CHURCH FEDERATION TO MEET TUESDAY TO PLAN WORK

Eleven Denominations Represented—Personnel of Officers and Executive Committee Announced.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING POSTPONED.

On account of Labor day the September meeting of the Portland Ministerial association will be postponed from the first to the second Monday of the month. The meeting will be called at 10 A. M. September 8 in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian association, rather than at the Y. W. C. A. as heretofore. Important reports will be made at this first session of the new year, and a prompt attendance of all Portland Protestant ministers is respectfully urged.

HAROLD H. GRIFFIS, President.
D. LESTER FIELDS, Secretary.

TUESDAY noon 15 men, representing 11 denominations, will gather at the Y. M. C. A. for luncheon and to discuss the membership of the various committees of the recently-organized Portland church federation.

The entire personnel of the officers and executive committee was made known last week. They are:

President, Rev. Joshua Stansfield, pastor First Methodist church, Portland.

Vice-president, Rt. Rev. W. T. Sumner, bishop, western Oregon, Episcopal area.

Vice-president, James F. Ewing, director of religious education, First Presbyterian church, Portland.

Recording secretary, Robert M. Tuttle, Congregational church, secretary Portland Securities company.

Treasurer, Grant Phegley, Baptist church, Phegley & Cavender Clothing company.

Executive secretary, Ralph C. McAfee, former student counsellor, State University of Colorado and Washington, under national Presbyterian board, recently Pacific coast supervisor Y. M. C. A. war work in student army training corps units.

Executive committee: The officers and Emerson B. Clark, United Brethren church, city commissioner's office; Rev. Homer L. Cox, pastor Friends' church; Buford C. Darnall, Christian church, superintendent Swift & Co.; Hubert A. Goode, state engineer, government building; John A. Hammond, United Presbyterian church, superintendent Aluminum company; Samuel Lancaster, Baptist church, highway engineer; Cornelius Tonseth, Norwegian Lutheran church, florist.

Departments—Evangelism, Rev. Edward H. Pence, pastor Westminster Presbyterian church.

Social betterment, Professor N. F. Coleman, professor Reed college.

Industrial relations, Will H. Daly, ex-city commissioner, Portland Monotype company.

Religious education, James F. Ewing, director religious education, First Presbyterian church.

Survey and interchurch world movement, Walter D. Whitcomb, Whitcomb & Whitfield, public accountants, recently discharged from United States army with rank of lieutenant-colonel after overseas' service.

Publicity, J. R. Ellison, Ellison-White Chautauqua bureau.

Finance, Robert J. Paterson, Stephens-Smith Grain company.

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A most important conference on the fundamentals of religion will be held in Portland during the latter part of September.

Leaders who will deliver addresses are: Rev. W. B. Riley, D. D., pastor of First Baptist church, Minneapolis; Rev. A. C. Dixon, D. D., former pastor of Metropolitan (Spurgeon's) tabernacle, London, England; Rev. J. C. Massee, D. D., pastor First Baptist church, Dayton, Ohio; Rev. William L. Pettingill, dean of the Philadelphia Bible school.

The meetings will be held in the White temple and First Baptist church both afternoon and evening.

These men will come freshly enthused from largely attended conferences in other cities, especially the world conference in Philadelphia, and the meetings will really constitute part of a series of conferences which are already national and are destined ultimately to become international in character.

The committee in charge of the arrangement includes Dr. W. B. Hinson, Dr. J. J. Staub, Dr. A. L. Hutchison, Rev. E. D. Hornschuch and Rev. T. P. Smith.

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Preparations for a survey of the counties, communities and churches of the state of Oregon are under way as a part of the work of the interchurch world movement. With the exception of a portion of eastern Oregon this work is under the direction of Rev. John D. Rice, recently appointed rural survey director. In each county a survey committee will be appointed and a county council consisting of one minister from each denomination and one man and one woman from each Sunday school district will be organized to serve as a local advisory committee.

The state rural survey committee has been organized with Dr. O. C. Wright as chairman. The other members to date are: Dr. C. F. Swander, Rev. A. J. Sullens, Venerable H. D. Chambers, Rev. C. L. Shuster, Rev. F. H. Freund, Rev. F. S. Munn Mumey, Rev. L. C. Henshaw, Rev. Alexander Beers, Rev. A. L. Howarth, Rev. W. J. Fenton, Rev. Boudinot Seeley, Rev. L. K. Dickson, Rev. G. E. McDonald and Rev. Wilhelm Petterson.

