SPECIAL LENTEN MEETINGS INTERESTING CHURCH FOLK

Rev. H. L. Stephens and Wife Inspiring Speakers at Evangelistic Campaign Started by Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, on East Side.

SPECIAL Lenten meetings and sermons are occupying the attention of church folk and are interesting many converts.

Early this past week Centenary Methodist Church, at East Ninth and East Pine streets, started an evangelistic campaign, with the Rev. H. L. Stephens as the inspiring speaker. Assisting him is his wife, an attractive, delightful speaker and musician. The meetings are growing daily in attendance and interest and will continue for two weeks more. Infidels, skeptics and all having doubts regarding religion are especially invited to hear Mr. Stephens tonight, when he will speak on "Five Reasons Why Everyone Ought to Be a Christian." In announcing his theme, Mr. Stephens further stated that he "will give a $10 bill to anyone who can give a feasible reason why any person should not be a Christian." For this morning the evangelist will have as his subject "The Greatest Need of Portland—What Is It?"

When Mr. Stephens held a meeting in Scotland his tabernacle was donated by Sir Joseph McClay, now head of the shipping interests of Great Britain.

One of his prized indorsements is from J. F. Aldridge, superintendent of a large glass works of Alexandria, Ind. He has attracted the attention of men of all classes and conditions and frequently holds meetings announced for "men only."

Dr. T. W. Lane, pastor of Centenary, presides at the present series and introduces the speaker. On Monday Mr. Stephens was a guest at the Ministerial Association.

Many of the churches are feeling the need of revivals just now and are holding special meetings. The St. Lawrence Catholic Church, of which parish Father Hughes is pastor, has held a most successful mission.

In St. Mary's Cathedral the mission this past week has been a great success and has been widely attended. It will continue all this week, and the message will be for men. In St. Francis Catholic Church, of which Father Black is pastor, there has been a splendid mission.

In the Swedish Methodist Church, at Beech and Bancroft streets, revivals have been going on and will continue this week. Today three meetings will be held for Scandinavians.

"The War and the Soul," Dr. Griffis' Theme.

First Christian Church Embarks on Pre-Easter Work.

"THE War and the Soul" will be the one great theme of the First Christian Church from now until Easter. All services and departments of the church will be utilized during the remainder of the Lenten period to deepen the religious life of the membership and also to enlist many new members. A systematic visitation of the homes will be made during the next two weeks by the ladies of the missionary society and during the week immediately preceding Easter the pastor, Rev. Harold H. Griffis, will hold a special preaching service each evening at 7:45. Last year these pre-Easter meetings were eminently successful and the purpose this year is to accomplish even greater things in a spiritual way in order that citizens may be the better prepared for the emergencies growing out of the world war. This morning at 11 the pastor will speak on the subject, "Around the World in Thirty Minutes," and in the evening at 7:45 the topic will be "How God Hates Secrecy."

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LAFAYETTE, Or., March 9.—(Special.)—Rev. M. B. Parounagian was the speaker at the Lafayette Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday, last, when a large congregation heard his lecture on "The Armenian Question."

Professor Alpheus Gillette was elected chorister of the new Methodist Episcopal Church choir last Sunday and the choir will sing for the first time this Sunday at 11 A. M. and at 3 P. M. The Epworth League will meet at 6:30 P. M. Rev. Alfred Bates will preach both morning and evening. Mrs. Esther Gillette will preside at the organ.

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Beginning Wednesday, March 6, Rev. W. J. Beaven will give a series of noon Bible talks in the living-room of the Y. W. C. A. The general subject will be "Easter Messages for Our Day." The talks will continue through Lent. The dates and subjects are as follows: March 6, "The Rightness of God"; March 13, "God's Treasuring of Sacrifice"; March 20, "My Place in God's Plan"; March 27, "The Consecration of Victory." The meetings are to be informal and are open to the public.

