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PORTLAND IS CHURCH CITY

Religious Life Is Represented by Fine Structures, Where Many Congregations Gather to Worship.

By Dr. Luther R. Drott, Pastor First Con-
gregational Church, and President
Portland Ministerial Association.

It is well with a city when you can-
not speak of its life, activities and
progress, or descend upon its his-
tory without mentioning its religious
and educational work. The soul of op-
portunity is in the cities. It is said
that as God led his people, in ancient
days, through the wilderness to the
promised land, even so today he is
leading his people to a new land of
promise through the cities. As go the
cities, so must go the nations.

As were the mountains "round about
Jerusalem," so are the everlasting hills
"round about" Portland—beautiful
Portland, the gem of the Pacific Slope.
Standing here, upon some advantageous
eminence, and taking a "birdseye view"
of this fair city, one sees among Port-
land's various buildings her modern
church edifices, the material symbols
of that common underlying faith which
proclaims the larger truth saying: "In
essentials, unity; in non-essentials,
liberty; in all things, charity."

These church buildings, which are
the happy Sabbath-houses of Portland's
religious people, remind us, first of all,
that in the main these same buildings,
and that for which they stand, were
made possible by altruistic and con-
secrated men of God, who, in earlier days,
sowed that those who were to come
after them might reap, thus fulfilling
the declaration of that one who said:
"One sows, and another reaps."

Portland and those who represent its
present tense religious life, can never re-
pay the debt they owe such men as
Bishop Blanchet, who did much to make
the Roman Catholic Church possible in
the early life of Portland; of Bishop
Morris, who made the Protestant Epis-
copal Church an embryonic reality, while
this city, which now is, was yet a little
town, in lonely isolation; of the cultured
and sweet-spirited Dr. George H. Atkin-
son, who stood for a broad ecclesiastical
democracy, and through undaunted her-
oism and uncomplaining sacrifice unfurled
the Congregational banner, bearing the
inscription: "One is your Master, even
Christ, and all ye are brethren" (Bishop
Morris and Dr. Atkinson being most loyal
in their fraternal relations, did much to
impress the churchmen of their day with
the deeper unity of Christian faith).

Furthermore, we should think of Dr.
Addison L. Lindsay, whose sterling worth
and untiring endeavors gave to the Pres-

byterian a noble heritage, and of Father
Wilbur, who did so much to lay the founda-
tions of Methodism in Portland, and of
Rev. Mr. Cornelius, of precious memory.
In the Baptist Church, and of Dr. Elliot,
the apostle of sweetness and light, who
still lives and serves among us as the
pastor emeritus of the Unitarian Church.

Mention should be made of the Jewish
rabbi, who have not only been the lead-
ers of their people, but have made dis-
tinct contributions to the best citizenship
of Portland.

There have been other church organizers
and leaders in the Christian church, and
some of the smaller denominations.
More recently have come those who
have founded the Christian Science
Church, which numbers among its ad-
herents some of the best men and
women in our city. We are debtors to

all of those who have been mentioned,
and to others who might be mentioned.
Nearly all of the denominations
found everywhere else in the world have
large and prosperous churches in Port-
land. Here are the headquarters of
many of the denominations, and great
churches. Here are the residences of
His Grace Archbishop Christie, of the
Roman Catholic Church; of Bishop
Scadding, of the Protestant Episcopal
Church, and of Bishop Smith, of the
Methodist Episcopal Church. The
larger churches of the respective de-
nominations call their pastors from
any part of the country, and all of the
pastors in all of the churches are do-
ing excellent work.

Portland believes in her churches.

Portland's public school system
has kept pace with the progress
of the city, both in the erection
of large and modern buildings
and in the number of pupils en-
rolled. During the past ten
years the school attendance has
nearly doubled, while the in-
crease during the last four years
has been exceptionally rapid.
The enrollment since 1900, with
that of 1908, estimated on the
present incomplete figures, fol-
lows:

1900.....12,250 1905.....15,577
1901.....12,674 1906.....17,031
1902.....13,293 1907.....19,338
1903.....14,211 1908.....22,512
1904.....14,909 1909.....25,500

Almost every week we read, in our
splendid local press, of some new
church edifice that is to be erected, or
is being erected. In ratio to our popu-
lation we have more churches than
Brooklyn, N. Y., that famed city of
churches, and in proportion to our pop-
ulation the churches here are growing
faster than in most of the cities in the
United States and other countries.

Here every shade of doctrine is rep-
resented, from the most conservative
orthodoxy to the most liberal of relig-
ious thought; but, at the same time,
the emphasis in the preaching heard
from Portland's pulpits every Sunday
is upon practical and applied Christian-
ity rather than upon divisive doctrines.
The churches furnish musical talent of
a high order, and among the unique at-
tractions in this line is Professor W. M.
Wilder's male chorus choir of 50 voices
in Grace Methodist Church, over which
the gifted Dr. Heppie presides as pas-
tor.

The audiences filling Portland's
churches every Sunday are composed,
very largely, of business men who
would "make their mark" in any of
the largest cities in the world. There
are many university-bred men in these
churches, and more college graduates
than you would find in most of the
Eastern churches. Here, almost any
Sunday, in the cosmopolitan gatherings
in the churches you can meet persons
from any part of the United States,
and, as for that matter, from almost
any part of the world. The Portland
churches do not close in the summer
time, for this city is crowded with
tourists at that time. The whole world
has not a more beautiful and pleasant
place than this in the summer.

Portland, the Rose City, has roses all
the year. Here we build soul-fences of
fraternity between our yards, and
these fences are made of roses; and,
thanks to our churches, our schools,
our press and other educational agen-
cies, our citizens have character as
firm as the granite, as gentle as the
light, as gracious as the showers, and
full of heart fragrance, like our roses.

The church spirit is philanthropic,
generous and intensely missionary. It
fosters the public spirit, and has helped
to pay for the erection of two magnif-
icent structures—one for the Y. W. C.
A. work and the other for the Y. M. C.
A. work. The history of Portland can
never be told without giving ample
space to that of her churches, religious
life and enterprises, and as wide and
as lasting as is the influence of reli-
gion, so wide and lasting is and ever
shall be the influence of the churches
of Portland—God bless them.

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