

NATURALNESS OF LOVE FOR THE NEW

Old Truths in New Clothing More Readily Received by Hearers.

CONSTANT SEARCH FOR THE NEW IN LIFE

Dr. Dyott at the First Congregational Church Preaches a Sermon Appropriate to the Spring Time, When Nature Puts on Fresh Garb.

Rev. Luther R. Dyott, pastor of the First Congregational church, took as his subject "That Which is New" for the morning sermon yesterday. He spoke as follows:

"We also might walk in newness of life."—Romans viii.

"So that we serve in newness of spirit."—Romans viii.

"We live in a world of that which is old, and of that which is new. Most persons are inclined to appreciate both the old and the new. Some one has said: 'The oldest things in the universe are old rivers, old mountains, old seas, old stars, an old sterility.' We are not disposed to contest the majestic proposition; but it must be admitted that the converse of this proposition is equally true. We love the new. It is natural for us to do so. The love of the new is natural, inherent and abiding. That which is purely natural is never quite sinful.

"The love of the new is based upon a psychological fact. It is understood only as we understand the science of the soul. Illustrations of the fact are found in the popularity of fiction and the newspaper. Novels are popular, whether they be the product of fancy and thus partake of the nature of the romantic, or the product of the imagination, and thus partake of the nature of the novel proper, not so much because their readers naturally prefer fiction to fact, but because this class of literature comes with its own peculiar newness, and makes its appeal to the fancy and the imagination.

"Popularity of Truth. Newspapers are popular because they tell us the news. The foundation of their popularity is in the psychological fact that just as popular, at least in its power to command a hearing, when we cease to clothe it in the commonplace and the trite, and the conventional, and dress it in that which differentiates and distinguishes it in the unique. An old truth in new garments is more welcome than a new truth in old garments. 'All truth is as old as sterns fact, but any truth is new when we follow it far enough. Whenever it lacks that popularity which commands a hearing.

the difficulty is not with the truth itself, but it is with the way and manner in which it is presented. Primarily the fault is found in the one presenting it. In the psychological fact of the love of that which is new may be found a great, unworked but perfectly workable mine for religion. God, himself, is a great lover of the new, the true and the beautiful. He brings the new out of the old, because the new is in the old. 'We should discover the new in the old, and bring the new out of the old. We can find the new in the old Bible and make the Bible a more popular book for all who should read it. It is the most interesting book in the world, and religious teachers have a tremendous responsibility in awakening a new interest in this old book.

Search for the New. 'We should find that which is new in life, and in the things we have to do. Since life is what we make it, and we live in those things to which we are alive, we should live beneath the surface of things, and follow the unfolding meaning of life, until the common round of our daily toil possesses the charm of a new meaning, and we fall in love with things we have to do. We also might walk in newness of life and serve in newness of spirit. Every morning we should meet the old with a fresh and new spirit. 'Every day is a fresh beginning. Listen my soul to the glad refrain, And spite of old sorrow and older sinning, And troubles foreseen and possible pain, Take heart with the day and begin again.

"We should find the new in the people with whom we come in contact, especially those who are disagreeable to us. Beneath their old faults and sins and transgressions is something good. We can find it. We can appeal to it. We can evoke it. It will be new to them and us.

How to Do It. 'How can these things be done? 'First—By finding that which is new in ourselves. Like finds like. Like gets like. When we find that which is new in ourselves we shall find it everywhere else.

"Second—By putting a new altruism and ideal and inspiration into life.

"Third—By finding the new point of contact in others by making that point of contact through the highest possible motive and the greatest possible good. Then will follow a new joy in life itself. Gloom and pessimism and fault-finding and the spirit of complaint will take their flight. We shall then enter into the joy of the Lord, and walk (progress) in newness of life, and serve in newness of spirit. We shall then find that we are in the world, not merely to make a living, but to make a life. We will make a life. This is the way to make the most of life. It is the best way. It is the only way.