Upon the facts revealed by the survey a large programme of activity will be built.

Under the joint auspices of the Multnomah County Sunday School association and the Portland Federation of Churches a training school for Sunday school workers is to be held during the coming fall and winter. Sessions will meet each Wednesday evening during the weeks from September 24 to November 12 and from January 21 to March 10. According to the announcement of the dean, Rev. Robert Murray Pratt, a three-year course will be offered in the training school, leading to graduation with diploma. Sessions are to be held in the First Methodist church.

Each evening's course will be divided into four periods. From 7:30 to 7:45 there is to be a period of worship. Period 2, from 7:45 to 8:30, will have two courses: (a) "The Life of Christ," taught by Mrs. Clara G. Esson, and (b) "The Unfolding Life," by Robert Murray Pratt. During the third period, from 8:30 to 9:15, four courses willbe given: (a) "The Religious Nurture of Little Children," by Miss Georgia Parker; (b) "The Training of Juniors," by Mrs. S. Earl Du Bois; (c) "Girlhood," and (e("The Administration of the Church School," by James F. Ewing. Period 4, from 9:15 to 9:45 is to be a general assembly, with demonstrations of the junior choir, the summer school of religious education, education through dramatics and pageantry, education through pictures, home co-operation and the organized Sunday school movement.

During the second semester courses will include: "The Old Testament a Living Voice," "The Principles of Teaching," "Missionary Education for Little Children," "The Teaching of Juniors," "Boyhood," "The Adult Division Organized for Service."

In addition to the teaching staff for the first semester the instructors for the second semester will include Miss Violet W. Johnson, Miss Bernice Adams and Harold F. Humbert, general secretary of the Oregon Sunday School association. The training school is a continuation of the institute which was held at the Sunnyside Congregational church during last February and March in which 169 students registered, representing 37 churches and nine denominations.

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The American women's hospitals in France and Serbia will furnish the subject matter for a number of the clergy of the city today. Their interest has been aroused, as Oregon's record is at at stake. Our state is the only one in the union which has not raised its quota for this work.

The fund is being used to give shelter and medical care to thousands of young dependent mothers, expectant mothers, helpless babies, war orphans and other women who are penniless, bereaved and ill in devastated Europe.

Through military necessity, hospitals were maintained for the care of sick and wounded men at the front throughout the war, but practically no provision was made for the sick and helpless women and children at home until the American women's hospital service took up this work.

Hundreds of American women physicians and nurses are giving their services in these hospitals, including four from Oregon, and out of the 18 American women decorated by the French government, two were Oregonians—Dr. Mary McLaughlin and Dr. Mary Evans.

Pastor Emeritus to Preach at First Christian Church.

"The Search of the Scripture," Rev. S. M. Conner's Topic.

IN THE absence of the Rev. Harold H. Griffis, the morning worship at 11 o'clock today at the First Christian church will be conducted by the Rev. Samuel McCleary Connor, pastor emeritus of the First Christian congregation. At this morning's service the Rev. Mr. Conner will deliver a characteristically forceful message, taking for his topic "The Search of Scripture." In the evening at 7:45 the congregation will have the privilege of listening to a timely address on local benevolences by Miss Janet M. Pendegast, field lecturer for the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective society.

Thursday evening the workers of the Bible school will hold what promises to be the largest monthly council in the history of the church. Harold F. Humbert, state Sunday school superintendent, will be ready at that time with an announcement that vitally concerns the entire city of Portland, and full reports will be received from the school's representatives to the missionary conference at Seabeck, Wash.

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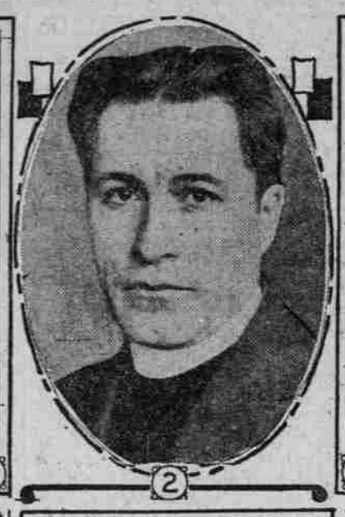
Miss A. Hallene Pierce, soprano, of the East Side Baptist church quartet, has returned from a two weeks' vacation with relatives in Seattle, where she enjoyed singing to large and appreciative audiences in The Plymouth Congregational church and The First Presbyterian church.

