CITY FEDERATION OF CHURCHES TO HOLD OPEN-AIR SERVICES

Rev. H. F. Given of First United Presbyterian Church to Preside and Rev. H. L. Bowman, New Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Will Deliver Sermon.

THE second of a series of open-air services under the auspices of the city federation of churches will be held in Laurelhurst park this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. H. F. Given, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church, will preside and the sermon will be given by Dr. Harold Leonard Bowman, the new pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The congregational singing will be led by Dr. A. E. George, director of the choir at the First Friends' church. The union chorus choir will again be assisted by C. J. Siefarth, cornetist from Ockley Green United Evangelical church, and there will also be special music.

This will be the last service to be held in Laurelhurst park, the services for August 8 to be held in the City park, further notice of which will be given next week.

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There will be no Sunday school nor services of any kind today at the Clay-street Evangelical church. However, there will be the usual services at Jennings lodge at the camp meeting ground of the denomination. The Sunday school will begin at 9:30 and the morning service at 10:45. At that time there will be celebrated a communion service. The afternoon service begins at 2:45 and the evening sermon at 7:30 o'clock.

The Sunday school league will have its convention August 3-4 and the young people's alliance convention convenes August 4-5, following which the camp meeting will adjourn.

The Moody Bible institute of Chicago is conducting a summer Bible school at Gladstone park from July 25 to August 22. Dr. W. P. White, for 19 years pastor of the United Presbyterian church at Albany, is the director, and Bible teachers are lecturing daily. The attendance is rapidly increasing. Every facility is afforded campers and the admission is free. Similar Bible schools will be held this summer at Ashland, Or., and Vancouver, B. C.

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This morning at 11 o'clock William G. Eliot Jr. will preach on "The Undying Reality, Freshness and Power of Religion" at the Church of Our Father (Unitarian), Broadway and Yamhill street.

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The Portland district convention of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints will convene at the Twenty-ninth and M-street church, Vancouver, Wash., July 30 to August 1.

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At the first Divine Science church, Portland Hotel, blue room services will be held at 11 A. M. Rev. T. M. Minard pastor. Mrs. Bruce will speak on "The Science of Divinity," Thursday, at 8 P. M. A study class will be held at room 301 Tilford building.

'Love,' Subject of Christian Science Bible Lesson.

All Churches Hold Services This Morning, While Sixth Has Programme This Evening.

"LOVE" is the subject of the Christian Science Bible lesson in the Christian Science churches today. All the Christian Science churches hold services today at 11 A. M. and only Sixth church holds Sunday evening service, which begins at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday evening meetings are held in all the Christian Science churches at 8 o'clock. Testimonies in regard to healing of the sick are a part of these meetings.

A cordial invitation to attend these services is extended to all. All of the churches hold Sunday school for pupils up to the age of 20 years. In all the churches, except Third and Fifth, sessions are held at 9:45 and 11; in Third and Fifth the sessions convene at 9:30 and 11 A. M.

The churches unite in maintaining reading rooms in the Northwestern bank building and 266 Burnside street. Fourth church maintains a reading room at 148 Killingsworth avenue. The Bible and authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased at any of the reading rooms.

Christian Science churches may be found at the following locations:

First church, Nineteenth and Everett streets; Second church, East Sixth and Holladay avenue; Third church, East Twelfth and Salmon streets; Fourth church, Emerson street and Vancouver avenue; Fifth church, Sixty-second avenue and Forty-second street Southeast; Sixth church, Pythian temple, 358 Yamhill street; Seventh church, 403 Smith avenue, St. Johns.

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The Realization league will be addressed by E. Edward Mills, pastor, at 11 o'clock this morning at the Modern Conservatory of Music, 148 Thirteenth street on "Channels."

Methodists to Hear Bishop Shepard This Morning.

Service Begins Promptly at 10:30 A. M. and Is Followed by Sunday School Session.

AT the First Methodist church this morning Bishop W. O. Shepard, the newly appointed resident bishop of Portland area, will preach at the morning service at 10:30 o'clock, and in the evening at 8 o'clock Dr. Joshua Stansfield, the pastor, will preach on "The Creed of Christ." The morning service starts promptly at 10:30 o'clock and is followed by the Sunday school session at 12:15 noon. E. T. Gruwell will be the teacher at the general session of the senior and adult departments in the church auditorium, and screen pictures and stories for the junior and children's departments will be given in the Oxford parlors. Strangers and visitors in the city are especially invited.

