

What I Saw and Heard at Church

The Same Being a Visit To the First Presbyterian Church of Marshfield.

By A. GLOBE TROTTER

THE first thing I heard, even before I went in, was the squeak of the front door. It's a small thing, I know, to mention, yet it served its purpose to announce my coming to all the worshippers. Some squeaks stay in church doors longer than in other doors. I think, however, that the sexton heard it and it is enough now to hope that it is no more.

The service was an impressive one, the singing by the trio of voices was inspiring and understandable. And while the people worshipped it occurred to me many times, "What a pity more of the Marshfield residents could not be present to enjoy the spiritual uplift and gain new inspiration for life's struggles."

The sermon by the new pastor, Rev. J. E. Burkhardt—an I learned that the churches of Marshfield have mostly new pastors, was not the address of a novice, but the masterpiece of the experienced. He has a pleasant manner, yet with a firm seriousness that commands attention all the time.

In this morning's sermon he made us think of "The Challenge of the Church to the World," and took a single expression found in the Scriptures, "The church of the Living God," "It is not," said he, "desirable to live in a community void of churches or church influence. Many act toward the church like the little girl who said of Santa Claus, 'We don't believe in you but we like your gifts.' Many wish to share the blessings of the church, but not the church herself. I mean many do not want to share in the church any of her responsibilities.

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Has the Greatest Message.

"There is nothing which meets the demands of the times as does Christianity. There is nothing which has already lent itself as much for the betterment of humanity as the religion of Jesus Christ.

"Education does not change the rascal's heart. Civilization does not stop the crimes of the inhabitants of Monte Carlo. Neither has art or law in the course of years changed the trend of humanity and raised it higher. But Christianity is really man's only hope socially, and spiritually and every way. The church is the only organization which can and does solve the deepest of man's problems.

Not Perfect.

"It is imperfect because it is made up of imperfect individuals. Many hold the church too highly. The church is not to be worshipped, but is the means of promoting religion. Paul knew of the church's imperfections and he spoke of them; also he overlooked them.

"Thus many have objections which they make to the church and they say she is 'too narrow.' Well, I will answer, maybe some of the people in it are narrow, but not the church of the Living God. 'Hypocrites' say others. This is true, but the smallest man is the one who can himself securely hide behind a hypocrite.

"Of all, the church of the Living God is the most blessed institution in the whole world and meets the needs of our human experiences and therefore demands our presence and our responsiveness to the call to worship the Living God."

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No one shook hands with me except the pastor, his glad face and hand found me just at the door, which made me feel like not going away at all, just then. To confess I ran a race with him like so many strangers always do in church and then go away and tell how unobscurable the people were.

He is a new pastor in the city, having come from a successful pastorate, at Roseburg, where a splendid new church was built. I learned that he has been in the ministry about 12 years and was educated at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago. I finally concluded that such men by their daily and weekly ministrations are accomplishing an untold amount of good and that they are laboring quietly, steadfastly and often times unappreciated for the highest and best in a community. I have not been going to church much of late, but I believe that I will soon again.

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Of Divine Origin.

"Whatever view we have, we must remember that the church is of divine origin. It is spoken of in our text as 'The church of the Living God.' The family instinct is at the base of the home. The commercial instinct is at the base of business. The dramatic instinct causes our theaters. The fraternal instinct, the lodges. And so on, the idea of justice produces our courts, the same as with education, our schools, and charity our hospitals. Thus with the religious instinct we have the church of the Living God. God ordained. Even as one has truly said: 'Religion establishes churches and in turn the churches promote religion.' You might as well try to have art without schools of art, or try to be charitable alone without organizations of charity as to try to promote religion without organization of religion.

Greatest Institution of the Ages.

"If all the churches were destroyed today there would be churches tomorrow. Why? Because God is the great Head. Men try to be religious even alone and have failed utterly in the main. Their lives become so selfish and self-centered. They become sour even to everybody. But in the church we have the companionship of be-

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one hour. A special invitation is extended to all young men and women.

Evening worship at 7:30 with sermon by Pastor Bassford on "The Waste of Wealth." This is the second sermon on the series on "A Young Man Who Saw Life." If you hear it, you will enjoy it.

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SWEDISH LUTHERAN.

Dr. John E. Oslund, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Morning service, 10:45 a. m. No evening services.

Ladies' Aid meeting Wednesday afternoon, 2:30, in the church parlors.

