

UNBELIEVER, EVEN, POSSESSES CREED, SAYS DR. FOULKES

Minister Does Not Agree That the Knell of Theology Is Being Rung; Liberal Thinker Has His Religion.

With scathing sarcasm and searching argument, Dr. William Hiram Foulkes defended the divinity of Christ against agnosticism, "modern thought" and other forms of human belief, while speaking before the Presbyterian preachers of Portland in the First Presbyterian church this morning.

"Whose Son is He?" questioned Dr. Foulkes, quoting from Matt. 22:42.

"A natural question about any man," he continued.

"It is the commonplace of curiosity. What is the difference in the long run. No matter if a man has to live it down or live up to it; it does not finally determine him. Who is he? not whose son?"

"This is true of all save one. In his case it not only makes a difference but all the difference in the world. Stranger still, it makes all the difference imaginable to you and me and everybody, whose son he is. My father may be William Foulkes, a Welchman, or John Smith, a Yankee, as he is not. It would make a difference to me, my family tree, my racial pride. But to you, what odds? None! But whose son he is, is your concern and mine, and the South Sea Islanders and unborn children's and eternity's."

He asked it about himself. It was not a dilemma of the scribes and Pharisees and to catch him. It was his riddle to baffle and condemn them. He asked it concerning their Messiah. Even then they were too perplexed to answer. His application to himself they could not begin to fathom. "What think ye of Christ?" and further interprets his query by saying, "Whose son is He?"

Doctrinal Question.

"Today I want you to hear and heed this question. Do not be intellectually so proud that you feel above its necessity or so indolent that you will fall beneath it. It meets you on the level of your full mental and spiritual powers and challenges you to a frank and full consideration and answer. 'Whose Son is He?'"

"But this is a doctrinal question; it has the musty smell of theology; it suggests church councils; the Nicene creed and heresy trials. We have gotten beyond and above all of that."

"The death knell of theology is being rung. Our creeds are in their shrouds, waiting for burial. Some of them have been dead four days and are a stench in the nostrils of the world. This is the spirit of the age, the temper of the day. Down with theology! Up with religion! Away with creeds! All hail to Faith!"

"Well, you may swallow all of this. I cannot. It may impress you as being the essence of liberalism, and therefore true progress in religious thought, the forerunner of wide spread revival of brotherly love. To me it savors of high sounding words and phrases with a death of sense. It is never a question whether you have a creed but what it is. Even those splendid people who say they have no creed but the Bible, really mean the Bible as they interpret it; that is their creed. In fact, if you go to the limit of intellectual latitude and label yourself an agnostic, you still have a creed, potent as well as latent. Your 'creed' is then dispiriting, unsatisfying and without sufficient object; a morbid rolling of the fears and foreboding of the heart under its own weight. Of course if you are an absolute agnostic and pretend that you can never know anything because your whole mental process is untrustworthy, then you are a mental suicide and you cut your own throat when you open your mouth."

Agnostic in Religion.

"Most men who label themselves 'agnostics' are agnostics in only a technical sense. They are cocksure about most things but utterly at sea as to religion. In fact by their very definition the region of religion is the great unknown, and religion itself their pathetic striving to know the unknown."

"This they take from their great leader in whose phrase, 'The mystery which is at the heart of things is and ever must be inscrutable,' religion is shut up in perpetual darkness. I have no time today to attempt to show you that partial agnosticism involves complicity; that to say we cannot have absolute knowledge is a different thing from saying we cannot have knowledge of the absolute; that to discredit our powers of mind to decide questions about Jesus Christ casts a slur upon our mental ability to decide anything about Julius Caesar or Alexander the Great; that religion positively cannot be boxed off into a separate compartment of the human soul with a paraphrase of Dante written over its portal, 'Abandon reason, ye who enter here!'"

"We all believe! The agnostic believes and makes it plain what he believes. The liberal thinker has his theology as well as the hidebound ecclesiast who would burn Servetus up! The man who tells me that I want to abandon my creed and shake off my theological fetters amuses me. For I know that he really means for me to give up mine and take his!"

In concluding his address Dr. Foulkes asserted his desire to press the question, "Whose Son is He?", then by historical reference to divine revelation he proceeded to establish the proof that Jesus Christ is the son of God and the Savior of mankind.

RURAL SCHOOLS RELIEVED

State Superintendent Alderman Tells Some of Their Needs.

State Superintendent of Schools Alderman addressed the congregation of the Unitarian church last night, his subject being, "What the Country School Can Do in Country Life." He urged that the schools of the country district need lectures, debates and more general school life. There are communities in the Willamette valley that have fewer people, he said, than they did 20 years ago. The city and town schools, he said, were made attractive

while the life of the country schools tended to repel.