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The Methodists are making preparations for a ten days' camp meeting in the Clinton Kelly Methodist Episcopal church grove, Powell and East Fortieth street. The camp will begin Thursday evening, August 12, and close Sunday evening, August 22. Bishop Shepherd, Dr. Youngson, district superintendent, and other prominent church workers and speakers will be present. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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What did David mean when he said, "My times are in God's hands"? Does God's care extend to the commonplace things of a man's life? The pastor of the Clinton Kelly Memorial Methodist church, Powell and East Fortieth street, takes the above subject for his sermon this morning.

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Rev. Alfred Bates will preach at the Tualatin Methodist Episcopal church today at 11 A. M. and at Wilsonville at 8 P. M. Special music will be given at both services.

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Dr. E. E. Gilbert will preside at the fourth quarterly conference of the Tualatin and Wilsonville Methodist Episcopal churches to be held at Tualatin on Wednesday afternoon, September 1, where reports of the year's work will be presented.

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Rev. J. E. Squires of San Francisco, who is the Sunday school field secretary for the Pacific and northwest conferences, will preach at the 11 o'clock hour at the First Methodist Episcopal church, South. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Byrd, will preach at night. Communion will be at the morning service. All of the services of this church will continue throughout the summer without intermission.

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The Kimball School of Theology chorus at Salem will assist in the music at the Methodist Episcopal annual conference of Oregon to be held at the First Methodist church at McMinnville, September 29 to October 4.

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Rev. A. C. Grier of Spokane is touring from California to his home. He will be in Portland Sunday, August 8, and will speak for the Realization league. The dedication of "The Realization Song Book" at Lincoln high school has been postponed from August 1 to August 8.

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The pastor will take a much needed rest during August in preparation for what promises to be the best year's work in the history of the church. Plans are under way for the enlargement of the temporary Bible school equipment, which will be ready by fall.

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Rev. J. L. Austin preaches today at the Glencoe Baptist church, corner East Forty-fifth and East Main streets, at 11 A. M., on "The Seeing Eye and the Hearing Ear," and at 7:45 P. M. on "Faith the Answer."

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At Kern Park Christian church, Forty-sixth avenue and Sixty-ninth street, Dr. J. W. Chorley will speak at 11 A. M., taking for his theme "Trees by the Rivers of Water." At 8 P. M. evangelistic services "Glorying in the Cross of Christ" will be the pastor's theme.

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"The Choke Hold" will be the subject of the morning sermon at the Arleta Baptist church today. Mr. Day will discuss the power of secret sins to strangle the higher purpose and the nobler determinations in life.

In the evening the subject will be "The Promise of Prosperity." The short Sunday evening services are being well attended. The attractive music led by a large choir under the direction of J. A. Finley is unusually agreeable this summer.

1—George Porter, president of the Knights of the Tower class of the Mount Tabor Presbyterian Sunday school, which meets for social occasions at frequent intervals in addition to its active church work. 2—Miss Margaret Ewing, teacher of the Daughters of the King class of the Mount Tabor Sunday school. This class sometimes holds joint business and social meetings with the Knights of the Tower class. 3—A. M. Bowes, who came last month to the First Nazarene church, at Tenth and Weidler streets, from Yakima, where he has been pastor of his denominational church for four years, and during which time the membership trebled and a new edifice was completed. Formerly he preached in San Diego, where during a six-year pastorate the membership rose from 60 to 227 and a new church with a seating capacity of 800 was built and cleared of debt. He went to San Diego from Denver.

Iowa Pastor to Officiate at St. Stephen's.

Holy Communion Will Be Celebrated at 7:45 and 11 Today.

REV. W. C. STOCKLEY of Clinton, Ia., will officiate at the celebration of the holy communion at St. Stephen's pro-cathedral today at 7:45 and 11 A. M. Dean Hicks is absent from the city. The Young People's society meets at 6:45 P. M. in the parish house. There will be no chapter meeting this week.

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James Moore Hickson, writing from Montreal, Quebec, to Rev. Oswald W. Taylor of Grace Memorial church, says:

"I am sailing for England by the Victorian from Quebec on the 7th. I expect to be in England about six weeks, and then I go on my world tour, taking in France, Egypt, the holy land, and Japan. I hope to return to America via Japan in order to be present at the next church convention to be held in Portland in 1922, and then I hope to do some further work, when I trust I will meet you again.

