PORTLAND CHURCHES ARE MAINTAINING UNUSUAL ACTIVITY

Services Held Every Sunday During Summer Months in Majarity of Churches—Visiting Ministers Occupy Pulpits.

PORTLAND churches are maintaining unusual activity during the summer months. In the great majority of churches services are being held every Sunday at least during the morning hours. Several pastors have declared that they will take no vacations unless substitutes for their pulpits can be found and regular services maintained.

Of interest not only to thinking people of Portland but all Oregon, Washington and Idaho was the inter-church world movement, which was in conference in Portland Wednesday and Thursday in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. In charge of the conference were not only local but national officials.

A conference which in its own denomination promises to be as successful is the central convocation of the Episcopal church which will be held at Newport July 27. St. Stephen's church will be the headquarters of the conference although one of the large meetings will be in the open at Nye beach. Among those who will attend from Portland and take a prominent place on the programme will be Bishop Walter T. Sumner, the Venerable H. D. Chambers and Rev. John D. Rice.

A number of Portland pastorates are being temporarily filled with out-of-town pastors. Among these is the First Congregational church in whose pulpit Dr. William T. McElveen of the Manhattan Presbyterian church, New York city, will preach this morning. Whether Dr. McElveen will come to Portland to remain will not be announced until his return to his New York home according to announcement made by him last Thursday. Rev. Henry E. Giles of the Prospect Presbyterian church of Ashtabula, O., will preach today and during the three following Sundays at the Hope Presbyterian church this city.

In the First Presbyterian pulpit this morning will be Dr. Edgar P. Hill, pastor of that church during the years 1895 to 1906 inclusive. Dr. Hill is now visiting in the city. He is the secretary of the general board of education of the Presbyterian church at the present time. In the evening Dr. W. R. King of St. Louis, associate secretary of the board of home missions, will preach.

Dr. E. H. Pence of Westminster Presbyterian church will leave on his vacation after next Sunday.

Aid Pledged Inter-Church World Movement.

Eight Denominations Promise Co-operation in Making Survey of Portland.

FIFTY-SIX men representing eight denominations pledged themselves to co-operate with the inter-church world movement in obtaining for its world survey a survey of Portland, of the state and of the states of Washington and Idaho in regard to church life.

The promise to aid in this work was given at a conference of the inter-church world movement held in Portland last Wednesday and Thursday at the Y. M. C. A. During those two days the members of the conference worked together with perfect harmony and with no denominational jealousies. In the eyes of the ministerial profession it marked a new era, for such a gathering, so widely attended by men of so many churches and resulting in such co-operative constructional action has never before been held in this section of the country. Statements to this effect were made by representatives of practically every church during the concluding hours of the conference.

Action taken by the conference is summed up in the six resolutions adopted. The resolutions are as follows:

Resolved, First, That it is our conviction that this conference has demonstrated the feasibility and desirability of proceeding with a scientific and thorough survey under the interchurch world movement in the northwest even before the national organization is fully rounded out, leaving to existing administrations the future policy to be pursued.

Second, That we feel that the psychology of the interchurch world movement in the northwest suggests the completion of the national organization and co-operation at the earliest practical period.

Third, That we express to the national headquarters of the movement our thanks for sending to us the splendid group of representatives who have presided over this conference and led us in our considerations and discussion.

Fourth, That we express to the leaders of this conference our sincere appreciation of the spirit, efficiency and democracy they have shown in all the plans, purposes and discussions of this conference, and that we commend them to our brethren everywhere; and we desire to assure them that this conference has been the means of a great enlargement of understanding and appreciation of the magnitude and importance of the interchurch world movement.

Fifth, We wish to state our desire that in this day, when democracy is emblazoned on the gateway of entrance into every great service and proclaimed from the housetop in every sort of campaign, that in the great work of the interchurch world movement we urge our national leaders, with us, to keep it in the channels of the broadest democracy and the frankest confidence, especially among the leadership of the field forces that are to carry it forward to successful accomplishment.

