

## APPEAL TO ALL TO KEEP PURE

Rev. Russell S. Showers Delivers Sermon on Hereditary Transmission.

### INFLUENCE OF ONE EFFECT ON OTHERS

Likens Man unto Spider Web by Touching a Thread of Its Web Causes It to Vibrate—Circle of Home, Occupation or Business.

Hereditary transmissions and effect of life upon life are the interesting subdivisions of the topic, "The Product of Life," treated by Rev. Russell S. Showers of the First United Brethren church, East Fifteenth and East Morrison streets, yesterday morning. The pastor is of the opinion that no two people can come into contact without each influencing the other for better or for worse. Not only that such passing influences shall be for the betterment of the race but for the sake of generations to come he begs the men and women of today to lead clean lives. He said in part:

"It is practically impossible in this day, as well determined by conditions as by the nature of man, to live a lonely isolated life. Individually we are being affected by the lives of others. Individually we are affecting the lives of others. Paul's statement in his letter to the Romans, 'None of us liveth to himself,' is a fact which today stands proven again and again during the passing generations.

"The writer in our text does not call our attention to the two great heads of the human family merely for the sake of giving us a great doctrinal or theological statement. We find him emphasizing the fact that their positions were typical of the position held by each and every individual member of the human family in all generations.

**Disobedience Destroys.**  
"We see that by disobedience the one man destroyed the harmony of his relationship with the divine. His disobedience produced disobedience. His disobedience wrought disaster among all those who have lived after him. We see the other through his obedience restoring man to his right relationship with God. His obedience produced obedience. So that not only is it proved in his life but in the life of every man obedient to him.

"Then each man becomes a new starting point for good or evil for all succeeding generations. I may have been blessed or cursed by reason of my ancestral transmissions but I likewise shall transmit to coming men the effect of my life today. So that what I now am, or the influence which I am now exerting, will leave its imprint upon the race. It will serve either for the elevation or degradation of the untold millions of mankind.

**Center of Influence.**  
"I saw a spider standing in the center of its far stretching web. Intricate indeed it was in its construction. It was woven for destruction. If the spider would happen to touch a thread I could see that thread vibrate to its farthest extremity. So man is the center of several circles of influence. There is the circle of his home. The circle of his occupation or business is more extended. His relationship to the community in which he lives describes a larger circle still, while there is the largest one of all which takes in the entire world.

"Our lives are always going out and touching other lives and each one of those threads vibrates and thrills with each influence. Two persons cannot live together even for a few days without the one life influencing the other. It may be true that the weaker personality will partake more of the stronger than the stronger will of the weaker, but each person will be influenced by the other. We have said that the color

of our hair, our dispositions, tendencies both mental and spiritual, are determined largely by those who came before us. Charles Kingsley said, 'Each babe is heir of all the ages' gain.' If this be true then ought we not in justice likewise agree that we are handing down to coming generations these influences of ourselves.

**Friends Accept Ideals.**  
"A few days ago a friend told me of his going into a certain community in one of our eastern states as pastor of a certain congregation. In the community were four families, all quite wealthy. The heads of those families were brothers and all non-believers. Through peculiar circumstances it was made possible for him to live in their homes for six weeks in the summer and while there he would daily drop some word as to ideals or God's beauty in nature, his goodness and mercy, or of our duty in being grateful. Afterward each man called him back to his home for personal interview and each man was led to accept Christ as a personal Savior. We make known our ideals to our friends and those with whom we come in contact and those individuals watching us accept our ideals for life and our hope for eternity.

"Few while we have recognized these facts before how many of us have stopped to consider the other greater truth, that, I exert the influence of my real true self. John Cummings has said, 'What we do is transacted on a stage of which all the universe are spectators. What we say is transmitted in echoes that will never cease. What we are influencing and acting on the rest of mankind.' And Horace Bushnell has said, 'Our unconscious influence is our chief influence.'

**By Product—True Product.**  
"What some might term as a by-product of our life is the true product of our life. I learned of a professor in one of our colleges a few days ago who is making a splendid success in her profession, but a member of the college faculty told me that her word of cheer, her kind and helpful disposition among the students, and encouragement to the faculty were so enriching the lives of all with whom she came in contact that she would never be forgotten. We think we influence men by what we say to them. We imagine we influence children by precepts taught them from our lips. We imagine we influence people by what we desire to have them think of us. But we do not so influence them. What about that man who has for long years appeared to be a good, moral, respectable and yes, even religious being, while underneath there flowed a current of impurity and sensuality? How has he influenced men? By his appearance which was false? No, he has influenced men by the truth of his life, which was impurity and uncleanness.

**Christ Created Character.**  
"May we go a step farther and say that God looks back of the word, back of the act to the human heart and there beholds the motive which gives to the life its impulse. Then can we say, here is a man who makes no profession of being a Christian. Yet by the sweetness of his life, by his purity of thought and upright living he has been exerting an influence for righteousness upon his fellowmen. And in the name of that influence we name him as a follower of the Christ. Let us not forget that Christ came to create character. And oh, that we might set it in burning lights in the sky, where all men could see and ever remember. God asks what are you in yourself, and Jesus says, 'He that is not with me is against me and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.' We are influencing others and we cannot help it. Those whom we meet and touch, we look at them, we speak to them, and all the time our own true selves are waiting up and appealing to them. We cannot prevent it if we would.

"Then think of our duty in the face of these tremendous facts. The whole fabric of society is based upon the individual and to have perfection in society we must have it developed by growth in the individual member. Then if this be true, society has a right to turn to you and me and say, 'Man be pure, be strong, for the sake of others.' The law that governs the nation is above the law of the state. So is the law, the larger law which binds an individual to purity for the sake of society at large.

