NEW GLENCOE BAPTIST CHURCH WILL BE DEDICATED TODAY

Structure Has Seating Capacity of 350 and With Room for Gallery—Opening Ceremonies to Be Impressive.

THE dedication of the new Glencoe Baptist Church, at East Forty-fifth and East Main streets, today will be an important event in the Baptist denomination and in the locality in which the church is situated.

Ten years ago the church was founded and held its meetings in a small chapel. Today the new building, with seating capacity for 350 and with room for a gallery, will be placed at the disposal of the congregation. The ceremonies will be appropriate and impressive. Rev. O. C. Wright will preach at 11 o'clock and Rev. W. B. Hinson, pastor of the East Side Church, will preach the sermon at 3:30 o'clock. It is planned to build a Bible school auditorium as soon as possible. Rev. A. B. Waltz has been pastor of the church for the last eight years and has had the co-operation of a devoted membership. Hearty support has been given to the building committee. The church may be reached by taking the Hawthorne avenue, Mount Scott or Mount Tabor cars to East Forty-fifth street. This church was known as the East Forty-fifth-Street Church formerly. The membership numbers 157.

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Plans for union Thanksgiving services are being made. The First Christian Church will have a service Thursday morning, in which the First Methodists and the St. James Lutherans will unite and the Rev. W. E. Brinkman will preach.

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The Rodney-avenue Christian, the Forbes Presbyterian, the Central Methodist and the Third Baptist churches will unite in a Thanksgiving service at the last-named church Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. C. C. Rarick, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, will pdeach the sermon.

A joint Thanksgiving service will be held at Temple Beth Israel on Thanksgiving morning at 11 o'clock. The Unitarian Church of Our Father will participate. All men and women are welcome. Rabbi Wise will conduct the second of his Bible classes at the Library on Wednesday at 3. The topic will be "The Old Testament as a Handbook of Democracy." All men and women are welcome.

Special Musical Numbers Are Provided.

Series of Attractions Presented at Clinton Kelly Church by Rev. E. B. Lockhart.

BEAUTIFUL special numbers of music are being presented at the Clinton Kelly Methodist Episcopal Church at the Sunday morning services, under the direction of W. C. McCulloch, and are proving a delight to the worshipers in that community.

Last Sunday morning a quartet consisting of Theodore Bushnell, Miss Katherine Wallace, Fritz DeBruin and Thaddeus Veness sang with fine effect. A solo by Miss Bushnell, one of the city teachers, was also rendered in a high-grade manner. Miss Hazel Harlie, an instructor in the Creston School; Mrs. W. C. McCulloch and others are also assisting in making the music at Clinton Kelly Church a feature of the services.

Rev. E. B. Lockhart is pastor of this church and also has charge of the Lincoln Methodist Episcopal Church, where he preaches in the evening. Here also is heard good music, for Mrs. Peter Hanson, Mrs. Edna Wickersham, Miss Welch, of the Sunnyside community; D. W. Pritchard and others are contributing their vocal talent with pleasing result in the special solos or duets rendered at each evening service.

Last Sunday was communion day at these two churches and today the minister will receive into church fellowship a class of new members at each place. It is expected large audiences will be present both at Clinton Kelly and at the Lincoln-street Church to welcome the new members.

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Following is the honor roll of the First Congregational Church of those who have responded to the call to the colors: Frank Loomis Beach, Stanley Bowlby, Robert Archer Bowlby, Edward D. Blood, Laurence Arthur Brown, Francis McDannell Brown, Harold Edwards Bates, M. D., Oliver Byron Cardwell, Fowler Hathaway Cardwell, Earl Alphonso Coe, George Theron Colton, William Dexter Clarke, Oliver A. Chenoweth, George William DeCorsey, Gibson Howells Dickinson, Charles Edward Fitch, Theron Wilmoroth Fitch, Thomas Walter Gillard, Frank Reginald Gillard, Carl Christian Hansen, Walter Smith Haynes, James Howard Huddleson, M. D., Walter Mills Huntington, John Robert Mears, Harold William Norman, Edward Howard Prehn, M. D., Franklin Welty Staiger, Samuel Russell Smith, Ralph Roberts Smith, Herbert Fiske Sessions, Everett Thomas Stretcher, John Carl Sturm, Edward William Shears, Thomas James Roberts, Henry Relyea Wakeman, Walter Delos Whitcomb, C. Jay Walker, Robert Nichols Walpole.

