"FOOD SAVING" TO BE TEXT FOR PATRIOTIC SERMONS TODAY

Appreciation of Conditions on Part of Church Folk and Responsibility They Should Feel in Winning War to Be Emphasized.

"FOOD SAVING" Sunday or "Patriotic Sunday," as you will, but at any rate a Sunday devoted to subjects that should inspire the church folk to an appreciation of conditions and the responsibility they should feel in winning the war—that is the message to be heard from the pulpits today.

In compliance with the request of Herbert C. Hoover, food director of the United States and in respect to the announcement of President Wilson, the day will be observed in the churches. The Sunday schools will have patriotic programmes and every department of the churches will be asked to co-operate.

Among the pastors who will preach appropriate sermons are Dr. Joshua Stansfield and Dr. Luther R. Dyott. The former will speak on "National and World Peace" and "The Evolution of America." Dr. Dyott will have as his topic "American Patriotism in World Terms."

The cabinet of the Portland district of the Epworth League is planning an aggressive year's work, which is calculated to create great interest throughout the local chapters in this city and the churches down the Columbia River.

The Portland district includes all of the chapters in the Methodist churches of Portland and down the river to Seaside. The organization but recently concluded its annual convention, which was held in Centenary Church.

Officers elected for the year are: President, Joel R. Benton, Montavilla chapter; first vice-president, Dr. George B. Pratt, the Centenary chapters; second vice-president, W. H. Warren, Sunnyside chapter; third vice-president, Albert J. Ferrier, Woodstock chapter; fourth vice president, Miss Leva Jackson, the Centenary chapters; corresponding secretary, F. J. Schnell, Montavilla chapter; recording secretary, Willis Vinson, St. Johns chapter; treasurer, Mrs. Alice H. Alexander, Sellwood chapter; junior league superintendent, Miss Ida Matson, Montavilla chapter.

Dr. William Wallace Youngson is superintendent of the Portland district of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is co-operating with the cabinet. Miss Della Milligan is the district nurse deaconess.

The district officers just now are working especially for the success of the annual Epworth League Institute, to be held next month at Jefferson, Or. This feature is educational and recreational in character and is in the nature of a camp meeting, with a competent staff of teachers and directors in charge. Members of local chapters may attend and obtain helpful instruction in their respective departmental work.

The district cabinet also is considering the advisability of sending an official delegate to the Seabeck, Wash., missionary meeting, to be held next month, for the purpose of obtaining special information for that work.

Christian Endeavorers Are to Take River Trip.

Large Party to Frolic Aboard "The Swan" on Night of July 9 and Bonfire Will Be Held at Rock Island.

MULTNOMAH County Christian Endeavor Union will hold its annual river excursion on the evening of July 9. It has chartered the Swan which will leave the Jefferson-street dock at 7:30 P. M. A number of "live wire" committees have been appointed to handle the affair. Emil Swanson is the general chairman.

The boat will go up the river as far as Rock Island. The crowd will disembark there and enjoy a monster bonfire. Roast weenies and toasted marshmallows will be the menu of the evening.

Christian Endeavorers extend a hearty invitation to all Epworth Leaguers and Baptist Young People to join them and promise them a splendid time.

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Harry Wade Hicks, president of the National Missionary Education Movement of New York, will speak at the First Congregational Church, Tuesday, July 10. At 8 o'clock P. M. a big rally of all the young people's organizations of Portland, will be held for Mr. Hicks' benefit. The Christian Endeavors, the Baptist Young People's Union and the Epworth Leaguers are all lining up to make Mr. Hicks' stay here successful.

The Missionary Education Movement is the organization that conducted the layman's missionary movement.

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The First Presbyterian Church, Twelfth and Alder streets, Rev. John H. Boyd, D. D., will have patriotic services this morning and evening in accordance with the desire of President Wilson. The Sunday school service also at noon will have a patriotic character. At both services Dr. Boyd will preach on themes dealing with the present crisis in National affairs.

In the morning at 10:30 the subject will be "The Soul of America." In the evening at 7:45 the sermon will be on "Normal Living as a Patriotic Duty During War Times." Besides these patriotic addresses, the musical programme will be composed entirely of patriotic music. A special feature of the evening service will be a solo by Mrs. Lulu Dahl-Miller, entitled "The Flag of the Free."