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At the Y. W. C. A. vesper service this afternoon at 4:30 Mrs. Edward P. Geary will speak. Her subject will be "A Vision and What Came of It," a story of heroism on the West Coast of Africa. Mrs. E. N. Wheeler will sing and a social hour will follow at 5:30. All girls and men are invited to attend.

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Rev. E. B. Lockwood is doing good work at Clinton Kelly and Lincoln churches. His sermons are attracting good audiences.

Mrs. Mabel Jones delighted the audience of the Clinton Kelly Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday morning with the solo entitled "Face to Face." She will sing there again in the near future.

Salvation Army's War Drive Starts March 17.

Dr. Youngson Will Lead in Campaign to Raise $25,000.

DR. WILLIAM WALLACE YOUNGSON will head the drive for $25,000 for the Salvation Army in war work. The dates set for the drive are March 17 to 24. Dr. Youngson will give his entire time to the cause, which is indorsed by prominent church and business men, and is sure to go with a hum. Dr. Youngson is superintendent of the Methodist churches of the Portland district and is a member of the Rotary Club, an eminent Knight Templar and well known in social service, civic and church work.

Men and women of all denominations and all who know the practical, humanitarian work of the Salvation Army are rallying to the support of Dr. Youngson in the coming drive. It is anticipated that the sum will be reached easily if the promised backing is given. Labor as well as capital is behind the army drive and men and women in all walks of life have promised to assist Dr. Youngson.

Pretty Salvation Army lassies will gather in the dollars. Society men and women will help. In fact all patriotic persons will be interested. The ministers of the city have indorsed the drive and will be among those most loyal in supporting it.

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The regular monthly meeting of the First Congregational Brotherhood Monday evening, which was in the form of a reception to Dr. Pedley, who will be the temporary pastor of the First Congregational Church for three months, was exceptionally well attended and was full of enthusiasm from start to finish. Five of the Portland Congregational ministers were present and made short talks welcoming Dr. Pedley.

Two piano selections were rendered by Professor Lucien E. Becker, who has been engaged as organist for the church commencing April 1.

Dr. Pedley talked to the men on the great opportunity for service that is before the Christian Church of today and especially of the part the men can and must have in the future work of the church. At the close of Dr. Pedley's talk the matter of the every family visit to be made on "Fellowship Sunday," March 17, was discussed and the majority of the men present were registered as being willing to participate in this movement. "Fellowship Sunday" has been designated by this church as the day on which every family of the congregation will be visited by the men of the church.

Dr. Pedley will preach at this evening's service of the church, his subject being "The Devil, the Beasts and the Angels." The members of the church and Dr. Pedley are looking forward to a great work together during his brief stay in Portland.

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Rev. John Parsons, D. D., formerly superintendent of Alaska Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will preach this morning at the Clinton Kelly Methodist Episcopal Church, taking for his subject "The Olivet Message of Jesus." As Mr. Parsons was a former pastor of this church, it is expected a large audience will greet the well-known church worker.

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Rev. R. W. Rogers will preach in Calvary Presbyterian Church on the subjects, "The Meaning of the Phrase 'Everlasting Life'" and "The Success of Kindness."

WELL-KNOWN EVANGELISTS HOLDING INTERESTING REVIVAL MEETINGS IN THE CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH.

Coffee Will Be Served After Church.

First Presbyterian Women and Girls Plan Welcome for Soldiers Sunday Evening.

REV. JOHN H. BOYD, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, corner Twelfth and Alder streets, will inaugurate a new plan this evening in order to welcome the soldiers and give them a touch of home. This is the plan to make the evening services specially attractive to the soldiers and to provide some entertainment and refreshments for them in the church house after the service is dismissed. Tonight for the first time the mothers and girls of the church will welcome the soldier boys in the reception room after the evening service and have a musical programme and give them coffee and sandwiches.

The sermon in the evening, by Dr. John H. Boyd, will be the second in a series on "Four Great Questions Concerning Jesus Christ." The subject is "What Does Jesus Mean by Asking Men to Follow Him?"

