

HUNDREDS ASSIST IN DEDICATION OF HOUSE OF WORSHIP

Rev. A. B. Hervey, of Bath, Me., Preaches Sermon in New Church of Universalists; Predicts Bright Future.

Every red letter day observed by the Universalists of Portland is favored by exceptionally fine weather conditions. Yesterday, the happy occasion of their dedication of the new church building, was again marked by ideal weather. The attendance taxed the capacity of the beautiful new church.

The music by the augmented choir was of the highest order, the solo, "O, Divine Redeemer," by Mrs. G. E. Wardner, and the tenor solo by C. E. Patterson being especially noticeable. Rev. Albert C. Grier of Spokane, pastor of the First church in that city, made the invocation, and Rev. W. D. Buchanan, pastor of the First Universalist church in Tacoma, read the lesson of the day.

Rev. Dr. T. L. Elliot, pastor emeritus of the Church of Our Father, led the great congregation in the prayer of dedication.

The dedication sermon was delivered by Rev. A. B. Hervey, Ph. D., of Bath, Maine.

Dr. Hervey opens sermon. Using Matthew 13:3 as his text: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make his path straight. Make ye ready the way of the Lord," he said in part:

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to preach the sermon at the dedication of this beautiful church here on the western border of our great country, in this noble and goodly city. You have done the cause of liberal Christianity a distinguished service in the building of this temple, and I predict for you a very prosperous future in the good and glorious work in which you are engaged.

"I bring you the hearty congratulations of our whole Zion, and pray for every good to bless you. The Universalist church has been a John the Baptist going on before and blazing the path through the wilderness, which the religious progress of the age has afterward followed. The progress in religious thought which has been a marked feature of the last 50 years, has all been in the direction of our earlier taken positions. Your religious liberal in any evangelical church is a more or less openly avowed Universalist, and the more liberal he is, the more acceptable and popular he becomes in his own church. It is not Universalism that men object to but the name."

Dr. Hervey then sketched the conditions which the Universalist faith has combated and won the victory over, and continued:

"The meaning of life is involved in the question, 'Are we children of God?' The message of this Universalist church is that God is the universal father. Universalism declares that a defeated God is no God at all. This church does not use words to conceal thought; but it means what it says and says what it means. When it speaks of God's justice it means justice--the thing that is right and fair, not some theological fiction.

"When it speaks of the mercy of God it means real mercy, not a purchased favor, bought with the blood of Christ. That gentle, sweet gift of compassion and pity which only the strong can show.

"When we speak of the love of God we mean love in its truest meaning, not something that can change its nature to indifference or hate. We preach an ever enlarging faith because we believe there can be nothing imagined too good for the good God to have in store for his children.

Fifth Act Determines.

"It is the fifth act in the piece which determines the nature of the drama. If that is a tragedy, all is a tragedy. The Universalist church proclaims good tidings, it affirms that this is God's world, that the end is not tragedy but joy and victory and peace. As followers of Jesus we try to live by his golden rule. We do this neither to escape perdition nor win heaven in another world, but to promote the common good and make the world a better place for all of us to live in. Universalism offers no substitute for a right life.

"As a testimony to the truth of things, numbers do not count. There are more pupils in the primary school than in the high school; more in the high school than in the university. But which is more likely to be a fair judge of truth or to hold right opinions of high things, the man in the university or the child in the primary? The world will accept the liberal faith as it grows up to it. It is a matter of great comfort and courage that so many have grown up to it, and so many others are giving welcome in head and heart to its inspiring and cleansing message, and life more abundant.

Hopeful Religion.

"This church stands here for a rational, reverent, hopeful religion. Its doors are open to those who hunger for that which will nourish the mind and comfort the heart. It stands for civil and social righteousness, for the recognition of brotherhood and universal peace. Bring your children here to be taught to love God and never to fear

him, to learn of the gentle shepherd, who called them his lambs, took them in his arms and blessed them and thus they be nurtured in all that is generous, sweet and beautiful in life and character. Thus it is certain that this Church of the Good Tidings as it works through the years shall be a source of measureless good to this neighborhood and to your great and goodly city."

BIG CROWD HEARS MAGANN

Evangelistic Meetings to Be Continued in Tabernacle.

Seldom in the history of Portland have such scenes been witnessed in a religious awakening as in the Hart and Magann tabernacle at Hawthorne Park. The two services yesterday, Dr. Hart delivered a soul searching message from Ezekiel 3:17-18. "Son of man I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, 'Thou shalt surely die,' and thou givest not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou shalt have delivered thy soul."

The message closed with an invitation to mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters and others who have loved ones unsaved to come to the front. The mothers went forward first in great throngs, then husbands and fathers by the hundreds, then a great multitude who crowded and waited in deep and earnest prayer for the salvation of the loved ones. Evangelist Magann sang, "I Will Meet You There."

The chorus of 400 voices led by Magann and assisted by piano, organ and orchestra gave forth a volume of sacred melody. Magann rendered a solo, "Lift Me Up." Dr. Hart then proceeded with his sermon on "Shame" taking for his text, God's language to Adam, "Where Art Thou?"

"This question is of momentous importance," said the speaker. "When God placed man in the garden there was no discord. Everything was in perfect harmony. Sin entered in and then came the fall that brought misery and hell. Everything was there for man's good, which showed that God was very mindful of man's happiness, but all these were refused. Paradise was a prepared place for God's creature and heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. What the soul needs today is a thorough regeneration. We preach no patched up religion. Environment will not save you. Ethical culture nor Christian Science will save you. Judas is an evidence that environment will not save as he sat and ate with Christ before his betrayal. Get your character and heart changed."