This song has been written by one of Portland's well-known women, Mrs. H. H. Parker. It was composed by Mrs. Parker for the Flag day celebration of the Multnomah Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. This song has not been sung before in public, but has produced quite a sensation among the private audiences which have been privileged to hear it.

Anabel Sunday School Has 14-Piece Orchestra.

First Public Appearance of Musical Organization Will Be at Institute in Lents Baptist Church at 3:30 o'Clock Today.

ABOUT a year ago C. C. Tripp, superintendent of the Anabel Presbyterian Sunday school, who has always realized the important part which good music has in the Sunday school, after reading an article in a Sunday school magazine, conceived the idea of an orchestra in his own school. The article was passed on to E. P. Town, assistant superintendent and chorister of the Sunday school. He got the vision and began at once to develop the talent at his command.

After a few months Ruth Johnston, Mildred Deaver and Noble Taylor, violinists; Garnet Johnston, organist, and Mrs. C. C. Tripp, pianist, were playing for Sunday school. The performance of these young people inspired others to join them, until now Mr. Town is conducting an orchestra of 14 pieces.

The first public appearance of the orchestra outside the Anabel church will be at the Sunday School insitute held in the Lents Baptist Church at 3:30 today.

In the song services of both the afternoon and evening sessions the combined orchestras of the Grace Evangelical and Anabel Presbyterian Sunday schools will take part.

Following is the programme:

Afternoon—3:30, music, Anabel Presbyterian Sunday school orchestra; song service; prayer, Rev. J. M. Nelson. 4, address, "The Surrendered Life," Rev. Calvin B. Waller, pastor White Temple. 4:30, music, Grace Evangelical Sunday School orchestra. 4:45, question box; come with a question or a problem and have it answered. 5:45, business, offering, invitations, etc. 6, Intermission and community lunch.

Evening—7, music, Grace Evangelical Sunday school orchestra. 7:10, Young People's praise and devotional service. 7:50, song service, accompanied by combined orchestras. 8, inspirational address, "Joys of Service," Dr. George B. Pratt, superintendent Centenary Methodist Sunday school. 8:30, instrumental music by combined orchestras; closing.

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At the First Baptist Church (the White Temple) Dr. Calvin B. Waller will preach in the morning on the theme "The Yielded Life" and in the evening on "The Unsearchable Riches of Christ." William Mansell Wilder will conduct the gospel song service and a cordial invitation is extended to all to come to these services.

The celebration of the Lord's Supper will follow the morning preaching service.

There will be special music at both services.

The White Temple members are regretting the fact that Dr. Waller will soon leave. He, however, has a large number of engagements for evangelical services and has many good offers in consideration. His preaching and ministery here have made him widely beloved by people of all denominations and classes. Harmony and success have characterized his stay here.

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The First M. E. Church will hold special services this morning at the 11 o'clock hour, when the subject will be "The Gospel of Kingdom of God." At the close of the preaching service the church conference will convene, and the detail work of the local church will be carefully considered. The coming annual conference, which will convene in Portland on August 30, will make this session of the church conference very important. Rev. W. J. Fenton, the pastor, is responsible for the annual conference coming to Portland, and is very anxious to have everything done possible to make it a great success.

MEMBERS OF EPWORTH LEAGUE CABINET PLANNING EXTENSIVE WORK FOR THE SEASON.

Top Row, Left to Right—Joel R. Benton, W. H. Warren, F. J. Schnell, A. J. Ferrier. Lower Row, Left to Right—Dr. George B. Pratt, Alice H. Alexander, Ida M. Matson, Lena Jackson, W. W. Youngson.

Dr. Hinson Continues Sermons on Christ's Second Coming.

Sermon Today Will Be Introductory to "Jerusalem in Past and Future."

