

# DOUBLE OBSERVANCE IS PLANNED IN PORTLAND BY CHURCHES

## Children's Day Programme Will Be Typical of June-Time Events—Bible Day Also Sunday Feature.

TODAY will be Children's day in many churches and Bible day in practically all the Protestant churches of the city that are affiliated with the Portland Ministerial Association.

The Children's day programmes will be the typical June-time events, with songs and recitations by the little people and with flowers and other adornments the meeting places. To add a note of timeliness there will be flags in profusion and the programme will be patriotic in nature.

Bible day means that the pastors will present to their congregations this question: "Do you think it desirable that the Bible should be represented in the public schools?"

Sermons on "The Bible" will be given. While all of the ministers that favor the whole Bible be placed in the schools, all of them at their meeting last Monday declared that they favored its representation, at least by extracts, in some form in the schools. After the question has been put up to the congregations a message, expressing the verdict will be presented to the School Board.

Children's day will be celebrated at 10:30 A. M. today by an elaborate programme in Rose City Park Methodist Church, Sandy boulevard and East Fifty-ninth street. Rev. A. A. Heist is pastor. Miss Margaret Davies is deaconess. Mrs. Samuel C. Dixon pianist. Mrs. Myron Carver organist. Decorations will be furnished by Mrs. S. B. Seip, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Barber and Professor Murray; at 8 P. M. Dr. Angus will lecture under control, following with a service, 203 1/2 Third street.

The teaching force includes Miss Anna J. Peebles, Mrs. George Bauman, Mrs. Luther P. Steel, Miss Margaret Boyon, Mrs. Myron Carver, Mrs. Myrtle Kerr, Mrs. Richard Talbot, Mrs. Agnes Finn and Miss Evelyn Collins.

Following is the programme: Prelude, "Pilgrim Song of Hope"; Battle of Marston; Opening Sentences and Prayer; Hymn, "I Am So Glad That Our Father"; Scriptures; "The Lord's Prayer"; Recitation, "Our Colors"; Marion Talbot Daisy Service; Congregation; Sacrament of baptism; Pastor; Sermonettes; "The Prayer Perfect"; Philip Martin "The Making of the Flower"; Darrell Cornell Recitation; Virginia Kelly Patriotic drill; "Rock-a-Bye Land"; "Tip-Top-Long"; Jean Danae Doll drill; "The Lord's Prayer"; Workers Guild; "The Lord's Prayer"; Philip Martin "The Making of the Flower"; Donald Carver, Lucien Bollinger, Billy Sward.

### Dr. Francis Short Loved by His Congregation.

Friends of Pastor Welcome His Return to Portland.

THE return of Dr. Francis Burgette Short to Portland is looked forward to with much satisfaction and delight by his large circle of friends in this city.

While he was pastor of the old Taylor-Street Church from 1904 to 1907 he and Mrs. Short endeared themselves to many persons who are not Methodists and the members of the old church look upon him as one of the most loved and best serving here. After leaving Taylor-Street Church Dr. Short went to Salt Lake City and was the pastor of the Methodist Church there for six years, going from there to the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Spokane.

Since going to the latter city he has not only been prominent in religious circles, but has been the most-sought minister of the Inland Empire for addresses and lectures on special occasions. He is also popular in civic and fraternal councils. He is prominent in the Rotary Club and other organizations of Spokane. He is a member of the Arabie Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Spokane. His church there has more than 100 members and the congregations crowd the auditorium at every service. Dr. Short is not only an excellent preacher, but has a good voice and is a fine singer.

Coming to the new Wilbur Church, which meets in the assembly room of the Multnomah Hotel, will mean the re-establishment of a church in the downtown section of the city. Plans are in progress for a great institution, which will be the largest and best of its kind in the city. Since going to Spokane Dr. Short has received more than 600 into the church and has reduced the debt from \$48,000 to \$25,000.

The sermon today will be preached by Dr. C. C. Barick, pastor of Central Church, 111 1/2 Dr. Barick recently returned from the East, where he visited New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and a number of other cities where the downtown problem has reached a much more aggravated state than in Portland. He will tell of his experiences and also something of the

plans of the missionary societies for reclaiming the city.

Rev. William G. Elliot, Jr., will deliver the second sermon in the group under the auspices of the War Experience League, this morning at 11 A. M. at the Will of Our Father, Broadway at Yamhill. The subject will be "The Loyalty and Confidence of the American People." The Sunday evening open forum, interrupted for the summer months.

