

REASON AS WELL AS FAITH NEEDED

Dr. Dyott Speaks to First Congregational Congregation on Necessities.

DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TRUE AND UNTRUE

Speaker Declares That the Reasoning Powers of Man Are to the Intellect What the Eye Is to the Physical Body.

"Faith and Reason in Religion" was the subject considered by Rev. Luther E. Dyott in his sermon at the First Congregational church yesterday morning. He declared that religion has dealt too much in tears and not enough in will power, holding that religion is yet to have its greatest influence upon the thinkers of the world. He spoke from the texts, "Be not faithless, but believing" (John xx:27), and "Your reasonable service" (Romans xii:1).

An obstinate unbeliever or an obtuse believer has in himself the possibility of a great belief; and, on the other hand, there are persons whose belief may be so weak and so unsteady and so like vines upon the ground when their feet are planted upon the rock of truth, that they will not be able to stand. The importance of clinging to strong support and climbing toward heaven and hearing fruit for earth, while the reach was toward heaven. Belief is both theoretical and practical. That which a man practically believes he actually does, tries to do or is willing to do. No man lives normally, perpetually above his practical beliefs. Every man is great enough to do life's greatest work if he will only make the proper connections through the right kind of belief. But there are so many beliefs. They differ. At times they seem utterly at variance with one another. How is one to know what he should believe? Some place the emphasis upon creedal tests and sectarian affiliations and loyalties. Others upon the practical and utilitarian. Common sense and educated opinion would suggest that the latter is preferable. "By their fruits shall ye know them." What does your belief do for you? You think it makes you happy? That is not enough. So does the man who saturates his physical body with opium think himself happy, but neither he nor anyone else needs that sort of happiness.

object of revelation to convey, still it places the existence and personal attributes of Deity on such grounds as to render doubts absurd and atheism ridiculous. Our religion, in relation to our present life, needs not less of practical faith, but more of trained reason. Thus it will come to appeal all the more powerfully to the thoughtful. We have been prone, in the past, to put too much emphasis upon the emotional in religion. We have dwelt too much upon feeling and not enough upon the great facts back of and beneath the more emotional intimations of the same. We have dwelt too much in tears and not enough in will power, and the reduction of the will. Under the reign of faith and reason religion is yet to have its greatest influence upon the thinkers of the world who are undoubtedly ready to respond to the claims of God when religion finds the point of contact between intellectuality and strong will, eventuating in reasonable service. "Certainly a reasonable religion does present the importance of the individual life and it shows that the individual must render unto God a reasonable service. Moreover, it comes to deal merely with one department or section of life. It is not sporadic and sparse in its application to the things of this life. Gone, forever, is the time when anyone can say with any degree of propriety to a reasonable religion, 'Hands off this or that.' No one has a right to say to those who are religious, 'This is a social or a secular problem, or a matter of state or politics; you attend to your religion, that is your business, and this is our business.' Let it be known that all the affairs of life are within the domain of a reasonable religion. Pious pretenses are no substitutes for powerful practices. If you are ever to find heaven anywhere, you must find it here and now, and finding it, you must be the means of the coming of the kingdom of heaven on earth and the doing of God's will here as it is done in heaven. "These are some of the things we mean by a reasonable religion. Let common sense, opportunity and the duty that lies next to you tell you more. Be a loving exemplar of a reasonable religion. Thus, and thus only, will you make life worth while."

except inch by inch, where public sentiment will hold the ground. It is the view expressed by Rev. G. Elliot, Jr., pastor of the First Unitarian church, in his sermon yesterday morning. He declared in favor of abolishing the saloons, and asserted that local option was the only way of accomplishing satisfactory and permanent results. He expressed his opposition to an enforcement where the vote was so close as to cause a reaction after the saloons were abolished," said Mr. Elliot. "Undoubtedly the liquor people can make some just complaint against certain provisions of the local option law. Whether or not this is so depends upon how wisely the attempt is made by the prohibition forces to hold their ground. In any locality where public opinion is not strong enough to put on the saloon, it is my judgment, as well as that of careful observers, that it is a mistake to do it, and that more harm is done than good." The speaker said he had once adhered to the belief that there should be some rival to the saloon, but on closer study had been convinced that the first thing to be done is to abolish the saloon. After that it may be possible to arrange a substitute. Attention was called to the decrease in arrests for crime in cities where prohibition is in force, and to the increasing number of employers of labor who insist that the men who enter their employ shall be either temperate or total abstainers. "The highest view of all social problems places duty before rights," said Mr. Elliot. "It is perfectly fair to put away from the immoderate drinkers of the world what they are not willing to go for the great good which local abstinence would give."

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SERVICES IN GRAND CANYON

Dr. Brougher Tells Congregation of His Eastern Trip.

Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, of the First Baptist church last night, spoke on the impressions of the trip from which he has just returned. He first spoke briefly of his visit to California, where he attended the Pacific coast conference of the California Union and concentrated force seemed to be the keynote of the convention, and the states represented agreed in a centralized effort. The Pacific coast supports one Baptist newspaper, published here in Portland, and plans its educational work with a view to strength and financial ability. California colleges, in Oakland, is at the brightest stage of its career, and McMinnville college, in Oregon, is now giving excellent promise if supported. His speech of the religious institutions of San Francisco, where the Baptist churches and none are strong, the Baptists forming one fourth of one percent of the population, and suggested that the gospel of Christ was more needed there than the illuminated fleet which he saw.

A party of 23 took a special car from there to Oklahoma for the national convention. Services were held in the car, and they stopped Sunday at the Grand Canyon of Arizona, where they held services. At Newton, Kansas, the convention of the Baptist churches was held. The convention of the entire west gave its support to Portland's effort and succeeded in getting the convention for 1909 with a unanimous vote. The convention was great in its achievements," said Dr. Brougher. The different national societies through which the work has been carried on their work have now become a part of the great northern Baptist convention with its 2,000,000 of constituency. It stands behind the foreign missionary, home mission and publication enterprises, and has declared its interest in the world that aims to hasten the kingdom of God. It declared itself its of civic righteousness and all forms of practical and applied Christianity."

DAMROSCH A PART OF MUSICAL EDUCATION

Present Tour of Symphony Orchestra Proving Remarkably Successful.

The seat sale for the three concerts of the New York Symphony orchestra under Walter Damrosch has been a record-breaker and with the additional attraction of Mme. Nordica, one of the greatest artists of the age, the Armyory will scarcely be large enough to house the throng next Wednesday and Thursday. The transcontinental tour of the New York Symphony orchestra under the baton of the distinguished director Walter Damrosch is already proving an epoch-making event in the musical history of the Pacific coast. From the opening concert on Easter Sunday at Atlantic City, where the orchestra was enthusiastically greeted by ovation upon ovation. Never before have such great audiences representing all that is highest in musical culture been gathered together. Blase critics, connoisseurs and experienced professionals of the most fastidious type mingled their applause with that of thousands of young music students. Everywhere teachers are urging it as a vitally essential feature in the edu-

tion of their pupils to embrace this opportunity to acquaint themselves with the noblest forms of musical composition. In Los Angeles an audience of 6,000 people in large part music students, assembled for one matinee concert, cheering the great conductor and his orchestra to the echo. Seats for the concerts June 3 and 4 are now selling at the Sherman-Clay music store. The concerts are under the direction of Lois Steers-Wynn Coman.

GOLD AND WHITE BAND OPENS AT THE OAKS

Music lovers of the city were given a pleasant surprise yesterday afternoon when the "Band of White and Gold," directed by Herr Waldemar Lind made its initial appearance at the Oaks in the big new Air dome. The Band of White and Gold is a Portland organization, formed of Portland musicians. It is a symphony orchestra, and under the training of Herr Lind was able yesterday to put before the large audience one of the best and most ably interpreted programs ever given in the city. Especially was the presentation of the Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 by List well received by the audience which applauded the players to the echo at the conclusion of the piece. The band with an entirely new program each afternoon at 2:30 during the week, playing under the direction of Herr Lind in the big tree auditorium of the Air dome.

STREET CARNIVAL PROVES PROFITABLE

Knights of Columbus Win Silken Banner in Society Contest.

The drawing for the \$100 prize offered by the management of the Catholic Young Men's carnival which came to a successful close Saturday night will take place some time this week. The date of the drawing will be announced after the meeting of the board of directors tonight at the club building on Morris street and Williams avenue. The drawing should have taken place Saturday night but owing to the fact that many of the tickets were still unaccounted for it was decided to wait until the young men who had ticket books have turned them in. President Sullivan and Manager Myer of the Catholic Young Men's carnival say they are very well pleased with the results of the undertaking, as the net receipts after all expenses have been paid will amount to nearly \$3,000. The Knights of Columbus won the silk banner offered for the winner of the popularity contest. The Knights got 3,175 votes. Their nearest com-

petitors were the Ancient Order of Hibernians, who got 7,115 votes. The beautiful hand-painted pillow, Jack George won the rocking chair, and Mrs. F. J. Eilers won the phonograph, which curiously enough was given to the carnival people by Eilers piano house. The two Eilers are not related. The oil painting was won by No. 10. The holder of this number may get the picture on application to the management.

Automobile Races. Best place to see the automobile races will be at the Twelve Mile house grandstand. See them coming, turning the corner and flashing. Over 100 turns. Buses and hansom cabs will meet O. W. F. and O. R. & N. trains. Automobiles and vehicles can reach the Twelve Mile house only by the Sandy road after 11 a. m. June 4, as the Base Line and Section Line roads will be blocked.

Illinois Letter-Carriers. Danville, Ill., June 1.—The Illinois State Association of Letter Carriers is holding its 10th annual convention here with a large and representative attendance. Annual reports, the election of officers and the discussion of legislative and other matters affecting the carriers will take up the entire convention, which will be in session two days.

"Toby of Folly" Next Monday. This comedy drama is chock full of funny situations and is in the hands of a capable cast. Keep Monday evening, June 3, open. You'll enjoy the antics of Montague Pymple, the funny man.

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