"It has now been more than a year since, in obedience to what I believe to have been the call of the Holy Spirit, I came to the United States to do what I could towards reviving in the American church the ministry of spiritual healing. My desire was to work very quickly, as I did for the first month of my stay here, but after that the matter seemed quite out of my hands. The report of an address made in Trinity chapel, New York, to a small group of clergy, appeared in the New York Herald without my knowledge and consent. This report aroused widespread interest throughout the country, and since my return to America in October the missions of healing, which it has been my privilege to conduct in various cities and towns from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts, have been attended by thousands of people.

"The interest manifested everywhere is an unmistakable evidence of people's yearning for all that the church has to give, for the healing of the body as well as the healing of the soul. In each one of the missions I have striven to place the emphasis where it belongs. The ministry of healing is a spiritual ministry, and offered freely to all.

"Its aim is to heal men's bodies, but not their bodies alone; primarily it seeks to heal men's souls, and then to heal their bodies through their souls.

"I shall shortly be returning to England, and in view of all the kindness which has been shown to me by clergy and laity and the press in all parts of the country, I feel that I cannot go without expressing my deepest gratitude. The sympathy everywhere manifested has been an unfailing source of inspiration and strength, and I shall carry away with me only happy memories of my visit. It is my earnest hope that the work will be carried on throughout the church. Prayer circles have already been formed in many places, and encouraging reports are constantly coming in. Information with regard to these circles may be obtained through the vicar of Trinity chapel, Rev. J. Wilson Sutton, 16 West Twenty-sixth street, New York City.

"Perhaps I should say, in closing, that I am not connected with any organization in this country. My desire has been, not to build up an organization but to revive the healing ministry throughout the whole church, as a part of the church's normal life and work. It is a great joy to feel that this revival has actually taken place, that now, as of old, people are looking to the healing savior. May the holy spirit carry on what he has so wonderfully begun. God guide and bless the whole American church.

"JAMES MOORE HICKSON."

Dr. Bowman to Fill Pulpit Twice Today.

Morning Subject at First Presbyterian Church Is "Sunshine in the Valley."

THE First Presbyterian church, corner of Twelfth and Alder sttreets, will have its pastor, Rev. Harold L. Bowman, D. D., in the pulpit at both services. At 10:30 A. M., Dr. Bowman will preach on "Sunshine in the Valley," using as his text part of the 23d psalm, and in the evening at 7:45 o'clock the subject will be "The Tragedy of Wilful Weakness." During the month of August the quartet will have its vacation and music will be in charge of E. Maldwyn Evans. Mr. Evans will sing a baritone solo at each service. J. Macmillan Muir will be organist for the month of August. Mr. Muir will give a special organ recital as a prelude from 7:30 to 7:45 P. M.

The Sunday school is having pictures during the summer to illustrate the gospel of Luke, and is meeting in two sessions, one for the beginners and primary children, and one for the juniors, intermediate and adults. The talk in the primary room will be given by Miss Ruth Slauson and in the senior room by James P. Ewing. Visitors are cordially invited to attend either session of the Sunday school. They both meet at noon, immediately after the morning service, in the church house.

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Dr. and Mrs. L. K. Grimes of the Kenilworth Presbyterian church, will spend the month of August at Cannon beach. The church will be supplied for the morning services by local ministers. There will be no evening services.

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Piedmont Community Presbyterian church, Cleveland avenue at Jarrett street, Rev. John Francis Morgan, pastor, preaches at 11 A. M. His subject is "The Legacy of Peace." Sunday school at 9:45 A. M.

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Rev. Ward W. McHenry will be the speaker at the Men's Resort service today at 4 P. M. The usual big song service will precede the speaker and Mrs. Ella Hoberg Tripp's chorus will sing solos and duets. Alice Johnson will be musician.

Evangelist Fills Baptist Pulpit Today.

Dr. S. J. Reid Is Great Preacher and Writer.

IN the East Side Baptist church this morning the pulpit will be filled by the Baptist state evangelist, Dr. S. J. Reid.

At 11 o'clock Dr. Reid will preach from the subject, "The Sure Protection of the People of God," and in the evening at 7:45 his topic will be "The End of Despair and the Beginning of Hope."

This church is exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of this gifted man, who is not only a great preacher but a writer. He is also widely known as the "Irish evangelist."

He will serve the church during the month of August while the pastor, Dr. W. B. Hinson, and his associate, Rev. H. T. Cash, are absent on vacation. The work of the church will continue as usual with the weekly publication of Dr. Hinson's sermons. Dr. Reid will have charge of the midweek prayer service on Wednesday night at 7:45.

The Sunday school meets at 9:30 and the Young People's societies at 6:45.