Sixth, We also extend to the Y. M. C. A. of the city of Portland our hearty thanks for the use of their rooms as a place of meeting and conference and for the courteous and considerate treatment which we have received at their hands from the first to the last of this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Alonzo M. Petty, Baptist, chairman; James Moore, Methodist Episcopal; W. J. Fenton, Methodist Episcopal, South; J. H. Barton, Presbyterian; H. D. Chambers, Episcopal; John H. Matthews, Congregational; C. F. Swander, Christian; J. George Cunningham, United Presbyterian.

The list of attendants at the conference included:

Baptists—Rev. G. F. Holt, Salem, Or., First Baptist church, vice-president Oregon Baptist state convention; Rev. W. J. Beaven, Portland, pastor Third Baptist church; Rev. J. C. Austin, Spokane, Washington, Baptist field missionary; Rev. A. H. Bailey, Spokane, Washington; Rev. Joseph H. Beaven, Seattle, Washington; Mrs. O. P. M. Jamison, Portland, home missions vice-president of Columbia river district of the Women's Baptist Home Mission society and the Women's Baptist Home Mission society; A. B. Minaker, Boise, Idaho, superintendent of state missions, Idaho and Utah; Rev. Alonzo M. Petty, D. D., Portland, joint district secretary American Baptist home and foreign mission, Oregon-Washington-Idaho; Rev. J. F. Watson, Seattle, Washington, superintendent missions, Western Washington Baptist convention; O. C. Wright, Portland, superintendent Oregon Baptist state convention; Rev. L. W. Riley, president McMinnville college, McMinnville.

Christian—Mrs. Louise Delly, Spokane, Washington, regional secretary, Women's Boards, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana; Rev. George W. Knepper, Spokane, Washington, pastor Central Christian church, representing Inland Empire Christian Missionary society and Northwest regional office of Christian church; Ben N. Mitchell, Seattle, Washington, state secretary and superintendent missions, Christian church; Rev. H. J. Reynold, Boise, Idaho, state secretary for Christian church of Idaho; Rev. C. F. Swander, Portland, superintendent of missions for Christian church of Oregon.

Christian organizations—H. C. Melby, Y. M. C. A., Portland, assistant general secretary. F. J. Meyer, Y. M. C. A., Portland, membership secretary. Miss Ida V. Jontz, Y. W. C. A., Portland, general secretary Y. W. C. A.

Congregational—Rev. Oliver P. Avery, Portland, Waverly Heights church. Rev. Jonathan Edwards, D.D., Spokane, Wash., president of Home Missions council of eastern Washington and northern Idaho. Rev. M. O. Evans, Ph. D., D. D., Portland, Congregational minister and editor. Rev. L. O. Baird, Plymouth church, Seattle, Wash., superintendent Congregational conference of Washington. Mrs. Alice M. Handsaker, Portland, pastor Laurelwood Congregational church. Rev. J. J. Handsaker, Portland, state secretary Armenian relief. Mrs. Belle T. Hoge, Portland, president of Oregon branch of foreign missions, member of Oregon home missionary board. Rev. J. E. Ingham, Boise, Idaho, assistant superintendent Idaho. Rev. John H. Matthews, Seattle, Wash., district secretary religious education of Congregational Education society. Rev. Robert Murray Pratt, pastor Pilgrim Congregational church, Portland. Rev. Arthur J. Sullens, Portland, office First Congregational church, Portland; superintendent Congregational Home Missionary society for Oregon and south Idaho.

Episcopal—Ven. H. D. Chambers, Portland, archdeacon of diocese of Oregon. Rev. C. H. L. Chandler, Oregon City, rector St. Paul's Episcopal church. John Dawson, 263 Graham avenue, Portland. Rev. Thomas Jenkins, Portland, rector of St. David's parish. Mrs. J. S. Whiteford, Portland, (Bishop Sumner's office), field secretary for the board of missions, diocese of Oregon.

Methodist Episcopal—Rev. Caas Ambrose Bowen, Portland, executive secretary Portland area M. E. center. Rev. James Moore, Eugene, district superintendent of the Eugene district M. E. church. Rev. William Wallace Youngson, Portland, district superintendent Portland district M. E. church.

M. E. Church South—Rev. W. J. Fenton, Corvallis, presiding elder Portland district M. E. church south. Rev. James T. French, Portland, First M. E. church south. Mrs. Thalia B. Scruggs, Portland, superintendent of social service of northwest conference of M. E. church south.

