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**What I Saw and Heard at Church**

The Same Being a Visit To the Christian Church of Marshfield.

By A. GLOBE TROTTER

WHETHER by attraction of the lighted automobile that stood in front, or by the invitation of the bulletin board which told me "something was doing" on the inside, I know not now, only I found myself on the inside of this little church last Sunday evening and among an earnest company of worshippers.

As the quartet sang, "Drifting Away from God," I could not help thinking of the hundred or more men and boys whom I had passed upon the street, and some of whom I saw lounging about the various places. I presume they were all well meaning and honest in life's purposes, yet this song made me believe more than ever that these people are even now many of them in the slowly moving tide with nothing to moor to save now and then a floating whim or a foolish fable. Some of these nights, they will "hit something hard" and they will wish they had taken "on board" Jesus, the Pilot.

I did not have any difficulty in understanding the pastor, Rev. Z. O. Doward. He recently came from Grand Island, Nebraska, to reside over this church. His hair is somewhat sprinkled with white, he stands up straight and does not deliver his sermon at the windows or directly to his hearers. He is just in the prime of life. He told us of the time when the people of Israel found fault with Moses, because the water, when they reached Marah was found to be bitter.

"Many," said he, "when they start out in the Christian life expect no reverses. But God does not guarantee that they will not come. In fact, we understand that the victory which God gives is not at the beginning, but at the end. The Devil, like the professional gambler, lets you win at first, but in the end you are out soul and body. We see Jesus, our Lord, even when he entered the Father's work, being taken directly after his immersion, to the hill of temptation and there being tempted forty days.

Some Misunderstand God. "Israel certainly misunderstood God. They blamed Moses because the drinking water was bitter. Some seem to want the sweet without striving for it. The victory is desired at first without effort. The boy in school says 'give me my diploma, now.' But this follows after long years of toil. Some would blame God for certain conditions in their own lives which exist. But doubtless these can all be easily accounted for by the sin of early life. Many continually look upon the clouds, rather than the sunshine. But God does not intend us to live lives of misery, the rather He has ordained our life to be one of joy and comfort. Christ said: 'I am come that they might have life, and have it more abundantly. The children of Israel might have gone just a little farther on and have come to Elim, where there

were twelve wells of good water and seventy shady palm trees, but they chose to remain there and murmur.

Some Forget God. "The people of Israel looked so much upon their ailments and troubles that they forgot God. It is a good thing they had Moses along. He was one who knew the right source to search for guidance. He was the only one who did not forget about God. We are told he went to the Lord and pleaded so earnestly that God showed him a tree, a portion of which if he should cast it into the water it should become sweetened or fit to drink. Then there was rejoicing on the part of all. Why? Because some one had remembered God.

What Sweetens Life. "Do you know what really sweetens life? I will tell you. It is the cross of Jesus Christ. The cross of Christ is what makes this old world sweet and what really keeps it sweet. Without it the waters of this life would be most bitter indeed.

"Sin is a great calamity. It is not the reverses in finance, or the questions pertaining to labor, etc., that bring misery, but I say to you that, sin lies at the base of all distress. It is sin which makes the water of life bitter. It is sin which causes the complaints and woe, and there are many today who still stand around complaining as did the people of my text and they do not know that God has a remedy, and that that remedy is Jesus Christ.

"Now, it is a fact that the forgiveness of sins gives lightheartedness, relief from distress." Here the woman taken in adultery was cited, also the man carried by four others to Jesus and his palsy healed. But the pastor said: "Not that he was healed of a dread disease, was he only made glad, but that in addition to this Jesus said, 'Thy sins are forgiven thee.' This was worth more to this man throughout all his life, yea, and on into eternity, than the mere healing of his bodily ailments. The Eunuch met the evangelist in the desert place. He was troubled and in distress, but when the evangelist taught him about Jesus and the truth broke in upon him and when he obeyed the Lord's commands, we are told that 'he went on his way rejoicing.' Why? Because another soul had found out what sweetens life."