"Many teachers in the rural districts have never gone beyond the eighth grade, are untrained and unsupervised. The city teachers are supervised and there is now a bill before the legislature to provide supervision for the country schools," he said.

"We need a larger taxing unit and more supervision. The present tax unit is not fair to the country child. There are districts having 20 children with less than \$3000 assessed property, while other districts have no more than 20 pupils with more than \$500,000 assessed property. We should invest our co-operation and interest in school work to gain the best results."

CORBY ON PRISONS

Universalist Pastor Considers City Jail One of the Worst.

Judge McGinn's policy of paroling certain criminals was indorsed by Rev. James D. Corby in his address yesterday morning before the congregation of the First Universalist church, East Twenty-fourth street and Broadway, his subject being "What O'Clock Is It in Reform?" Incidentally he alluded to the Portland police station as a "hell hole," where human beings were incarcerated. He said such a place should not be tolerated longer.

Jails were at first patterned by society after the infernal regions with the idea of revenge. The church arose, and in the field of morals we consider the erring and criminal as diseased. Learn the causes of the disease and remove them. For 20 years, went on the speaker, boys and girls have been trained by the George Junior Republic toward good citizenship. While the state is young, it is hard to find any excuse for a great state's not having an industrial training school for girls. The white slavers, the speaker urged, should be turned over to surgeons for treatment who would prevent their reproduction.

COPPER RIVER TRADE BECKONS PORTLAND

A. C. O'Neal, bridge engineer of the Copper River & Northwestern railway, who has just returned from the far north, expresses the opinion that Portland is missing great commercial opportunities in the development of the Copper River mines of Alaska. Bridges have been completed along the 200 miles of the railroad that lead to the Copper River mines at a cost of \$20,000,000.

"In building the bridges, we employed 800 to 900 men," says Mr. O'Neal. "Only 200 of these came from Portland, the balance being supplied by Seattle. Large supplies were needed for these men and Seattle supplied them, while Portland was not in evidence. Cordova, the new town, has a population of 2500 but so far as I know there are no Portland men in business there."

"Inexhaustible quantities of coal of fine quality was within 60 miles of where we were at work. The government has looked the coal mines of Alaska, retarding development. Opening of these coal mines is absolutely necessary to the development of Alaska. The people of Alaska are asking that the government unlock the coal mines. Portland has done nothing thus far to get a share of the business but the opportunity is awaiting."

PROPOSE A WESTERN APPLE SALES AGENCY

An apple cooperative selling agency company may be created, combining growers of the various orchard districts of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Montana and Colorado. President Atwell of the Oregon State Horticultural society has called the meeting, which is to be held in the Y. M. C. A. assembly hall tomorrow.

The object of the proposed association is to protect the apple market from indiscriminate dumping of products and keeping the demand in control so that remunerative prices at all times may be received. The company will have distributing centers in the east.

Among those scheduled to take part in the proceedings are Daniel E. Willard, of St. Paul, development agent of the Northern Pacific Railway company; Fremont Wood of Boise, Idaho, judge of the third judicial district of Idaho; Miles Cannon of Weiser, Idaho, prominent apple grower; E. F. Benson of Prosser, Wash., president of the Washington State Horticultural society, and C. E. Whitfield of Medford, Or., prominent fruitgrower of southern Oregon.

SELLWOOD Y. M. C. A. HAS BASKETBALL EPIDEMIC

Basketball has started off with a rush at the new Sellwood branch of the Y. M. C. A., the players having some two leagues, junior and senior, which play every Saturday evening and occasionally on Thursday evening.

In the senior league are the Baptist Sunday school, the Methodist Sunday school classes, the Presbyterian Sunday school and the Diamond Bible club. The junior league includes the boys under 15 years of age and has representatives from the Methodist Episcopal and the Presbyterian Sunday schools.

Thursday evening, the first game of the series in the senior league was won by the Methodists from the Presbyterians, the score being 22 to 18. Last night in the junior league the Methodists won from the Presbyterians, the score being 7 to 3. In the senior league the Diamond Bible club won from the Baptists, the score being 24 to 15.

BALLINGER NOT WANTED AS SPEAKER AT DINNER

(United Press Leased Wire.) Boston, Jan. 23.—Strenuous opposition to the choice of Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger as speaker at the Williams Alumni association dinner on January 26, has been raised by Morrison I. Swift, lawyer and graduate of Williams.

Swift sent a circular letter to each member of the association in this city protesting the choice of Ballinger, who is a Williams graduate of the class of '84.

"Whatever the result of the Ballinger investigation," writes Swift, "it is well known that a large portion of the people believe him to have failed to prove himself a trustworthy public servant."

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Portland Officers Busier Protecting Criminals Than the City.

"Let us turn out the mayor, the chief of police, and all other city officials who prove themselves untrue to the best moral and material interests of this great city."