Others who have enlisted and are yet to go are: Wayne Walter Coe, Gaven C. Dyott, Russell W. Frost, George Alson Kribs, Stanley Roy Sorensen.

Patriotic Pageant, 'The Stainless Flag,' to Be Given.

Thanksgiving Service at First Presbyterian Church Includes Address by Dr. Boyd.

THE First Presbyterian Church, Twelfth and Alder streets, will have a great patriotic service on Thanksgiving day at 10:30 A. M. There will be a patriotic pageant and a patriotic address by the pastor, Rev. John H. Boyd, D. D.

The patriotic pageant is a new one written by a Presbyterian pastor of Chicago, Dr. William Chalmers Covert. It is called "The Stainless Flag." The characters are Uncle Sam and Columbia and six girls representing Frugality, Temperance, Knowledge, Charity and Right. There is also one of Uncle Sam's soldiers who takes the part of Patriotism.

A flag is brought into the room showing the stains of Waste, Intemperance, Ignorance, Wrong, Prejudice and Disloyalty. Methods are proposed for removing these stains and the flag is revealed clean and pure, without a stain. There will be patriotic music interspersed with the monolgue and dialogue of the pageant.

At the end of the pageant a patriotic address will be given by Dr. Boyd on "The World Influence of America." This will deal with the influence which Mr. Wilson now has in the councils of Europe and the importance of the leadership which America now has in the conduct of the war and consideration of terms of peace.

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At the Atkinson Memorial Congregational Church this evening at 7:45 o'clock will be given an address on primitive Christian work among the most backward, untutored tribes of the Dark Continent. This work has been carried on for 38 years on the high tableland about 200 miles inland on the West Coast. The story of the progress amid heathen opposition and Portuguese interference reveals the finest type of Christian courage and perseverance.

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This morning at Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, the pastor, Dr. T. W. Lane, will speak on the "Holy Land and the War." The sermon will be a survey of the work of the allied armies in the country made sacred in Bible story, the land where Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and Elijah and Samson and other Bible characters lived and labored in the years of long ago.

War movements in these lands during the last 30 to 60 days have been wonderful, and are most significant. It will be interesting to go over the fields with the people and the soldiers of more than 4000 years ago, and then with the people and the soldiers of these days in that same land, and learn something of how both movements may contribute to the working out of the will of God in the progress and destiny of the world and to gather the lessons to our times.

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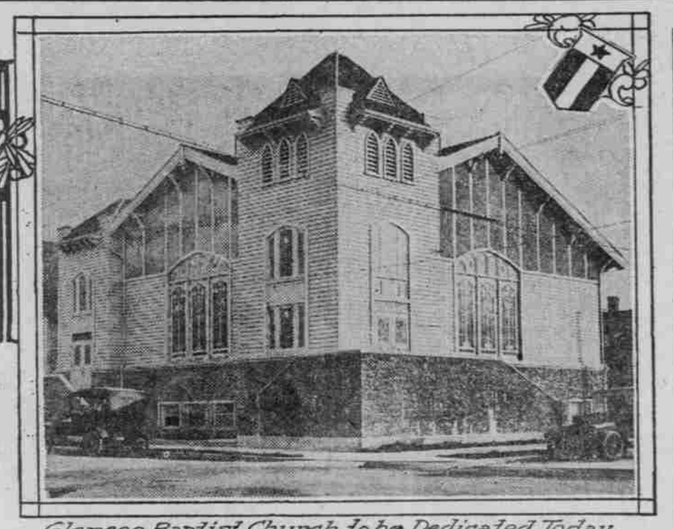
Professor Paul H. Douglas, of Reed College, will be the speaker at the 5 o'clock vesper service at the Laurelwood Congregational Church, corner Sixty-fifth and Forty-fifth avenue. He will speak on the "Mobilization of the Nations' Finances for War." This is the second lecture of a series given by Reed faculty, the last Sunday evening of the month. The pastor, Mrs. J. J. Handsaker, will speak at the morning service on "The Ter-Centenary Goal."

Rev. A. B. Waltz, Pastor. — Peasley.



Glencoe Baptist Church to be Dedicated Today.

Meaning and Value of Lord's Supper Is Topic.