Presbyterian—Rev. W. H. Amos, Portland, Or., assistant superintendent, president home missions for Oregon. Rev. J. H. Barton, Boise, Idaho, superintendent of home missions, synod of Idaho.

United Presbyterian—Rev. George Cunningham, Boise, Idaho, president, superintendent of missions of Idaho U. P. church. Mrs. Sherman L. Divine, Spokane, Wash., representative from Synodical society of Washington, president of Presbyterial, Spokane; W. O. Forbes, Seattle, Wash., district superintendent Washington, Oregon and northern Idaho; Mrs. John W. Goss, Portland, president women's north Pacific Presbyterian board of foreign missions; Rev. A. B. Keeler, Seattle, Wash., synodical superintendent home missions; Rev. E. M. Keeler, Wapato, Wash., representing central Washington Presbytery of Presbyterian church; Rev. James Thompson, Spokane, Wash., synodical superintendent Presbyterian home missions, eastern Washington and northern Idaho.

Interchurch World Movement—Rev. Edmund des Brunner, New York city, rural survey, interchurch world movement; Nathan M. Fiske, Spokane, Wash., rural survey supervisor for Inland Empire; Rev. Roy B. Guild, New York city, executive secretary church federation division, federal council of churches; W. H. Hertog, Boise, Idaho, state supervisor southern Idaho and eastern Oregon; Rev. Ralph C. McAfee, Y. M. C. A., Portland, executive secretary-elect, Portland church federation; Rev. John Ralph Voris, San Francisco, Pacific divisional secretary, interchurch world movement; Rev. W. P. Shriver, New York city, city survey director, interchurch world movement.

Present: Baptist, 11; Christian, 5; Christian associations, 3; Congregational, 11; Episcopal, 5; Methodist Episcopal, 3; M. E. South, 3; Presbyterian, 8; United Presbyterian, 1; Interchurch, 7; total 57. Communions, 8; general organizations, 2.

NATIONAL FIGURES IN INTER-CHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT WHO APPEARED IN CONVENTION OF PORTLAND MINISTERS, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Left to right—Roy B. Guild, New York City, executive secretary federation division, federal council of churches; Rev. W. P. Shriver, New York City, superintendent city survey section, inter-church world movement; Rev. Ed S. Brunner, New York City, superintendent survey section, inter-church world movement; Rev. John R. Varis, San Francisco, divisional secretary, Pacific coast division, inter-church world movement.

"Reality of the Cross" Sermon Topic.

"How to Met Great Crisis of Life," Dr. Griffis' Message.

THE Rev. Harold H. Griffis will occupy the pulpit of the First Christian church this morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7:45 o'clock. The pastor's morning message will be one of instruction in how to meet the great crisis of life, the special topic being "A Programme of Preparedness." At the evening service the church quartet will render a carefully arranged programme of anthems and solos and the pastor will speak on the subject, "The Reality of the Cross in Human Experience."

Recently the Bible school made a pledge of $650 to the relief of the stricken Armenians, the pledge to be paid by the end of the year. Already the school has begun planning for the payment of this pledge. Of the total amount subscribed the Loyal Daughters in the senior department assumed an obligation of $100. To meet this obligation, as well as for social and fellowship purposes, this class will hold a lawn fete Saturday, July 26, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Douty, 1441 Belmont street.

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Christian Endeavorers of Portland have chartered the "Swan" for their annual river excursion, which is to be held Monday, August 4, 1919. Frank Forrester of the First Christian church is chairman of the committee in charge. The Swan is to leave the Jefferson street dock at 7:30 P. M. The Endeavorers are planning on taking a band along. Vernon Duncan, of the First Presbyterian church, who is in charge of the entertainment, has arranged a splendid programme. Other members on the committee are Wayne Feike, Olive Saiz and Ward Foster.

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Rev. S. M. Connors will deliver the morning sermon at Rodney Avenue Christian church at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor will have services at 6:30 P. M.

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At the Arleta Baptist church, Rev. Owen T. Day, pastor, has announced the following services: 11 A. M., "The Church's Emphasis in Reconstruction"; 8:00 P. M., Rev. J. Franklin Day to speak.