TWO PORTLAND PASTORS PLEDGE SERVICES AS SPEAKERS FOR THE AMERICAN WOMEN'S HOSPITAL IN FRANCE, ANOTHER RETURNS FROM SERVICE IN FRANCE AND A FOURTH ACCEPTS A CALL TO THIS CITY.



1—Rev. Robert H. Milligan, pastor of Rose City Park Presbyterian church. 2—Rev. Oswald Taylor, rector of Grace Memorial Episcopal church, who will speak in the interests of the American women's hospital campaign now being waged in Portland. 3—Rev. D. A. Thompson, pastor of the Mizpah Presbyterian church, who has been in France in Y. M. C. A. work for the past 20 months and who will occupy the pulpit of that church next Sunday. 4—Rev. S. Earl Childers of the Eugene Bible university faculty, who has accepted the call of the Rodney-avenue Christian church, commencing his new duties next Sunday.

East Side Baptist Church Adds New Members.

Montavilla Congregation Calls Dr. F. W. Staning as Pastor.

SEVEN new members were received into the East Side Baptist chuch last Sunday at the preaching services and several others announced their intention of joining at an early date.

This morning Dr. W. B. Hinson, the pastor, will preach a sermon on "The New Testament Fact of the Return of Jesus Christ." The sermon will allow the Bible to speak for itself and concern itself nothing about theories either post-millennial or pre-millennial, but it will attempt to disclose the truth of the scripture concerning this important doctrine.

At night Dr. Hinson will preach again, taking for his theme the book of Jonah.

In the afternoon Dr. Hinson will preach at Gladstone. Sunday school will be at 9:30, preaching services will be at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M., and the B. Y. P. U. at 6:45 P. M.

The church is located at East Twentieth and East Salmon streets and can be reached by Hawthorne, Mount Scott, Sunnyside and Mount Tabor cars.

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The Grace Baptist church of Portland (Montavilla) has given Rev. F. W. Starring, of Cannon City, Colo., a most hearty call. He has accepted and expects to be on the field early in October.

The three months' service of Rev. Fred Berry will close with September 7, when he will, after a short trip to his home in Lincoln, Neb., take up his regular work as director of evangelism for western Washington.

Morning and evening subjects today have been announced as "The Second Coming of Christ" and "Related Truth." Baptism will take place at the evening service.

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Rev. F. O. Belden, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, of San Diego, Cal., who preached last Sunday at the White Temple, will occupy the pulpit of that church again on Sunday. His morning sermon topic is "The Righteousness of God," and in the evening he will speak on "Keeping the Watch." A cordial invitation is given to all to attend these services.

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Lectures by Rev. Persis Wilson Moore, medium and pastor of the Church of the Spiritualist Center, will be given today at 8 P. M. at 412 Holladay avenue.

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At the Mount Tabor Methodist Episcopal church, corner of East Stark and East Sixty-first streets, E. Olin Eldridge, D. D., pastor, services will be held today as follows: Preaching 11 A. M., subject, "Springs That Never Fail;" and at 8 P. M., "The Unavoidable in Life." Sunday school will be at 9:45 A. M., and the Epworth League at 7 P. M.

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At the Anabel Presbyterian church the pastor, F. H. Mixsell, has announced the following programme: At 9:45 A. M., Sunday school, F. N. Taylor, superintendent; 11, sermon, "Approved Unto God"; 7 P. M., Y. P. S. C. E.; 8, choral evangelistic service, "The Foundation of Our Faith." Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8 P. M. The Gleaners of Anabel Presbyterian church invited the congregation to share a picnic at Kenilworth park Wednesday. Baseball and tennis finished a day of enjoyment.

Sellwood Methodist Church Observes Labor Day.

Dr. W. S. Gordon, Pastor, Is Asked to Remain Another Year.

SELLWOOD METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, East Fifteenth and Tacoma avenue, Rev. W. S. Gordon, pastor, will hold services in accord with Labor day observance at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. The morning topic will be "The Peace Which Passeth Understanding." In the evening there will be a Labor day sermon on "A New Social Creed." A special invitation is given to the labor unions and all industrial workers. There will be special music at each service.

