

SUNDAY MESSAGES

What Some of Astoria's Clergymen Had to Say.

WISDOM FROM THE PULPITS

Rev. Gilbert Speaks on "The Bulwarks of Our Faith," to Large Audience—Words of Advice and Instruction to Church People.

At the First Presbyterian church last evening Rev. W. S. Gilbert spoke on the theme, "The Bulwarks of Our Faith," to a large sized audience. He said in part:

There are seven fundamental things which are bulwarks of the Christian faith:

First: The personality of God; this is the foundation of all religion. One of two things is true, God is a person or there is no God; either we must be materialists or Theists. We may boldly say without fear of contradiction that in fact materialism has absolutely no scientific warrant; it is a mere blind guess to say that the present existing world of life, of consciousness, of conscience, of mind, of personality, has come into existence of itself from mere material force without intelligence or wisdom or personality to guide. And yet a man who denies the personality of God either flounders about with no clear belief at all or must accept the unscientific, irrational, materialistic guess. It is foolishness to say God is a force (no God at all), or an intelligence (who can conceive of an intelligence without personality?). The personality of God is then the basis upon which all religious faith must be built.

Second: The fatherhood of God follows inevitably the truth of his personality. God is more than law-maker afar off; more than merely a ruler of arbitrary power; there is love in God's world, and we know even from our own intention and reasoning that there is no stopping place for our faith till we

come to the great truth that God is our father, indeed, as Christ has taught us, "my father."

God loves each of his children as though he had but one child.

Third: The divinity of Christ. If God would reveal himself to us and make his love known, it could be in no better way than in Jesus Christ. The historic Christ reveals exactly what we need to know of God. His birth, his life, his character, his resurrection, his own claims, his influence in the world show plainly that in him there is something more than we wish to claim for ourselves. If he is anything, in fact, more than we are, then there is in him infinitely more; if there is in him any miraculous element at all he is divine.

Fourth: The Holy Spirit. While we have fallen into a way of thinking of Christ, as the living presence of God, the Scripture teaches us to name this living presence of whom the hearts of men are quickened the Holy Spirit. To men generally, the distinction may seem to be dogmatic, still in making the bulwarks of our faith, surely we wish to name this "Spirit of truth" who abides with us forever.

Fifth: The Bible.

Sixth: Prayer. Worship, reverence, obedience, faith; all these are prayer and we most surely have every good reason to believe in this great bulwark. If worship, reverence, and prayer, have no place in our life, we are indeed far from God.

Seventh: The unselfish life. Some call it missions, love, sympathy, usefulness. We believe in the life that lives not merely to be ministered unto but rather to minister and give the life to others.

As we walk about Zion and think again of these seven great towers our enthusiasm and loyalty kindle. Ages have endeavored to batter down these walls, but they stand today as enduring as the very power of God.

Itch—Ringworm.

E. T. Lucas, Wingo, Ky., writes, April 25, 1902: "For 10 to 12 years I had been afflicted with a malady known as the 'itch.' The itching was most unbearable; I had tried for years to find relief, having tried all remedies I could hear of, besides a number of doctors. I wish to state that one single application of Ballard's Snow Liniment cured me completely and permanently. Since then I have used the liniment on two separate occasions for ring worm and it cured completely. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Hart's Drug Store.

NEW OYSTER COMPANY.

Harry Hamblett Figures Prominently in the New Deal.

The last issue of the Willapa Harbor Pilot has the following in relation to the new oyster combine just organized over that way, and as "oysters" are always a subject of popular "discussion," and as a well known Astoria man has a definite interest in the new, big concern, it is reproduced on the double hypothesis of luxurious taste and pleasant acquaintanceship:

"Articles of incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State last week for the Willapa Bay Oyster Company, the incorporators being Harry Hamblett of Portland, H. M. Bransford of this city and W. G. Gosselin of Portland. The new company absorbs the business heretofore conducted by A. S. Bush & Sons of Bay Center, who become stockholders in the new company. Bush & Sons owned about 60 acres of oyster lands and last season imported several cars of eastern seed, besides being the largest growers of native oysters on the bay, all of which interests are taken over the Willapa Bay Company, thus giving it a well established business to start with.

"Mr. H. M. Bransford, one of the incorporators, when seen by a Pilot reporter, concerning the new organization, said:

"Other parties in interest and I have acquired an interest in the native and eastern oyster business formerly conducted by Messrs. A. S. Bush & Sons, of Bay Center. A corporation has been formed and the business will hereafter be conducted under the name of the Willapa Bay Oyster Company.