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The Baptist Young People's unions of Vancouver, Oregon City and Portland will hold an "impromptu" rally at the Highland Baptist church, corner Alberta and Sixth streets, Tuesday evening, Aug. 3 at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Young, the new Baptist Young People's union director of the Pacific northwest will be the speaker of the evening, and will have charge of the installation of the newly elected officers of the City Baptist union. The rally will be a very informal summer get-together with a sing, readings, social hour and refreshments.

The annual outing of the Baptist young people will be given Monday evening, Aug. 9. Contrary to usual custom, this summer's outing will be an excursion up the river.

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"The place and Power of the Pulpit" will be the subject on which Pastor F. W. Starring will speak this morning at 11 o'clock at Grace Baptist church, East Seventy-sixth and Ash. At 8 P. M. he will deliver a gospel message on "Not Under Law, But Under Grace."

The vacation school will close on Friday, August 6, and on that evening parents and friends of the boys and girls are invited to attend a programme and exhibition which will show some of the results of work done in the last four weeks. In its third week the school has had a daily average of about 150 Montavilla boys and girls.

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The Church of Modern Spiritualism will hold services in the Pacific States building, 409 Alder street, corner Eleventh street, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. A public circle will be held immediately after. In the evening at 7:45 o'clock Rev. W. W. Aber, psychic, will lecture and give messages. His subject will be "The Origin and Destiny of Man." Stanley Hicks will be the soloist.

Rev. Griffis Will Preach on "Reality of Hell."

Christian Church Pastor Recovers From Illness and Will Occupy Pulpit Today.

BECAUSE of summer visitors August audiences at the First Christian church have been the largest of any month in the year. The Rev. Harold H. Griffis, who on account of sickness was absent from his pulpit last Sunday, has fully recovered from his disability and expects to preach today at both services. In the morning at 11 o'clock he will speak on Jesus' teaching concerning the future world, having ror his specific topic "The Reality of Hell." In the evening at 7:45 the sermon will be a discussion of "Christ and the Social Gospel."

The music today will be directed by Professor Walter R. Jenkins. Besides leading the song service at the Sunday school at 9:45 Mr. Jenkins will render at the morning preaching service the baritone selection, "Lead Us, O Father" (Wooler), and at the evening worship the gospel solo, "There Is a Green Hill Far Away."

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The Rodney and Woodlawn Christian churches have merged their interests, becoming one church. The combined church has purchased property at the corner of Mallory and Alberta streets with the expectation of building a modern, well-equipped church plant. The new church is to be known as "The Church of Christ at Mallory and Alberta."

Until the new building is erected the two congregations continue to meet at their present locations. Rev. S. Earl Childers will supply week-end ministry at the Rodney avenue church and Rev. Joseph D. Boyd will preach at Woodlawn and carry on pastoral work for the entire membership of the merged church.

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At 3 P. M. today at the Divine Healing institute, Eleventh and Yamhill streets, Rev. John G. Lake, overseer, will have as his theme "The Lord's Prayer With Its Christian Interpretation." "The Plan of the Ages" will be the evening topic.

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A devotional meeting will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at Theosophical hall, 301 Central building, corner Tenth and Alder streets.

Rev. H. O. Shurson Visits Coast Churches.

Object of Minister's Tour Is to Acquaint Local Churches With Work by Church at Large.

REV. H. O. SHURSON and Erick Waldel of Minneapolis, Minn., are visiting the coast churches of their denomination. The object of the tour is to acquaint local churches with the work of the church at large, its missions, charities, rescue work and general activities. The Portland meeting will be held Friday evening in Our Savior's Lutheran church, corner East Grant and Tenth streets. All friends of the Lutheran missions are cordially invited. The following pastors have announced that they expect to attend and bring delegates: Rev. J. C. Roseland, Silverton; Rev. Skarpvelt, La Center; Rev. Bruun, Astoria; Rev. Bruland, Chinook; Rev. Henriksen, Silverton; Rev. Anderson, Woodburn.

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"The True Meaning of the Lord's Supper" will be the theme of communion sermon at the St. James English Lutheran church by Rev. William E. Brinman, pastor. The regular morning worship is held at 11 A. M. Holy communion will be administered. There will be a special communion offering. Sunday school meets in the chapel at 9:50 A. M. The evening service and the Young People's Luther league will be omitted during the summer.

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The Rev. A. Krause, pastor of the St. Paul's Lutheran church, East Twelfth and Clinton streets, will conduct two services. In the morning from 10 to 11 an English service is held and the sermon based on "The Church of Christ Cannot Fail." From 11 to 12 a German service will be held and another catechetical sermon preached. This time the question will be answered, "Why Do You Go to the Holy Supper?" Special music is prepared for both services. Sunday school meets at 9 A. M. No evening service.