In the morning, at 10:30, Dr. Boyd will have the second in another series on "Some Large Values of Religion." This special subject is "Religion and the Task of Right Living." There will be special music both morning and evening and both services are in the line of preparation for the Easter services of March 31.

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In announcing his theme for today Dr. E. H. Pence, of Westminster Presbyterian Church, said:

"When a Russian army refused to go to battle with the German forces until a vote of the privates had been taken they illustrated the universal cause of failures. It is either a refusal to function or an attempt to function at something for which there is no qualification which is the fertile cause of life's failures."

Dr. Pence will discuss the moot question of alleged failure of the church to function to the times. There are things honest with the truth to be said on both sides. Westminster Church, East Seventeenth street North and Schuyler at 10:30 A. M. At night, "Metaphors of Life; The Builders."

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Today will be the last Sunday of the revival campaign held at the Swedish Tabernacle, Glisan and North Seventeenth streets.

The forenoon service will begin at 10 o'clock with a Sunday school rally, when the Sunday schools will be present at the service of the church. The Sunday school at Powell Valley also is expected to be present. Rev. August Skogsbergh will preach to young and old. In the afternoon at 3:30 he will give seven reasons why he became a Christian when he was young. The song service in the evening will begin at 7 o'clock. This will be the last sermon of the evangelist during the campaign.

Offerings will be taken at all the services. The church chorus is expected to be present at all the meetings.

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In continuation of the series of sermons on the book of Revelation, Rev. E. D. Hornschuch, pastor, First Evangelical Church, East Sixth and Market streets, will use as a basis for the 11 o'clock sermon this morning the tenth chapter.

"Winning Men One by One" Is Dr. Waldo's Topic.

Discourses Are Arranged by Pastor Especially for Young People.

"WINNING Men One by One," will be the subject of Dr. W. A. Waldo's discourse at the White Temple this morning. He will discuss the question of the church being brought into new relations and the realization of a much-needed sympathy and personal interest that is everywhere apparent—the obligation of world evangelism as the need of the moment. This reaches into every sphere of life—the individual, the family, the city, the state, the republic, the world.

"The tragic need of the hour is for a deeper and more abiding expression of brotherly love and interest with every member of the social and spiritual body," declares Dr. Waldo.

"The Glory of the Cross" will be the subject for Dr. Waldo's evening discourse, the second in his Easter series on "The Wondrous Cross." These discourses are especially delivered for young people.

The Temple quartet will render special and appropriate music at each of these services.

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Miss Helena Martin, of San Francisco, will speak at 11 A. M. today in the Metaphysical Library, 401 Central building.

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On Friday, a patriotic programme was given and an address made by F. J. Meyer.

"Mission Work in America," Mrs. Woodbury's Subject.

Boston Woman Will Tell of Experiences With All Kinds of People.

A DISTINGUISHED and interesting visitor in Portland is Mrs. Ida Vose Woodbury, of Boston, who is here to speak at several of the Congregational churches and to tell of mission work. Not only missions among the black, the white and other peoples, but social service work and immigrant aid come under the notice of this eloquent speaker and untiring worker.

This morning Mrs. Woodbunry will speak in the First Congregational Church.

This evening Mrs. Woodbury, who is field secretary for the American Missionary Association, will speak at the Atkinson Memorial Church. Mrs. Woodbury has traveled much throughout the country and much of her time has been given to studying the condition of the whites in the Tennessee mountains. Her stories of the loyalty of these people and the sacrifices they have made are most fitting for the present time. Of one trip far away from the railroad among the mountains, where she found an aged woman who had never seen the stars and stripes and her return there months later with the present of a flag, she tells an unforgettable story.

In the morning Rev. Warren Morse, the pastor, will speak on the loneliness of men, even when to all outward appearances the seem contented in friendly surroundings. Six new members were received into the church last Sunday.

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In East Side Baptist Church last Sunday the pastor, Dr. Hinson, preached the first sermon of the second year of his present pastorate. At the morning service 20 adults came into the acknowledged membership of the church.

At the evening service several others came forward to confess Christ, and three offered themselves for baptism, and the candidates are now awaiting the ordinance of believers' baptism, which will be administered at the Sunday services.

In the morning, Dr. Hinson will take for his theme, "The Two Great Questions of the Damascus Road." The questions asked by Saul of Tarsus, "Who Art Thou, Lord?" and "Lord, What Wilt Thou Have Me to Do?" The sermon will show that life is at its highest and best when lived under the influence and impetus of the questions and answers that will be discussed at the service of the morning hour.

At night, Dr. Hinson will preach his second sermon on the "Return of the Lord" as misrepresented by Schailer Matthews, of Chicago.

The week preceding Easter Sunday will be given over to a nightly service with a sermon, leading up to the glad Easter Sabbath. The Sunday school is working and praying for a baptism service, when many from the school will publicly confess Christ in this ordinance.

The Baptist Young People's Union invite all young people to their service, which commences at 6:30 o'clock, and merges into the preaching service at 7:45.

The Sunday school meets in the morning at 9:50, and classes are arranged for all ages.

Ministers of All Denominations Plan Union Meetings.

Dr. Hutchison and Dr. Hinson to Speak in First Methodist Church.

UNION meetings for churches of all denominations have been planned by the ministers of the city and will be held Tuesday evening, March 12 and 19, in the auditorium of the First Methodist Church.

On the first occasion Dr. A. L. Hutchison, pastor of Piedmont Presbyterian Church and president of the ministerial association, will speak, and on the latter Dr. W. B. Hinson, pastor of the East Side Baptist Church, will make the address.

These two meetings will lead up to a large mass meeting to be held in the Municipal Auditorium Easter Sunday afternoon, at 3:15 o'clock. It is probable down town meetings will be held during Holy week and that the ministers will use every effort to make the coming events a factor of city-wide revival.

Bishop M. S. Hughes will speak this morning in the First Methodist Church and in the evening Dr. Stansfield, the pastor, will give the second of his series of sermons.

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At Highland Congregational Church, corner Prescott and Sixth streets, on Sunday night at 7:30 there will be a song service, a real people's sing, led by a chorus, under the direction of Miss Orrel Rose, which will be followed by an address by the pastor, Rev. Edward Constant, on "Our Boys in France." This talk will be frank and forceful and of special interest to all those who have friends serving the cause of America in France.

Stars have to be added to the flag from time to time, for the number of boys from this church who have entered service under the colors continues to grow. The ministrations of the pulpit are such as to foster a patriotism which is brave, broad and brotherly. The theme of the morning sermon will be "The Gift of Self to God and Humanity."

"Does It Pay to Pray?" Is Dr. Morrison's Topic.

Soldiers and Sailors Especially Invited to Trinity Church Service.

"DOES It Pay to Pray?"

This will be the question from which Dr. A. A. Morrison, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, will preach at 11 o'clock this morning. All men in uniform are invited. It is of interest to know that at Trinity each service the soldiers, sailors and all men in service in the cause of freedom are prayed for, especially the men whose names are on the honor roll.

There will be a special musical programme. Lucien E. Becker, organist, will play "Kamenoi-Ostrow," by Rubenstein. Uniformed men are invited and their friends are asked to be guests. All will be welcomed. The evening song will be at 8 o'clock tonight and will be preceded by a meeting of the Good-fellowship Society at 7 o'clock, to which all young people of the congregation are invited.

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Bishop Walter A. Sellew, of Jamestown, N. Y., arrived at 10:30 last evening from Los Angeles, Cal., where he has been looking after the interests of the church work, and will preach for Rev. Alexander Beers in the First Free Methodist Church, East Ninth and Mill streets, both Sunday morning and night. Bishop Sellew is here in the interest of a campaign to raise money to liquidate the indebtedness on Seattle Pacific College, an institution widely known in the denomination. Rev. Mr. Beers was for many years president of this school, and is co-operating with the bishop and others in this campaign.