Rev. Harold H. Griffis Will Preach at First Christian Church.

IN the sermon which will be delivered by Rev. Harold H. Griffis at the First Christian Church this morning special emphasis will be placed upon the New Testament teaching relative to the "weekly communion," showing the meaning and value of the Lord's Supper. The subject for consideration will be "The Christian's Need of the Weekly Communion."

The evening topic is "Listening to God."

Preparations are being made by the Bible school for a big Christmas celebration. The proceeds obtained therefrom will be utilized for the relief of the Armenians and Serbians.

A commendable undertaking is that which members of the Y. P. S. C. E. of this church have planned for Thanksgiving. A worthy needy family has been discovered who will receive a generous contribution on that occasion.

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Rev. A. Ross Kitt, director of Baptist young people's work for the Pacific Coast, will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist Church (White Temple) today and will also preach during the remaining Sundays of the year. Mr. Kitt's morning sermon topic will be "Thanksgiving in War Time" and in the evening he will speak on "A Needed Emphasis in Religion Loyalty to Christ." All young people especially are invited to the evening strvice.

There will be a special musical service in the evening. Miss M. Lucile Murton at the organ and the Temple Quartet will be heard in special numbers.

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Union Thanksgiving service for the district covered by Woodlawn, Walnut Park and Piedmont will be held in this church on Thursday morning at 10:30, in the form of a "platform meeting," with several speakers. One of the speakers will be Earle A. Rowell, of Los Angeles. Special music will be a feature of this service.

In Piedmont Presbyterian Church this morning at 11 o'clock Dr. A. L. Hutchison, the pastor, will speak on the topic, "Is the Church Losing Her Grip?" At 7:30 the second in the special series now running will be given by Rev. T. Brouillette, formerly associated with the famous "Father Chiniquy."

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At 8 o'clock Monday evening a meeting will be held under the auspices of the Bahai Assembly, in honor of Abdul Baha, leader of the Bahia movement. November 26 is the day celebrated in all countries in commemoration of his appointment as center of the Bahai covenant.

Abdul Baha spent more than 50 years in exile in the prison of Acca for advocating the Bahai principles. When the Turkish revolution brought about his release in 1909, he traveled into Egypt, then into Europe and the British Isles, everywhere giving addresses on social and spiritual reconstruction. In 1912 he made a memorable tour of the United States, speaking in churches, synagogues, universities and before organizations of various sorts, in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Cleveland, Chicago, Denver, San Francisco and many other places. His first public address in America was in the church of Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, the Church of the Ascension in New York City.

The basic principles of his teachings include: Oneness of the world of humanity, independent investigation of truth, foundation of all religions as one, that religion must be the cause of unity, that religion must be in accord with science and reason, equality of men and women, that prejudices of all kinds must be forgotten, universal peace with the overcoming of militarism, universal education, solution of the economic problem, universal language and an international tribunal.

The life and writings of Abdul Baha will be the subject of the programme Monday evening at the home of Mrs. A. Pitch, 303 Twelfth street, corner of Columbia. All are welcome.

New Pastor Will Take Up Duties Here Today.

Rev. Robert H. Milligan Comes to Rose City Park Presbyterian Church From Successful Pastorate at Tacoma.

REV. ROBERT H. MILLIGAN, the new pastor of the Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, will be in his pulpit to begin his ministry this morning. Rev. Mr. Milligan comes from Tacoma, where he was pastor of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church. He was born in Canada and was educated at Princeton University and the McCormick Theological Seminary.

A reception will be given for Mr. Milligan on Tuesday night, when his congregation will entertain for him.

Mr. Milligan was a missionary for eight years on the west coast of Africa among the Fang tribe. He worked chiefly at the coast, near the equator and on the Gaboon River.

After permanently returning and supplying churches in the East, he was called to the Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Tacoma, where, after serving six years, he comes to the Rose City Park Presbyterian Church of Portland.

He is the author of two books on Africa, "The Jungle Folk of Africa" and "The Fetish Folk of Africa." He is a recognized authority on Africa, has written and spoken much upon missionary, sociological and political phases of the Dark Continent.

He comes here highly recommended by pastors, business men and leaders in civic work in Tacoma.

Men's Club in Charge of Special Service.

Arrangements Made for Worship at Central Presbyterian Church.