"Unjust Stewardship" will be the subject of Rev. M. A. Christensen's sermon in Our Savior's Lutheran church this morning at 11 o'clock. The discourse will be in Norwegian.

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Rev. P. Hinderer, pastor of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran church (Wisconsin synod), will conduct the services this morning at 10:30 o'clock. He will also hold services at the Montavilla mission at 2:30 P. M.

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The Church of the Truth holds services in room 412 Central building every Sunday at 11 A. M.

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Services will be held today in the United Brethren churches as follows:

First church, corner East Fifteenth and Morrison streets, Rev. Byron J. Clark, pastor—The Gideons will have charge of the morning service at 11 o'clock. Rev. R. G. Sumerlin will preach at 8 o'clock.

Second church, Twenty-seventh and Sumner streets, Rev. Ira Hawley, pastor—The pastor will have charge both morning and evening, conducting regular services.

Third church, Sixty-seventh street and Thirty-second avenue Southeast, Rev. E. O. Shepherd, pastor—The subject of his morning sermon will be "Faith." Christian Endeavor at 7, preaching at 8 P. M.

Fourth church, Tremont station, Rev. C. P. Blanchard, pastor—Miss Leila Luckey, recently of the United Brethren mission schools in New Mexico, will speak morning and evening.

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The service schedule for the month of August at Waverly Heights Congregational church, corner East Thirty-third street and Woodward avenue, Rev. Oliver Perry Avery, pastor, will be morning preaching at 11 o'clock and Sunday school at 9:45; no evening services till September.

Rev. Flint to Preach Last Sermon Before Vacation.

Pastor of the Atkinson Memorial Church to Take a Well-Earned Rest.

REV. ELBERT E. FLINT, pastor of the Atkinson Memorial Congregational church, will preach his last sermon this morning before taking his vacation. Part of his vacation will be spent in the mountains.

Last year, owing to the improvements on the church, he had no vacation. This year he will seek a complete rest. The work of the church for the coming year promises much and likewise heavy responsibilities. During the month the church will be opened Sunday morning by the regular Sunday school session. No preaching service. The heads or all departments of the work will be ready for conference on all work of their respective departments.

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"Man and the Bible" is the topic to be dealt with this morning by Rev. Edward Constant at the Highland Congregational church. This church will be open on Sunday mornings for the month of August, and the pulpit will be filled by various preachers during the remainder of the month.

PIONEER DESTROYS HIS DEED TO WHAT IS NOW SALEM, OR.

Dr. Ira L. Babcock, One of First Settlers to Explore Columbia River, Refuses to Take Land From Squatters.

ANCIENT Oregon history is linked with the name of Dr. Ira L. Babcock, early day explorer of the Columbia river, and one-time supreme judge. This was revealed by Attorney Henry E. McGinn of Portland in his letter to Ottis L. Ross of Sioux Fall, S. D., grandson of Dr. Babcock, who revived the Babcock history upon his visit to Portland with the Shriners in June.

Ross is potentate of El Riad temple of Sioux Falls and was personally present when the old physician, now dead, tore up a deed to much of the ground on which the city of Salem, Or., stands.

Some who heard this story in Portland were inclined to doubt its authenticity and believed it part of the Shrine publicity during the sessions of the imperial council. Attorney McGinn knew better and, believing that Ross would be interested in learning more about his ancestor, wrote him a letter setting forth some of the early-day facts.

First to Explore River.

Dr. Babcock, who was born on a farm near Norwalk, O., went west as a missionary in the early thirties and drifted over to the mouth of the Columbia river. He was one of the first settlers to explore the river. The Indians feared and respected him for his skill and daring and though he incurred the enmity of some of them, he was saved from death by the fact that the wife of one of the chieftains was ill and it was believed his medical knowledge could aid her.

As the Indians disappeared and the white men located in the northwest, Dr. Babcock settled there and grew up with the country, acquiring rights to valuable lands by deed. In this way he obtained possession of much of the ground on which the town of Salem now stands and held it until shortly before his death.

Years after his settlement there, he moved back to Ohio. Land values in the northwest began to climb. Investors and those who sought to improve inquired about Dr. Babcock and wrote him often to get a price on the Salem land. He would not reply.

Refuses to Sell.

Then large firms sent emissaries to his farm to induce him to relinquish his right, but despite flattering offers he still refused.

