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Way Follows Steep Cliff.

Tuesday morning we "took up" our trail for Whisky Creek, dight miles along. Adjectives are more words and the English language, has many, but the unfolding beauties of this day can never be penned by an apothecary or his wife, Our Columbia gorge is impressive; the view from Crown Point is surpassing, but here, mind you, is a narrow path hewn from rocky cliff or sloping mountainside, ascending hundreds of feet, leaving the river far below, winding by curves abrupt and startling around impossible passes, giving thrill after thrill of wonder and delight. There was life about us, but no human being; below, on quiet pool, willd ducks were feeding; a fish hawk circled in blue sky above; silvery glint of leaping trout held our sare, and aleabout the mountains a riot of color, maple, madrons, myrtle and mansanita, live oak, white oak, red oak, tan cak and alder; the lowly huskleberry, proud of its burden of luscious fruit; pine, fir and cedar each lending its Godgiven share of beauty, with the glorious sun above in the making of a picture which will ever remain with us while mind and memory hold.

At noon we crossed the river on a light suspension bridge erected by the Forest Service—a swaying, lightsome.

There is much ore in sight and the smelter, we were told, would short-

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light suspension bridge erected by the Forest Service—a swaying, lightsome shift—and then round the sheer mountainside on a narrow ledge, down to the water's edge, where Whisky Creek, and on the other side Rum Creek, empty their clear, cold burden into the

fire recently. We lunched with him rearing a family and more—for when and his son, Dolph, in a cabin built we noted the fine baking which she was taking from the oven, she requarters. For many years a resident, his story of early days and the possibilities of the section was most inter
bilities of the section was most interhis placer claim and the small "giant" he had harnessed to Whisky Croek. His three boarders—Messrs. Payne, Calvin and Johnson-came in toward dusk from their working above, and we say some of the real "stuff"—an ounce of more. Si has, or had, a fine garden

## DIVINE VISION AND WISDOM FACTORS IN HUMAN PROGRESS

Religion is World's Most Valuable Asset—Ballots Count More Than Bullets When Rightly Used.

Let thine eyes look right on, and let ne sysilds look straight before thee. Make el the path of thy feet, and let all thy ys be established. Turn not to the right nd nor to the left. Remove thy foot from it."—Proverbs iv:25:27.

BY LUTHER R. FLOTT, D.D. Pastor First Congregational Church. HE price of real progress is not too high. It does, indeed, cost something, but it is within the reach of all who care to make the most of

Providence has no grudge against any person. Problems are charming challenges when we become conscious of the power to solve them, and we can see what is beyond them. If, between



God's justice, mingling with his love and munificence, entitles us to Luther R. Dyott cause we are his

offspring, and his riches are too great to be measured

that constitutes aternal wealth; or to go backward when we were built to

Real Progress Defined.

The clear and plain words of our text indicate vision, wisdom, character and achievement. To see and to know, to be and to do, are so essential to life, and the well-being of the human family, that we can never remedy con-ditions, and make the necessary prog-ress, without these corners to the foursquare life offering room to God, and making it possible for us to travel "the path of the righteous which is as the dawning light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." We need id in some respects more, than the

human body needs natural eyes.

When the human race, or any part
of it, is blind to the best things, or does not look in the right direction, or does not look ahead far enough, it is bound to parish. So, also, with insti-tutions. So, also, with individuals. God-given vision, viewing the move-

A wise man and. The proper she and the proper she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its right she and the propers is not to its propers is

New Era Is to Come.