The Spiritualist Church of the Soul, Inc., will hold services today as follows: At 11 A. M., lecture and messages on "The Will of Our Father"; at 3 P. M., symposium, address by the local and visiting mediums; at 8 P. M., service, to be conducted by Mrs. S. B. Seip, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Barber and Professor Murray; at 8 P. M. Dr. Angus will lecture under control, following with a service, 203 1/2 Third street.

### Children to Have Festival at Highland Church.

Morning and Evening Programme Is Arranged for Youngsters.

THE annual children's festival will be observed today at the Highland Congregational Church. This morning there will be exercises by the primary department, also a talk by the superintendent, H. N. Carter, to parents and friends, and a short sermon addressed to the young folk by the pastor, Rev. Edward Constant, on "What Is Your Name?"

At 8 o'clock this evening the Sunday school concert and entertainment will be given. The programme will consist of songs, recitations, instrumental music, dialogues and drills. The pastor will speak on "Our Boys and Girls—America's Hope." The church has been decorated by the young people.

At Atkinson Memorial Congregational Church today will be observed as Children's day. There will be a special patriotic service with participation by many of the children; also an interesting story by one of the older people, and the pastor will preach a brief object lesson sermon on "The Buried Treasure." This latter will be in observance of Bible Sunday as projected by the Federation of Ministers of the city. This service will be at 11 A. M. at 8 P. M. the observance of Children's day will be continued, with pictures about "Children of Many Lands."

In Waverly Heights Congregational today Children's day will be observed at 10:30 A. M., the Sunday school and singing programme will be given at 11 P. M. the pastor, Rev. A. C. Moses, will speak on "A Month's Ministry at Camp Lewis." The church is at East Thirty-third and Cedar avenue.

The Realization League, 136 Fifth street, will hold a service at 11 A. M. by Rev. H. Edward Mills. Services of the New Civilization Church will be held Sunday night at 8 o'clock in room 401 of the Central building at Tenth and Alder streets. The subject will be "The Race Deceptions." Dr. Beth Northington is the speaker.

At the First Divine Science Church, 11 1/2 Twelfth street, corner Alder, Rev. T. M. Minard will speak at 11 A. M. on "Follow Me."

Rev. A. Krause will preach as usual today at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, East Twelfth and Clinton streets.

"The Most Popular Sin in the World" will be Dr. R. W. Rogers' subject at Calvary Presbyterian Church at 7:45 P. M.

### Rev. R. H. Sawyer Interprets Scriptural Prophecy.

Decidedly Modern Atmosphere Surrounds Popular Pastors' Methods.

THE auditorium of the East Side Christian Church is being packed by those interested in the interpretation of prophecy by Rev. R. H. Sawyer, the popular pastor. A decidedly modern atmosphere surrounds Mr. Sawyer's method of teaching prophecy. He claims to be able to point out the entire war programme of America, and to indicate the results of the present struggle of nations in language of the sacred writers. The subject announced for Sunday evening is "The Struggle of Nations in Prophecy." Mr. Sawyer has written several pamphlets on prophecy which have been well received in England and Scotland as well as in America.

The Christian Science Churches and Society of Portland hold services at their respective places of worship at 11 o'clock this morning, and all excepting Fifth Church and the Society repeat the service this evening at 8 o'clock. A number of other churches in the city and the society, the subject for the lesson-sermon this week being, "God the Only Cause and Creator."

### PROMINENT MEN WHO ATTENDED RECENT CONVENTION OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN JOINT SYNOD, OF OHIO, HELD IN THIS CITY.



J. B. CRONEK IS PRESIDENT; K. KILLIAN IS VICE-PRESIDENT; WILLIAM SCHEELER, SECTION 1; OTTO GEORGE GERBICH, OF SECTION 2.

### Children's Day Programme at First Presbyterian.

Diplomas to Be Given Pupils With Perfect Attendance Record.

REV. JOHN H. BOYD, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, corner Twelfth and Alder streets, will be in his pulpit today, both morning and evening. In the morning at 10:30 the church will observe its annual Children's day and the programme will be in the hands of the Sunday School with a short sermon to the children by the pastor.

Opportunity will be given for parents to present children for baptism. This will be a service of great interest with graduation exercises of the different departments and some patriotic exercises. There are 150 who have not missed a single Sunday since the first of last October, some of these have a record of five years, some four, some three, some two and some only one.

