners of Summer cottages along Long Beach, on the Coast of Washington, and



PORTLAND ACADEMY BASEBALL TEAM.

For two successive years the Portland Academy baseball nine has won the interscholastic baseball championship from the clubs of Portland High School and Bishop Scott Academy. The Academy boys play the other amateur nines of the city might emulate.

we have tried to do. As we read the record we learn that both men and women took turns in sweeping the house and filling the lamps; they tolled at the old melody, sang in the volunteer choir, gave their time, money, service, in the hope of a future of prosperity when an incoming tide of helpers would relieve them; we read of missions started and churches growing out of them, of the poor being helped, the hungry fed, the ragged clothed, homes founded for the homeless, orphans cared for with motherly forethought; we read of an organized effort to provide for suffering immigrants who had spent their all on the plains until the giving out to the quick and hospitality grew into costly self-sacrifice; we read of attention paid to strangers, of the anxious solicitude of the mothers to keep the young feet from the many pitfalls of this new country and of the glorious reward of seeing whole families dedicate themselves to God and his service.

Union Choir Service. The choir of the First Congregational Church, assisted by the chorus of 40 voices from the Taylor-Street Church, gave Sir Arthur Sullivan's oratorio, 'The Prodigal Son,' last night, for the first time in Oregon. The congregation was a large one, crowding the auditorium even to the doors, for the quiet choir, under the direction of W. A. Montgomery, has believed a reputation for brilliant and effective work, and programmes of unusual interest and value, such as insure a large attendance.

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IS GET-AND-GRAB GAME

REV. W. R. LORD DENOUNCES THE COMPETITIVE SYSTEM.

He Says It Is Immoral, and That the Industrial Problem Will Be Solved by Co-operation.

Rev. William R. Lord, pastor of the Unitarian Church, in response to an invitation, addressed a meeting of Socialists last night in a lecture at the corner of Sixth and Everett streets. Dr. Lord took for his subject: 'What Shall We Do Now?' He said in part:

"I believe that the present competitive system cannot stand for two seasons. First, because it is essentially immoral; second, because it is bad economics; it is immoral because it is unbrotherly. A

THIS CALLING BECAUSE OF ITS SYMBOLISM, AND HONORED THE MEN WHO FOLLOWED IT.

Christ took from the tollers of the sea men for his disciples. Stop for a moment and think of the higher calling of these men. First they fished from the sea, but they harkened unto the words of the Master and became soul-savers. They still followed the first occupation as a means of livelihood, but found time to assist in the work of a nobler cause. It was love for God and man that prompted them to take up, in addition to their regular work another and higher one. So we need not leave our old occupation to become fishers for men, and our part in the work of redemption. It is therefore inexcusable for a man to say that, as he is not a minister, no personal responsibility rests upon him. There is some time, no matter how busy man may be, which belongs to God. There is a time in the lives of all when they can be soul-winners instead of bread-winners. So, in addition to our livelihood, we can take up the higher calling. This is a duty of love we owe to our Heavenly Father. But it is a lamentable fact that more do not respond to this higher calling than those who live for others—those who are not bound up in self and the sordid ambition of personal gain.

"The fishermen's occupation as he did, Christ thought it pathetic that men should toll all day and catch nothing but fish. He considered and taught that the gaining of immortal souls was more important than the making of money. And it is a dangerous thing to devote all time to money-getting, with no thought for this higher calling. Don't look for the fish to come to you as you would a customer. Be patient and plodding, searching out the places where God is needed. It is patience that is required, tact and perseverance, which would be successful. Be willing to change plans and wait long. If need be, to win new ground for the Kingdom of God, and be wise and patient efforts we shall follow out his injunction. Be zealous, making the saving of mankind the motive of life."

ROBINS STRIP CHERRY TREES

Orchardists Complain That the Birds Are a Destructive Nuisance.

Don't kill the birds, the pretty birds, that sting around your door. This is the sentiment of the majority of people, but there are some who take a different view of the bird question. A man who lives in the outskirts of the city was heard yesterday to express the most intense disgust for the people who secured the passage of the law for the protection of songbirds. He has two very large old cherry trees on his place, and said that there was not less than five bushels of cherries on them, but he was not able to gather a quart of them as they were eaten early and the birds were kept busy with them as fast as they ripened. He said further that the same condition of things prevails on the farms along the Columbia Bluffs, where, in spite of scarecrows and boys to ward off the birds, the robins keep away, the cherry trees were completely stripped. He said it is all very fine to protect the birds, but who is going to protect the fruit grower?