IN the East Side Baptist Church Dr. Hinson will preach at 11 A. M., his fourth sermon in his series "The Second Coming of Christ." His theme will be "The Place the Pre-Millennial Doctrine Holds in the Bible." He will show how in the old as well as in the New Testament the return of Christ is taught. This sermon will be introductory to Dr. Hinson's theme a week later on the place of "Jerusalem in the Past and in the Future." The interest excited by these discussions is shown by the crowded audiences that pack the church Sunday after Sunday.

It is the intention to publish the series when completed in book form.

At night Dr. Hinson will preach on "The Tragedy of Jonah."

Either on Sunday or a week from Sunday the building committee will report to the church whether the new church edifice had better be erected on the site of the old church or elsewhere, action on this having been postponed from last Wednesday's meeting. The communion service will be held at the close of the morning service, at which time new members will be welcomed into the fellowship. The evening service begins at 7:15 o'clock. All are requested to be on time.

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The pastor of the First Free Methodist Church, East Ninth and Mill streets, will preach this morning, taking for his subject, "A Bright Vision on a Dark Day." In the evening Mr. Beers has chosen for his subject, "Man's Tendency to Doubt." This great theme deals with the temptations that come to every one in life to doubt and the pastor shows that an honest doubt may be closely related to a sublime faith.

Donald L. MacPhee will sing a solo.

Mrs. Adelaide L. Beers will conduct a young people's meeting at 7 P. M.

Rev. Mr. Beers will preach in the Free Methodist chapel at Lents at 3 P. M.

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Appropriate for the Nation's birthday, services at the First Christian Church today, will have a patriotic aspect. "Our National Trinity" is the subject chosen for discussion, during the morning hour, by Harold H. Griffis, minister. In the evening the topic will be "Jesus and the Family," a subject vitally interesting to every member of the family.

The popular and practical topics which are being discussed by Rev. Mr. Griffis are attracting considerable attention as evidenced by the increasing numbers each Sunday.

Raymond V. McKalson will assume the work today as musical precentor, for the months of July and August.

Piedmont Presbyterian Church is running on "Summer schedule" now.

Sunday school classes are being combined so as to relieve some of he faithful workers at intervals as they may desire vacations. In this way the efficiency of the school is maintained. The Sunday evening services have been shortened and popularized by a half-hour song service which everybody enjoys. Next Sunday will be the mid-Summer communion service, when a large attendance is expected. "Food Conservation" day will be observed briefly, in response to Mr. Hoover's call. The third of the series on the book of Jonah will be given in the evening. This series is creating considerable comment and interest. Thursday evening there will be a "Home Mission" survey.

Lectures on Psychology of Gospel Are Popular.

Women of Rose City Park District Invited to Form Red Cross Unit at Rose City Park Church.

THE Rev. Edwin L. House, formerly pastor of the First Congregational Church of Portland is delivering a series of popular lectures on the "Psychology of the Gospel" in the Rose City Park Church at Forty-fifth and Hancock streets. Dr. House is a splendid thinker and eloquent speaker and has attracted audiences which have filled the house. Today Dr. House will deliver three lectures. At 11 A. M. he will speak on "The Psychology of Pentecost"; at 3 P. M. on "The Psychology of Temptation," and at 7:45 P. M. on "The Psychology of Love." The lectures are free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock Rose City Park Church will organize a unit of the Red Cross. All the women of the Rose City Park district are invited to come down to the church and join with the ladies. The unit will spend one day each week during the Summer in working for the Red Cross.

Sunday, July 8, will be the mid-Summer communion of the Rose City Park Church. A large class of new members will be added to the church and several babies will be consecrated in baptism. Any who would like to unite with the large class are invited to send their names to the pastor.

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Patriotic services will be held in St. David's Episcopal Church this morning. The Sunday school will meet at 9:30 A. M. A procession and pledge of allegiance to the flag will be features. At 11 A. M. Rev. Thomas Jenkins will preach on "Gather Up the Fragments." At 7:30 P. M. Mr. Jenkins will speak on "Arrows of Prayer." A service will be held on July 4 at 9 A. M. The church is open daily.

Mrs. John J. Handsaker Is Called as Pastor.

Laurelwood Congregational Church Chooses Leader After Preliminary Service of Year and a Half.

THE Laurelwood Congregational Church called a council of the Portland Association of Congregational Churches for the purpose of licensing Mrs. John J. Handsaker as a minister of the gospel. This council met on the evening of June 26, according to the invitation.