The services at night will be missionary in character. Bishop Sellew is president of the general missionary board of the Free Methodist Church and has traveled around the world and made extensive trips to foreign countries in the interest of the work. The bishop is accompanied by Mrs. Sellew, who will assist in the missionary meeting.

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At the First Methodist Church, corner of Twelfth and Taylor streets Bishop M. S. Hughes will preach a "before-Easter" sermon this morning. Tonight at 7:30 Dr. Stansfield will preach his second Sunday night sermon on "The End of the World," a continuation on the "Second Coming of Christ, So-Called."

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Following are subjects for sermons to be given in St. James' Lutheran Church by Rev. W. E. Brinkman:

Sunday, March 10—A. M., "The Power of the Cross"; P. M., "The Title on the Cross."

Thursday, March 14—"Father, Forgive Them, For They Know Not What They Do."

Sunday, March 17—A. M., "Verily, I Say Unto Thee, Today Shall Thou Be With Me in Paradise"; P. M., "Woman, Behold Thy Son! Son, Behold Thy Mother."

Thursday, March 21—"My God! My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?"

Holy Week.

Palm Sunday, March 24—A. M., "The King of Kings." Confirmation, reception to new members and baptism of children. P. M., sacred cantata, "The Crucifixion," by St. James Choir, J. Stainer.

Wednesday, March 27—"I Thirst."

Holy Thursday, March 28—"It Is Finished."

Good Friday, March 29—"Father, Into Thy Hands, I Commend My Spirit." Preparatory service and holy communion. Communion offering.

Easter Sunday, March 31—A. M., "The Hope of Easter." Holy communion with communion offering. P. M., Easter programme by the Sunday school.

Piedmont Church Adopts Slogan for Month.

"Make March Memorable" to Be Motto of Organization for Period.

PIEDMONT Presbyterian Church has adopted a slogan for the month of March—"Make March Memorable." One of the events to this end will be the Service Flag programme to be given tonight at 7:30. "Old Glory" will be raised with proper accompanying exercises and music. Then the Service Flag will be unveiled, bearing 20 stars. The roll of names will be called and location of the men given.

The popular Veteran's Quartet will participate.

An orchestra will assist and Sergeant Webb, of Vancouver Cantonment, will be special soloist. Lieutenant Burkett from the same cantonment, will deliver the address of the evening. The regular church choir will sing. At 11 A. M., Dr. Hutchison, the pastor of the church, will preach on "The More Excellent Way."

The Woman's Missionary Society of the church closed a prosperous year with a session at the home of Mrs. C. E. Griffiths, on Wednesday last.

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"Healing" is the subject of an address to be given by Mrs. Agnes M. Lawson in the Divine Science Center, 186 Fifth street, Sunday at 8 P. M. The morning topic is "The Old and the New."

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Monday night, March 11, the fourth session of the Christian Endeavors' Co-Workers' class, under the leadership of Mrs. W. E. Wright, will meet at 7:45 P. M. at the First Christian Church. The study taken up by this class is under different lines than have been undertaken by Christian Endeavor societies before, as it prepares their members for the personal work for which they have pledged themselves in the co-workers' pledge, which is the latest movement of the Christian Endeavor Unions.

The programme of classes, which has been revised, is as follows:

March 11—"Excuses."

March 18—"The Honest Doubter and the Dishonest Doubter."

March 25—"False Religion."

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"The Heritage of Half a Century," a stereopticon lecture on the history and work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will be given by Mrs.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE MEANS CONTINUAL GROWTH IN STRENGTH

Dr. John H. Boyd Answers Question: "What Are We Here For?"—Activity Without Aim Results in Wasted Effort and Lost Opportunity.

I beseech ye therefore, brethren, that ye increase more and more.—I Thes. iv:12.

I came that they might have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.—John x:10.

BY DR. JOHN H. BOYD,
First Presbyterian Church.

THE association of these two passages brings into view a single truth, but in two differing aspects. The words of the Apostle Paul are an earnest exhortation to the Thessalonian Christians to enlarge their lives, adding force to force and worth to worth, until life had reached its highest possible strength and value.

The words of Jesus are an interpretation of the meaning of man's existence here in the world, and an explanation of his own relation to the difficult problem of living. He came that men might really live—live at their best and their finest! He came to release them from disabling limitations which defeat this noble purpose. He came to show them the way into the larger life. He came to administer the impulse that would enable them to reach their better life.

Great Questions Asked.

Now, from these two declarations we are able to frame a partial answer, at least, to the most pregnant question which one can ask. There is no question which reaches so far and means so much as the simple words: What are we here in the world for? What are we to do and what are we to become? What would be that use of our life which would most completely meet the supreme obligation of existence? These are tremendous questions, very easy to utter, very simple in the framing, but hard to answer adequately. I do not believe that an exhaustive or final answer can be found by us. There is not sufficient data. We do not understand God well enough. We do not understand ourselves well enough. We do not understand the universe well enough. The infinite paths which lead out into eternity cannot be followed far enough by our eye. But I claim that a partial and tentative answer to those great questions can be constructed by us.

Look at ourselves. Think of what we are, and you find that our being, our personality, however you describe our self, is an aggregation of vital forces. All kinds of energy are wrapped up on the inside of us. All kinds of faculties and powers belong to us. Take the mind in all the manifold fields of its operations, reason, memory, imagination and all the rest. Take the great emotional powers with their vibrancy, their capability of enkindlement of burning with fierce or holy passion. Take all the range of choice and decision, and the qualities of character. And here in all of them we find the possibility of expansion, the possibility of rupning out the diameter of ourselves into some larger thing than we have ever attained.

The Meaning of Life Told.

So we see that the meaning of life is the increase of our self. It is the entrance upon a large measure of life, so that we shall have fullness and energy, and a harmonious development, and be able to command the energies and resources of our personality in the largest and completest way.

Now, however inadequate this description of life may be, I am certain that the answer to the great question lies in the direction I have pointed toward. I believe that your own conscience is answering back with an affirmative, "Yes, I ought to be the largest possible man or woman that I am capable of becoming! I ought to increase. I ought to abound. I ought to lay hold of the resources that are within my reach. I ought to make the best and finest application of all that belongs to my personality."

Holding this definition of life's meaning in view, if we look across the fields of mankind our eye falls upon the tragedy of failure. There are men and women who have gone down in defeat, who have never accomplished, never realized themselves. They have been broken under the strain of temptation. They have been marred and twisted, so that all the magnificent functions of their lives are not available for the higher uses of life, and they will never reach, will never attain. They are there lying upon the waste heap. They can never come back. That is the tragedy of life's failure. It is terrible in its aspects, and yet, thank God, the number of those who do completely fail is very small compared to the number of those who live.

At the other end of society's diameter are the stalwart men and women, the large, the strong and the competent. They have increased their lives. They have made that growth and development which has put them into possession of life's forces and life's resources, and they are there living worthily. They are doing the large things of the world. They are doing the great feeling and resolving of the world. It is their hearts that are furnishing the impulse to progress; their wills that are creating the highways into tomorrow. They are competent men and women who with magnificent courage are breaking down the roughness of life, and are battling against the weaknesses that overcome their weaker kind, and they are making the earth a livable place, sweet and beautiful, as they open the pathways of the future.

Negative Masses Cited.

Lying in between the masses that have failed and the strong, stalwart, competent leadership of the world, there lies the great common mass of men and women. You cannot classify them in either extreme. They are not failures. They have not sunken to a low level. Neither are they successful. They have never risen high. They are the unrealized, the undeveloped. They are those who have never taken a large and serious view of life. They have never, in some calm, separated hour, asking themselves the deep, penetrating questions with which I have already cited. They have never gone into themselves and taken account of the assets of life. They have never sat down and made an inventory of their values and their resources. They have never understood what a magnificent thing it is to live, to fulfill one's destiny, to go out upon the rim of one's self, and live through all the circumstances of one's possibilities!

They have never faced the difficulties and the dangers of fine living. There is in them an incomplete condition of life, unawakened, irresolute; they are living a life which is neither failure nor success.

It is this class of people in a negative, irresolute and incompetent state, who are being plied from every side at the present time with influences to arouse them. Take the whole cult of efficiency, very characteristic of the business world at this time, which is trying to bring a man to the tasks of life and the fields of business endeavor with sufficient force and knowledge and competency to succeed. The magazines and schools of business training are everywhere addressing themselves to the masses of business men and telling them that there are resources available for them which they have never used. The method is an approach to the whole manhood. While the object is salesmanship, or efficient management in some business somewhere, still the effort is with the inward man in an attempt to draw out the undeveloped forces and resources of the common man, in order that he may come upon the field of business endeavor with more of himself invested in life's task. The plea is for escape from the realm of the negative into the realm of the positive, into the aggressive, forceful, positive energies of one's manhood!

Then from another direction we have the influence of what is called the New Thought. This type of thought has developed sufficient magnitude and penetration to influence all of our forms of thinking at the present time. The New Thought teacher talks about the untapped reservoirs of the sub-conscious self. It does not matter whether respectable psychologists recognize the subconscious powers or not, the new teacher has created his own vocabulary, and he tells us that there are unsounded deeps, resources of energy within us, that there is an omnipotence in the concentrated will and thought, able to breeak down all barriers and make manhood a powerful, efficient thing!

Still again our modern and highly scientific psychologists are doing precisely the same thing from their own position. Take the writings of William James, and again and again in those writings he calls the attention of the reader to the fact that the most of men are not in possession of their full powers. They are not bringing them into action. Their reserve forces are not mobilized and available in the action of life. He says that "most men are but half awake." "Their fires are damped." "Their drafts are checked." I am quoting these phrases from James' teachings. Somehow or another we are all in a state of repression, of half developed. Our full resources and powers of life are not in play.

Christian View of Life Shown.

And now we go back to the very fountain head of Christianity; we sit and listen to the vibrant words of the Apostle Paul; to the teachings of the Divine Master himself, and they approach man from the same direction. "I beseech you, therefore, that ye increase more and more." "I am come that ye may have life abaundantly." In such full measure, so developed, so intensified, that it shall bubble up and overflow, and a man shall live through all the diameter and cover the whole circumference of his possibilities.

This is the essential duty, the supreme responsibility of life. If this be true, why is it that so many of us are in this middle ground between complete moral failure and the larger reaches of life's competency and fullness? That is where the masses of men and women are, in this indeterminate neighborhood and territory of the half-accomplished. Why is it? My own answer is that there is wanting in man's life a quality which corresponds to what we know as courage. I do not believe that men and women have the courage to live their larger selves. It is no easy task to take a raw piece of undeveloped human uature, with all its inward potencies dormant, just a promise, the mind just awake and sleepily looking out upon the world of reality; the heart just moving in slow vibrations of passion—and to so fill that mind that it shall know, and so awaken that heart that it shall be keenly alive with the finest and divinest emotions, costs an effort. To throw oneself into the attitude of protecting one's innocence, keeping one's will from being warped by the evils of the world, requires tremendous energy—a struggle. Then to take up a task that is large and full and worthy and to let all the trivial and inconsequential things of life drop from us until we concentrate upon some golden value to which we can address ourselves and work out to completeness—all this requires a fine measure of energy and courage.

This strenuous life, the life of application and earnestness, lies in one direction, while in another stretch away the smooth, pleasant fields of indulgence, of peace and of quietude. There is no risk there, no chance to struggle; everything is smiling and peaceful. The currents of life move on unruffled, unbroken by the rocks or the rapids or dangers whatsoever. We smile in our careless way, choosing the drifting life. We smile, refusing to pay the enrgetic price for the larger manhood.

Activity Without Aim.