"The Messrs. Bush are stockholders in the new company, and will be interested in the conduct and management of the enterprise. The eastern oyster business is one which involves enormous expense, and it requires several years for a crop to mature. So many people are entering this business with but a faint idea of what it involves, that we much fear a great overproduction, and we have bent our efforts toward a centralization of interests among some of the larger dealers, in order better to meet the contingencies that may arise. While the business will be conducted independently, our plans will admit of considerable saving in selling expenses and overseeing, and enable us to better cater to the trade. We will also be in

position to work harmoniously, rather than at cross purposes."

"Considerable interest attaches to the organization of this new company from the fact that two of the incorporators, Harry Hamblett and H. M. Bransford, were among the original organizers to the Tokepoint Oyster Company, and it was largely through their efforts that the company was successfully launched, and the fame of the Toke Point oysters became world wide.

"Three of the large companies on the bay are now practically under one management, and control about 1100 acres of oyster land. The companies and amount of land owned by each are as follows:

"Northern Oyster Company, 460 acres; Willapa Bay Oyster Company, 360 acres; Nahotta Point Oyster Company, 300 acres."

DEATH ON VALENCIA.

Old Time Resident of South Bend Went Down With Wreck.

There are a number of people here yet who will remember Mr. and Mrs. Jamage and their two bright children, Edith and Charlie. They were for some time residents of this place about 18 or 20 years ago, but went from here to Gray's Harbor and afterwards to Bellingham, where the family now resides. They were highly respected here and their old friends will deeply sympathize with the stricken parents and sister when it is known that Charlie was on the Valencia and met his death in the recent wreck of that ill-fated vessel.—South Bend Journal.

Gas in the Stomach.

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TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD.

What the Oregonian Says of the Late Mr. and Mrs. Shindler.

Yesterday morning's Oregonian has the following editorial comment upon the lives of the late Mr. and Mrs. Shindler, who died, at advanced ages, almost simultaneously, at St. Mary's hospital in this city, on Thursday last:

"Gabriel Shindler, and Janet, his wife, who died in Astoria last Thursday, and whose bodies will be interred in Riverview Cemetery today, were for many years residents of this city and prominent in religious and charitable work. Members of the First Congregational church when its house of worship was on Second and Jefferson streets, they were friends and supporters of Rev. G. H. Atkinson, Rev. T. E. Clapp, Rev. J. A. Cruzan and other ministers of a past era, and are well remembered by the surviving few of their fellow churchmen and churchwomen of twenty-five, thirty and even forty years ago.

"Mr. Shindler was a pioneer furniture dealer in Portland and a heavy sufferer financially in the fire of August, 1873. Though energetic and forceful, he never fully recovered from his losses at that time. He was for a number of years Swiss Consul at this port, and in that capacity was vigilant in the interests of his fellow-countrymen. Mrs. Shindler was identified with the woman's crusade which swept the country in the name of temperance more than a third of a century ago, using prayer and exhortation as its weapons, and with them endeavoring to close saloons and stop the liquor traffic. Zealous in this as in every other effort in which she engaged, she was energetic and conscientious, and, with a number of other women, was ready to suffer, and did suffer, for the cause, even to arrest and imprisonment.

"It is like turning, not a leaf, but a chapter—a volume—in ancient history to revert to these names and to connect them with events of long silent years. Every time a pioneer—an actor in the

simple drama of our primitive civilization—passes away—

"The angel of the backward look And folded wings of ashen gray— And voice of echoes far away—

Appears upon the scene, makes the final entry in his book of records, and retires again into the mists of the years. A singular coincidence, but without a happy one, of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Shindler was their passing, within a few hours of each other, the line between the known and the unknown. One funeral service will suffice for both and they will be interred together in the family burial plot at Riverview."

TOUR OF INSPECTION.

A party of city officials, including Mayor Wise, City Surveyor Tee, Street Superintendent Kearney, City Attorney Smith, and the council committee on Streets and Public Ways, made a tour of the city yesterday, locating and voting such streets as were amenable to immediate improvement and the full report of their findings will be made to the council tonight. There are some of the thoroughfares, upon which the council will be compelled to take the initiative for the public safety and convenience, but in other cases, the council will await the customary petition of property owners and adopt the formal procedure provided by charter and ordinance.

MILL MAY BE SOLD.

Some months ago it was rumored and, although it could not be confirmed, generally believed that certain Gray's Harbor people had an option on the Simpson Lumber Company's property at this place. A rumor that the same property is again under option is again current and those who should be in a position to know, have no hesitation in saying that they believe it is a fact. Again it is claimed that Gray's Harbor people hold the options although it is not claimed that it is the same parties who held the former option.

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