The Laurelwood Church had united in inviting Mrs. Handsaker to become its pastor after she has served for a year and a half in co-operation with Rev. C. B. Wells. The work had prospered, but with the growth that was being made the time had come for the establishing of a regular pastorate.

The council, after electing Rev. Arthur J. Sullens moderator, and Rev. Warren Morse as scribe, reviewed the proceedings of the church and conducted the examination of Mrs. Handsaker. Mr. Sullens, as superintendent of Congregational Home Missions for the state, had taken deep interest in the welfare of this church. The council cordially and unanimously approved the action of the Laurelwood Church and proceeded with the service of licensing, under the leadership of the moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Meyer and the right hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. W. C. Kantner.

The educational preparation of Mrs. Handsaker has been unusually thorough, for she is a graduate of the State Normal School at Monmouth, of the Eugene Bible University, and of the State University at Eugene. Her experience as a missionary at Kingston, Jamaica, as a pastor's wife, and as a pastor herself have all given her a fine equipment for her work and the church is to be congratulated in securing her services. The church showed a deep interest in the proceedings by the large attendance, the floral decorations, the words of appreciation and the refreshments and social hour following the business session.

The Mount Scott Mental Culture Club of women, of which Mrs. Handsaker has been president for two years, was present in force and presented her with a handsome book in token of appreciation and regard.

The outlook for the future of the church under Mrs. Handsaker's leadership is most hopeful and encouraging.

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Miss Edna Bertsch will be the speaker at both the morning and evening services of "The Comforter" headquarters. The morning service at 11 o'clock will be held in "The Comforter" rooms, over the Women's Exchange, on Fifth street, and the topic will be: "Even as Your Father, Which Is in Heaven, Is Perfect." The evening service will be held in Ellers Hall at 8 o'clock and the subject will be: "The Desire of Every Living Thing."

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The Lord's Supper will be observed by the members of the Portland New Church Society and friends today at the 11 o'clock service in Ellers Hall. Rev. William R. Reese, who was recently ordained, will administer the sacrament, the first time since his connection with the society as its pastor. Preceding the communion the sermon will deal with "The Spiritual Significance of the Lord's Supper."

The Sunday school, members and friends of the society are planning an old-fashioned picnic for July 4 to be held at the home of Mrs. William J. Standley, Davenport street, Portland Heights.

"Honor List" Stirs Patriotism of Church Women.

Westminster Church Has 36 Young Men in Military Service—Sewing Is Done for Red Cross.

AT Westminster Presbyterian Church the following "honor list," which appears in the church calendar each week, reminds the members of Westminster Presbyterian Church that 36 of their young men have enlisted and are now serving their country. A number of these are members of the Sunday school class taught by Mayor Albee:

Charles Bibee, Dale Brous, Lawrence Brown, Mac Brown, Walrus Bushnell, James Cameron, Newland Conradt, Harry Kurtz, Raymond Buckley, Harold Grant, Charles McDonald, Allen R. Mann, James B. Mann, Lawrence C. Mann, Roger J. Mann, Harry Pappus, Haften Paulsen, George Pfeiffer, Jack Phillips, Russell Robertson, Arthur Wilson, Kenneth Wastell, Paul Wiggins, Pierson Conrad, Lloyd Bayley, Stanley Chapin, Charles Parcell, Harry Riley, Collister Wheeler, Will Williams, Aleck Muirden, George Muirdon, Herbert Muirdon, Percy N. Pratt, James Lakin, Wayne Houston.

The fact that so many have offered their lives to our country in this time of crisis stirs the enthusiasm of the women of the church and the meetings on both Monday and Wednesday afternoons to sew for the Red Cross are well attended. The committee come in the mornings and do preparatory work, so that no time is lost and the six sewing machines are kept busy making sheets and other articles. There is also plenty of hand sewing for the others and many loving stitches are put into the garments. The class in knitting is making scarfs for the sailors and as they become more proficient will knit socks.

The young women also are doing their share and showing their patriotism by making "soldiers' kits," containing needles, thread, etc., meeting on both Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for this purpose.