Sunday school will be at 9:45 A. M., Junior League at 2:30 P. M., Epworth League at 7 P. M.

The official board will meet Monday evening, the class in Christian reserves on Tuesday evening, prayer meeting Wednesday evening, and choir practice Thursday. All meetings are at 8 o'clock.

At the quarterly conference last Monday evening, by a unanimous vote, the pastor was invited to remain another term at an advance in salary.

Reports showed that the church was growing, and all obligations paid to date.

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Services will be held at the Universal Messianic church at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. today. The subject for this morning will be "The Realm of Spirit." Study classes meet Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All services are held in room 318 Abington building.

Rev. G. L. Robinson Forceful and Popular Preacher.

One of the Great Scholars of the Presbyterian Church Now in Portland.

AT THE First Presbyterian church, corner Twelfth and Alder streets, the people will continue to enjoy the ministry of Rev. George L. Robinson, D. D., who began his work with this congregation last Sunday. Dr. Robinson is from McCormick theological seminary in Chicago and is known as one of the great scholars of the Presbyterian church. He is professor of Old Testament literature and in addition is a forceful and popular preacher.

Dr. Robinson has traveled extensively in Bible lands and brings to his sermons a great breadth of vision and sympathy which is most attractive. His scholarship is also shown in his Bible lectures which he is giving Thursday evenings while he is in the city. The subject next Thursday evening will be "Job."

Dr. Robinson will preach twice today. At 10:30 A. M. the subject will be "The Veil of Moses." At 7:45 P. M. he will speak on "How a Young Man May Keep His Record Clean."

E. Maldwyn Evans will sing a baritone solo at each service and at 7:30 in the evening J. MacMillan Muir will give a recital on the great pipe organ as a prelude to the evening service.

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"Truth's Paradox" will be the subject of the morning sermon at 11 o'clock, and that of the evening sermon at 8 o'clock will be "Things Immovable," at the Forbes Presbyterian church. The pastor, Rev. Ward Willis Long, will preach both sermons.

The pastor has not taken a vacation from his work this year, due to the fact that the interest and progress of the church has been too challenging to leave it. With the opening of the fall work it is the feeling of all connected with the church that only "big things" are ahead, according to Mr. Long.

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Rev. A. L. Hutchison, D. D., pastor of Piedmont Presbyterian church, has returned from his vacation, part of which was spent in familiar haunts around the Puget sound country, and the remainder in a course of Bible lectures at Silver Lake, Wash. Dr. Hutchison expects to occupy his pulpit this morning at the usual hour. There will be no evening service.

United Brethren Churches Announce Sermons.

Annual Convention Oregon Christian Endeavor September 6 and 7.

DR. BYRON J. CLARK, pastor of the First United Brethren church, Fifteenth and East Morrison streets, will speak Sunday morning on "The Trinity of Man." In the evening Miss Dorothy Nichols, who has recently come to Portland from a successful lecture tour in Los Angeles, will tell the story of her conversion to protestantism. Miss Nichols spoke last Sunday morning at the First Christian church.

At the Second United Brethren church, Twenty-seventh and Sumner streets, the pastor, Rev. Ira Hawley, will speak both morning and evening on the following subjects: Morning, "How God Trusts His Servants"; evening, "Receive the Word as of God and Not as of Men."

"The Church That Flourished" will have the consideration of Rev. E. O. Shepherd, pastor of the Third United Brethren church, Sixty-seventh street and Thirty-second avenue Southeast, Sunday morning, and in the evening his subject will be "The Common People Glorified by Their Lives." This will be especially interesting to those commonly known as the laboring class.

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The congregation of the Fourth United Brethren church, Tremont station, where Rev. C. P. Blanchard is pastor, will listen Sunday morning to a subject appropriate to Labor day entitled "The Problems of the Hour." The evening service will be in charge of Rev. Clark of Dayton, Ohio.

The annual convention of the Oregon Christian Endeavor of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ will be held in the First church, Fifteenth and East Morrison streets, Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7. This convention will be presided over by Professor J. Clifton Tucker.

An interesting and inspirational programme has been prepared with special features.

The convention proper opens Saturday, September 6, at 10 A. M., with the president's address. At 4 P. M. there will be a river excursion, landing somewhere for lunch and programme, the main features of which will be music, recitations, athletic stunts, closing with an address by Rev. D. J. Ferguson, the athletic preacher of Philomath.