The whole sermon impressed me, and in particular the last point, that religion is not only good to die by but good to live by, good now in this life. But I really do not remember any more of it. I wonder how much of the sermon people in the churches really get, anyhow. They all looked at the minister continually, and whether their thoughts went "wool gathering" I could not tell, but I wondered, that's all.

The minister said this sermon was only a prelude to what he would have to say next Sunday night. The people may as well, then, expect a great sermon and be preparing all the week to expect it by enlarging their capacities, and urging others to come. So I thought to myself.

When the little card receivers came around, I did not have any card with me so I put in a nickel. My, it looked big! A dollar would have easily tipped it out of the thumb and finger of the man who carried it and if by accident it should drop on the floor, it would be hard to find it again. I am sure. (I mean the collection plate, not the dollar.) "But why should I give a dollar. I guess I give my mite." I am like others who sometimes go to church. Their religion costs them about twenty-five cents a year. It's cheap, and soon wears out because it is cheap.

The minister said the services next Sunday night were going to be for men. I'd like to be there, especially now that I have heard the "prelude."

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**The First Side.**  
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Less sin, more virtue, more happiness—more to go to Heaven, and far less for the other place—for "No drunkard can enter the kingdom of Heaven?"

**IF.**

**The Other Side.**  
But there would have been no revenue coming from license! How could we pave and light our streets, build bridges, etc., without the money that comes from license? And just think of the employment it gives to the laboring man; and what would the farmer have done with all his grain that goes to the still?  
And the dear old man, how could he get along without his customary dram?

Answer.  
It is too bad about that dear old gentleman—but then you know, if he had never had it he wouldn't miss it, and he can't have it when he gets to Heaven! And my dear opponent, if you will do a little figuring in mathematics with facts you will be convinced which is the economic side of the question, and learn, how good Uncle Samuel has all along been cheated by your theory.

The truth has already been demonstrated by correct figuring, and when the peaceful temperance warriors shall unfurl their banners of victory, it will be demonstrated by practical results to the satisfaction of all candid intelligent minds, to all lovers of purity and peace, that for health, wealth and happiness total abstinence is best.

"There never has been a time when the W. C. T. U. was so popular as at present," Ada Wallace Unruh in White Ribbon Review.

That fact is a most encouraging sign that our cause is prospering. God blesses right doings, that we stop and ask ourselves, whether the battle is going for or against us in this busy, rushing world, but we must not spend too much time on wondering, so long as we have the promise of the Father to be with us, whatever our sins, while we are on His side.—Mrs. Ward Swope.

Better spend our time in doing—doing with our might whatever comes to our hand to do, to help the right and put down the wrong. If you cannot see anything to do (you may think so) look about you, there are fields white for the harvest, languishing for want of laborers.  
**Abraham Lincoln on the Temperance Reform.**

Turn now to the temperance revolution. In it we shall find a stronger bondage broken, a viler slavery unmanumitted, a greater tyranny deposed—in it more of want supplied, more disease healed, more sorrow assuaged. By it, no orphans starving, no widows weeping. \* \* \* Even the drammaker and dramseller will have gradually glided into other occupations, so as never to have felt the change and will stand ready to join all others in the universal song of gladness. \* \* \* Happy day when all appetites controlled, all passions subdued, all matter subjugated, when mind—all-conquering mind, shall live and move the monarch of the world. Glorious consummation! Hail, fall of fury! Reign of Reason, all Hail!

**PASS STERILIZATION BILL.**

New Method of Reducing Criminal Population Adopted.  
SALEM, Feb. 15.—Only the signature of Governor West is now needed to make into law the sterilization bill designed to minimize the criminal and the mentally deficient population of the state. The bill passed the senate by a bare majority, 16 senators voting in favor of the measure.

With the passage of the sterilization bill by both the house and senate the Oregon legislature once more goes on record as backing Governor West in his crusade against vice, and for the raising of the standard of morality of the state. With but three dissenting votes, the bill by Senator Malarkey of Multnomah county, fixing a minimum wage scale throughout the state was passed by the house without amendment. It will go to the governor, therefore, in due time, the senate having passed it early in the session.

The house passed H. B. 261, by Barton, providing for the release of the courtesy or dower of the husband or wife of a person of unsound mind.

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