

UNDERSTANDING IS BIBLE STUDY BASE, NOT FAITH ALONE

Religion Is Only Human, Not Divine, Urges Rev. Fred B. Fisher Before Methodist Parliament.

The modern way of teaching a Sunday school class, with emphasis on the child's understanding of the lesson rather than its acceptance in unquestioning faith, was discussed before a audience of absorbingly interested young folk from the various Methodist Episcopal churches of the city this morning by the Rev. Fred B. Fisher of New York city.

His address was one of the features of today's session, the third and concluding one of the Methodist Episcopal parliament that has been in conference in the Taylor street church since Sunday.

"It must not be forgotten that the Bible is a great piece of literature," said Rev. Mr. Fisher, in part. "We've looked at the Bible as a sacred book for so long that many people have lost interest in it. And really, we too often force little children up to study things that they are not ready to study.

"We have never studied it out just as we ought to study it out, how to teach the Bible to young children. I remember how as a boy I used to puzzle over the Bible stories telling how the people slept on the house tops. I looked at it from my boy's purely occidental knowledge and viewpoint, and of course I supposed all roofs were sloping roofs like ours. Why, I imagined for a long time that they had a row of railroad spikes driven in the roof and a board dropped up by them so these men could go on the housetops and sleep, though why they ever wanted to do that I couldn't for the life of me tell.

A Thoughtless Answer.

"One boy told the teacher he didn't see how in the world they could sleep on the house tops. The teacher didn't make any effort to explain, but just said, 'You mustn't question the word of God.'

"Now why in the world didn't she explain that they had flat roofs in the Orient, and that it was the custom for the people to sleep on them? Making a child believe that it was the word of God and mustn't under any circumstances be questioned as such, has been responsible for some crude conceptions in the minds of children of biblical persons and things.

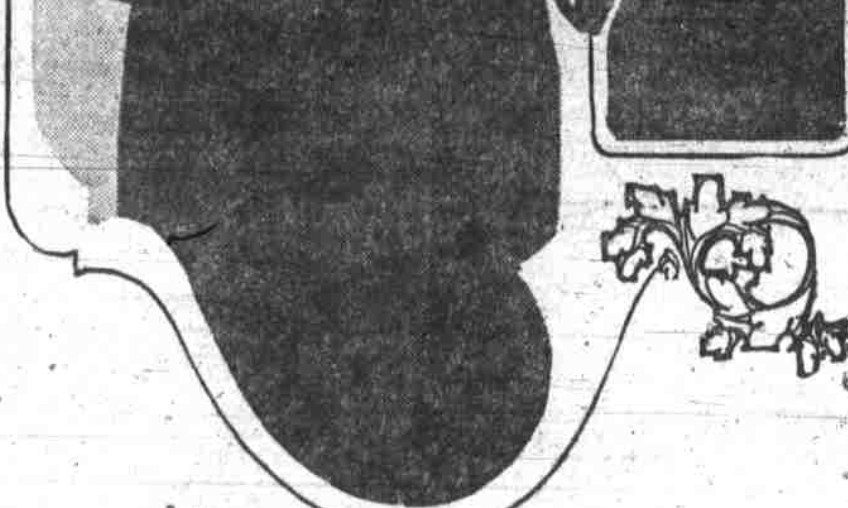
"I can remember also how when we had a temperance lesson, we would stretch scripture out of all proportion in order to derive a temperance moral out of it. We used to have the idea that every verse must have some bearing on it.

"One of the greatest progressive moves the church has ever made, in my opinion, is the adoption of graded Sunday school lessons, which enable the little children to be taught things they can understand, the older children what they can understand, and so forth.

"If we only remembered that the Bible is an Oriental book, rather than an occidental one, then we could open up the word of God to them in a wonderful way. Every child is oriental—I mean that a child naturally leans to mysticism and wants to learn by faith.

"Sometimes I'm sorry all the books in the Bible are bound together instead of separately, for it makes it harder to realize that there is a progressive revelation in the Bible. Remember that the word 'Bible' itself means library, and that it is just that, a library of separate books. To understand the Bible truly, we must study it in its Oriental setting.

PROMINENT FIGURES AT M. E. PARLIAMENT



Top—Rev. Herbert B. