

# CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN DRIVE TO COLLECT \$2,500,000

## War Conditions Threaten to Hamper Church Work—Rev. H. H. Griffith Leads Campaign in Portland District.

**T**O SAVE their colleges and hospitals and orphanages from menacing deficits caused by war conditions, the Christian churches of America, representing the religious body known as Disciples of Christ, are now in a drive to raise \$2,500,000. The Christian congregations of Multnomah County are asked to contribute \$6000 as their share of the general fund.

Rev. Harold H. Griffith, pastor of the First Christian Church, is leading the local drive and is holding rallies in the various churches. In each rally the different phases of the war emergency are presented by a team of six speakers. Splendid audiences have gathered for these special meetings and deep interest has been manifested in the cause.

Several \$500 subscriptions have already been promised and the leaders feel confident that Multnomah County will sustain Oregon's reputation and go over the top.

Rallies were held last week in the Christian churches of Kern Park, Woodlawn and East Side. This week there were rallies at Hancock, Montavilla and Gladstone.

This morning at the First Christian Church, Rev. Mr. Griffith, the pastor, will speak on "The Call of Our Faith," and in the evening at 7:45 he will deliver an address on "The World's Crisis in the Home of the Church," the second in a series of Sunday evening sermons on "The Evolution of the Church, or Helps From Our Religious Neighbors."

### "Reconstruction," Subject of Dr. Morrison's Sermon.

Pastor Today Will Discuss Moral and Spiritual Phases of Process.

**D**R. A. MORRISON will discuss "Moral and Spiritual Reconstruction," a significant subject, this morning in Trinity Church. He will weave his thoughts about the war, and his bread upon the waters. Ecc. xii, and will emphasize the fact that moral and spiritual principles are just as actively involved in the great war as are men, money and material. At 8 o'clock services and at all church services as well as their friends are made especially welcome.

There will be a celebration of the holy communion in the chapel at 8 o'clock in the morning and Sunday school at 9:45 in the parish house, Nineteenth and Davis streets, to which all children, especially those of the neighborhood, whether members of Trinity parish or not, are invited.

In the evening there will be a meeting of the Goodwill Society at 7 in the parish house, to which all young people are cordially invited. Tea and refreshments will be served at a pleasant hour is enjoyed by all. At the 8 o'clock evening service there will be a short address, following evening prayer.

At 3 o'clock today Dr. A. I. Hutchinson will lecture on "The Tribulation." The address will be at Hope Hall, 288 Alder street.

A special course of study has been carried out during the past months. Rev. Walter Duff has lectured. The revelation is to be completed Wednesday and Friday. Rev. Mr. Miller will sing and speak. Rev. W. Duff has had two weeks' Bible conference in Gresham and will continue another week.

"The necessity for Bible teaching is shown by the past months. He has caught the untaught," the leaders say. At Hope Hall special talks showing the errors of Russellism caused a great stir. Rev. Duff has had two weeks' Bible conference in Gresham and will continue another week.

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## Dr. J. H. Boyd Discusses "God's Day of Making a New Start With an Old World."

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First Presbyterian Church.

Revelations xiii-4—And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth are passed away. And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven, having the glory of God. Behold, I make all things new.

I HAVE a friend, a young lady, who in going to the moving picture shows has formed the habit, when anything distressing or brutal came on the screen, of shutting her eyes. In viewing war pictures she tells me her eyes are closed most of the time.

We smile at this naive way of attending the picture shows, but the method of my friend has been converted by many into a serious philosophy of life, which is, at the present hour, being applied to the facts of life. They disregard the unpleasant. They shut their eyes to the thing that is brutal and painful. Whatever we do not desire, let us declare its unreality and smile!

Over against this way of taking life's hard realities is another, adopted by a great man sitting in influential places in Washington. He has taken this expression over and over again: "Whether we like it or not, the facts are so and so."

This is the highest wisdom. It does not matter what the attitude of thought may be nor where our principles and syllogisms, wrought out from the desires of our hearts, lead us. You cannot alter the reality of things. No matter what kind of a world you would like to see around you; no matter what you would like to think to be true, you are utterly impotent to change the stern, gaunt facts of life as it is.

Therefore it is but rational and manly, it is the only basis of a genuine life, to stand squarely upon one's feet and with an honest and fearless heart look life in the face, whether it frown or whether it smile.

If we deal honestly with life we shall discover some tremendously significant things, the first of which is this:

**Creator and His Laws.**  
That man is not a primary, but a secondary being; that he is not independent, but very dependent; that he has been introduced into a world which he has no choice into a system of things which is under the control of a divine Creator who is working under inexorable laws, in a direction which he himself has chosen, and that man must live his life upon terms appointed by that Creator.

Now, I know how this sounds in your hearing. There is a way to state this fact, so fundamental and to my mind so irresistibly true, which makes it very offensive—very dark and cruel. The words of Omar Khayyam bite when you read them:

street recently. Hope Hall is between Third and Fourth streets.