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Rev. E. Olin Eldridge, pastor of Mount Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church, will speak this morning on "Things That Abide" and tonight his

subject will be "America After the War."

Dr. William A. Waldo, pastor of the White Temple, will preach this morning on "Home and Nation Building," and in the evening on "The Christ of Today." The discourses will find their setting in the present world crisis. The speaker has been drawn to these subjects because of present world conditions and America's part in building on sure foundations, and the unique place that the unchanging Christ takes in a changing order which is and will inevitably affect the entire world.

The Temple quartet will render some special selections.

The Divine Church of Spiritualism will meet at Woodmen of the World hall tonight, when Joseph Islerwood, of London, will lecture.

The sermon topic for Hope Presbyterian church will be "Ye Are the Salt of the Earth." In the evening the children of the Sunday school will have charge of the service and singing.

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### "Bible in Portland Schools" Is Sermon Topic.

Eight More Persons Accept Christ at East Side Baptist Church.

DR. W. B. HINSON'S theme this morning at 11 o'clock in the East Side Baptist Church will be "The Bible in the Schools of Portland." A vote of the congregation will be taken to see whether or not it is desirable to have the Bible in the city schools.

At night Dr. Hinson will preach on "The Appearing of the King," at 7:45 o'clock. The Wednesday night topic will be "The King and His Kingdom." Eight more united with the church last Sunday. Two others were baptized at the morning service.

Rev. J. B. Freeland, of Pasadena, Cal., for many years presiding elder in New York and South Dakota, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Mary P. Coffey, wife of the pastor of Central Free Methodist Church of this city.

Mr. Freeland is one of the few survivors of the 1918 influenza epidemic. He is well known through his connection with the association for many years, serving in various stations from circuit work up to the general councils of the church.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Williams and Graham avenues, will hold a missionary rally today. Services will be held at 10 o'clock. Rev. H. W. Gross, of Salem, will conduct the morning service in German and Professor L. Blankenbush of this city, will preach in English on "The Christian's Missionary Duty" in the afternoon.

A collection will be taken up both morning and afternoon for the benefit of home missions in the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The interest with which the series of sermons on the "Great Teachings of Jesus" has been followed by members and friends of the Portland New Church Society promises to become even greater when Rev. W. A. Waldo, pastor of the church, will give the following announcement of the following topics for the remaining six Sundays of the church year.

At 11 o'clock in the morning the minister will speak on "The Savior's Statement of Requirements Necessary for Admission to the Kingdom of Heaven." Then will follow in order "The Kingdom of Christian Discipleship," "The End of the World and the Last Judgment," "The Second Coming of the Savior," "The Kingdom of God is Within You," and "The Universality of Jesus."

Tuesday evening the 75th birthday of Mrs. M. J. Klotz, president of the society for nearly 30 years, was observed with a surprise to the recipient and the presentation of an appropriate gift.

The Second Spiritualists' Church will hold services today at 3 P. M. and 8 P. M. at 108 Second street. Circle at 8 P. M.; lecture and demonstrations by Pastor Max Hoffman; class at 1:30 P. M. with Mrs. Nettie Klotz as leader.

The service this Sunday morning at Vernon Presbyterian Church will be a continuation of the children's day exercises and the regular service. Con-

sequently, the service will be a little longer than usual and will begin at 10:30. This is later than the usual Sunday school time and earlier than the church hour. After the exercises Rev. Mr. Landsborough will give a children's sermon on "Children in the Kingdom of God."

In the evening the sermon will be "Will the Churches Unite?" In handling this topic Dr. Landsborough refers to the Evangelical churches only and will explain the reasons for an organic union. He will explain the Presbyterian attitude toward this subject, shown in the voice of the general assembly just closed in Columbus.

This promises to be a very interesting sermon for all Presbyterians and members of other churches as well.

### Madame Arabella Angelini to Talk at Trinity.

"Part Italy Has Played in War," Subject of Address.

SERVICES will begin today at Trinity Church, Nineteenth and Everett streets, with a celebration of the holy communion at 8 o'clock in the morning. At the 11 o'clock service Madame Arabella Angelini will give stirring address on the war. Her subject will be "Part Italy Has Played in the War Up to the Present Time." While Madame Angelini is of American birth, her father, Dr. A. Morrison, at 8 P. M. Sunday school at 9:45 in the morning, to which all children of the parish are earnestly invited.