They saw life from their own selfish view-points and addressed themselves at cross purposes to their common problems. There was no dignity, there was no divineness in what they did, by material things, our rights regard such as others know who engage in the material and temporal as sub- God's world-business. They had no the material and temporal as sub-sidiary to the eternal, even when the material and temporal are at their best. We have a right to claim the best qualities of mind: or look beyond this. Think of the

when we are capable of everlasting progress throughout endless ages until we realize God's final thought for all mankind; or to fall to see what God has to show us when he says, "Looki" or to attempt to make a virtue of ignorance when knowledge and wisdom are ready to serve in the interest of character and achievement. for its all-animating Breath; with the plan of the infinite, sweeping through the coming ages, as its chart; with the purposes of the eternal, incapable of defeat, as its security; with the power of the almighty, where the lives of nations float like atoms in the light, as its guaranty. Men of vision, men of hope, men of courage, men of earnestness, men of action, clear the way. We may not be here when the est comes, but come it will. This is the main thing

"Let thine eyes look right on and let thine eyelids look straight before thee." There is absolutely no reason for our

tices, and not merely in our mental garniture, or intellectual orientation. Our problem is to be wise to the ex-tent of our best vision, and when we in making us what we ought to be.

Divine Character Greatest Asset. Vision and wisdom, with the co-operation of God, enter into a great conwe have a right to claim the perpetuity of good in spite of the perpetuity of good in spite of the noblest aspirations of the soul; we have a right to claim truth, wisdom, love and all things enabling us to make a real success of this divine business of being alive in God's world. Moreover, we have a right to claim Moreover, we have a right to claim Jesus Christ, the holy spirit, and God. Jesus Christ, to be what they ought to be. quires a great deal of courage courage-will, and intellectual intrepidity to do some things very neces sary in modern life; but one man, pos-sessed of such a spirit of real heroism, is worth more than a whole mob of

these dexterous sidesteppers.
"Turn not to the right hand and not to the left." When God can depend upon his man, because of his firmness of character and his moral courage, he can then relate that life to his own eternal progress. Something quite worth while is bound to come to pass when we are altogether available God. Every epoch in the history of humanity began in this way. That which will mark the greatest achievement in the coming days will be the deliverance of mankind from evil—all manner of evil—when sin itself shall no mud on the inside bottom of his herometers. manner of evil—when sin itself shall become an episode in the history we are to make through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Jesus shall deliver a redeemed and subdued world to God.

"Remove thy foot from evil." This step will not be an incidental thing. It will be neither backward nor to this side, nor to that, but forward through be, none the less factors in its progress of spiritual evolution. the process of spiritual evolution Vision, wisdom, character

sorts of things. The dust and smoke made by our modern agitators are so thick that real thought can but barely

Yet, nevertheless, we shall find our try to solve this problem God will help way and take the next step on the us. It is God who worketh in us to progress of a world getting ready to will and to work for his good pleasure move forward with God, who has alsummoned the nations of the before his awful judgment earth before his awful judgment throne. We cannot yet fully see the end, and it would be impossible for us to reach it, even though we co perfectly see it. We have some it

Thinking in world-wide terms and looking with a world-wide vision, we behold evidences of the travail of a world, amid the throes of a new birth. Its cries of anguish are not to end in the gurgle of death. A new era is about to be ushered in. We are standing in the twilight of the realize God's final thought for all enough persons left on earth to help in bringing in the new era, and the oneness of humanity will offer God a new opportunity here. The living breathing tear of Nazareth is arching a rainbow from the world's new Bett lehem to its new Calvary. Tomorro The living Tomorrov will be better than today. Every night is led as a prisoner between the light of two days. Real religion is yet to have its best chance, if it will only take the next step. It is now being put to a very severe test. As to progress, as to religion, as to the outlook upon the future some poor old pessiupon the future, some poor old pessi mists and cowardly deserters are hav-

those who are willing to practice self-denial for the good of others; it lives in the increasing spirit of generosity; it lives in spite of those who would smother it in man-made creeds and ignorant controversies, and forms, and personnies; it lives and pours out too ceremonies; it lives and pours out too much of itself upon making more or ganizations, where men seem to for-get that, while life may produce organizations, organizations cannot. turn, increase life; still it lives in that portion of prevalent discontent which is wholesome, and much of the unrest of this age is due, primarily, to real

religion.
It is religion, not sin, that is waking up the world, and is saying to the church itself, all too long asleep: "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O arm of Jehovah; awake, as in days of old, the generations of ancient times. An awakened world calls for a wide awake church, which may yet be a very different thing from that which men have made it. The common soul of humanity is having a great awakening, and the hope of truth is growing

The hope of truth grows stronger day by I hear the soul of man around me waking.