Of course, in places where there are fruit farms and orchards mill after mill there are not birds enough to carry off the whole crop, but in places where there are only a few cherry trees, the birds take all the fruit, and, if the robins keep increasing and no one is permitted to shoot them, they will soon be able to harvest the entire cherry crop of the state. This may be an extreme view of the situation, but those who have seen robins flocking into a place where there is fruit of which they are fond can have any idea of what large numbers of them there are in the country. The writer carries men far from their ideas and across out east of the city a short distance on the Section Line road, when the grapes were ripe, some ten years ago or more. The robins were so numerous that they were a nuisance. The robins were kept busy shooting robins and 'yellow hammers,' which came in hundreds after the grapes. He had at least a bushel of these birds piled up, and said he had found hundreds of them under the vines. Nowadays they would find ready market in the city. In spite of the frequent discharge of the gun, robins and yellow hammers could be seen flying to the vineyard from every direction, and the air seemed to be literally alive with them. The owner of the vineyard had no compunctions of conscience in regard to slaughtering the birds; he was simply trying to protect his property, but to those who had no grapes to be destroyed, this murder of the innocents seemed a dreadful thing.

All over Portland the birds are protected, and everybody loves to see them around and to have them make their home 'in our block,' and no one begrudges them the cherries they may eat. In many places about the city robins and other birds return to the same place year after year to build their nests and raise their broods, and anyone molesting these birds would get into trouble at once. Out in the country it is different, and the robins, it appears, become a destructive pest, and destroy much more than all their music pays for. Just how a law is to be made to suit city and country in the matter of protecting or destroying birds is a conundrum, but many will say that a gardener who has his fruit being destroyed entirely by robins should protect his property. To show that there is nothing new under the sun, the following paragraph printed in a newspaper in England over 90 years ago is reproduced. As the following is one of the best reasons we have ever met with to prove the mischievous tendency of Sunday schools, we deem it consideration of the enemies of those institutions in general: A short time since, a lady, visiting her brother in the country, observed

doing for you, and what can I say? They know the condition I am in, and they laugh at me. I ask, is there no longer any balm in Gilead? Before Faust ceased speaking a number of the members of the presbytery were on their feet trying to cut him off, but he succeeded in getting in all he had to say. When he at length sat down, Dr. Birch moved that the matter be settled once for all, and that, in order to settle it, a secret session be held, during which Faust must leave the room. His motion was passed. The session was an inter-lucatory one, which allows speeches without any formal motions. It lasted nearly an hour, at the end of which Faust was summoned to the meeting, and told that the presbytery could do nothing for him. The resolution declared that, 'after having heard the appeal of the Rev. Dr. Faust, and after due consideration of it, the presbytery does not see its way clear to grant it.'

CONVERTED JEW REBUFFED

New York Presbytery Refuses His Appeal for Aid.

NEW YORK, June 10.—The Rev. Herman P. Faust, a converted Hebrew rabbi, who for the past four or five years has been doing missionary work among the Jews on the East Side, went before the New York presbytery today with an appeal. He has not for three years been receiving the assistance of the presbytery, although a member of that body. Mission he once had, connected with the Allan-street church, was discontinued by the presbytery, which for some reason has not been greatly in favor of missions for converted Jews since the Warsaw Jewish case. Faust said to the presbytery today: 'I am almost on the verge of starvation. I am six months in arrears with my house rent, and I have here a letter from my landlord, telling me that unless I pay it immediately, I and my family with me will be disposed of. My furniture is mortgaged and will be taken away from me. If it had not been for the kindness of Frank Moss I would have been on the street long ago. I have looked for work everywhere. I have had to beg for religious tracts with which to continue my work among the Jews. I cannot go to my people, the Jews, for what do they say to me? They mock me and say: 'Now see how much the Christians are

MAN'S DUTY TO GOD.

There is a Time Which All Should Devote to Soul-Saving.