The Klosh Tillakum group of Camp Fire Girls meet on Wednesday afternoons and are making aprons, dish towels and other useful articles which they have heard were needed by the Third Oregon Regiment.

The daily papers, magazines, cakes and candy which have been sent to Clackamas by the Christian Endeavor Society are very much appreciated.

Three Churches Will Unite in Services During Summer.

Community Movement Planned by Kenilworth Presbyterian, Waverly Heights Congregational and Clinton Kelly M. E. Pastors.

AT the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church the Sunday school will have a patriotic service this morning and an offering will be taken especially for the Red Cross movement, in accordance with the request of the President and Red Cross.

A sacred concert will be given by the choir in the evening, at which there will be anthems by the choir, songs by the male quartet and ladies' quartet and solos by individuals. The Red Cross work will be presented and everyone who has not yet had the chance to contribute to that worthy cause will be given the chance.

Plans have been made for members of the choir to have an auto ride and picnic on the Columbia Highway on the Fourth of July.

The boys of the Sunday school will take a hike and have picnic lunch on Tuesday of this coming week, under the leadership of the pastor. Boys from 9 to 14 are included.

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One of the best social events of the season was the joint debate on Friday night of this week at the church between the members of the women's and men's adult Bible classes. They debated the question: "Resolved, That women are smarter than men." This, together with other interesting features on tthe programme, made it a most enjoyable social gathering.

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Arrangements have been completed by the Waverly Heights Congregational Church, Woodard avenue and Thirty-third street; Clinton Kelly M. E. Church, on Powell Valley road and Fortieth street, and Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Thirty-fourth and Gladstone, for the holding of union Sunday evening services during a part of July, as follows:

On July 8 Rev. Albert C. Moses will preach in the Clinton Kelly M. E. Church; his choir will furnish the music. On July 15 Rev. A. R. Calder, of the Clinton Kelly M. E. Church, will preach in Kenilworth Presbyterian Church; his choir will furnish the music. On July 22 Rev. E. P. Lawrence and his choir will have charge of the services in the Waverly Heights Congregational Church. This is a community movement, and we hope for a large attendance at those services from the people of the three congregations.

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The Laurelwood Methodist Church, 4223 Sixty-third street Southeast, will have a patriotic service this Sunday, which will culminate with a flagraising at 12 o'clock noon. The Sunday school will have a prominent part in the singing of patriotic songs. A beautiful new flag will be dedicated by the superintendent, W. D. Radabaugh. Miss Mildred Boone will tell the story of "A Man With a Country." The pastor, Dr. C. R. Carlos, will speak on "Loyalty to Flag and Country." The entire assembly will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" while the flag is being raised. After the salute to the flag, the closing prayer will be offered by Comrade Hillis. B. C. Heath has donated a beautiful pole, which will be erected in front of the church.

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Patriotic services of exceptional merit will be held in the First Congregational Church tonight at 7:45 o'clock. Complying with requests from President Wilson and Herbert Hoover, Dr. Luther R. Dyott, the pastor, will speak on "American Patriotism in World Terms." Miss Goldie Peterson, who is to be the soloist in this church during July, will sing Kipling's "Recessional" and Keller's "American Hymn." At 10:30 A. M. the bi-monthly communion service will be held, with reception of new members and brief addresses by Dr. Dyott.

The Ladies' Aid Society, recently organized into a Red Cross unit, held a well-attended and successful meeting Wednesday in the parlors of the church. The members of the league, another women's organization connected with the First Congregational Church, also meet on Tuesday of each week in the Lipman-Wolfe store to sew for the Red Cross.

Among the towns in the state that will give special recognition to the Fourth of July will be Eugene. Dr. Dyott will be the speaker on this occasion.

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Taylor-Street Methodists will recognize the Fourth of July at their Circle Theater service this morning with special appropriate patriotic music and Dr. M. H. Marvin will preach on "Religion and Patriotism."