The First Spiritualist Church, Sixth and Montgomery streets, will hold services today as follows: At 11 A. M. Scott Blodsoe will speak, assisted in the service by Mrs. Etta S. Blodsoe. At the 8 o'clock evening service, the sermon will be by the pastor, Scott Blodsoe, "The Lifting Up of Man." Message service conducted by Mrs. Blodsoe. Any part of the church building is at the service of committees for war work. No charge of any kind will be made. See the pastor.

In the University Park Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Lombard and Pike streets, J. T. Abbot, D. D., pastor, today at 11 A. M., the Sunday School will give a children's day programme, and Dr. Pratt will deliver an object lesson address. An offering will be taken up for the Student's Loan Fund of the Board of Education.

At 7 P. M. the Epworth League will hold a devotional meeting, when the topic, "Finding and Filling One's Place in the World," will be discussed. At 8 P. M. Dr. J. B. Hoadley will preach.

### Captain Hardy to Tell of Experiences in Japan.

Children's Day Programme to Mark Mount Tabor Services.

TODAY is Children's day in Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church, and in place of the regular morning sermon there will be a children's day programme. The subject will be "The Children's Day Programme," and Dr. Pratt will deliver an object lesson address. An offering will be taken up for the Student's Loan Fund of the Board of Education.

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At the First Congregational Church at 10:30 A. M. the Bible school will give its Children's day programme instead of the regular preaching service. There will be no session of the school at 12 o'clock.

The programme follows: Organ prelude, "Festival March" (Verdi); song, "The Children Jesus Blessed," by the school; prayer, by Rev. A. J. Sullens; "The Lord's Prayer," by the school; hymn, "The Three Ramblers," by Margaret Farrington, Thelma Park and Christa Schmidt; address, "Sunday School Education Society," by Rev. A. J. Sullens; offertory, song by Mrs.

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Harding's class; song, "Only a Flower," by school; recitation, "Forget-Me-Not," by Elizabeth Schmeer, and "The Men in the Service" by the Carlton Glee Club; "God Save Our Noble Men," by Helen Parrish and Howard Olsen; reading, "Children's Day," by Harold McEwen; presentation of the bulletin board; hymn, "America"; benediction and organ postlude.

This programme will be full of interest and will be a public and cordially invited. Evening service at 7:45 o'clock, the sermon by Rev. A. J. Sullens, Christian Endeavor meetings at 8:30 and 9:30 P. M.

### SCHOOLS BAR THEOLOGY

Billy Sunday in Talking to Youth Avoids Sectarianism.

CHICAGO, June 5.—Billy Sunday spirit of religion and patriotism is sincerely welcomed in public schools in the city. Public opinion is made to boys and girls in the high schools are appreciated by school board officials. It was learned today, however, that Sunday is not to be in the schools that theology be omitted from all such sermons, leaving that for the Tabernacle meetings.

"I am not sure that we had a hundred Billy Sundays in Chicago to inspire and stimulate our pupils to better living and finer patriotism," said Mr. Shoop. "Naturally we aim to keep the public schools free from sectarian bias. This complaint does not apply to anything Mr. Sunday ever said in any of his school addresses."

At high school meetings the evangelist confined himself to patriotic talks, urging the students to stand against modern loose tendencies. He steers clear of hell-fire and brimstone, and even forgets to paint the glories of salvation. The bulletin board for all schools by Superintendent Shoop, while in no way reflecting on Mr. Sunday's school addresses, bars sectarian addresses.

Mr. Sunday's sermon, "Is It Well With You?" is an effort by the evangelist to reach every individual in the audience with personal touches. He woke him up to self-analysis. Then he stops to point out who is to blame for all his troubles, and paid tribute to "If it is not well with you, don't blame the devil or your parents or society. No! I'll tell you what to do. Do, honestly, in your own class and say: 'That's the lobster who is to blame.'"

"God pity you if you go out into eternity with the sin on your lips that is there! Now as you sit and listen to me! But God stands ready and willing to forgive and remember your sins against you, and paid tribute to the Belle France," her wonderful courage and devotion—"she is on her knees and weeping and her tears toward God Almighty!" he said.

### WOMEN DO WAR WORK

Call for Factory Hands Quickly Answered in New Haven.

PHILADELPHIA, June 5.—Women of the United States are responding to the call for factory workers as quickly and according to the women of the allies. The section on industrial training for the war emergency of the Council of National Defense, in New Haven, Mr. Miles stated, "the Winchester Repeating Arms Company needed 5000 women workers for war orders. The housing situation was so grave that the company was doubtful about importing labor. Other manufacturers in the city also needed more labor. They decided to make the matter a community affair and seek the workers among the women of New Haven."