WIRELESS AGENT TO BE TRIED AT DALLES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

The Dalles, May 9.—F. E. Mills, ex-sales agent for United Wireless, who was indicted by the Wasco county grand jury at its February term, and who has been fighting extradition for several months past, has consented to be brought back for trial. Court convenes May 22. The charge on which Mills is indicted is that of having obtained \$250 from L. B. Kelly on a promise that he would deliver United Wireless stock in return therefor. He failed to deliver the stock, and the grand jury indicted him. Mills was arrested at Spokane, but refused to come back to Oregon for trial. Governor Benson issued a requisition, which was granted.

PREACHES ON THE MAN OF THE HOUR

Rev. J. Allen Leas Takes Text From Judges vii:7 for Sunday Sermon.

"The Man of the Hour" was the subject of the evening sermon delivered by Rev. J. Allen Leas at St. James' Lutheran church last evening. He took his text from Judges vii:7, "And the Lord said unto Gideon, by the three hundred men that lapped will I save and deliver the Midianites." Mr. Leas said in part:

"These 300 were the minute men of Gideon's army. They were men who fought for him the battles of the Lord and who won for him a most glorious victory. Thirty-two thousand numbered the army at first; 32,000 of these were faint-hearted; 27,000 were inactive, and of the original army of 32,000 only 300 are left for the work at hand.

"God directs Gideon according to a unique plan to choose from the first number the real fighters. They all belong to the army, it is true, but there was a vast difference in their usefulness. Three hundred with the power of God were vastly more than thousands alienated from God. The proportion then is this, 300 active men are to 32,000 inactive men, as the Gospel of God is to the energy of man. Three hundred with God as their aid are now able to enter upon a successful conquest of an army of 135,000.

Gained by Strategy. The conquest was not gained by mere physical force, but rather by strategy, a plan appointed by God, directed by Gideon, though on the very surface seemingly foolish to man. This is the age of masculine activity. Forty-three out of every 100 per cent of workers for the Lord today are men, while not long ago the pro rata was one man to every two women. Now, with this new condition of things it is up to the men of today to see that we are engaging in the services quality as well as quantity.

The great difference in men is not so much in native talent as it is in personal application, oftentimes the greatest masters in their respective lines were but dull students, but they were disposed to hard work. Paulhan, the French aviator, won a \$50,000 prize recently by vigilance rather than skill for he started and practically won the race while his competitor was resting in sleep.

Minute Men Needed.

The Rothschild fortune was won through vigilance and energy by that member of the family who carried the news of the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo to London eight hours before the official information was received. The great need of the Kingdom of God today is not a large army of mediocre fighters but minute men, who not only are able to read the signs of the times but who are ever eager, vigilant and active on the fighting line and ready to make the attack on the first command.

There never was a time in the history of the world when the opposing forces were men systematically and deliberately arrayed and consequently there never was a time when it was necessary

for men of the country to take a bolder stand against political, commercial and social enemies of the times. A sleepy Christian may be tolerated but seldom used. The man of the hour must be a live one.

"A major general of our army, not 25 years of age, has been pronounced dead by one of the insurance companies of the east. The insurance policy is paid off and cancelled. A big rubber stamp has put "Dead" in red letters on the policy sheet, and so far as the company is concerned this man is actually dead. Such are many Christians.

"A little girl on finding her mother's church letter in an old trunk came running to her mother excitedly calling, 'Oh! mamma! mamma! I have found your religion in the trunk.'

"The man of the hour must be steady, reliable, hot spasmodic, always abounding in the work of the Lord. You remember the old painting, a lad standing on the bank of a stream holding a fishing rod and line and a great, strong, weather-beaten fisherman standing by the lad and with one hand over his shoulder is steadying for him, the bending rod. Under the picture are these words: 'Steady, Johnny, steady.'

Gideon's Army Fearless.

"God Almighty is willing to stand by the worker, if he is willing, and keep him spiritually firm and self possessed and worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Gideon's 300 were likewise fearless, willing to march into the face of an overwhelming number. There is one requisite to fearlessness and that is a clean conscience. See the man on the witness stand testifying in some case at court. His conscience is not at ease for he knows there is something hidden which is in danger of being revealed. He measures every answer, guards every sentence but in spite of it all he occasionally becomes tangled and contradicts himself.

"The man with a clear conscience and clean hands is able to face any accusation and undertake any task and by the grace of God will be used as a mighty instrument for good and the cause of righteousness.

"The man of the hour also must be faithful. Like sunshine it gives light, or if it does not, it is not faith. It is not a mere ornament used for the purpose of decoration. It makes a man after God's own heart, it makes him live for his fellow men and makes him rich beyond measure. It gives him a solid foundation on which to stand. It becomes the richest prize in the last hour on earth.

"The other day I stood by the bedside of a man, whose soul passed without a struggle, without a single regret. He peacefully closed his eyes in sleep and went to live with Jesus. This, I take it, is the man of the hour who can be a man in every hour of his life and is not ashamed of his record in the hour of death."

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Walter Damrosch and his New York Symphony orchestra, which comes to Portland for two concerts, Wednesday, May 18, matinee and evening, under the direction of Lois Steers-Wynn Coman, have done more to introduce the noble and beautiful music of the great masters of all ages than any other organization in America. They are under contract to give all their time to the study and interpretation of symphonic music, for this orchestra has been endowed by New York patrons of music so that there is no need for them to fritter a part of each year away in odd jobs of questionable musical merit, as all other orchestras in America are obliged to do, to keep from starving. A few rich music lovers, appreciating

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