United Brethren Pastors Give Sermon Topics.

Dr. Clark to Discuss Cause and Cure of Infidelity.

DR. BYRON J. CLARK, pastor of the First United Brethren church, Fifteenth and East Morrison streets, will speak Sunday morning on "The Shechinah." The subject he will discuss in the evening is "The Cause and Cure of Infidelity." Special music by the choir, both morning and evening.

Sunday morning Rev. Ira Hawley, pastor of the Second United Brethren church, Twenty-seventh and Sumner streets, will address his congregation on the subject of "Living or Dead, The Kingdom is Benefited." His evening theme will be "Murmurings and Disputings Are Not Part of the Christian Religion."

Rev. E. O. Shepherd, pastor of the Third United Brethren church, Sixty-seventh street and Thirty-second avenue southeast, will occupy his pulpit both morning and evening Sunday. He will speak on the following themes: Morning, "What Do You Lack?" Evening, "The Master's Message."

At the Fourth United Brethren church, Tremont station, the pastor, Rev. C. P. Blanchard, will preach Sunday morning on the subject "The Heart's Sacred Places." Her evening topic will be the "Unconscious Losses of Life." The Lord's communion will be served in the morning.

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At the University Park Methodist Episcopal church, corner of Lombard and Fiske streets, J. T. Abbett, pastor, the services today will be of special interest. Sunday school will be at 9:45. At 11 Dr. Abbett will speak on "The Model Hearer." The devotional meeting of the Epworth league will be at 7 P. M., with the subject, "Introducing Jesus to Our Friends," led by Erma Griswold. At 8 o'clock there will be a musical service consisting of vocal solos, duets and quartets and instrumental music. The pastor will give a ten-minute talk on music.

To the services of this church all are welcome. Strangers and those having no church home are most cordially invited.

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At the Mount Tabor Methodist Episcopal church, corner of East Stark and Sixty-first streets of which E. Olin Eldridge is pastor, services will be held today as follows: Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. The subject for the morning, "Sunday School Programme," with address by laymen of the church and in the evening "Christian Patriotism." Sunday school will be 9:45 A. M.

CHURCH PAGE CLOSES THURSDAY.

Church notices should be in the hands of The Oregonian church editor on Wednesday, if possible, and not later than 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

They should be written, typewritten if possible, in news style.

All names should be spelled correctly and initials and titles should be given.

It is possible to use 250 to 300 words each Monday morning on the sermons delivered the preceding day.

Copy for this must be at The Oregonian office by 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. If possible, the copy should come in with the regular church notices on Wednesday.

First Presbyterian Church Welcomes Former Pastor.

Dr. Edgar P. Hill to Occupy Pulpit at Morning Service.

THE pulpit of the First Presbyterian church will be occupied this morning at 10:30 by the Rev. Edgar P. Hill, D. D., who was the pastor of this church from 1895 to 1906. Dr. Hill is now secretary of the general board of education of the Presbyterian church, and is at present making a tour of the Pacific coast.

The sermon at the evening service at 7:45 o'clock will be by the Rev. W. R. King, D. D., of St. Louis, associate secretary of the board of home missions.

Sunday school services will be held as usual at 12:15, at which lantern slides depicting many interesting scenes in foreign lands will be shown. In the senior department the superintendent, James F. Ewing, will lecture on "The Changing China," illustrating his talk with modern views of that great empire in which Christianity is fast obtaining a foothold. In the primary department Miss Elizabeth Carothers will present to the little ones in an interesting manner descriptions of life in Siam, showing many pictures of people and places in that little known Asiatic kingdom.

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The announcement of services in the Christian Science churches for today is as follows: Subject of lesson-sermon, "Life." The same service is held by the seven Christian Science churches in Portland at 11 o'clock, and Second and Sixth repeat the service Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Wednesday evening meetings are held in all the Christian Science churches at 8 o'clock. Sunday school is held for the older children in all the churches except Third and Fifth at 9:45 A. M. and for the junior classes at 11 A. M. In Third and Fifth churches the Sunday school sessions are at 9:30 and 11 A. M.

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Services will be held at Universal Messianic church at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. today. The subject for this morning will be "Spiritual Healing." Study classes meet Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock. All services are held in room 218 Abington building.