Those interested in Alaska and its story are invited to the Atkinson Memorial Church at 8 o'clock this evening. Rev. H. H. Wilkoff, of San Francisco, is to speak on this interesting territory. He will tell about the natives, the "Sourdoughs," the resources, the scenery and some wonderful stories of the land and the people. All this will be illustrated by lantern-slide pictures.

The pastor, Rev. Warren Morse, will speak at the morning service on the tremendous call of the hour.

### "The Personal Touch" Is Dr. Waldo's Morning Topic.

White Temple Pastor Tonight Will Speak on "A Call to Action."

**D**R. WILLIAM A. WALDO, of the White Temple, will preach this morning on the subject "The Personal Touch" and in the evening on "A Call to Action."

This church is extending an invitation to all people, particularly those in the heart of the city, to attend its services. The pastor welcomes all the soldiers who come to the city and they are assured a place in the affections of the people of the White Temple.

This evening the ordinance of baptism will be administered to several men who have come into the church during the month.

"Feculiarities of the Disciples of Christ," will be the subject of Rev. J. W. Jenkins' topic at the Mountavilla Christian Church this morning. Tonight the pastor will speak on "The Christian From the Life of a Penitent Robber."

Bishop Sumner, in his address to the Sunday school at the White Temple, urged parents and boys to consider the duty for some of the young men to study for the ministry. He declared that if the boys of the country didn't consider this a duty and a privilege the ranks of the clergy soon would have no one to fill up the gaps and answer the call of the church.

The following is a series of lectures planned by Mrs. Florence Crawford: "Theology evening healing lectures, assembly room, Hotel Portland, at 8 o'clock. 'Overcoming Fear,' May 2; 'Instantaneous Healing,' May 9; 'Restoring the Eyesight,' May 16; 'Healing of Poverty,' May 23; 'The Law of Healing,' May 30.

Tuesday afternoon class, bios room, Hotel Portland, at 3 o'clock. "Parables, Made Plain," The Tarsas, April 20; "The Seed and the Sower," The Tarsas, April 27; "The Parable of the Leaven," The Tarsas, May 4; "The Parable of the Mustard Seed," May 11; "The Parable of the Sower," May 18; "The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares," May 25; "The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats," May 31.

The thirty-third annual convention of the Oregon State Sunday School Association closed in Salem yesterday. There was a good attendance from Portland. The addresses were good and reports inspiring.

Dr. W. W. Youngson will go to Williams to preach in the new Methodist Church there May 12. The pastor, Rev. C. B. Harrison, is a young minister who has met with great success at Williams, due to his tact, ability and willingness to serve.

The usual services will be held today at the Laurelwood, Congregational Church, Forty-fifth street and Irving, fifth street Southeast. The Sunday school will be at 10 o'clock and the regular church service at 11 o'clock. The sermon will be given by the pastor, Mrs. J. J. Handsaker, subject, "Stretcher Bearers."

German people the dominating people of the world.

You see it is a very serious matter when men get to measuring the direction in which the almighty power of the universe is moving.

Now, had the reach of the German intelligence and investigation been wider, their historians and philosophers would have discovered that so far from the divine moving in the direction of setting up an autocratic power such as theirs in the world, the world have seen that he was moving in the direction of democracy. One of the fundamental principles of the universe is that I understand the almighty power of the universe at least this far, that he is moving the nations of the world in the direction of freedom.

A hundred and forty years ago there was no kingless country in the world and never had been except a few patches of sterile aristocracy or democracy scattered here and there through the fields of history. Then America dreamed her dream of freedom and power for the masses. From that hour on through a brief century the whole Western Hemisphere has become kingless and men are trying to work out the destiny of nations and social life without the leadership or the authority of a single hereditary head.

Quiet and somnolent Asia even has awakened to this hope in the 19th century. Poor, blind China has been aroused and feels the desire for freedom. The hundreds of millions of India are rocking like the restlessness of the sea. They have caught the vision of democracy. So we find that the fields of history are being opened the passion for democratic liberty. God is moving humanity in that direction.

But notice how partial this theory of human development is. It only covers the past 140 years. What about the older centuries? Is there any vast inclusive conception which reaches across the centuries, generation and century after century, gathering into itself something of the age-long movement of mankind? I believe that there is.

**Righteousness God's Aim.**  
Matthew Arnold has supplied us with a description of God which is highly significant. Reviewing what man has been and wrought out in the centuries of his collective life, he says that "God is a power that makes for righteousness."