A few years ago he called together his closest relatives. He explained the situation to them, told them they were comfortably fixed and that his possession of the Salem lands was unnecessary to them and might work great hardship on many poor people. He deliberately tore up the deeds and left the squatters' rights paramount to his own rather than feel that some people would be ultimately evicted from the land they had used so long.

This was but characteristic of the man, according to the letter of Attorney McGinn, which says:

Appointed Supreme Judge.

"The Oregonian of this morning informs us that you are the grandson of Dr. Ira L. Babcock. It may interest you to know that at the great historic meeting known as the "wolf meeting" in our Oregon history, your grandfather, though a doctor, was appointed supreme judge of Oregon with probate powers.

This was in February, 1841, before the treaty with Great Britain had formally conceded the right of the United States to the state of Oregon, for the present state of Oregon was never seriously in dispute between the great powers, though the present state of Washington was.

"When your grandfather, Dr. Ira L. Babcock, was appointed, the Oregon country over which he presided as supreme judge consisted of the present states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. See proceedings of Oregon Pioneer association of 1874, pages 53, 57, 58, and proceedings of Oregon Pioneer association of 1882, page 14.

Three Functions United.

"In speaking of Dr. Babcock, J. Quinn Thornton in his paper before the Pioneer association of 1874, says: 'The effect of this procedure was practically to unite in one man the executive and judicial functions, and for this purpose Dr. I. L. Babcock seemed to unite the suffrages of the present system. He was a man of honorable ambition, possessing sound common sense, good principles and he was highly esteemed by the missionaries.'

"When in 1792 Captain Gray discovered the Columbia river he did not know that the name of Oregon had previously been given to it. Lewis and Clark did not know the name Oregon nor did John Jacob Astor, when in 1812 he petitioned congress for assistance in establishing Astoria under the sovereignty of the United States.

Poet Named State.

"However, the river had been been named in a book of travels of Jonathan Carver published in 1778, but by no means generally read. It remained for William Cullen Bryant to give currency to the name Oregon, for Oregon would doubtless have perished had it not been, as was stated by the late Harvey W. Scott, editor of the Oregonian, that the word suited the sonorous and solemn majesty of his verse, and he embalmed it in 'Thanatopsis,' published in 1817, in the words, 'Or lose thyself in the continuous woods, where rolls the Oregon and hears no sound save his own dashings.'

"Though what I have written you is doubtless not new, it may interest you to know that your grandfather's name is preserved in our archives and when called is always remembered with greatest respect.

"Very truly yours,
"HENRY E. McGINN."

Statesman Writes Love Story.

BERLIN, July 31.—Dr. Adolf Koester, who has just laid down his office of German minister for foreign affairs, has become a contributor to the well-known humorous weekly, Simplicissimus, the current issue of which contains a sentimental short love story from his pen.

NOAH'S NAME CONJURES UP PERSONALITY EXPRESSING CHARACTER

Appellations of Bible, Avers Rev. Edward Constant, Are Indicative of Wishes of Parents Regarding Offspring—Especially True Regarding Patriarchs.

BY REV. EDWARD CONSTANT,
Of the Highland Congregational church.

"He called his name Noah, saying, this same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands."—Genesis v:29.

A NAME is often not much more than a human label, a distinguishing mark. It tells little or nothing of him who bears it. With many of the old Bible characters, however, it is different. Whether such personalities were real of fictitious, the name fits the character or expresses the wishes of the parents regarding their offspring. This is especially true of those we call the patriarchs.

Very indistinct are the patriarchal figures upon the canvas of history. They hardly seem like ordinary men of flesh and blood. Their personalities are surrounded by the haze of tradition, while legend and story have made the freest use of the names of those worthies. Were it possible for us to unearth the original characters we might perhaps be brought into contact with a very different type of man from the hero of the popular legend or story. It might possibly be a rude shock to many of our ideas were we to discover that some of those characters whom we have exalted stood upon a lower plane than the nomads of the desert of the present day.

Changes Lost Sight Of.

We are so in the habit of measuring men and things by the standard of the twentieth century that we overlook the great interval of time which lies between us and them. We lose sight of the immense changes which have taken place in thought and life during the procession of the centuries. We ought never to forget that the oriental of the early days was a very different individual from the man of America in thought, habit and environment. While the old virtues and vices continue to flourish and love and hate are most potent factors, yet the civilization of our time has only the slightest resemblance to that of the early Bible days.