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Pursuant to a call issued by Laurelwood Congregational Church, a council of Portland Congregational churches met Tuesday evening for the purpose of examining and licensing Mrs. J. J. Handsaker as a preacher of the gospel. Rev. Arthur J. Sellers was chosen moderator, and Rev. Warren Morse scribe. Mrs. Handsaker read a statement setting forth her faith, creed and educational qualifications, and to all questions propounded by the delegates gave clear and concise answers, so that license was freely granted by the council.

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The San Grael Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian Church is to have a musical programme tonight. Mrs. Fred Olson is in charge of the affair, and she has secured a number of selections from the best talent in the city. All young people of the city are included in the invitation to attend. The programme will begin at 6:30 P. M.

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All services today at the First Methodist Church will be of a patriotic order and designed to aid in the awakening of the people of America to a sense of the very urgent need for preparation that our Nation may do its full part for world liberty at this time.

At the morning service Dr. Stansfield will preach upon the theme "The Evolution of America—1776 to 1917." His evening sermon subject will be "Nationalism and World Peace." Patriotism and the conservation of food sup-

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MAN'S AND GOD'S SIDE OF RELIGION WORK WELL TOGETHER

Salvation Declared by Minister to be Nearby Activity, Not a Faraway Commodity.

BY HAROLD H. GRIFFIS,
(Minister, First Christian Church.)

I WOULD invite your attention to a statement found in the twelfth and thirteenth verses of the second chapter of Phillipians: "Work out your own salvation, for it is God who worketh in you."

Rev. H. H. Griffis.

There is always a distinct gain in remembering that each of the great factors of our religion has a two-fold aspect: a human aspect and a divine aspect. Thus the Church is recruited from the children of men; it was founded by the Son of God. The Bible was written by holy men of old; it was composed as those men were moved by the Holy Spirit. Even of Jesus it is true that he was verily man and verily God. And so it is with the Christian life itself. This life has two sides: a human side and a divine side. "Work out your own salvation"—that is the human side; "for it is God who worketh in you"—that is the divine side. The failure to remember these two aspects of our faith has resulted in confusions and perversions and divisions. "Work out your own salvation"—stop there and it will make you an Arminian. "For it is God who worketh in you"—take that alone and it will make you a Calvinist. But put the two together and accept them as parts of a whole and say, "Work out your own salvation, for it is God who worketh in you," and that will make you a full-orbed Christian.

Oh, I am so thankful that the Apostle Paul has given us this complete gospel! The trouble with so many of us is our littleness. We are so easily satisfied—so ready to accept the part for the whole. We refuse to take the pains to look all around a proposition—to see all sides of the question. But not so with the great apostle to the Gentiles. There was nothing lop-sided about Paul. His teaching was balanced and symmetrical. His vision was comprehensive. Men and women, would you see religion in its entirety, as in a nutshell? It is here, and it is all here: "Work out your own salvation, for it is God who worketh in you."

Salvation As Nearby Activity.

"Work out your own salvation." People have often talked of salvation as though it were something to be gotten in much the same way as they would get a piece of merchandise—something done up in a package all neatly wrapped, sealed and labeled. They have assumed that salvation was something like a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow so that once having procured it, a man might always possess it.

The scriptures, however, have made it clear that salvation is not some faraway commodity but rather a nearby activity. Jesus said, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; neither shall they say, Lo, here, or there, for lo, the kingdom of God is within you." Salvation is a form of energy; it is a mode of being; it is a process of life. From a human viewpoint salvation is a spiritual achievement whereby the soul, conquering itself, is prepared to sacrifice for others. Its motto is, "For Their Sakes, I Sanctify Myself," and to arrive at that plane of thought and purpose a man must pass through struggle and strenuosity.

Nature abhors a vacuum; she abhors also stagnation. One of the latest discoveries of science is that there really is no such thing as inert matter, for matter is only a kind of stored-up energy and the universe itself throbs with power. It is an interesting fact that in all of the early translations of the New Testament into languages akin to that spoken by our Lord the term "salvation" is nearly always rendered by some word which means life and health and animation. The implication is that religion, which is only another term for salvation, signifies energy, power and ceaseless activity. A lazy, passive, self-complacent Christian is an anomaly in the order of grace. The New Testament is nothing if not dynamic; its gospel is preeminently a gospel of action; the word of the inspired writer is: "Work out your own salvation, for it is God who worketh in you."