"The women's clubs at once called a meeting and told the audience of the urgent need for war workers. The response was overwhelming that the president of the Winchester Company exclaimed, 'I was in trouble, but nothing like the trouble I am in now. I would not have known, but I didn't want them all at once!'"

"To see the women at work in school and factory was an inspiration. Their speed and accuracy is an inspiration. Manifestly, any war can be won if only enough such workers are trained. To illustrate the quickness with which the women learn: Our Ohio committee and others recently inspected the training school of a recruiting and company in the United States. They saw a stalwart woman operating a turret lathe on difficult work. 'Here is a public school graduate, who is not only a teacher, said an expert from one of the greatest war factories in America. 'How long have you been here?' he inquired. 'I came yesterday,' was the reply."

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# AS FOR SAWS, BIBLE REVEALS GOD AS NOTHING ELSE COULD

## Among Many Books "Word of God" Is Only One Honored by Title of "The Book."

BY WILHELM PETERSEN, Pastor of the Lutheran Church. AMONG the millions of books in the world there is only one book which by common consent is honored with the title of "The Book." Why is this particular book so called? There is much in science and philosophy and experience and art and in life in general that is true, and every truth discovered, every piece of knowledge added to the sum of previously acquired knowledge, is a valuable addition for which we should be thankful. We can never find too many truths. They regulate and guide and strengthen life. But in a very specific sense there is only one truth, the truth, the spoken word of God, the word contained in the book which we call the Bible. The Bible is God's book because it reveals God as nothing else does. Nature in its beauty, its symmetry, its splendid organization reveals to us the fact that there is a God. But, splendid as this is, compared with the revelation of God's own book, it is a mute revelation to the intelligent human being that the things that he needs for his material welfare only.

of time without knowing anything of the spirit that lives and exists. But whether God was immanent or transcendent he would never be able to decide. There would be a perfect revelation of God to man, provided man had no higher destiny than to exist in this world and return to earth to mingle his dust with the dust of the earth. Man would still be the highest animal, and no more. Soul Seeks Revelation. But out of the soul of man rises a cry for a revelation of the maker, the one being that transcends all created beings. Man says: "I see the beautiful flowers, but I want something more beautiful than the flowers, even him who made the flowers; I hear the song of birds, but I want a voice more beautiful than that of the birds; I see and admire the mighty mountains and the great ocean, but I want someone greater and mightier than the mountains and the ocean; I observe the twinkling stars, but I want someone higher than the stars."

Where shall I find him? I ask in nature, and the question comes back to me like an echo, which is only the repetition of the question. The knowledge that nature gives me is at best merely upon the wild waves of time, dares to trust itself under all conditions and circumstances for absolute safety. It is the father's strong hand holding the little hand of the child to keep it safely. It is not necessary to know all about the Father—no child does nor to know whence or how or whether. It is enough to trust the Father. John 3, 16, is the eternal preamble to the constitution and laws of the kingdom of love, and peace, and joy, and

everything else in nature, if the light of God on high had not set his mind vibrating as to produce the grand music of his soul that responds to God's revelation of himself and which we call faith, and ever in hope. This is what we mean when we say that the Bible satisfies man's highest need, and man's highest need is God. This craving after God is a child's cry for a father, the outgoing of whose heart is love. The first need of a child is love. No religion outside of Christianity knows anything about a God that loves man, all men. And the love of God for man is the love revealed in Jesus Christ. Whatever else other religions and philosophies may or may not have to satisfy its devotees, this message of Christ, that is no person whose only purpose in life was to reveal a loving God to man, outside of the Bible.

Greatest Sentence Quoted. The greatest sentence ever penned is John 1:16. If one single sentence from all the world's literature should be chosen to represent the most beautiful, the greatest, the best, the most universally needed truth, no other sentence could be found to compare with that. This one sentence contains the only anchor to which the soul of man, exposed to trials and temptations, tossed upon the wild waves of time, dares to trust itself under all conditions and circumstances for absolute safety. It is the father's strong hand holding the little hand of the child to keep it safely. It is not necessary to know all about the Father—no child does nor to know whence or how or whether. It is enough to trust the Father. John 3, 16, is the eternal preamble to the constitution and laws of the kingdom of love, and peace, and joy, and