These were the concluding words of an exhortation to the people of Portland, used by Rev. Albert Ehr Gott in his address at the East Side Baptist church last night.

After personal investigation extending over several weeks, Rev. Mr. Ehr Gott announced the conclusion that the mayor and chief of police are "pulling the wool over the eyes of the people and are not fit to hold office." He added that the officers of the law were busier protecting criminals than public interests. An organization by a number of prominent Portland ministers to expose supposedly secret evil conditions until civic purification results were announced by Rev. Mr. Ehr Gott. Affidavits, he said, had been obtained to support exposures which it is proposed shall be made.

"Portland, a Vanity Fair," was the sermon's subject. The text was taken from Proverbs 14:xxiv, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Chief of Police Cox, in the sermon, was compared to "Mr. Blindman" of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress." "The mayor and chief of police will let conditions be as bad as the good people will permit, and as good as bad people will stand for," was one of Rev. Mr. Ehr Gott's expressions. He said in part:

"Who will deny that there exist in this city a host of low down saloons, in which, unabashed and without interference from the police, are practiced sensuality? Innocent passengers on street cars passing up Burnside street from the bridge cross through a section which in its viciousness competes with hell itself. Here young men and women by droves are allured into the depths of vice."

"Does not the chief of police and the mayor know of the numerous 'rooming houses' advertising furnished rooms, where behind closed shut blinds indecencies of the foulest kind are being practiced day and night?"

"One could stand on the steps of one church in the midst of this city and easily cast stones into the window of several such houses. From the windows of one of our most prominent philanthropic institutions you can look at a house where openly, daily evil is carried on. If another church were to topple over it would crash into one of the most notorious dens of iniquity in the northwest. Are our mayor and chief of police blind to these facts?"

"There should be a regular stream of exposing facts; agitation should be constantly kept up in favor of morality. We have the power of recall and should, without fear or favor, exercise it in the removal of unfaithful officers of the law. Every citizen should hear a call to take a hand in this municipal shake-up. Every Christian should exercise his faith in God in his loyalty to the rights of his fellow citizens. Every church should line up one with the other as a grand army in defense of truth and virtue and in opposition to every form of deeply entrenched iniquity."

"Let us turn out the mayor, the chief of police and all other city officials who prove themselves untrue to the best moral and material interests of this great city. In the name of the purity of our fair women, in the name of the honor and prosperity of our city, in the name of patriotism, of justice, of right, in the name of God, stand together."

CITY IS FAR BEHIND IN HUMANE PROGRESS

In a communication to the city auditor President Berg of the Oregon Humane society, asks that the city council make an annual appropriation of \$2000 for the operation and maintenance of an ambulance for sick and injured horses. The society has purchased the ambulance at a cost of \$1000, but it has not enough money to operate it.

"Superintendent Alex Donaldson, of the city street cleaning department, has been very kind to us," reads the letter, "but he says there will be no room in the city barns to house the ambulance. The society makes the request that the council secure quarters for it at some centrally located livery stable."

"It was a sad commentary on our fair city when we were forced to hear at the annual convention of the National Humane association, held at Washington, D. C., last month, that there are only two cities in the United States as far behind in their work as is Portland."

"We are not discouraged, however, and we are attempting to get an appropriation from the present legislature for the purpose of carrying on our work for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Whether or not our efforts prove successful depends on many things, among which may be mentioned the fine Italian hand of the politician, which has always been against the society."

MRS. BALDWIN WARNS SEX AGAINST HIGLEY

"Beware of Higley," is the warning sent out to Portland women by Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, head of the municipal department of public safety for women. Higley, Mrs. Baldwin calls to the minds, is the man who wrote to Mayor Gaynor of New York city, saying women were scarce in Oregon, and he wanted a wife. "Where before Higley got more publicity because of his letter, he now gets unwelcome notoriety. Mrs. Baldwin has issued a signed statement, saying he is an old hand at duping women. Mrs. Baldwin says that Higley has two aliases, and was convicted in the United States court about three years ago for duping women. She has warned women not to answer his advertisements and those of other men of his alleged ilk. She says he has made a practice of answering advertisements put in the newspapers by honest girls seeking work. Higley is about 65 years old.

Blind Savant's Sight Restored.
(United Press Leased Wire.) Boston, Jan. 23.—Dr. William Copely Winslow, ophthalmologist and historian of Boston, is today in possession of his sight, after four years of blindness due to cataracts. The cataracts and lenses were removed by Dr. Frederick Spaulding and glass lenses substituted. Dr. Winslow is 51 years old.

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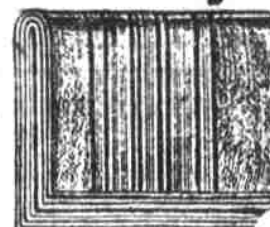
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