And flinging up to heaven its sunlit spray,
Tossing huge continents in scornful play,
And crushing them, with din of grinding
thunder,
That makes old emptiness stare and
wonder. In view of world-wide conditions religion must take the next step and demonstrate that it is the world's most valuable asset. In some respects it is just now in the same position that the children of Israel were when, having left their bondage in Egypt, they had reached the sea which had to be

erossed. could turn in neither direction. to the right, nor left, because of obstacles there; they could not go back, their enemies were in hot pursuit. For ward, forward was the only safe direction, and, although the sen said, "No." God said, "Yes," and forward they marched. So God, himself, is giving us our marching orders, and God helping us, we cannot do otherwise.

Evil Must Be Attacked.

The religion of today, not of today its origin, but in its existence and expression, must become more aggressive in its attacks upon all forms of evil. It has been too mild and conservative. It has valuely tried to be so respectable that it has failed in its Religion has always been in this cuipable aristocracy. It has bought sions, and emphasize the following and justify the ways of God to men.

ford now to ig. ore. Religion and theology are not one and the same thing. Theology, as the science of God and divine things, may still be studied quite profitably: but when some small men, here and there, use it for divisive pur-poses, to say the least, they might be engaged in better business.

For modes of faith, let graceless scalots fight. His can't be wrong, whose life is right.

Fraternal Co-operation Needed. Our greater business is to make re-gion so practical that those who now sel that they have little or no use for our churches, may yet be brought see that they cannot live as they should without religion, which ameliorates onditions about us and moves forward with the majesty of those who would

Catholics and Protestants can find house. There stood the old captain with two other men. "Why, captain, many humanitarian, philanthropic and civic movements in which they may chare in common. The things which livide us are not as great as those which can unite us in one great servers."

In and then he looked up to the pilothouse. There stood the old captain with two other men. "Why, captain, are you there?" asked the relieved clergyman. "Yes," the good captain replied "I have been here all night, was which can unite us in one great servers. which can unite us in one great serv- last night."
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of men merely by displaying our soon be better and the haven towa ecclesiastical tableware. Let us have which we have been progressing liberty in non-essentials, but unity in sure.

essentials. The great, unfinished task

But, O, let everyone of us be rig of religion demands solidarity on the part of all religious forces, including and enterly Thou. O. Spirit! that do'est the enlistment of many for service who are not now in any of the churches.

Before all temples the upright heart and who are not now in any of the churches.

It is time for religion to mean business—big business for God and man, and this calls for solidarity.

Let us make the following conclusions and amphasize the following the following conclusions and amphasize the following conclusions.

of us are not now ready. We know, better than anyone else can tell us. how small we have been, and how lit-tle we have done, and how helpless we have often felt in these great trying hours that have come upon us.

"God Never Loses a Ship,"

At times it has seemed almost im possible for us to see enough to make any advance at all. Do God. Do not fail to depend and to allow him to depend upon you He is in his world, and upon his life he feels the burden of the whole world. He knows when we cannot see, He cares even when you do not think of him as being near. Not long ago a Portland elergyman was among sevwith the majesty of those who would carry out God's programme for the whole world.

The next step in religion needs to be characterized by a greater solidarity on the part of its adherents. Denominational competition is a disgrace. We are already beginning to pay the penalty of it here in Oregon, as its bening done in some other places. Competition, in the name of religion, must give place to fraternal co-operation. Then God can and will bless us. He will bless our common work as never before. Jews and Christians, Roman Catholics and Protestants can find with two other men. "Why, captain, are you there?" asked the relieved a sectarian keyhole is not as good and rewarding as that which we have, or may have, in the great open field of some common toll for the betterment of the human race.

We can never feed the hungry souls of men merely by displaying our soon be better and the haven toward acceleration.

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