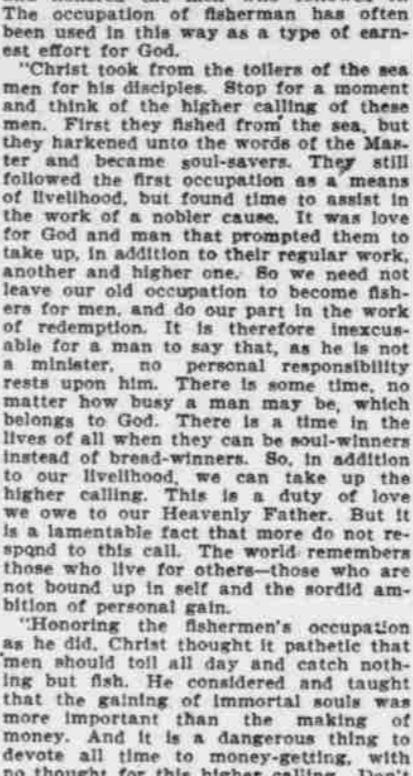
At the Westminster Presbyterian Church, East Third and W. H. S. Templeton delivered a sermon from the text Matthew 1:12, 'And he saith to them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' He said in part: 'A characteristic difference is noticeable between the methods of instruction of great men. This is especially true when regard is had to Jesus Christ and Moses. The figures of speech employed in those days have since become obsolete; hence we sometimes need to go back to those times to understand more perfectly. But about the words and sayings of Christ there is a perennial freshness which makes them always intelligible. We note how, in the words of law text, he speaks of the occupation of fishing a spiritual significance. And it is so plain that we do not need to explain the historical meaning. But his words we must look for an inner sense. He tells us to leave off catching fish and catch men. His language is drawn from nature, and is symbolic. All about us now are the common illustrations Christ used. If we would know how to win souls for God, study the occupation of fishermen in a spiritual sense. Christ loved especially

MORE LOW RATES.

Portland to Cincinnati and return, \$7.50. Tickets on sale July 1, 2 and 3, good for return until September 1; stop-overs en route. City ticket office, Third and Washington.

The graduating exercises of the St. John's public school will be held at 8:15 this evening in the Methodist Church. The class is composed of Bertha Leoper, Verne Scott, Ethel Ballantyne, Corale Britton and Maud McKinney. Following is the programme: Greeting Glee.....Chorus Invocation.....Rev. M. J. Ballantyne Reading.....Gertrude Baldwin Recitation.....Mr. Harold Shaver Solo.....Miss Madeline Page Recitation.....Gertrude Sage Solo.....Miss Madeline Page Recitation.....Miss Edna Gie Recitation.....Merry Farmer Gie Recitation.....Miss Viola solo.....Miss Bernice Vocal duet.....Ethel Thayer and Vernie Caples Recitation.....Norman Baldwin Solo.....Miss Grace Holmes Recitation.....Miss Grace Holmes Presenation.....Miss Grace Holmes Solo.....R. F. Robinson, County Sup't Schools Chorus.....'Good-Night' Adieu.....Mrs. D. L. Vinson, Accompanist

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NORTHWEST COR. SECOND AND BURNSIDE STREETS

Concert every afternoon and evening.

Simon Rosenthal. MEDFORD, Or., June 16.—Simon Rosenthal, a pioneer merchant of this city, was found dead in his room, situated in the rear of his store building, about noon today. He was found on the floor in a kneeling posture, with his head on a chair and still had on his night clothes. From all indications he had been dead for several hours. He had been ailing for several days, and retired at an early hour last evening. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that deceased came to his death through heart failure brought on by old age and business worry. He was a highly respected citizen and a charter member of the I. O. O. F. lodge, and had been a merchant since 1851. His sister in San Francisco and relatives in New York City have been notified of his death. He was 76 years old and a widower. The body will probably be shipped to New York for burial.

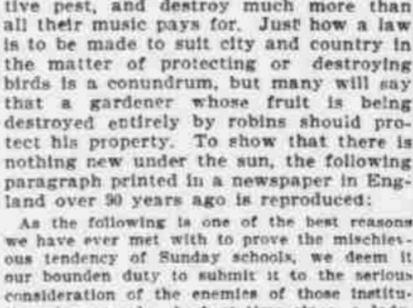
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