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This Sunday Rev. Monroe G. Everett of the Fourth Presbyterian church will be at Eugene attending the synod of Oregon. The pulpit will be filled this morning by Judge E. C. Bronaugh. In the evening there will be a special song service with special music. Arthur Tilton will give a lecture on the life of Joseph, illustrated with the stereopticon. Mrs. George H. Street will have charge of the music. Sunday school at 12 noon.

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This morning Dr. W. T. McElveen of New York city will preach on "Reading Aright the Signs of the Times," and this evening on "How to Get There."

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At the Church of Christ, East Seventy-ninth and Glisan streets, services will be held today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

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Rev. Elbert E. Flint, pastor of Atkinson Memorial Congregational church, will tell his people about "Christian Co-operation" this morning. He will show the difference between Christian co-operation and church co-operation. This evening he will speak upon the question, "Murder a Popular Pastime."

Photoplay to Be Shown at Sunnyside Church.

Stirring Pictures Used to Illustrate Sunday Evening Sermons.

"UNDER the Stars" is the title of a stirring photoplay, depicting the private and public life of Abraham Lincoln and revealing through problem after problem, in crisis after crisis, the martyred president's undeviating purpose of right and truth and justice. Dr. J. J. Staub, pastor of the Sunnyside Congregational church, will use these inspiring pictures to illustrate his Sunday evening sermon on "Life's Strange Mixture of Bitter and Sweet."

Dr. Staub's subject for the morning service will be "The Mainspring of the Christian Life."

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At the University Park Congregational church there will be a combination service of the Sunday school and congregation today at 11 o'clock. The parents and all who are interested in this change are invited to be present. The Sunday school will assemble at 10:45 in the church instead of the basement.

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At the Waverly Heights Congregational church, corner East Thirty-third and Woodward avenue, Rev. Oliver Perry Avery, minister, has made the following announcements:

Morning service at 11, subject—"The Dangers of Abundance"; evening preaching at 8, subject—"Our Dependence on God"; Sunday school, 9:45 A. M.; prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 P. M.

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"The Gospel for a Disordered World" will be the subject of the sermon this morning by the Rev. Edward Constant at the Highland Congregational church. He will conduct another summer vesper service at 8 o'clock and speak on "The Voice in the Garden."

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At Our Savior's Lutheran church, at the corner of East Grant and Tenth streets, the pastor, Rev. M. A. Christensen, will lead at services at 11 A. M., in Norwegian, with the theme, Luke V—"Fishers of Men."

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At the Swedish tabernacle, Glisan and North Seventeenth street, the subject for the sermon this forenoon will be "Fishers of Men." In the evening at 7:30, the pastor, Rev. C. J. Ledin, will hold an interesting and popular lecture on "Satan in the Light of the Bible." He will deal with the origin, character, work and fate of Satan.

Rev. E. H. Pence to Spend Vacation in Newport Section.

Prominent Eastern Minister to Fill Westminster Pulpit in August.

A PROMINENT eastern minister probably will fill the pulpit of the Westminster Presbyterian church during August while Rev. E. H. Pence, pastor, is on his vacation, which this year will be spent in the Newport, Or., country.

This morning Dr. Pence, who during the past week attended the Presbyterian synod meeting in Eugene, will occupy the pulpit, preaching on "What Is the Gospel?" which sermon will be followed next Sunday morning with its sequel, "The Most Significant Fact in History—Where Is Christ to Be Found?" There will be no evening services at Westminster church during the rest of the summer.

The stereopticon pictures which have been shown in the Sunday school of Bible-land scenes have proved most interesting and attractive to the children and their elders as well. Today pictures of Siam and Laos will be seen. Westminster church is planning several innovations in the fall which will prove interesting to Irvington and Holladay folk who attend that church.

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Rev. S. H. Stewart, former pastor of the Woodlawn Methodist church, will be in the pulpit of that church during today's services and those of next Sunday. Rev. W. E. Kloster, minister, is at present on his vacation and his place during the coming two weeks will be taken by Rev. Mr. Stewart, who is now associated with the Methodist church in Lents.