"A MESSAGE TO MEN" will be the subject of Dr. Arthur F. Bishop at the Sunday evening services of Central Presbyterian Church next Sunday. The Men's Club will have charge. A men's chorus and men's quartet will furnish the musical numbers.

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Some interesting reminiscences of Siam will be given before the men's forum at next Sunday's meeting by Clarence Steele, who has just returned from a six years' educational missionary work at Bangkok.

George C. Mason, of the Hurley, Mason Company, told the Men's Club and their guests at their monthly dinner on Tuesday evening how Camp Lewis at American Lake, Wash., the largest cantonment in the United States, was built and how the great work was accomplished in the limited time granted by the Government. Mr. Mason answered many questions and went into detail on the various phases of the huge task. Some enjoyable musical numbers were on the programme. Rev. John A. Ewalt, lately of Seattle, at one time associated with Dr. Arthur F. Bishop, pastor of Central Church, in Cincinnati, O., was among the guests.

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Today at 4:30 o'clock in the Y. W. C. A. auditorium Mrs. J. Hunter Wells will describe Thanksgiving day in Corea. She and her two children, Helen and Milton, will wear the Corean costume.

The music will be in charge of Mitylene Fraker Stites, assisted by Miss Ada Kimball, soprano; Dr. W. C. Adams, tenor, and J. R. Stites, baritone.

This meeting is open to men as well as women and all are cordially invited to come and stay for the social hour at 5:30.

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There will be a special service in the Centenary Methodist Church tonight, at which Rev. J. C. Elliott, health specialist, will deliver an address on "The Problems of Religion and Health." This subject has crowded to the doors many of our largest churches. It deals in a scientific way with the problems of health and prevention of disease. It deals with the modern problems of health as handled by the scientist, the physician, and the Anti-Tuberculosis League, by which the death rate from tuberculosis was reduced 25 per cent in the last 10 years. It outlines prevention of disease through the work of the United States Government. The lifting of the lifeline from an average in our Nation of 33 years, less than a quarter of a century ago, to 44 years for men and 48 years for women at the present time. It outlines the work of prevention of disease in the armies of the nations of the world by which methods the death rate from disease has been reduced from 10 times the number slain in battle, down to a less number at present than those slain in actual combat. Mr. Elliott will speak Monday night in Centenary Church at 7:30 on "Prevention of Disease by Right Living." Lectures will be held daily in this church during the week at 2:30 and 7:30. Admission will be free to all lectures.

Sunnyside Churches Plan Union Services.

Four Congregations Will Join for Thanksgiving Day.

THE churches of the Sunnyside district, United Presbyterian, Friends, Methodist and Congregational, will hold a union Thanksgiving service at the Methodist Church next Thursday at 10:30 A. M. Rev. H. F. Given, of the United Presbyterian Church, will deliver the sermon. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Evangelist Given in his series of messages has brought new hope to the Rodney-avenue Christian Church. The meeting, beginning practically unadvertised, has reached to large proportions, with many additions, and has brought that which is far more valuable to its future, a spirit of zeal for united efforts along all lines. Mr. Given is a forceful speaker.

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Rev. W. B. Hinson, D. D., pastor of the East Side Baptist Church, East Twentieth and Ankeny streets, has returned from Montana and will be present at all the evangelical meetings being held by Dr. S. J. Reid and J. W. Troy at the church. Dr. Reid's sermons the past week on "The Seven Last Words of the Lord" were vivid and illuminating, bringing clearly to the mind the last heart-rending hours of the Saviour's agony. Large congregations attended each meeting. Dr. Reid will preach Sunday, morning and evening. The large volunteer choir organized under J. W. Troy, the noted tenor, will be continued in the future under the leadership of the choirmaster.

Union Services to Be Held in Central Presbyterian.

Six Churches to Participate Thanksgiving Day—Offering to Be Used to Buy Bibles for Soldiers—Rev. T. W. Lane to Preside.

CENTRAL East Portland will hold Thanksgiving services on Thanksgiving morning at 10:30 A. M. in Central Presbyterian Church, corner East Thirteenth and Pine, participated in by the following churches: East Side Baptist, East Side Christian, Centenary Methodist, First Methodist Episcopal South, First United Brethren and Central Presbyterian.

