

# GREAT PERIL OF OPPORTUNITY

Dr. William Hiram Foulkes Preaches Earnest Sermon to Young Men.

## TEMPTATIONS TO SCATTER ENERGIES

Claims of Civic Duty Should Not be Brushed Aside by Ambitions for Personal Aggrandizement—Challenge to Commonplace.

At the First Presbyterian church last evening the pastor, Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, took for his subject "The Peril of Opportunity," using as a text Revelation III:3 and 11. "I have set before thee an open door . . . hold fast that which thou hast that no man take thy crown." He said, in part: "The north and the south are scarcely farther apart than the realities suggested by the words 'peril and opportunity.' Instead of a bound straining at the leash, his imagination is surely a

wild creature roaming foot-loose, who dares to combine these two dissimilar things. Opportunity is the antipode of peril. Peril flees when opportunity enters. So, plausibly, reasons one. I denounce the seeming side of things in the hidden reality. When this comes to light the close relation between peril and opportunity is disclosed. . . . Tonight I seek to point out to you interest and profit some of the subtle connections between the two major words of my theme. Permit me to do so also upon the background of the splendid state, the land of opportunity, and in the light of the attainments and prospects of those of you, who, like myself, are investing the portion of youth in the formative years of the empire of the Pacific northwest. . . . The first phase of the peril that I shall name is that spirit which permits and even bids one lose the intensive note in the fuller chord of the extensive note in our empire building we are tempted to build widely rather than well. Not that the choice is always so bluntly offered us, but that the multitude of interests, requiring attention almost inevitably, crowd aside the right of the particular case in hand. We are bound to population or human interests, rather than to the long-lasting institution. We involuntarily lengthen our cords, while we often fail to strengthen our stakes.

**Scattering of Energies.** "In benevolent matters, our peril is that of starving or half-feeding a dozen worthy causes instead of bringing one of two to sturdy, self-reliant maturity. . . . In the development of our educational resources, we seem to be trying to keep pace with the restless spirit of commercial and industrial outreach, rather than to be intensely true to age-long needs. Religiously, too, it is no long need, but to attend services much easier to be broad than to be dogmatically loyal; to attend services where and when we feel inclined, rather than to assist in building up some definite and long-lasting institution. Though God in nature and providence

seems to have set before us an open door into an illimitable room of prospect, let us not forget to hold fast that which we have lest the days to come shall take away our crown. . . . A second phase of the peril of our opportunity is that of forgetting one's responsibility because of absorbing interest in one's privileges. Duty is a stern taskmaster, while desire is a charming companion. Why subject ourselves to the law of the lash when the freedom of silken cords is ours for the asking? . . . If nine young men out of ten in this audience were to be strictly questioned as to why they were obliged to say that the predominant motive in inducing them to come to Portland was what they might get for themselves, rather than how they might invest themselves for the good of the city. . . . Just here, for the peril of opportunity, that of crowding out or pushing into a subordinate place the claims of duty.

**Appeal of Picturesque.** "The peril is at hand in another aspect. In a land and time where and when opportunity is written in large letters, the appeal of the picturesque is very forceful, while the challenge of the commonplace is quite lame. The conditions of life take the precedence over all things. The daily drudgery of the more or less enjoyment of life's cause these things are not half so alluring as with things is not half so alluring as to climb up some other way. . . . What charming and picturesque short cuts to power and fame the land and age of opportunity offer to the seeker after success! How ecstatic a way to wealth and opulence is the way of the plunger! But how perilous! Men, and who more than young men, need, in these days and in this place, to grip the reins of their mind and to be sober, to accept the challenge of the commonplace, rather than to fall prey to the siren appeal of the spectacular. . . . Still, again, opportunity presents peril when she measures life with a golden rod rather than the golden rule. How everything is tinged with the hue of gilt, when opportunity paints upon the canvas of life a picture of the spirit of the times to say that success is locked within a case of golden keys, that fair Fortuna's portrait is no longer contained within its prison-house of 'threatening lead'; that Dun and Bradstreet are of this age, that the Holy Scriptures, that, while philanthropy abounds, its very munificence seems to overawe the spirit of unselfish regard for the interests of others.

**Not Newly Written.** "Nor is this any newly written page in the prospectus of opportunity. It is as old as the hills, whose cattle and whose silver and gold the greed of man has acknowledged to be his gods, but whose title has been claimed for themselves, their heirs and assigns forever, by barons and lords of the industry and commerce. Many a soul has never ceased to turn more valuable things into the 'gold that perishes.' The lust for gain, that has been the staff of opportunity, has been a holocaust of greed before which honor, conscience and the treasures of life are utterly swept away, is found in every human breast. . . . With all the vaunting of her resources before eastern folk, with all the proper display of the milk and honey, with which this promised land flows, let not Oregon fail to heed the truth, that man's chief business here and everywhere is not to make a living, but to make a life, else opportunity shall be imperiled by the very things upon which she builds her hope. . . . Last of all name the peril of opportunity in this wise—that of forgetting the necessity of cross-bearing in the hope of crown-wearing. It is true that we live upon hope, and feed our starved souls today upon 'great expectations' of the morrow. That maketh ashamed, hope, however, that maketh ashamed, are crowns that loom large, but are only big counterfeits because they have not been made of gold, casting far into all the apocalyptic pictures of heaven with which the seer's revelation is adorned, there appears the likeness of no single crown or angel wearing a crown, who did not first bear a cross. Even he, before whom a redeemed humanity is to fall, casting his crown at his feet, and crowning him Lord of all, is to wear his crown because he bore his cross.