Many a disciple fails in the Christian life for no other cause than laziness. Many a church dwindles and dies because it is made up too largely of sluggards. Christians ought to be the busiest and most energetic people in the world. They ought to labor in season and out of season. They ought to spend and be spent. They ought to abound more and more in every good word and work. If they refuse to labor they check the processes of spiritual development and instead of becoming adults in the faith, they become babes unable to digest even milk. Arrested development is a common fact in the vegetable and animal worlds; in the spiritual world it is a tragedy."

Happy then is the Christian who has grasped the idea that the Christian life is work! It was thus that Jesus himself conceived it. As a boy he felt that he must be about his Father's business. As a man he declared that it was his meat to do the will of him who sent him and to finish his work. At the close of his life he could say in speaking of God: "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." Life to Jesus was a piece of work to be performed, and he asked his disciples to follow him. The apostles were all indefatigable workers, and it was by their labor that they turned the world upside down. In the New Testament the statement of the good news in the four Gospels is followed by a record of achievements in the book of Acts, and unless a beginning Christian follows up his confession of Christ with a volume of deeds he will very early begin to question whether or not he is a Christian at all.

Christian Life Matter of Work.

"Work out your own salvation." The Christian life is not only a matter of work, but a matter of individual work. Each must work it out for himself. The parent cannot work it out for the child, nor the preacher for the layman, nor the wife for the husband, nor the husband for the wife. In the realm of creative activity it is ever true that no man's labor can be substituted for the labor of anotaer. College professors alone cannot make a scholar; they can only assist young men who are willing to work to make themselves scholars. Physicians alone cannot manufacture a drop of blood; they can only assist those who are willing themselves to work for the upbuilding of their bodies. Preachers alone cannot create a virtue; they can only assist those who are industrious themselves in the work of developing their characters. The Christian religion recognizes no proxies. God has honored us by giving to each of us a special task and responsibility. Each must work out his own salvation.

But so far we have considered only one part of religion, and the truth in religion has two parts. "Work out your own salvation"—that is man's part, "for it is God who worketh in you"—that is God's part, and the two parts must go together. "Work out your own salvation"—that gives expression; "for it is God who worketh in you"—that gives impression, and the two must be conhected, for there can be no proficient expression without an efficient impression. Again, "work out your own salvation"—that stands for a task; "for it is God who worketh in you"—that stands for a vision, and the two are inseparable, for if a vision without a task is empty, even so a task without a vision is futile.

Christian Life a Copartnership.

In the school the student works out what the instructor works in, and that gives us education. On the ranch the farmer works out what nature works in, and that gives us agriculture. In the shop the builder works out what the draftsman works in, and that gives us architecture. And in a similar way, in the Church of Jesus Christ the Christian is working out what God is working in, and that gives us a balanced, vigorous, triumphant Christianity. Oh, the dignity and glory of the Christian life when it is recognized as a divine human copartnership in which God is working in man and man is working with God! Christianity is not a piece of magic; it is not a sleight-of-hand performance. It is a business enterprise. It teaches that we are colaborers with God and that it is only as we work with him that it is possible for him to work with us.

God is at work in human life. A bigger thought never crossed the threshold of a man's consciousness. It is the starting point of all genuine religion. It is a fundamental fact of the gospel. It confronts us in the very first chapter of the Christian scriptures: "Behold the virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which is, being interpreted, God with us."

"For it is God who worketh in you." In the light of modern study and reflection the old idea of a God outside the world, seeing it go, becomes wholly untenable. God is not outside the world; he is in the world. God is in nature: therefore the scientist, as Kepler says, is able to think God's thoughts after him. God is in history: therefore the philosopher brings us the message that there is a power not ourselves that makes for righteousness. God is in literature: therefore the poet sings:

> Speak to him, thou, for he hears, and spirit
> with spirit can meet;
> Closer is he than breathing, and nearer
> than hands or feet.

And last of all but most of all, God is in the human soul: therefore the apostle could say, "We are also his offspring; he is not far from any one of us; in him we live and move and have our being."

Science Teaches God's Forces.