Rev. T. W. Lane will preside, Rev. W. B. Hinson will preach the sermon, Rev. Arthur F. Bishop will read the proclamation, Rev. J. T. French will offer the Thanksgiving prayer, Rev. R. H. Sawyer will read the scripture lesson and Rev. P. O. Bonebrake will take the offering. The offering will be for the benefit of the American Bible Society to aid in placing testaments in the pockets of our soldier boys.

The music will be in charge of the choir of Central Presbyterian Church under the leadership of E. Maldwyn Evans.

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At the church of St. Michael and All-Angels, Rose City Park, the vicar, Rev. T. F. Bowen, will speak on "Our Invisible Allies." The sermon will be based on the old testament story of the deliverance of the prophet Elisha from the Syrian army and will show that the hand of God is ever present in the history of nations and the rise and fall of empires as well as in the lives of individuals.

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LAFAYETTE, Or., Nov. 24. — (Special.)—The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church elected its new officers on Wednesday last as follows: President, Mrs. J. B. Harbison; first vice-president, Miss Belle Belcher; second vice-president, Mrs. J. A. Staveley; secretary, Mrs. R. B. Wilson; treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Biddle; chaplain, Mrs. John Postle; membership committee, Mrs. Martha Ross and Mrs. M. L. Stern. The members will meet every Wednesday at 2 o'clock in the church parlors, but on the first Wednesday in each month they will have a social afternoon in the homes where arranged.

"Counting Our Blessings" will be the Epworth League topic at the Lafayette Methodist Episcopal Church this evening at 6:30 o'clock, to be introduced by Miss Emma Bryan. Special music will be rendered. The Pastor, Rev. Alfred Bates, will preach at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

The Epworth League Social will be held on Friday evening, December 14, and preparations are in progress to make this one of the best socials ever held here.

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In St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral this morning Dean McCollister will give an address upon the subject "God and Our Times."

On the Sundays in Advent, beginning next Sunday, the dean will give a course of four special sermons on the subject "The Coming of Christ," "The Bible," "Religious Orders" and "Faith Upon the Earth."

The Thanksgiving day services will be at 7:30 and 10:30 A. M., both services of the Holy Communion. At the later service there will be special music and a brief sermon on "Thankfulness in Darkness."

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At the sacred concert at Waverly Heights Congregational Church, East Thirty-third street and Woodward avenue, this evening, the Frazier Trio will play, there will be a solo by Miss Mildred Luther and several numbers by the junior and adult choirs.

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Bringing to the Protestant churches of America a message of fellowship and co-operation from the French Protestant churches, Captain Georges Lauga and Captain Alfred Ernest Victor Monod, both military chaplains in the French army, are here as official delegates from the Federation of French Protestant Churches to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. They come on a purely fraternal mission, the purpose of which is to show conditions in France, describe the work being done by the army and navy chaplains and work for a closer co-operation between the evangelizing forces of France and America.

Both of these men have been through active service at the Front.

They are planning to visit the West and may come to Portland.

The chaplains will spend two or three days in each city, meeting the various social, civic and religious bodies, will deliver occasional sermons and illustrated lectures on the war, and, in general, give information on the churches and the general situation in France. They are provided with documents and figures on the French churches and the losses they have undergone through the war and the invasion.

The chaplains will return to France in January, when their leave of absence from the army will expire.

Sunday Church Services

ASSOCIATED BIBLE STUDENTS.

W. O. W. hall, East Sixth and East Alder streets. At 3 P. M., public discourse by N. M. Lewton; 8 P. M., discourse by Marston Chandler.

ADVENT.

Advent Christian, 438 Second street, near Hall street—Rev. J. S. Lucas, pastor. Preaching, 10:30; Sunday school, 12; Loyal Workers, 6:30; preaching, 7:30; prayer meeting, Thursday evening, 7:30.

ADVENTIST.

(These services are held on Saturday.)

Central, East Eleventh and Everett streets—P. C. Hayward, minister. Sabbath school, 10; church services, 11:15; prayer meeting, Wednesday night, 7:45; Young People's meeting, 7:45.

Montavilla, East Eightieth and Everett streets—J. F. Beatty, local elder. Sabbath school, 10; preaching, 11; prayer meeting, 7:30 P. M., Wednesday; Young People's meeting, Saturday, 4 P. M.

Tabernacle, West Side, Knights of Pythias Hall, Eleventh and Alder streets—Sabbath school, 10; preaching, 11; prayer meeting, Tuesday evening at 8 P. M., at 185 Thirteenth street.