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At the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel church, corner North Nineteenth and Irving streets, the regular services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. V. Anderson, with morning worship at 11 o'clock and evening service at 8 o'clock. The Sunday school meets at 9:45 A. M.

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Hope Presbyterian church, East Seventy-eight and Everett, will have for its minister for the next four Sundays Rev. Henry E. Giles, pastor of Prospect Presbyterian church at Ashtabula, O. Rev. Mr. Giles will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening. Friday evening, July 25, the church will hold a reception for her returned boys.

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Mizpah Presbyterian church will hold regular services at 11 o'clock this morning. There will be no evening services. Rev. T. W. Hughes will preach and good music is scheduled.

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The return of the Rev. Levi Johnson will be the feature of the Men's Resort service today at 4 P. M. A fine programme has been prepared for this occasion, with orchestral music and singing of favorite gospel songs by the men. Miss Alice Johnson will be at the piano.

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The pastor of the Central Methodist church, Rev. Alexander R. Maclean, will be in his pulpit morning and evening, having returned from his vacation.

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At the Woodstock Methodist Episcopal church, Woodstock avenue at Forty-fourth street, Rev. Henry Blake will preach at 11 A. M. The evening services omitted.

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At Grace Baptist church, Montavilla, of which Rev. Fred Berry is acting pastor, the subject at 11 A. M. will be "The Holy Spirit" and in the evening at 8 o'clock evangelistic service, with baptisms, will be held.

"Four Cheering Facts" Set Forth by Dr. Hinson.

Regular Services to Be Maintained Throughout the Summer.

IN THE East Side Baptist church, East Twentieth and Salmon streets, Dr. W. B. Hinson will preach this morning at 11 o'clock from the subject "Four Cheering Facts," and in the evening his theme will be "What You Must Do, and What you Ought to Do." Dr. Hinson has just completed a series of Bible lectures at Gladstone Chautauqua, where he has spoken every morning for the past 11 days to a large assembly.

The regular church services in this church will be maintained throughout the summer months. Dr. Hinson expects to occupy the pulpit during the vacation period.

The prayer services held on Wednesday nights are well attended, seven being received at the last prayer meeting.

The Women's society will meet Thursday at 10 o'clock for the weekly all-day industrial work, this being the last meeting until the first Thursday of September.

The Sunday school meets at 9:30 and there are classes for all ages.

The B. Y. P. U., both senior and intermediate, meet at 6:45 and all young people are welcomed.

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Dr. William A. Waldo, pastor of the White Temple, in the morning at 11 o'clock will have for his theme, "Steadfastness a Prime Virtue," and in the evening at 8 o'clock "A Startling Question." There will be special music at both services. The evening service will be preceded by an organ recital.

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At Calvary Baptist church, East Eighth and Grant streets, of which Rev. J. E. Thomas is pastor, services will be held as follows: 11 A. M., "The Goodness of God;" 8 P. M., "The Wrath of God;" Sunday school, 9:30 A. M.; young people, 7 P. M.

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At the Third Baptist church, Knott street and Vancouver avenue, Rev. Webley J. Beaven, pastor, has announced the following programme: Bible school, 9:45 A. M., B. Y. P. U., 6:30 P. M.; at 11 A. M., "This Generation: What Does Jesus Think of It?"; 6:30 P. M., "The Guarding of the Soul."

Bishop Making Visitations in Coos and Curry Counties.

Central Convocation of Episcopal Church to Be Held at Newport.

BISHOP WALTER T. SUMNER is spending two weeks in making visitations in Coos and Curry counties. He has already visited the churches at Marshfield, North Bend and Gardiner; confirmed several classes of candidates and filled various other engagements. He was also expecting to visit Port Orford and Gold Beach, returning for services at Bandon and Coquille Sunday.

A meeting of the central convocation of the Episcopal church in Ore-

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FOLLOW CONSCIENCE UNTO DEATH IS PREACHER'S ADVICE

Dr. O. C. Wright Recommends Living One's Life Bravely Yet With Due Regard to the Opinions of Others

TO LIVE bravely one's own life with due regard to the opinion of others yet at the same time follow one's conscience unto death is the advice of Dr. O. C. Wright in a recent sermon. Dr. Wright is superintendent of missions for the Oregon Baptist state convention with headquarters in Portland. He was formerly pastor of the First Baptist church of Eugene, which has a large following among the students of the University of Oregon.