"For it is God who worketh in you." Because God works in man on the plane of the physical, modern science and invention have converted our world into a wonderland of mighty and mysterious possibilities. That learned blacksmith, Burritt, struck a blow of one hundred pounds, but the modern smith, utilizing the forces of God, will strike a blow of ten tons. Julius Caesar's voice reached 10,000 soldiers, but the modern voice will reach from New York to Denver. Because man's weakness has been supplemented by God's omnipotence, the mechanic in yonder Edison power house can lift his hand to a lever and control an invisible energy that may be measured only in terms of a hundred thousand horse power. "O Jehovah, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! When (by the use of microscope and telescope and spectroscope) I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained, what is man that thou art mindful of him and the son of man that thou visited him? For thou hast made him but little lower than the angels and crownest him with glory and honor."

But, after all, are these physical achievements a whit more marvelous than those that take place between man and God on the plane of the spiritual? Utilizing God's moral energies, man has his little human talent multiplied a thousand-fold. "For it is God who worketh in you." God works in Moses, and suddenly the shepherd of the desert rises to the dignity and majesty of a lawgiver and nation-builder. God works in Savanorola, and at length the humble preacher leads the population of Florence to make a pyramid of its vanities and burn them in the public square of the great metropolis. God works in Abraham Lincoln, and soon the railsplitter becomes a world-emancipator and the fetters fall from the necks of 3,000,000 slaves. The greatest discovery ever made was not the continent of America nor the law of gravitation, nor the circulation of the blood, but the presence and power of God in the lives of men and women. Jesus made the discovery and found in it the justification of his entire ministry. He said: "My Father worketh hitherto and I work."

Oh, how startling the thought that we as followers of Jesus Christ are God at work in the world! When we fail, God fails; when we succeed, God succeeds. He labors through you and me. We are God's eyes to see the needs of a sin-sick humanity. We are God's ears to hear the cries of hungry children and the appeals of downtrodden millions. We are God's heart to beat in sympathy with every aspiration for the welfare of the race. We are God's lips to speak to all mankind the message of hope in their struggle for the highest. We are God at work in the world.

> "A picket frozen on duty,
> A mother starved for her brood,
> Socrates drinking the hemlock,
> And Jesus on the rood;
> And millions who, humble and nameless,
> The straight, hard pathway plod,—
> Some call it Consecration,
> But others call it God."

Religion Must Begin With God.

Oh, men and women, give God a chance in your lives! Remember that, however far your religion may go, it must begin with God. There can be no power in your Christian life except through contact with him. And what are the points of contact? To the Christian disciple they are common but not commonplace. Bible reading, prayer, mediation, sacred song, Christian fellowship—these are the channels through which the Creator transmits to us the stores of his divine energy—these are the trysting places between the Father and his children.

"Work out your own salvation, for it is God who worketh in you." We have all had singular experiences in our lives. What is it? It is God working in us. God has revealed to us his will. He has shown us his love. He has provided for us a plan of redemption. He has given us an Almighty Savior. And, best of all, he himself is ready to work with us and in us if we will only open up our hearts to the power of his Holy Spirit. Shall we refuse him admission? To do so is the tragedy of life.

> "Your way is dark," the angel said,
> "Because you downward gaze;
> Look up! the sun is overhead;
> Look up and learn to praise."
> I looked, I learned; Who looks above
> Will find in heaven both light and love.
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> "Why upward gaze?" the angel said,
> "Have you not learned to know
> The light of God shines overhead
> That men may work below?"
> I learned; Who only looks above
> May miss below the work of love.
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> And thus I learned the lessons twain:
> The heart whose treasure is above
> Will gladly turn to earth again
> Because in heaven is love.
> Yea, love that framed the starry height
> Came down to earth and gave a light.

Man has a reasoning faculty, but it waits for the coming of teachers and books. Man has an artistic faculty, but it waits for the coming of the beautiful in life and nature. Man has an inventive faculty, but it waits for the coming of tools and mathematics. And, even so, man has a religious faculty, but it waits for the coming of God. And the glory of it all is, God has come. He is here now. Will you not let him in?

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in unto him and will sup with him and he with me."

Will you not let him in?