Albina (German), Skidmore and Mallory streets—A. A. Meyers, minister; A. C.

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INSPIRATION URGED FOR FIGHTING BATTLE FOR GOD ON HIGH

"Battle Hymn of Republic" Declared Sanctified and as Sacred as Any Appearing in Holy Writ, in Sermon by Dr. Joshua Stansfield.

BY DR. JOSHUA STANSFIELD.

WE take our text from "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and shall have it in sermon and song as we have had it as scripture. One of the great hymns of this Christian Nation, as truly inspired as any National song in any part of the Old Testament and with far more of divine inspiration in it than most of such songs.

Dr. J. Stansfield.

The song of Deborah after the victory of Israel over Egypt was fine, but it does not begin to approach in moral insight, and religious fervor, and large vision and soul expression the hymn we today consider.

If this hymn had been found in one of the Old Testament writings it would be one of the outstanding parts of the Word of God, but God still lives and men and nations still live. The world is not any less than it was 3000 years ago, there are respects in which it is even larger and fuller, and richer, and better, and so long as God lives and human souls shall be passing through the tragedies and trials of human experience God will inspire. While this Bible is preeminently the divine book, inspiration did not cease when the canon of scripture closed; God still lives to inspire the right word and the right song at the right time for his people.

Inspiration Is From God.

Literature comes out of the life of a people. Inspiration is from God and through things. The finest inspirations in the old book and the highest and best utterances came from God, but through men and circumstances. You have not had the best in the whole Bible except as God has touched human life in the most trying circumstances. When that poor woman—Hagar—with her only child was driven out from home and was facing the solitudes of the first night in the wilderness, with a sorrowing heart and a pain and new experience that no words can tell, it was in that situation that she gave utterance to the inspired truth, "Thou, God, seest me." And that word has been full of comfort and strength for people in a thousand generations since then.

It was when one was passing through the valley of the shadow of death that he said "I will fear no evil, for thou art with me." It was when one was passing through the deepest waters and through the bitterest experiences that he heard the voice of God in his soul saying, "Fear thou not, I am with thee, be not dismayed, I am thy God, I will strengthen thee, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." It was when one had passed through the bitter experiences of bereavement, father and mother having gone, that he said, "When my father and my mother forsake me then the Lord will take me up."

Hymn Is an Inspiration.

It takes the experiences of life, dark, severe, deep, trying, to be the occasion through which there comes the highest and best inspirations of God. It has always been thus, the highest music, the greatest oratory, the most persuasive argument, the finest painting, the richest songs, the finest sentiments, the largest services, have been born of God, in and under some of the most trying experiences of life. The rose must be crushed to give its deepest fragrance, and it has ever been true that in the deepest and darkest experiences of life God has spoken, and out of them, and through them, have come the richest and highest and best. It was so with this beautiful hymn. It was first published I think in 1862 in the Atlantic Monthly—1862. Ah, you men, some of you here, know that year far better than I—one of the dark years, almost one of the darkest in the history of the Nation. In '61 Fort Sumpter was fired upon and the rebellion was a fact. A Nation of free men—get it—a Nation of free men were in life and death struggle for something more than any one man or family, or North or South—they were in a death struggle for freedom and human rights, and that government of the people, by the people and for the people should not perish from the earth. The struggle was the fiercest and hardest that any nation had known. Everything for weeks and months, and on into the second and third year seemed to be going against the cause of right, and freedom, and justice, and the Union, and it was under those circumstances, dark, dark, dark, that Julia Ward Howe began to sing for this Nation and for coming generations that wonderful song which we tonight consider. Hear her.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible, swift sword,
His truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah,
His truth is marching on.

Ah, that was it, she saw God in the conflict. It takes faith to see the invisible in the material things of life. It takes true moral insight to see God in a great cruel war, and here was sublimest faith.

How blessed is he to whom is given
The instinct that can tell
That God is on the field
When He is most invisible.