"Live today. Let us find the perfect symphony of life and finish the unfinished symphony. Thus shall all life prove an opportunity met and matched by an inspiration. Death will then be but the day of our graduation, and sternly the sphere of mending activity and divine joy.

SPEAKS FOR UNIVERSITY.

Dr. Brouger Declares Defeat of Appropriation a Calamity.

"One of the greatest calamities that could befall the state of Oregon in the coming June election would be the failure of the people of Oregon to stand by the appropriation of \$125,000 given the university at the last session of the legislature.

In these words Dr. J. Whitcomb Brouger gave his views on the appropriation for the State university at the White Temple yesterday morning. He spoke on "Christian Culture." He said in part:

"The perfected character which marks the truly cultured man must be given proper conditions and exercise for development and the additional time for full growth. Christian culture, therefore, involves the whole being. It concerns itself with the individual physically, intellectually, and spiritually. For the all-round development of our young people we have founded our denominational schools. I have nothing to say against the public school system of our country. In fact I have nearly everything to say in its favor.

"I have been to Eugene. I have looked into the entire situation and every cent of that money is needed by the institution to meet the demands of the present moment made upon it by the large attendance of students. Class-rooms and laboratories are overcrowded. The heating plant is inadequate to heat all the buildings. The library is without light and the girls' dormitory cannot be used because there is not money enough to complete it. In order to avoid a deficit the professors were compelled to teach three months last year without salaries. Every voter who loves his state and who loves the young men and women of Oregon and who wants to give them an adequate education at the State university will vote, I believe, in favor of that appropriation."

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN JOINT SESSION

County Convention to Be Held This Afternoon at White Temple.

The Multnomah county Sunday school convention opens this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Taylor Street Methodist church, at which every Sunday school in the county is expected to be represented. Another session will take place this evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Marion Lawrence, general secretary of the International Sunday School association, who is here to attend the county convention and the state convention later in the week at Forest Grove, spoke at the mass meeting of Sunday schools of the city held at the White Temple yesterday afternoon. He sketched the growth of the Sunday school from its small beginning, and said that a church to be strong today must have a strong Sunday school. It is the West Point of the church, and it is as much for the grown-ups as for the children.

A feature of the mass meeting was the song service under the direction of Professor E. O. Excell, one of the best known composers of sacred music, one of his books being used as a hymnal at the White Temple. "The King's Business," "Just a Little Bit of Love" and "The Glory Song" were the selections yesterday. A selection from "Paradise" was played by the organist as a prelude.

Last night General Secretary Lawrence spoke at a joint meeting of the congregation of the First Christian and First Congregational churches. The work of the Sunday schools and the benefit they do in improving the citizenship of a state were told about in a forcible manner.

An address by Rev. W. C. Merritt and a song service led by Professor Excell are features of this afternoon's meeting. Tonight the reports of committees will be heard, new officers elected and installed, and addresses delivered by Mr. Lawrence and A. H. Cross.

An excursion train will be run to Forest Grove to carry the Portland delegation to the state Sunday school convention Wednesday evening. Among the speakers will be Rev. J. Whitcomb Brouger and Mr. Lawrence.

Building Permits.
City of Portland, erect school, Morris, between Mississippi and Albina, \$3,000; P. Michels, erect dwellings, Vinola, between Villa avenue and Luther, \$1,200 each; F. Leuherr, erect dwelling, Vancouver, between Belling and Shaver, \$1,800; M. H. Tower, erect dwelling, Bright, between Agnes and Winchell, \$1,200; Mrs. Kate Neppach, erect dwelling, Twenty-fifth, between Northrup and Marshall, \$8,000; J. K. Flynn, erect dwelling, Hoyt, between Nineteenth and Twentieth, \$4,000; G. R. Ramsey, erect dwelling, Tibbets, between East Thirtieth and East Thirty-third, \$1,500.

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