Other special speakers will be Rev. Ira Hawley, the pioneer preacher of Montana, and Juan Rivera, Filipino, president of the United Brethren Christian Endeavor society at San Fernando.

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The annual convention of the Woman's Missionary association, Oregon conference of the United Brethren Churches in Christ will convene in the Second church, Twenty-seventh and Sumner streets, Wednesday, September 17, with the president, Mrs. Myrtle Minshall of Philomath, Or., presiding.

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Rev. Levi Johnson will give the annual Labor day sermon at the Men's Resort Sunday at 4 P. M. There will be songs by working men and special music by the Resort orchestra led by Miss Alice Johnson.

Pastor Returns Home From Song Festival.

Sermon at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Will Be in Norwegian.

THE morning service in Our Savior's Lutheran church, corner East Grant and Tenth streets, will be in Norwegian. The pastor, Rev. M. A. Christensen, has chosen for his theme "The Prayer of the Publican." The pastor has recently returned from the Norwegian song festival held at Tacoma.

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At the Swedish tabernacle, North Seventeenth and Glisan streets, the service will be conducted in the English language. The pastor, Rev. C. J. Ledin, is now home from his vacation and will preach his first English sermon in a series on "The Saving Mission of Christ as Related in the Scripture." The topic for the evening sermon will be "The Saving Mission of Christ as Foretold in the Old Testament Promises."

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At the special meeting held in the Powell Valley Mission church last Sunday an impressive ordination service was held in the afternoon, when the pastor of the church, Rev. William L. Hawkinson, was ordained as a minister of the gospel. There was a very large attendance of people from Portland and the surrounding country as well as from Powell valley, Gresham and Damascus.

Seven ministers, besides the candidate, took part in the ordination ceremonies. Rev. Paul W. Rood of Seattle spoke for the church, Rev. C. J. Ledin of Portland preached the ordination sermon and led the ordination exercises. Rev. A. R. Anderson of Seattle led in the ordination prayer.

Other ministers present who took part in the sermons were Rev. E. N. Train of Seattle, Rev. Jonas Johnson and Rev. Magnus Anderson of Gresham, Or., and Rev. Karl Hendrickson, missionary of Alaska. At the close of the service Rev. William L. Hawkinson was presented with a beautiful Bible from his churches in Damascus and Powell valley.

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At the Clay-street Evangelical church, Tenth and Clay streets, of which Jacob Stocker is pastor, at 10:45 A. M., the sermon will be by the presiding elder from Albany, C. L. Schuster, followed by communion service. At 8 this evening "Science and Christianity" will be the subject of the sermon by the pastor.

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Evangelist L. K. Dickson will give his closing sermon in the big tent pavilion, corner Thirteenth and West Morrison streets, Sunday night at 7:45 o'clock. The subject announced for this service is "The Significant Hush of the Big Guns," and will be built upon Bible prophecy. Mr. Dickson will open up a fall and winter series of lectures in Christensen's hall after about a month or six weeks' rest. The public is invited to attend the closing service of the present series held tonight.

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The Independent Bible Spiritualist church will hold a meeting today at 8 P. M. Lecture subject, "Self-Healing and the Higher Man." Demonstrations by four mediums at the W. O. W. temple, 112 East Sixth street, corner of Alder, will be given. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Schorl are the pastors.

Baptist Young People Open Camp Meeting.

Three-Day Outing at Gladstone Promises to Be Interesting.

THE Oregon Baptist Young People's societies started their annual camp meeting yesterday on the Gladstone Chautauqua grounds. It will continue through tomorrow.

Addresses by prominent Baptist workers, conferences on important subjects and a recreational programme have been arranged.

The executive committee of the Oregon Baptist Young People's union has general charge. This committee consists of Harley K. Hallgren of Portland, president; Miss Hazel H. Todhunter of Salem, secretary-treasurer; Eva Trent, McMinnville; Miss Dorothea Clinton, Portland, and Miss Nina E. Burch, Portland.

The programme committee for this assembly is composed of Miss Lydia Pliter, Mrs. Edker Burton, Miss V. E. Sheffler, C. A. Ordway and Rev. Ed C. Cofer.