The world is full of activities, noble deeds are being done; there are agitations and movements making for human progress, and these people of the middle realm, seeing that the world is in motion, instead of gripping some splendid action and bringing it to completion and contributing that to the world, simply fill their lives with motion. Have you ever noticed that the little people, the people who seek the easy ways of life, are the busiest of all people? They must stimulate the higher qualities of being and therefore they find for themselves a multitude of empty trivialities and inconsequential things. They are the people who never have time for anything.

They rattle in their movements because they are light. They are largely the people who lie upon hospital beds in nervous prostration. The men and the women who are doing things that are worth while are rarely stricken with nervous over-strain. It is the little people who fret their nerves with the rattling of things small and empty.

Such people are unwilling to make the hard choice. They haven't the courage to live. Life is not easy. Its successes conceal themselves and must be uncovered. Its higher places are all approached by rugged paths up which a man must bruise himself as he walks. There is necessity for struggle, and we simply refuse to pay the price of effort. It is too costly, and we fall back into the great middle realm where we refuse either to fail completely or to work out any large task.

Soldier's Courage Surprises.

I have recently been in the atmospheres of courage. I advise you men and women to make a visit, under the right guardianship so that you can get into the spirit of the thing, to one of these naval stations or to one of the Army camps. They breathe an atmosphere of magnificent courage. What impressed me most deeply and made me vibrate most keenly was the abandon with which these young soldiers are choosing the hard places and their eagerness to get into the places of danger.

I discovered at the naval station that the average age of the men is under 20. There are no drafted men in the Navy. As my mind got to thinking, I remembered that poster on every bulletin board of the land inviting men to enlist with the marines and sailors "because they were the first to fight," and the splendid courage of our young manhood seized the opening of an opportunity to "be first in the fight." They rushed toward the Navy in overwhelming numbers. An audience room full of these young sailors and marines is so electrical with the spirit of intense patriotism that it is very difficult to address them. Every suggestion starts the cheer or brings them to their feet to the interruption of the speaker. After my address, there came up a dimpled, rosy-cheeked fellow with a complexion that a girl might envy, a veritable Adonis; I thought within myself, "You darling boy; you ought to be at home with your mother!" He was only 17 years of age, but when he looked me in the face and took me by the hand, there was an iron touch that sent a dart of pain through my hand. I looked at him and thought within myself, "Baby? This man has found himself and the strength and fire of his young manhood in the Nation's defense and glory. He has the courage to live!"

So it was at the Army camp. I found my way to the machine gun target practice. This branch of the service is called "the Suicide Club," the dangers of it are so great. As I walked along behind the guns, a young officer stepped out with smiling face to greet me. I remarked that I expected to find him in another part of the camp. "Oh, no, I am right here. This is the service that is worth while. Behind these guns is the only place." Magnificent courage! The whole camp was vibrant with this spirit.

The courage to be a soldier! The courage to fulfill their lives! The courage to stand up before the weapons of death and fulfill the soldier's duty!

Secret of Large Living Told.

The soldier has discovered the secret of all noble being. I came back out of the martial atmosphere to tell you that not only is the secret of living in camp and on battlefield courage, but out there where you, with your defeats, your half-realized and unresourceful selves, sneaking around trying to find the smooth way, the secret of your life, too, is courage. Ah, you need to stand by the side of that magnificent manhood who went out among the rough ways of life and found ruggedness and cruelties. He was pricked with pain. He was tried and troubled. At the end he traveled the dark ways of Golgotha. He went calmly, courageously the whole sad journey. The ages look back, and silhouetted against the eternal sky is the form of a man who had the courage to live. There was no whining, no complaining of God or the universe, no faltering or fears. With all the shadows lying deeply about him, ruggedness and hardship under his feet, he went on with unblanched cheek and fulfilled himself. The man of courage!

Let us here, on this middle ground of compromise and half-living, note that unpossessed territory which ought to be won, the resources not yet available, the power not yet in action, the larger worth of manhood and womanhood which we have never dared to reach; then let us, in touch with the one perfect man, go out into the field of life's endeavor and find the courage to live!