

PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR BIG EASTER RELIGIOUS RALLY

Lenten Period Is Marked by Every-Member Canvass—Multnomah Christian Endeavor to Hold Third Congress Meeting on March 13.

THE Lenten period is busy with preparations for a great rallying of religious forces on Easter Sunday. In nearly all the churches special stress is laid upon an every-member canvass, and in encouraging the church members to assist in getting new members into the church.

Those residing in neighboring towns, and many of them have announced their intention of being in Portland to attend the Lenten period.

The lecturer will be Dr. A. C. Gaebele, the eminent Bible expositor, who will speak every afternoon and evening.

Dr. Gaebele is a fluent linguist, born master of eight languages, and about a dozen dialects in New York.

At 8:30 P. M. Dr. Zimmerman will speak on "A Living Sacrifice," illustrated by a chart.

At the Y. W. C. A. vesper service Sunday afternoon, 4:30 o'clock, Rev. Andrew J. Montgomery will give a talk illustrated with stereopticon views of Mount Jefferson.

Dr. Hutchison's series of evening lectures on "Great Heart Thoughts of the World" is creating considerable interest.

Each society of the union should make it a point to send their president, the look-out chairman and other officers, and all who attended the recent state convocation.

Congregational Services to Be Advanced Half Hour. Ladies' Aid Society Discusses Life of Miss Mary A. Hodgson and Brotherhood Hears Talk on Shipping by J. N. Teal.

Rev. R. E. Martin, District Superintendent of American Sunday School Union.

Jefferson Four, Who Entertained for University Park Congregational Church. Young People Active in Current Church Events.

Rest as Essential to Bodily Harmony to Be Discussed. Mrs. Florence Crawford Also Has Arranged Excellent Musical Program to Accompany Lecture Tonight.

COME Apart and Rest awhile" is the topic of the lecture to be given tonight by Mrs. Florence Crawford at 8 o'clock in Ellers Hall, corner Broadway and Alder street.

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These meetings are proving to be of much help to the societies in getting in closer touch with their union officers and co-operating more fully with them.

Lenten services are being conducted in the First Congregational Church by Dr. Luther R. Dyott, the pastor, on Sunday evenings.

secretary, Miss Ruby Taylor; treasurer, Mrs. Hazel Vanic.

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Dr. Arthur F. Bishop, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, will preach this morning on "The Importance of Personal Work."

Men's Bible Class Proves Forceful Power. Excellent Programme is Arranged by First Christian Church Organization.

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Much Interest Shown in Coming Bible Conference. Inter-Denominational Meetings Will Open Sunday, March 18—Dr. Gaebele Will Lecture.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S FAITH IN GOD THE TRUE ESSENCE OF RELIGION

No Particular Creed Embraced, but Divine Being Looked to for Guidance in All Matters.

BY REV. HAROLD H. GRIFFIS, Pastor of First Christian Church. IN the 27th verse of the 11th chapter of Hebrews we read, "For he endured, as seeing him who is invisible."

supposed that our first martyred President was a dogmatic theologian or an ecclesiastical zealot, but as one who humbly practices the religion of God, it may very confidently be affirmed that Abraham Lincoln had few if any such traits.

to his neighbors at Springfield, just before starting to Washington City for his inauguration, Mr. Lincoln said: "I do not know whether I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rests upon me, but I am sure that with the assistance of that Divine Being who ever attended him I cannot succeed."

example of the purest English, while his speeches and writings abound in allusions to Biblical incidents and texts. To his personal friend, Joshua Speed, he said one day: "I am profited by reading the Bible. Take it to you, and let it be your constant companion, and the balance on which you will live and die a happier man."

his deeply religious spirit, and that was in his patient, kind, tolerant, merciful disposition towards his fellowmen. He was one of the tenderest, most forgiving of characters. He never spoke unkindly of anyone, not even of an enemy.

vine intuition; so much so that he elicited from his fiercest political opponent, Stephen A. Douglas, the tribute, "Lincoln was the practical and most honest man I ever knew."

And after all, friend, let me say in closing, this is the ultimate test and crowning glory of any man's religion: the striving after that large celestial charity which is patient, enduring and restraining; the charity which tries to see the other fellow's viewpoint and respects an opposite opinion; that charity which suffereth long and is kind and which even the overbearing world itself cannot withstand forever.