The committee on arrangements at the grounds includes Hon. H. E. Cross, Gladstone; Miss Laura Purcell, Gladstone; Miss Naomi Armstrong, Miss Maude Cook and Victor Barney of Oregon City.

The publicity committee includes Gordon Clifford and C. A. Palmquist.

This is the first attempt of the Baptist young people of this state to hold a summer conference to combine religious conferences and vacations. Prominent Pacific coast workers in the denomination will give addresses today and tomorrow. This morning Dr. T. H. Hagen of Seattle, director of the Baptist young people's work in Washington, will direct the Sunday school. He will also conduct a group of conferences Monday morning. The morning worship service will be in charge of Rev. George F. Holt of Salem.

The early part of the afternoon will be devoted to an intermediate rally. At 3:30 o'clock Dr. W. B. Hinson, pastor of the East Side Baptist church, will give the main address of the assembly. One thousand people are expected at this service. Tonight Rev. W. Earle Smith of Los Angeles will speak.

Monday morning Dr. Hagen and Miss Mabel Hines of Los Angeles will conduct conferences. The annual business session will be held early in the afternoon, followed by a recreational period. The closing address Monday evening will be given by Dr. Alonzo M. Petty of the mission board.

The use of the Chautauqua grounds was donated to the young people by Mr. Cross. As Monday is a holiday many pitched their tents Saturday to enjoy a three-day outing as well as the conference. Meals are being served on the grounds.

The assembly is under the direction of State President Harley K. Hallgren. Several local ministers and their wives are acting as camp advisers.

"The 'Yet' of Eternal Hope," Subject of Dr. Stauffer.

First Congregational Church Minister Leaves Tomorrow for Canada.

AT THE First Congregational church, Park and Madison streets, Rev. Byron H. Stauffer, D. D., of Winnipeg, Canada, will preach at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. His subject in the morning will be "'The Yet' of Eternal Hope" and in the evening he will give his popular lecture on "The Folks Next Door." This will be the last opportunity to hear Dr. Stauffer, as he leaves Monday for his work in Canada.

On Thursday evening at 8 P. M. Mrs. Nellie B. Wolfe will give a programme. Mrs. Wolfe has been an independent social service worker for 25 years, the past 10 years of which have been spent in Portland. She advocates church institutional work and a legal aid society for Portland, and in her address will give some interesting ideas along this line. There will be a special gospel sing as a part of the programme, and some of Mrs. Wolfe's own compositions will be used. The general topic

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CHRISTIANITY REVEALS GOD'S LOVE FOR THE HUMAN RACE

Religion Is Not a Myth, Fancy or Fad. Is Great Fundamental Fact Revealed Through Jesus Christ, Says Pastor of East Side Church.

BY BYRON G. CLARK,
Pastor of First United Brethren Church, East Fifteenth and Morrison Streets.

These are spots in your feast: Clouds without water; trees with withered fruit; raging waves of the sea; murmurers, complainers; speaking great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration; they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the spirit. But ye beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the holy ghost.—Jude 1:12-20.

THESE graphic words picture to us in metaphor, figure and simile, the disastrous results of heresy in faith, error as it is mixed with truth, and imagination growing out of selfishness and human lusts. Sin has worked a terrible havoc in human life. The race has gone far from truth, because of the delusive trickery of the devil. Some would have us think this all a fancy, but if it be such, it has brought about a condition in individual life, and in social relations, that is not a fancy, but a fearful fact. Fancies never lead to facts, except as they lead us to deny facts, until the penalty for disregard brings its direful results in a condition that is not fancy.

In the light of these vivid illustrations of evil and the terrible consciousness of their truthfulness, as it applies to modern conditions, nothing is gained by eluding them. Our duty is to face the facts, as they appear, and as they are declared to be, especially when they come from such authoritative sources as the Bible and the character of the writer who gives us the words. He was the brother of James and also the supposed brother of Jesus, the Christ.

Let us not pervert them into a mere play of words. There are some who would make every real thing of life a mere fancy of a disordered mind, meeting the description of "clouds without water." The kaleidoscopic view presented to us in the numberless theories, cults, creeds, dogmas and propagandas of the world is surely a demonstration of the old repeated statement, "That no man by thinking can find out God." The only way to test a thing is by the result it gives.

"By their fruits ye shall know them" is the only safe test.