Still the men of that remote age have had a powerful influence upon the world. Their names are the common property of Jew and Christian. They stand out as pioneers of faith and piety. They were progenitors of spiritual ideas. They are among the earliest witnesses for God. They have done more than all other early historical characters to introduce us to the idea of the unity of God. Each one of those men had his own local coloring of character and each name its peculiar significance. That significance, too, as worthy of consideration.

Noah Vividly Depicted.

Take the case of Noah. A great amount of space has been devoted to him in religious literature. His name is inseparably connected with the Hebrew tradition of a deluge. He has been vividly depicted as the prophet of an impending calamity or as a preacher of righteousness in a time of depravity, one who persevered in his preaching in spite of the scoffs and jeers, the ridicule and rowdyism of the people.

Noah is thought of as the one man of integrity living in a period of great degeneracy. We are told of the reward which came to him for his fidelity when he and his family were saved from the flood. His ark becomes the type of the Christian church. He is represented as being signally favored by God and becomes a second Adam. He is the man, according to the story, in whom is preserved the race and who gives another start to humanity. The tradition is that his boys went forth to people continents and found nations.

Divine Promise Ratified.

We picture this man also as looking out upon the surging waters and waiting for the moment to leave the ark. Then there comes to mind the covenant which he is represented as making with God, when the divine promise is ratified by the rainbow, the arch of mingling colors, a picture which has a charm for the most prosaic mind and is ever the emblem of hope. Then, may be, we think of this traditional hero of the deluge as he falls from his heights and lies before us in the day of favor and prosperity in a drunken sleep or stupor, an offense to our sight and a shock to our pride and faith in human greatness. Such is the man of the popular story of the deluge, the Noah about whom we read as children, the strange figure who took himself and his belongings into the ark when the rain came.

It is easy to say, as many do, we have no use for those old characters. But anything which is human must be of some interest to us. Rude and barbaric as antique man was, we are his descendants and some of his qualities still linger with us. Something more than a shadow falls upon us from our remote ancestors.

Name is Significant.

We may lightly pass by this man Noah, even wonder if he is any more than the child of tradition, but there is a significance in his name which is worth being remembered. The name means "comfort." The birth of the boy, we may well imagine, brought a thrill of joy and expectancy to the father's heart. It means a real addition to the family tent. The prattle of the boy would bring diversion into the family circle and stir the affections.

A heavy curtain hangs between us and the life of humanity in those far-off days. Life was not the complex thing it is now. Men had not the artificial cravings with which we are familiar. Luxuries were of a coarse, rude type. Wants were few and knowledge of the world was limited. Flocks and herds constituted the wealth. Men dwelt in tents and roamed in search of pasture and streams of water. Their mode of living, clad in the skins of the animals they killed in chase, was so far different from civilization as we know it that they scarcely seem to belong to the race of which we are a part.

Emotions Are the Same.

But, after all, they were human. They experienced heart pangs common to us all. Their faces rippled with laughter and their cheeks were bedewed with tears. The world was filled with mystery and life was often harsh and bitter. Primeval man saw the blasting effects of the thunderstorm. He suffered from the drought which parched the soil and destroyed the crops. The streams dried up and he heard the flocks bleating for water which he could not supply. He realized his helplessness in the devastating storms of wind. He labored from the coming up of the sun to its going down and met with scant reward. Sickness and sorrow invaded his tent. Death came and laid his loved ones low. He felt after the unseen power and offered his sacrifices, but they did not rid him of his sorrows. Dark clouds crossed his path all the same. The quietude of his life was disturbed by family strife, by tribal feuds and by misunderstandings as to the rights of pasturage and water.

The lot of primitive man was by no means one of unalloyed pleasure and prosperity.

Now the coming of a son like Noah was deemed the source of solace and comfort. The happy ways of his young life would break the dreary monotony of the common day. As he grew older he would able to relieve the father of some of his burdens. His little acts of kindness would take the sting from many a sorrow. The boy of the household, as he entered into the perplexities of the family, would sometimes find a solution for the domestic and other problems which the older minds failed to discover.

These are not the things upon which we have been wont to enlarge. In connection with the history of one like Noah. They had to do with the quiet and more modest side of his life. There is little brilliancy of color found in the pursuit of humble tasks. We are not much given to look for heroes around the domestic hearth. We are apt to seek them on the broad plain of life in conflict with the issues of the day. It is there the heart is moved by mighty deeds, while scenes about the family dwelling are regarded of a lowly order, without any of the dash and daring which attract attention; but what we deem to be mere acts of drudgery are none the less vital. The sacrifices and virtues of the domestic life are not exposed to the gaze of the world, and there is no tongue quick to tell of acts of self-denial or noble deeds wrought there, neither is pen found to describe the little words of kindness and thoughtfulness, the display of patience and hopefulness and the manifestation of the cheerful spirit which sheds light in the hour of gloom and depression. These are things which often are only recorded in the book of secret history. It is to the credit of any one, however, when it is said that his presence makes joy in the home and is a comfort in the hours of suffering and sorrowing. The smiling and friendly face is at such a time a ray from the gospel of Jesus.