**Source of Peril.** "If the conquest of the evil that is within they breast has become so easily; if the pain of sacrifice has given way to the joy of hoping all at once; if the hill of the Lord no longer challenges thee with effort and courage to make the ascent; if being a Christian involves nothing of hardship, sacrifice, effort and courage, then the splendid opportunity of these days and these spheres of life have become thy peril, if not thine undoing. . . . Look into the open door which God has set before thee, youth of the northwest, with vision of faith and enter with courage; but fall ye not, oh fall not to hold fast that which ye have, that no man take thy crown!"

**BISHOP HARTZLER SPEAKS.** Union Service Held at First Evangelical Church. Pastors of the English Evangelical association, the United Brethren church and the United Evangelical church joined in holding a union mass meeting at the First United Evangelical church yesterday morning. A movement for uniting these denominations is on in the west, and the various ministers in Portland are in the midst of a talkative whenever opportunity offers. . . . Rev. A. A. Winter of the United Evangelical church, president of the association, presided. Bishop H. B. Hartzler, of the English Evangelical church, presided at the meeting. Other pastors participating in the services were Rev. S. A. Stewart of the English Evangelical church, and Rev. H. C. Shaffer of the United Brethren. Bishop Hartzler preached a missionary sermon and commended the meeting of those having common purpose, even though the plans of organization do not come true. He said he would not block progress in that direction. Bishop Hartzler will be in Oregon un-

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**DEDICATION OF CHURCH.** St. James Evangelical Lutherans Have Big Celebration. St. James Evangelical English Lutheran church, at the corner of West Park and Jefferson streets, was dedicated yesterday. There were three services, morning, afternoon and evening, and at each one there was a large attendance. This is the first English Lutheran church in Portland, the pastor being Rev. J. Allen Leas, president of the Pacific synod.

In the morning the full consecration service was given, in which visiting ministers, the members of the church council and members of the building committee took part. Rev. Leas offered the consecration prayer, and the sermon was delivered by Rev. E. H. Lund of Seattle. Other visiting pastors were Rev. Carl J. Renhard of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran, Rev. Tommason of Vancouver, Rev. W. C. Krause of St. Paul's Lutheran, Rev. M. E. Boulton of The Dalles, Rev. W. C. Drah of Vancouver, Rev. W. B. Krozberger of Oregon City. The night service was in charge of the young people's organization, St. James Lutheran league. President C. A. Ruff delivered an address of welcome and prayer. The response, Short talks were made by several of the visiting ministers.

## OPENS IMMENSE TRIBUTARY AREA

Commercial Club Will Take Big Party on Lewiston Excursion.

Under the direction of the Portland Commercial club, the chamber of commerce and the board of trade, the largest business men's excursion ever sent out by these organizations will go to Lewiston on the occasion of the formal opening of the Riparian-Lewiston extension of the O. R. & N. company. . . . It is said the tapping of the great Clearwater basin is an event that to Portland is second only in importance to the opening of the north bank line. The Lewiston-Clarkston valley has, during late years, been the scene of the Spokane basin, the Northern Pacific. From Portland it has been a 36-hour journey to Lewiston, but now the trip will be made in less than 10 hours. . . . And that territory in the Clearwater basin with Lewiston as a center is as directly tributary to Portland as is Lewiston, being on a water grade via the Columbia and Snake rivers.

**Big Field of Development.** "The Lewiston country has unlimited opportunity for growth and development in trade. The opening of its doors to Portland business men will add a goodly percentage to the trade of Portland. . . . Mr. Burrell has made many visits to the Lewiston country, and is familiar with every part of the Clearwater basin. . . . It is not large areas alone that makes business, but large areas combined with close settlement and today a greater doubt whether there is in the western country a spot of farm land supporting a population for its size as the Lewiston fruit district. The tremendous quantity of peaches, grapes, apples and pears which have been shipped every year for a dozen years from Lewiston district has not been raised by a few large growers, but by hundreds of fruit raisers, each occupying but a few acres, but the total average holding to the family is less than four acres. . . . The Portland jobbers would acquaint the Lewiston growers with the growers live, the clothes they wear, and the food stuffs they consume, they would be convinced that there they would have a selling market for the best their warehouses contain. . . . Small Individual Holdings. The size of the individual holdings shows the growth of the fruit and perfect climatic conditions, but that the population is exceptionally industrious and sober, and that commercial people are good moral risks. . . . Last summer the influx of population, due to the development of the riparian fruit lands, added to the fruit-growing population not less than 2,000 persons. . . . In working with the committee from the Lewiston Commercial club we thought in the beginning 100 merchants would desire to go on the Lewiston excursion, but we believe 200, and possibly 300, many with their wives, will be at Lewiston on this occasion."

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