We must learn to distinguish between fruit and the mere promise of fruit, for our scripture tell us of "withered fruit," and "apples of ashes." We are also warned against those who would give us a "stone for bread," "a serpent for a fish," "and a scorpion for an egg."

Ever since satan deceived Eve in the garden of Eden by perverting the decrees of the Almighty, we have had the Archdeceiver of souls to meet on every field of action and honest endeavor. He has not always appeared as a "roaring lion" or as a hideous monster, but more often as an angel of light, or in the mask of divinity, robed with the garb of religion. He would charm us with his fancies and interest us in his fads; keeping our lives in the way that seemeth right, but which leads to death.

There are spirits in the world, that are not of God, and we are warned against them and told how to discern them, by the great Christian teacher and evangelist. (I John iv:1-2.)

Fancy Crowds Out Fact.

Too often fact has been crowded out by fancy, and fundamentals have given way to fads. Fancies and fads are so scintilating as to lead the unthinking into their acceptance, because of the tinsel rewards they seem to offer. The masses do not think beyond their apparent needs. The crowd is easily gulled; hence we are warned against teachers having itching ears, men and women who have selfish ends to gain, and are ready to spring any propaganda that will unwittingly deceive and lead to ends of their own making.

It has been demonstrated over and over again that a fad will call as many individuals to it, as a fundamental. And people will make, sometimes in appearance, greater sacrifices for it than a fundamental. Take the fads of society, and the fads in style, the fads in amusements, etc. They will have their day, and then as suddenly shift to something else, with only a repetition of the shifting process. These sudden changes people make without any reason for the change other than simply a notion.

Many sane and sensible people in commercial life become insane and absolutely credulous in religion. Giants of industry and invention are often mere pigmies when it comes to religion. While they are sane and sensible on the plane of the material, in the realm of the spiritual, credulity takes the place of faith, fancy the place of fact, fads instead of fundamentals.

The call of God, back to himself; and the thoughtfuls consideration of our relation to him, as an essential fundamental in our relation to one another must be seriously considered if the disturbed condition of our modern times is to be permanently remedied. All the dogmas, creeds, cults, isms, schisms, fads and fancies, as well as facts, revolve around three great fundamental demands of the human body and soul, viz., health, association and thought. The vigorous and normal activities of the body we instinctively seek to maintain, food, raiment and gratification of its appetites. Association is a call of our nature that must be met. The mind will function, if not normally, it will function abnormally. If we do not think logically, orderly, and fully then we are liable to disaster. For as a man "thinketh in his heart so is he."

To meet these fundamentals of life, we have often left the true circle for a tangent.

Speculative philosophy is a weird and ghostly form; it is the will-o'-the-wisp that is leading men onto the rocks. We are not needing brilliant thinking so much as balanced thinking in these days. Balanced thinking will lead us to a safe, sane and sensible interpretation and acceptance of the truths of religion as revealed in Jesus Christ, and the gospels. It will lead us to the truth in its entirety, and not to a dangerous over emphasis of a mere segment of it. Anxious concern for the human body with all of its varied needs have been the source of many theories concerning human life.

The religious instinct has been drawn upon, and the religious impulse has been made to serve the body in an attempt to conserve its energies. This is all wrong, for it is reversing the order of him who created that body. The pendulum of human thought too many times swings either to the extreme of materialism or to the opposite extreme of spiritualism, and too often in each case the claims of the flesh become supreme. Either that, or the body is ignored entirely; either of which is entirely wrong. The body is a good servant, but a poor master.

The first temptation of Jesus as presented by Satan on the mountain, was to put the claims of the body first, but Jesus met it with the assertion, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God." He even declares "That man's life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesseth." Yet that is the mad race we are all in; to get things for the human body.

Jesus met a crowd one day, that had followed him about, shortly after the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and he said to them these remarkable words: "Ye seek me, not because of the miracle, but because of the loaves and fishes." And so it is, we are still doing it; seeking Christ, not for the spiritual blessings in character, but because of the loaves and fishes. We want food and raiment; we want to be healed of some physical ailment; selfishness becomes the dominant motive in our approach to religion. That was the greatest discouragement that confronted Jesus when he was here in person. The Jews, even those who became his most ardent follower, could not see the spiritual significance of His mission. His kingdom to them was a material one like Rome, and the king, one likened to Caesar.