Harriet Beeche Stowe saw that, and she sang it out in a song that will live forever. Others saw a defeat of the forces here, and a defeat there, and a failure of plans here and deepening darkness yonder, but she saw God in the great conflict, and the fact of God in the world's darkest and hardest places is the greatest and grandest fact of all. Further than that, she saw not alone that God was there, but that being there he would achieve according to his character and his purpose. She saw that it was God who was "trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath were stored"; she saw that it was God who had "loosed the lightning of his terrible, swift sword, his truth is marching on," and it could not march on except through and by human life. To see that meant to see the most comforting and strengthening and thrilling truth the human heart can conceive.

Further, in the darkness of those days there was suffering and sorrows, diseases, oh, so many, and so long. Others heard of them; reports came from the South, and East, and here, and there, and they at home thought of the boys in their suffering, in their disease, and in their moral defects, and physical defeats. There were people many who saw only the more visible and terrible things of the war, but this woman saw something deeper, grander, better. Listen to what she says.

I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps,
His day is marching on.
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
His day is marching on.

War an Outcome.

The war of the '60s was not an accident or a happen-so, it was an outcome; it was an outcome of forces which had been at work for some centuries. Morally, nationally, ideally, it was an outcome of 1776, when the Declaration of Human Independence was sent out to all the world. But for 85 years after that "declaration," there was in this country the sad, black, damning fact of human slavery, which gave the lie to American independence. Human slavery was an anomaly in these United States; the logic and implicates of 1776 was freedom for all men, because they were men; and 1861 was the inevitable of 1776. From Colonial days and down to '61, there was the dark, sad fact of human slavery, which John Wesley in his day declared to be "the sum of all human villainies. Slavery, so dark, and bad, and inhuman, that no free people could keep free in its presence. Whenever a person, family, people, or nation begins to play fast and loose with the highest and best principles of their life, "our God is a consuming fire." The man, however bright and strong he may be, who plays fast and loose with a woman's love, or a child's trust, or the high ideals that have been given to him, will be scorched, "our God is a consuming fire." Never has there been a family, a people, or a Nation that has been able to skip that fact. When the horrible practice of slavery, human slavery, had been tolerated and exploited by people who claimed to be a Christian and a free people—oh, they might give a hundred excuses for its continuance—but it was eternally and essentially bad, and no person or people, either for social, or economic, or industrial, or any other reasons, may play fast and loose with the highest principles of life. While others thought that the terrible war of the '60s was a battle between brothers for some outstanding visible result, Julia Ward Howe saw that it was the outcome of certain bad forces which had been at work, and she saw that God, "who is a consuming fire," was now marching through the land.

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:
"As ye deal with my contemners, so with you my grace shall deal."
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel,
Since God is marching on.
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Since God is marching on.

Serpent Must Be Crushed.

Ah, my friends, it is, and always has been true, that the "son of man, the "hero born of woman," must crush the serpent "with his heel." That is what the singer saw; that is the truth of the Bible, and the truth of life. Not alone at Calvary did the son who was born of woman crush the serpent with his heel, but the "son of man" in all times has been the one, and the only one, to crush the serpent with his heel. Whether it ought to be so or not, I am not saying. I am only saying that it is so. The only power that has ever crushed the serpent, put down the enemy, has been the human power in God's hands. There are those who say "Why doesn't God do something in this great war now, why doesn't he step in—why doesn't he step in? You have not read history deeply, you have not read the Scriptures, or you have not read well to speak thus. It is the divine order, and it was so stated at the first, that "the seed of the woman shall bruise the head of the serpent." Wherever the serpent of wrong, or injustice, or inhumanity, or vice, or any form of evil, has put up its ugly head, there has been no power in God's world to put it down except the heel of humans. I wish we could get that—it is a great, deep, Bible truth, and a universally historic fact, and when men ask "Why doesn't God do something, why doesn't he break in?" they are asking that he shall do contrary to the deepest, the highest, and widest, and best laws of life. The only heel that can tread upon the head of the serpent is the heel of the human. "Let the hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel, our God is marching on." And the hero, born of woman, is marching out to crush the head of the serpent in the great world war today.

People Must Crush Vice.