"The Three Pauls" was the subject Dr. Wright took using as a text 1 Cor. 4:4. "But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you or of man's judgment: yea I judge not myself; for I know nothing against myself; yet am I not hereby justified: He that judgeth me is the Lord."

In his sermon he said: A man of consequence attracts attention. The greater his power of constructive or destructive leadership, the more ardent the approval or bitter the criticism of his career. Paul was a man who made his influence felt wherever he went. In Corinth he was the subject of admiration and criticism. Contrasted with Appolus, the brilliant orator, and wholly apart from either the desire of Paul or Appolus, he nevertheless unconsciously developed partisans in the Corinthian church. To Paul's critics he said that from their judgment he would appeal to that of God, for if he could not be the final judge of himself, certainly they would be incompetent to pass the final judgment upon him. The ultimate judge therefore is God.

But in stating his case Paul makes clear three estimates of himself. I have termed these estimates "The Three Pauls," or "Our Three-Fold Selves." Oliver Wendell Holmes has written something on "The Three Johns." the John people know, the John I know, and the real John. Following these suggestions we have, first, the Paul others knew, or what others think of us; or, more generally stated, public opinion. What is public opinion? How much credence does it deserve? How largely should our lives be guided by it? How much regard should one pay to the opinion others have of him? Evidently there is a safe course even through the mazes of public opinion.

Christian's Obligation Shown.

Paul enjoins his followers to remember that they are Christ's apostles, read and known of all men. My Savior said that we should let our light shine so that men might see our good works and glorify our Father which is in Heaven. Evidently there is a sense in which one should relate his life to others so that what they read in us may faithfully teach of Christ, and the works we do may glorify our Father which is in Heaven. And this phase of judgment from others has a vital bearing upon both their and our lives.

A Christian is under profound obligation to live the life of Christ before his fellow men, for it is the gospel lived that attracts men to it. Paul was a true gentleman, respecting with great deference the opinion of others and the approval of his brethren. It was he who wrote, "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no meat so long as the world standeth." And when he wrote it there was full realization that the heathen customs of eating meats and observance of days in no sense had a part in his life. For he had abrogated these heathenish festal days and ritual customs. But for the sake of the conscience of another he was willing to forego even what otherwise would be a profitable and pleasant experience to himself. But after he had said this much, he would yield not one iota to the fault-finder, partisan critic, and the back-biter. From the judgment of such unjust criticism the Christian must turn with disdain; and although the turning cost him disgrace and suffering, his manhood cried out against such tyranny that he would be free from it. One day the Jerusalem crowd spread palm branches in front of the Savior and shouted, "Hallelujah, Son of David!" The next day joined with the rabble in crying, "Crucify Him!"

Opinion Not Safe Arbiter.

Public opinion cannot be reckoned a safe arbiter of judgment. Such judgment is defective in at least three respects.

(a) They have a wrong standard.

(b) They have a serious prejudice.

(c) They cannot read the motives that govern the actions of the one whom they judge.

As we look upon another, we are most likely to be prejudiced in our opinions. Our standard can be only that of imperfect humans. And most defective of all, we are unable to read the motive which prompts the act. And after all, the motive behind the deed is most valued in true ethics as certainly in the opinion of God. In the instance of Christ, the intervening centuries have confirmed the inability of the early generation to adequately esteem Him. History teaches that no generation has properly judged His great character. The passions of the day, and prejudice of the struggle, and the very closeness of the events, all make its estimate unfair and imperfect. Succeeding generations look with more unbiased eye, with broader understanding of religions, keener appreciation of motives, and hence place more accurate judgment upon the great leaders and the history of the preceding generations. Washington and Lincoln loom more glorious as the years pass, because we are able to adequately appreciate their real worth. Vox populi non vox dei. If we think of it as final and unerring judgment. From the tribunal of his critics, and even of his friends, the Apostle Paul turned; and as on a former occasion when to his accusers he said, "I appeal to Caesar," so now he appeals to God.

