

**What I Saw and Heard at Church**

The Same Being a Visit To the Methodist Episcopal Church of Marshfield.

By A. GLOBE TROTTER

Upon returning to the city last Sunday evening and while hurrying along Central avenue toward my room, as I reached the Masonic Opera House Corner, I heard singing of such volume as to at once attract my attention. At first it seemed to come from the theater, but as I listened, I did not recognize any of the popular operas. With more intent listening I discovered it came from a little building which was just beyond—the Methodist church.

Peering in where the paint was off the windows, I saw a room full of people singing most heartily. When I went in I saw there was some room left, and happily for me this time it was in the back part of the church. Sometimes the people seem afraid of their pastor and sit way back where they can dodge out quickly. No wonder some preachers "holler" so; they have to do to reach the people where they are. No wonder people get so little out of the sermon, they sit away back so far and the sermon is all battered up tumbling over the seats getting to them.

Some audiences sit way back, some sit in front and some sit scattered about. These represent generally three kinds of people, I have learned. If they are scattered about they are not harmonious. If they sit way back they don't care and are as mere lookers on from the grand stand; but if they are up in front they are dead in earnest and are the standbys of their pastor.

I found the pastor of this church, Rev. R. L. Rutledge, (I copied this from the bulletin board) a very small man in stature, but a good-sized man in thought, deed and activities. He seems to have a smile that stays on. I learned from inquiry that he has been here four years. My! that seems long. I wonder if any one in the congregation has ever thought so, too. But his audience was good and his message was one of the best I have heard.

Four years! and he is the oldest pastor on Coos Bay they told me, not in years, but length of pastorate. Some women are not good judges of a person's age, but I should think this "old" pastor is still on the "sunny" side of forty. He is on the sunny side of life in his work, at any rate, and I think this record is one to be proud of, as he is filling a greater place than ever being at his post of duty this length of time.

I was glad to listen to this pleasant faced pioneer preacher and to note down some of the good things in his sermon. He does not tear his hair or weep and sob or wipe his eyes, but he looks straight at you and speaks generally in an even tone of voice. He just talks when he preaches, now strong and forceful, now low and even more forceful. Beyond him I saw Hoffman's Christ on the wall and it made me think of the importance of every minister being sure Christ is behind his every effort, in order to insure success. He told us something about the time that Peter sat without the court, when Jesus was on trial. He told us the causes for men's downfall and how they grow cold in their relation to Christ. He spoke and said about like this.

"This scene follows Christ's Gethsemane. It marks a critical time in the history of the church. It marks a critical time in the history of the entire world. This was a time of extreme perplexity for Peter, who was supposed to be the closest of Christ's personal friends. But we are told that when his Lord was

inside standing trial, Peter sat without the court.

Boasting is Harmful. Peter's downfall is a great help to many today. We often make our boasts and feel strong, but we are very apt to be again like Peter, sitting without the court. Sometimes it is the one who has taken a prominent part. If it had been Matthew or Thomas or Nathaniel, we would not have thought much of it, but to have this happen to Peter, is something we do not expect.

Neglect to Pray. "Away back before this time, when Christ had taken His disciples with Him in the garden. He had asked them to pray. But they slept. If Peter had prayed in the garden, he no doubt would have been stronger at this critical time. "We have not time to pray. We are in such a hurry. We do not have time in the morning to even speak to God. This is a dangerous way to live. I cannot recommend you to do this way."

Followed Afar Off. "Peter trusted in himself and neglected to pray, hence the next thing we see him doing is to follow afar off. We can expect this. Some people act as though they were afraid of religion. In fact, some people seem to want just a little of it, but not too much to embarrass them. Just enough to be saved, and then to go on as they please, afar off.

"He wanted to stay outside among the people who were not the friends of Christ. People try to hide themselves, they do not testify in prayer meeting and in class meeting. One thing you can be sure of, that is, if the new convert does not leave the old associates and choose good ones, his ways are still bad.

Warmed at Enemies' Fire. "Another reason for Peter's downfall is that he warmed at the enemies' fire. He stood among those who would crucify Christ. Some are so anxious to be considered neutral that they do not even deny their Lord. But when the maid asked Peter about his discipleship, he denied it up and down. We all need recreation and amusement, but it is not necessary that we should go to the world for pleasures. It is true that the devil has gotten hold of as many of the innocent amusements as he possibly can and one has to have a care today among whom he stands. Because Peter found himself standing among the enemies of Christ, he the more easily denied his Lord. It costs an effort to stand up for Jesus among the enemies of God.

Peter's Repentance and Forgiveness. "One of the best things about this story is that Peter very soon saw Christ as he passed from one room to another, and more than this, Christ saw Peter standing among his enemies. We are told that Peter went out and wept bitterly. Does Christ see you today and are you standing among those who are the enemies of Jesus? God forgave Peter and we know that he was useful afterwards.

"We are so much like Peter, that I feel like urging any here who have had similar experience to do exactly as Peter, get a new vision of Christ and repeat earnestly and God will surely forgive you."

Mr. Rutledge is a man who believes the church exists not only for worship and instruction, but for evangelism. He frequently conducts after meetings at which he is joined by his workers in active soul-saving work.

I learned that Rev. Rutledge has a regular preaching appointment at a small community across the Bay, where some of his workers have organized a Sunday school at 7:30 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend these services. Junior League service Saturday afternoon at 2.30.

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**At the Churches**

(Ministers and others are requested to hand in the Sunday church notices not later than Friday evening to insure insertion Saturday.)

**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 one hour. A special invitation is extended to all young men and women. Come with us and we will do you good.

**SWEDISH LUTHERAN.**

Dr. John E. Oslund, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Luther League 6:45 p. m. Morning services, 10:45 a. m. No evening service.

Lenten services, Wednesday and Friday evenings, 7:30. In the church at North Bend. Sunday school 2 p. m., Communion services, 3 p. m., Lenten service Thursday evening, 7:30.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

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

**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

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Marshfield. J. E. Burkhart, 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.

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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.

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**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.**

Christian Science hall, 237 Third street North. Subject, "Substance." 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.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Z. O. Doward, Minister. 10:00 a. m.—Bible school. 11:00 a. m.—Communion services and sermon. 6:30 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 at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10. Norwegian services will be held in the Swedish Lutheran Church at North Bend, Sunday, at 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 10.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

North Bend. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Christian Endeavor at 6:30.

**UNITED BRETHREN 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.

**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.

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**GEORGE J. FOURIER,** Administrator of the Estate of **Fourier, Deceased.** (First publication March 15, 1913. Last publication April 5, 1913.)

**NOTICE.** The annual meeting of the Coos Bay Land Company will be held at the office of I. S. Kaufman on Front street, Marshfield, Oregon on Monday, the 7th day of March, 1913, at 4 o'clock p. m. for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting. Dated at Marshfield, Oregon, the 7th day of March, 1913. **G. W. LESLIE,** Secretary. (First publication March 15, 1913. Last publication April 5, 1913.) Have your job printed in The Times office.