So we find still, people who have eyes, but will not see; ears, but they will not hear, the spiritual message to character. Too many of us are still living to the flesh, which means death; that is, the lower demands dominate the higher and the servant takes the place of master.

Put up a religion that promises food and raiment, bodily healing and physical rewards as the chief reward for its devotees, and the multitudes will run after it. But it is still, as it always has been: "Broad is the way, and wide is the gate that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat, but straight is the gate and narrow is the way, that leadeth unto life and few there be that find it." This is true of everything in life worth while: Education, moral attainment and spiritual culture. The laws of health are laid deep in man's physical nature and the penalty for disobedience is sickness and premature decay.

And in this, the innocent suffer with the guilty, for arrested or delayed penalties are often visited upon the third and four generation. Facts are stubborn things, and will not be disposed of by denying them. It is still true, regardless of the philosophy of men, that "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but he that confesseth and forsaketh his sins shall find favor with the Lord."

In association we are confronted with the claim of industry and society with all its varied interests. The individual is forced to accept the fact that no man liveth to himself. Some of the most valuable experiences of life come from association with one another. Our own interests compel us to appear unselfish in our associations, but even that has become to many of us only another source of selfish gratification.

Church Unselfish Institution.

The church is an institution for unselfish expression of the ideals and claims of Jesus and this is done by association with one another in harmony with those ideals. The church is perverted in its mission when it becomes the servant of any selfish or class interest. It is a place where the "rich and poor meet together and the Lord is the maker of all."

It is primarily an institution for the promotion of true worship in harmony with the true ideals of Jesus as revealed in an understanding of his spiritual mission.

Bread and butter, food and raiment and material interests are not the primary concern of man if he is to function in the highest purposes of his creation. These are an essential part of his life, but they must take the proper order. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Anxious concern and unscrupulous method because of fear that we will not get our share of the things of life has diseased the entire social body until the entire "head is sick and the heart faint." We have abandoned the programme of Jesus, and let go unheeded the sane and just claims of religion. Back of it all is the attitude we assume to life.

Our thinking needs to be revolutionized. We need to recognize the limitations of human thought. Man's mind can go but a little way toward meeting the infinite. Our conceit and pride; our desire for independence has led us to spurn help. We feel the need of being saved, but we want to save ourselves. We are not willing to face the fact that we need a savior. This has been the reason for much of our wanderings from God, and much of the confusion in our thinking. We will not recognize this great fundamental fact in religion. If we are to know God he must reveal himself to us.

God is hid in nature, but not revealed. We see traces of him on every yellow leaf of history; we behold his footprints on the shores of mortals, the fact will not leave our minds but what he may be found, but we fail to find him.

Natural religion, so-called, has never lifted the race one particle toward God. Only a revealed religion can do that.

Jesus said to Simon Peter: "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjoma, for flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee, but my father which is in heaven, he hath revealed it unto thee." This is the foundation upon which must rest the true church. And "no other foundation can no man lay except that which is laid" in a correct revelation of God through his son, Jesus Christ, by the holy ghost.

We often hear it said that it does not matter what a man thinks or believes, it is what he does that counts. But all facts of human experience tell us that back of every action is thought; and even conscience is governed by faith. A man's conscience will acquit or condemn him on the grounds of his belief.

Faith Must Be Holy.

Look to your faith, see that it is rooted in safe soil. If we are to be builded up truly and become a positive factor for the bringing of the race back to God, our faith must be a "holy faith." It must be in harmony with the divine decrees as revealed in his word, the Bible.

I am inclined to ask at this juncture, What will be the harvest of the many cults and sects that have sprung up within the last generation? It is too early to predict with exactness, but it is safe to say that much of it will be exceedingly disastrous, as will be revealed in the characters that will become the fruitage of such apostacy.

Oh, for the simple faith of those men and women of God, who, without questioning, receive his revealed message of comfort and hope for a ruined soul and a lost race! Oh, for the heart-searching prayers that are offered in the holy ghost—prayers that touch the very heart of God and cause heaven and earth to be moved toward the fulfillment of his promise. For the promise is still good; "that if his words abide in us and we abide in him we may ask what we will in his name and it shall be given unto us."

Christianity is not a myth; it is not a fancy; it is not a fad, but is the great fundamental fact of God's concern and desire for the race as revealed in Jesus Christ through the holy ghost, which he has given unto us."