Limited Few Succeed.

It is reserved for a limited number to reach the seats of the mighty. Few names bear the stamp of genius and greatness. Fame is an illusive creature. Many aspirants fight and fret and intrigue but never find their way to fame. Such are lacking in vigor and stamina to climb the road. Numbers of ambitious souls are destined to die of disappointment. They fail to come up to the standard of requirement. The world has no use for their wares.

There are good and worthy people whose names never find their way into print, who are never asked to fill an office in a club or society, who are never solicited to run for an office in the local government and who are never thought of as belonging to the social life of the community. They are plain and unobtrusive people, "content to fill a little place," but they have always been known to pay the grocer's bill, have a name for fair and honorable dealing and have always been ready to contribute their dollar for a good cause or to help a less fortunate neighbor. They are not the persons to bicker and quarrel and show the spirit of jealousy or to thrust themselves into prominence. All such have an appreciation of the mind of Christ. The aim is to be a blessing and comfort to others. They sow the seeds of good will and wait patiently for the fruits.

World Looks Pagan.

Who will say that is not a desire worth possessing? Wherever Jesus went he carried a blessing. Christian service means entering into the pangs and pains of the world. We have yet to learn the value of human life. That is something which is not expressed in dollars and cents. We have not begun to truly live if we are not trying to extract some of the bitterness out of the world and are not endeavoring to play a brotherly part towards others, even though they be of another faith, of a different political creed, or belong to some other race. The only equipment needed for such a service is the possession of the heart of love. It is a sad thing to say, but sometimes it looks as if the world is as much pagan as Christian. The Christian church as a corporation has grown who be large and wealthy, but has the Christian church more of the love of its Master than it had in the days of its poverty?

Fewer cheerless, dispirited, forlorn creatures would be noticed if he had more of the sympathetic disposition of Jesus. Men who are fighting a losing battle would come out victors if they were not denied a happy and helpful comradeship. If we would only throw the arm around the weak how much strength might be given to the feeble-hearted. Discouraged souls, weary of life and ready to give up in despair, might find fresh courage if only the right word of comfort could be heard by them. Condemnation never yet brought salvation, but to greet a defeated soul with a smile and a promise of help will often inspire one to do better things.

Christian Action Awaited.

The world is still waiting to find Christianity in action. The blessings of the gospel are not to be kept under lock and key. That gospel is amplified by practice. No amount of smooth Sunday talk can make up for the rough tongue, the harsh ways and the greedy spirit of the Monday. That is a miserable sort of devotion to Christ which contents itself with the psalms and prayers of the sanctuary. Christ in the heart will be the motive power to action. We should have less religious dyspeptics if there were more people actively engaged in living out the precepts of Jesus and exercising the spirit of love among their fellows. We are making too many vacant spots and interludes in the sphere of service. There can be no excuse for failure to operate. There may be much shifting of the scenery on the stage of human activities, but there can be no ringing down of the curtain as long as life lasts.

Wasted Life Not Necessary.

Here lies for us the path of service. Ours need be no wasted life. If we live with the love of Christ in our hearts, with the desire to help and comfort others, our influence will be an unceasing stream of goodness and home will be a place filled with the sweetness and peace of the celestial realm.

According to the meaning of the name of the old patriarch Noah, we are capable of giving courage and comfort to others. Why should any man question his capability? Every one has the capacity of receiving God and conveying his love to others. That is his birthright. If we become unreceptive and unresponsive it is by reason of a crass indifference. We allow ourselves to be bound and restricted by dislikes and prejudices. Religion with many is rather a plaything than a tool of service. Such are Christian in a technical sense. The stamp they bear is ecclesiastical. In the large human, brotherly sense they are unchristian. They lack the momentum to carry them forward in service and sacrifice. There is a force, likewise a splendor, in the name Christian. In the power of that name we should live. It is for us to fill our place in the world, no matter how small it is, in the spirit of Christ, "bearing one another's burdens" and showing that we have the heart wherewith to serve and help our brothers in the hours of trial and adversity.

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