Young People's Society Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Rev. A. R. Munro. Mass at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, the Rev. Father Springer officiating.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

North Bend. Rev. Father Springer, Rector. Mass will be celebrated at 8 o'clock Sunday morning by the Rev. Father Springer.

METHODIST CHURCH

North Bend. The services Sunday will be as follows: Sunday school 10 a. m. Vesper Circle and Epworth League 7 p. m. Sermons by the pastor 11 a. m and 8 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

North Bend. The Rev. D. A. McLeod will preach in the Presbyterian church at North Bend, Sunday evening, February 2. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Christian Endeavor at 6:30.

Meet Monday.

There will be a meeting of the Marshfield Ministerial Association at the Methodist parsonage next Monday morning at 10:30. All the members are urged to be present.

Series of Sermons.

Rev. Bassford is preaching a series of sermons on the "Prodigal Son." The first of the series which was last Sunday evening, was "Breaking Home Ties."

WHY WOMEN LIVE LONGER THAN MEN.

Though doctors have long realized that, thanks to a better knowledge of sanitation and personal hygiene, people are living much longer than formerly, the much greater relative longevity of women as shown in the recently published national debt office's report on the mortality of government life annuitants has come as a general surprise.

In the summary of these figures it was shown that the expectation of life of a woman of 50 is now more than a year greater than it was in 1875, while that of a man of the same age is only three months greater.

Discussing the reasons of the increasing longevity, and in particular woman's stronger hold on life, physicians at St. Bartholomew's hospital advanced widely different theories. "The essential cause of death," one stated, "is a wearing out of overwork from our brain cells. Women may be just as brainy as men, but they do not work their brain cells as vigorously or as continuously as do their male relatives. If they did their world would not be so great a disparity in the length of life of the two sexes."

Another consultant puts down woman's greater expectation of life to the more sheltered existence she leads and the lack of the physically depressing competition which is a part of nearly every man's life. "A woman may have hard work to do," he explains, "but except for the few who work in offices or who follow professions they work in their own homes and at a pace they set for themselves. The home is also a safe refuge from the sun, wind and generally more wholesome than is her husband's shop or office."

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At the Churches

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL

Rev. H. J. Rutledge, Pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning services at 11 o'clock. Epworth League at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30. Junior League Thursday afternoon at 3:45. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:40 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend these services. Junior League service Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL.

Rev. Robt. E. Browning, Rector. 8 a. m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays.) 9:30 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., morning prayer and sermon. Holy Communion first Sunday of each month. 7:30 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon. Friday Evening. 7:30 p. m. Evening Service and Bible study. Service in St. Mary's church, North Bend (2 p. m.) and St. Luke's Church, Empire, (3 p. m.) every alternate Sunday.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS.

C. J. Cole, Pastor. Seventh Day Adventist services are conducted every Saturday as follows: Sabbath school at 2 p. m. Preaching services at 3 p. m. Come and spend an hour with us; we will do you good.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Z. O. Doward, Minister. 10:00 a. m.—Bible school. 11:00 a. m.—Communion services and sermon. 8:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting. 7:30 p. m.—Preaching services. Special music by the male quartet and choir.

NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN.

R. O. Thorpe, Pastor. Services will be held in the Norwegian Lutheran Chapel at Marshfield, Sunday, Feb. 2, at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10. Norwegian services will be held in the Swedish Lutheran Church at

North Bend, Sunday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Christian Science hall, 237 Third street North. Subject, "Love." Service Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school 12 M., Wednesday 8 p. m. Reading room open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 3 to 5 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Marshfield. J. E. Burkhardt, Minister. At the First Presbyterian church services may be expected on sabbath as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Young People's Meeting at 6:30. Evening worship at 7:30. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30.

Splendid music by the choir at morning and evening worship. The following is the musical program for the Sunday services at the Marshfield Presbyterian Church: Voluntary, "Credo, 1st Mass." Hayden Solo, "Abide With Me," S. Liddle. Anthem, "Praise Ye the Father." Gounod. Choir. Offertory, "Fragoriel," Schumann. You are cordially invited to attend all of these services. Bring a friend and come.

UNITED BROTHERS CHURCH

North Bend. Mrs. R. N. Lewis, Pastor. Sabbath school, 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Albert F. Bassford, M. A., Pastor. Bible school at 10, with graded classes and competent teachers. Morning worship at 11 with sermon by Pastor Bassford. Junior Society meets in the church at 2:30. All children are invited. Young People's service at 6:30 for

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