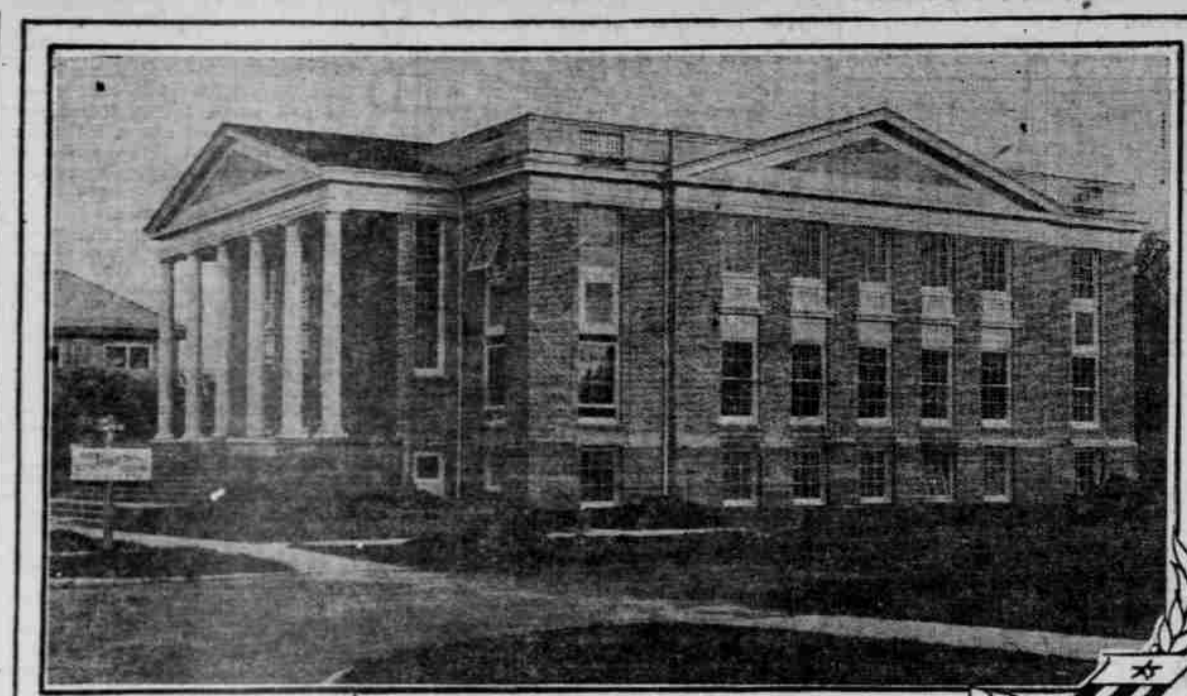
Now, recall what you know of the serious literature of the world—the dramas of Greece, sacred writings of the East, all books of every age and people which express the largest, finest thoughts and feelings of the world—the heart of all of them there is the idea of the essentiality of morality.

We say that the world needs light. Light for what? In order to discover more clearly the pathway that leads to justice and to equity. We say that humanity needs a new will. A new will for what? In order that it may grasp with firmer hold that eternal, unchangeable action of right doing. Morality is

the integrating principle of all civilization. It is that which stabilizes the intellect, that which brings happiness wherever man is happy.

So we are bound to stand up and look at this tremendous fact that the cause of rightness in whom we call God, created and is governing the world, in order that rightness and equity, in order that purity and sincerity of motives, and that the brotherhood, might be established in the relationships of mankind.

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### New Corvallis Church to Be Open Every Day.

Thoroughly Modern Church Edifice Dedicated by Congregationalists.

**C**ORVALLIS, Ore., April 27.—(Special.)—Corvallis Congregationalists dedicated their new house of worship early in April and the building is con- sidered by state officials to be one of the most modern structures of that denomination in the state. The church was built for practical service and when in readiness will be open to the public seven days of the week. It will be equipped with athletic fixtures, rest rooms and all other features that may add to the comfort and pleasure of its members and friends.

Congregationalism had its origin in Corvallis in the early eighties and one of the first pastors was Rev. J. F. Gormley, D. D. His morning theme will be "The Great Physician," and at the evening service, "What Advantage Then Hath the Jew?" Bible school is at 10 A. M. and Christian Endeavor meeting at 7 P. M.

At Mount Taber Methodist Episcopal Church Rev. E. O. Eldridge, pastor, will preach today, Morning, "Beauty of Self-Physicians," and at the evening service, "The Light of Right."

The subject of Rev. W. E. Brinkman's sermon this morning at St. James' church, will be "The Lifting Hand," and tonight, "The Unchangeable God."

Tonight at the Highland Congregational Church, corner of Prescott and Sixth streets, the pastor, Rev. Edward Constant, will draw some practical lessons from the great world conflict, when he will take for his subject "Stories From the Battle Front." The subject of the morning discourse will be "Going Down to Jericho, or Be Neighborly."

reappointed as pastor of the First Free Methodist Church for the third year, was elected to represent the Oregon conference at the coming general conference of his denomination. This is the highest honor which the conference can bestow upon one of its ministers.

will occupy the pulpit this morning and tonight, taking for his morning subject "Mobilizing the Forces and Resources of the First Free Methodist Church." The pastor will also preach in the evening, and special music has been arranged for these services. Donald L. MacPhee will sing.

At Westminister Presbyterian Church this morning Dr. E. H. Pence will speak on "Christ and Democracy." At 7:30 P. M. he will have as his subject "Night and Covardice." He will commence his work at Camp Lewis next week.

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