"No man has a right to wield an

influence that tends to debase and degrade mankind. No man has a right to perpetuate evil. Was your father impure? You have no right to transmit that impurity down to coming generations. Either go to the source of cleansing and be made clean, or withdraw from society and in the solitude of the waste desert live out the remaining days of your impure life. I repeat, society has a right to say to you and to me, 'Man be pure, be strong.'

**Appeal to Man.**  
"Oh man, you are not only influencing others but you are responsible for that influence. If you have not been living a life of purity, if your character is stained and marred by evil, for the sake of coming ones, stand up in your manhood and say you will not pass to them your sin and folly. If you care not for the salvation of your own soul, if you care not to be noble and pure and strong, then while you ruin your own life you are also destroying the lives of others. Listen man to the cries of the helpless children whose lives you are touching every day and for their sake forsake your impurity. 'Realizing your impurity and recognizing the facts that it may be yours contrary to your choice, come to the man of Galilee, the Christ of Gethsemane and Calvary and in the abandonment of your will to his sweet will become an obedient child. Then shall you begin a new life, strong and powerful, exercising an influence which shall go on and beyond the limits of this short life into the eternal ages of God.'

**New Pastor at Marshfield.**  
Marshfield, Or., Dec. 13.—The congregation of the First Baptist church of this city has received from Rev. C. L. Hall of Medford an acceptance of a call to this city.

## BAPTIST CHURCH FREE OF DEBT

New and Handsome Edifice Dedicated Yesterday at Highland.

Absolutely free of debt, the Highland Baptist church was dedicated yesterday. Thirteen hundred dollars were raised yesterday at two services, cancelling every indebtedness incurred by the church and starting the congregation in its new building in a manner most auspicious. Rev. E. A. Leonard is the pastor of the church.

This is the second church which Rev. E. A. Leonard has built since coming to Portland. His first new building was built at St. Johns, where he was induced to take charge of the congregation. The second church built by him is the eighteenth one to be built in Portland by Baptist congregations, and is the most expensive to be built in four years. The total cost of the new building is \$7000.

Yesterday was a day filled with religious services for the Highland people, for besides the regular morning and evening services, the afternoon was given over to the dedicating of the new building. Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher was the principal speaker of the afternoon. At the conclusion of the service, members of the church subscribed \$1000 towards the building fund, while at the

evening service which followed, the remainder of the debt, \$100, was raised. This service was a union service of all the churches in Highland, and speakers from each church were on the platform. Rev. E. S. Hollinger of the Highland Congregational church delivered the good wishes of the neighboring church in a short speech, while Rev. W. T. Jordan, Rev. F. W. C. Parker and others spoke.

## GERMAN PLAYS GAIN POPULARITY RAPIDLY

The second of the season's German plays at the Bungalow yesterday after-

noon was more largely attended even than the first one, and showed plainly that these plays will grow in popularity. "A Night in Berlin" was the play given, a comedy drama, with just a sprinkling of songs. Otto Reutter staged it and played the leading comedy part, and won much applause. The other prominent parts were taken by Oscar Hahn, Martin Dadel, Walter Straat, Miss Marguerite Moor and Miss Marguerite Orman.

Next week the play will be "Eva," a sensational drama, and an extremely strong play, which has been translated and given in English. It gives excellent opportunity to the leading man and woman, Mr. Hahn and Miss Orman, and

to the juvenile, Mr. Dadel. Miss Moor and Mr. Reutter also are given good opportunity.

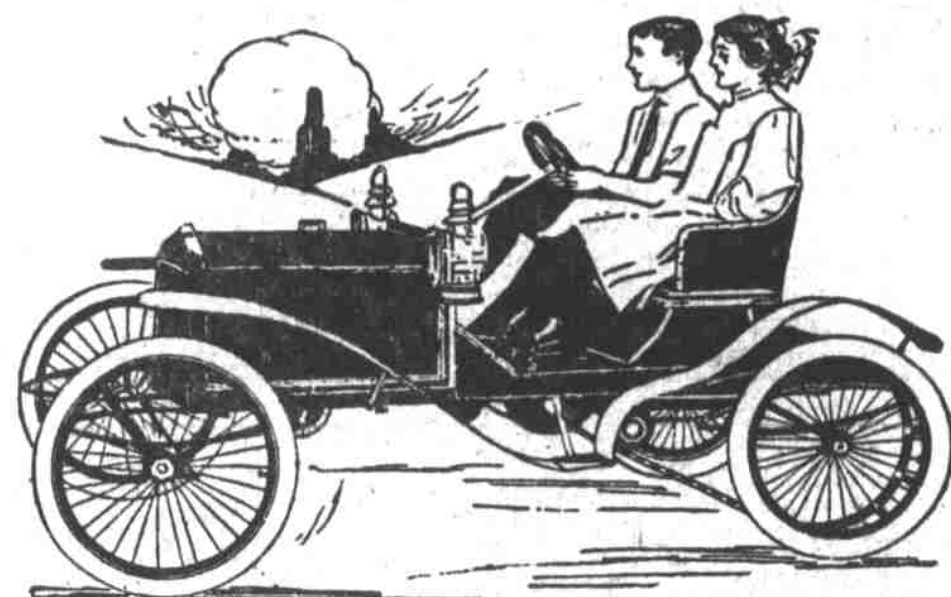
**"Greater Dayton" Campaign.**  
Dayton, Wash., Dec. 12.—Fathered by the Dayton Commercial club and the Columbia County club, a movement has been launched here by Samuel Morris for "a greater Dayton." The object is to increase the population of Dayton to 5000 before the "census man" commences work next summer. According to the last official directory Dayton has a population of 5000. This number, it is argued by the promoters, can be increased to 6000 by extending the limits of Dayton.

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