The Paul he knew, or the self I judge. Many will not consent others should judge them, but they commit error when they insist that their own judgment is worthy of being final. One of the reasons why Paul would not consent that others should pass final judgment upon him was because he felt his own incompetency to pass final judgment upon himself. As a matter of fact, the three-fold test that makes the judgment of others falter, would also reveal the fact that we are not capable of passing perfect judgment upon ourselves. Certainly our standards even for ourselves cannot be perfect. It is beyond the power of human wisdom to understand what is the absolutely perfect standard of conduct for one's self. And if others are prejudiced, I am more.

One of the most conspicuous human weaknesses is palliation of one's faults, and the over-estimation of one's supposed virtues. We forgive ourselves more readily than we do others, and selfishness begets self praise, where we withhold from another. And a clear conscience, as we sometimes express it, does not mean we are perfect. If these things are true, then a serious question arises, namely: Have I any trustworthy guide whom I can follow? How far shall I commit my soul unto the dictates of conscience? And also we concede the faultiness of conscience, nevertheless we are safe in the position that we are warranted in following the dictates of conscience even unto death. Though conscience is an imperfect guide, it is nevertheless the best we have. However conscience should be enlightened by an instructed intelligence, or an instructed judgment, for knowledge and intelligence lifts up the standard by which conscience judges its own soul.

God Reveals Standards.

The Word of God reveals to us standards which conscience says we must fulfill. The spirit of God reveals to the soul through the inspired Word the various providences of experience, the accumplated wisdom of the ages, the ethics and philosophies of the centuries, so that conscience may be as free of error as possible. And he who seeks the Lord's will out of his heart, and follows his will as it is revealed to him, need have no hesitancy in obeying conscience to the last iota. He has no other guide. And if he betrays this best guide, he shall soon be torn with innumerable guides that will lead him into outer darkness.

The error which a great many make is that conscience which they have not sought to enlighten either by the revealed will of God and experience of others, or a careful training and righteousness of their own souls; in short, a conscience, ghostly, sinful, and unenlightened, which indeed is their best guide, poor as it may be, yet at most this conscience is entirely inadequate for them.

Perhaps the greatest sin of all is slothfulness in seeking perfect ideals of conduct, and character, and service. And if we assume that Paul was of the sort who had sought every means for enlightening his soul, that the conscience which spoke to him might speak correctly; and if he said "Yea, I judge not myself even though I know nothing against myself. I am not thereby justified," we certainly should walk with a great humility and an earnest desire to follow only the carefully selected, clean thing that lightens our pathway.

But there can be no question when it comes to choice of setting one's judgment of himself over against the judgment of others as to which should be followed. So Martin Luther could go to Worms, though there were as many devils confronting him as there were tiles on the housetops. And Hugh Latimer, rebuked by his king, the voluptuous Henry the Eighth, would preach a second time the sermon which so displeased his king that its repetition in all probability meant his early execution.

One Judgment Alone Perfect.

The real Paul, or the real self, "He that judgeth me is God." Others' judgment of me is necessarily imperfect. My own judgment of myself is likewise faulty. There is one however who judges with a perfect judgment. As the prophet said, though in a question he put it, "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?" He alone has all the qualifications of a competent judge. First, he knows the one perfect standard of each one of us. Secondly, he reads the motives that prompt every act, and certainly he has no cause for prejudice. Therefore I am grateful that the ultimate judgment to be placed upon myself rests upon him. He is the one who is absolutely capable of a perfect verdict.

The world is fickle, applauding one day, condemning the next. The world has a thousand standards, none of which may be adequate for me. The world looks upon the outer man, while the motive is the weightiest part of a deed done. The world is either falsely charitable, or severely cruel. But the eternal God is like a father that pitieth his children. And the proof of his love was in the sacrificial gift of his own son, bearing humanity an escape from the just penalties of sinful conduct. And following the example of his son, so can we, even in our darkest hours, commit into thy hands our souls.

Three practical results grow out of this study.

1—With due regard to the opinions of others, live bravely your own life.

2—With earnest endeavor to enlighten the soul, live—following unto death—according to the leadings of your conscience.

3—Commit the result of such living, as well as your own life, to the confidence of the eternal judge, who in Jesus Christ hath passed a righteous sentence on all that we are and do.