life eternal, which is the Kingdom of God. When the American Bible Society wanted a Bible scripture passage to print in 269 different languages or dialects, it was never for a moment in doubt as to which passage to choose. And this is the passage: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Many Translations Made. The Bible translated into more than 600 languages and dialects is a testimony to its universality, symbolizing the application of its truth to as many variations of human needs. Like the sun in the heavens, like the rain upon the earth, like the sunlight, like the beauty of color and the symmetry of line, the strength of rock and the immensity of ocean, the Bible is for all ages and races and climes and conditions. The question of origin is a trifling question as compared with the fact that the Bible is the foundation of our life. The question of miracles in the book is a very small item as compared with the stupendous miracle of the book itself. Many people do not believe in the Bible. Does that disprove of its value? Some people are deaf. Does that disprove the existence of music? Some people are color-blind. Does any one in his right mind give that as a reason for disbelief in color?

There are people who never see the sun. Does that remove the sun from its place in the sky? The irrefutable fact that millions of men and women since the world began have recognized in the Scriptures a lodestar of life outweighs all arguments as to its validity as a living revelation of the breath of a higher and better and enduring life upon its pages. It satisfies the hunger

and quenches the thirst of the human soul as nothing else in the world can. Hundreds of millions of men have found strength in weakness, courage in danger, light in darkness, comfort in sorrow, and power to fight life's battles. And as the last wave of time broke on the shore of eternity, and man caught the faint outline of the better land, he has, times innumerable, better exclaimed with exultation: "Glory be to God whose word is true! O death, where is thy sting? O death, where is thy victory? But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" There is no argument, against an experience of that kind.

Bible is Guide. In all ages since it came into man's possession, in part or in its canonical completeness, the Bible has been the compass, the rudder, the motive power, and the final anchor over life's tempestuous sea. Hundreds of millions of men have found strength in weakness, courage in danger, light in darkness, comfort in sorrow, and power to fight life's battles. And as the last wave of time broke on the shore of eternity, and man caught the faint outline of the better land, he has, times innumerable, better exclaimed with exultation: "Glory be to God whose word is true! O death, where is thy sting? O death, where is thy victory? But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" There is no argument, against an experience of that kind.

The Bible is God's book. What does the word "Bible" mean? The Hindu Vedas, the Koran, or Spencer's Philosophy, matter compared with the Bible? Bible is People's. The Bible is mankind's book. To give the Bible to a people is to adopt that people into the family of civilized nations at once. Christian baptism is by all odds the highest prerogative man can enjoy. That is what Jesus meant when he gave his great commission to his disciples: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Holy Spirit." Nothing else is able to civilize or unify the races and nations of the world. If things are done with the Bible, what would they have been without it? The Bible is not only for time. It may not square the circle, but it squares with infinity. No need so deep but the Bible reaches down to it. No person or institution so high but the Bible reaches up to it. The Bible is the higher purposes of human endeavor. On the other hand, no person or institution, political or moral or economic or ecclesiastical, so powerful for evil but the Bible and its believer dare stand forth and say: "Your ways are godless; you have no right to do that. In the name of the living God, whose word I bring to you: 'Stay thy hand or perish forever.'"

Bible Corrects Wrongs. Prophets and martyrs and saints have endured all for his name's sake and have dared all in his name. Wrong so great but the Bible is equal to the task of correcting it. The Bible, alone of all books, speaks the word of forgiveness, the mightiest word that can be spoken. Correctly, the Jews said to Jesus: "Who can forgive sin except God?" Human judges declare a verdict of guilt or of acquittal, and may be merciful in the execution of the punishment, but leniency is not forgiveness. No human word or act or power can take away sin or destroy guilt. That is what God does. That is what the Bible does. Every enduring civilization is a Bible civilization. Nothing has fostered universal education like the reading of the Bible. The greatest revolution wrought in the moral and intellectual universe of man is the introduction of the Bible as a book for everybody to read. The Bible for the individual, the Bible for the family, the Bible for the church, the Bible for the school, the Bible for the public school, the Bible for the magistrate, for the President, for our soldiers and sailors going into battle for freedom and justice and democracy for the Bible for the whole world is the visible fountain of the invisible life-giving waters of the Almighty God. Lincoln's Words. Lincoln's words are: "I have only to say that it's the best book which God has given to man." Shall we say, with our beloved President, Woodrow Wilson: "There are a good many problems before the American people today, and before me as President, but I expect to find the solution of those problems just in proportion as I am faithful in the study of the word of God."