Do you know that it is the best blood and life of a free people that is going forth today? I do not mean merely the boys who are going—we are sending them because they have the best step and the best heel, but the boys are our boys. It may mean more to me for my boy to be there than it does for him. It may mean more to some of these mothers than it does to the boys that are tramp, tramp, tramping today; and it may mean more to the head of this great Nation, and to strong, farseeing, thoughtful, highly moral and large-souled men and women by the thousands throughout America. Oh, people, this is a people's war, it is not an army's war, or a navy's war, or a war of money, or a war of bullets, or a war of governments merely, it is a people's war, and fathers, and mothers, and lovers, and sisters, and friends, and dear ones, and true patriots of middle age and beyond, are feeling the tug and the hurt of this, and are feeling it much, and the hero—the hero born of woman—human life that is heroic enough, and true enough, and brave enough, and sacrificial enough to move out, whether it be sending the boys with all that you can give with them, or sending of your money with all that it can mean, the hero, born of woman, is the only one who can crush the serpent with his heel, while God is marching on.

If England had not stepped out when she did, England was doomed and damned. The only thing that has saved her out of her sad condition is the fact that the best within her was appealed to, and she responded to go out and crush the serpent that was threatening another. If America had not made the choice that Wilson says we now have made, for there was only one choice which we as free men and as humans could make, and we made it, and if we had not, then this Nation, most capable and richest in many respects, and strongest of all the nations of the earth, would have been doomed and damned, because without heroic blood, and heroic sentiment, and heroic souls there can be no permanent National character and life.

Oh, this woman saw it so clearly—"The hero, born of woman shall crush the serpent with his heel," while the American Army? No, While the British force marches? No, "While God is marching on." God is not dead. God has not deserted the world; God is not absent. God is in his world and is marching on in the tramp, tramp of the heels of a million men who are going to crush the head of the serpent which threatens the vital interests of human life. Never has there been any other way so far as we know, nor will there be. There can be no redemption, no salvation, but by heroics and by sacrifices. Oh, that is a wonderful stanza. And then the next, Oh, my; how it thrills. We all feel like responding to it. Listen:

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet;
Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah,
Our God is marching on.

No Retreat Intended.

Not alone in the '60s, but now more widely than ever "God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat." There is only one way, and that is forward; and if it takes the last drop of blood, and the last ounce of strength, and the last bit of financial sacrifice in giving, it must, it must be, for the trumpet has called to go forward. For what? Not alone for the crushing of the head of the serpent, that is one thing, by the way, and in the way, but for something more than that, for the establishment and maintenance and security of human rights and interests everywhere. And that phrase of President Wilson, "To make the world safe for democracy," is one of the most pregnant and impressive phrases that even that great man and master of sentences has yet given, and the trumpet has called for that. We can afford to be defeated occasionally, we can afford to be baffled occasionally, we can afford to fall occasionally, we can afford to die when we fall, but we must die with our faces in that direction. For God will never call retreat.

God's Purpose Seen.

And if America shall not do it and the other nations that are moving on under this great banner and for this expressed purpose, if they shall fail, then heaven will raise up another, for, I tell you, the purpose of God in this world of ours is for the treading down of the serpent and the establishment of God's kingdom, which is a kingdom of human rights, human freedom, fullest human expression, the liberty and freedom of the children of God. Sing the last stanza:

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah,
While God is marching on.

"In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea." He first came down from heaven; but, as we know him, he came up, as lilies do, out of the earth and mud and most unpromising soil, came up in all his beauty. Up and out of some of the hardest and darkest places of our poor earth life "Christ was born across the sea, with a beauty in his visage—his character, his conduct, his life—a beauty of self-sacrificing and self-giving and serving and saving"—a beauty in his visage that transfigures you and me, "as he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free."

The transfiguring power of an heroic sacrifice, an heroic giving and self-surrender and consecration, the transfiguring power of that, will be as great in us, proportionate to our life, as it was in the Christ of Judea. And if this hour goes by without our responding to the occasion, instead of being transfigured—transfigured means made brighter, more glorious and luminous and grand—instead of being transfigured, America would sink back as a greater business Nation, an achiever in material things, a larger and more sordid, blackened life. We have reached the point that we shall either go forward as a Nation and be transfigured by our sacrifice and heroism, or we shall be made more sordid and black by our refusal. And what is true of the American Nation is true of every citizen. If any man manages to get by this day without doing something—I mean in this great crisis, tomorrow or next day, without really doing something—I want to tell you he will be the poorest chap that comes out of this war. O, but the mothers who have given, and the boys who have given, and the fathers who have given, and the lovers who have given, and the business men who have given, and the great men of the Nation who have given of both soul and substance, they will be transfigured. It is according to the law of God and the law of life.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
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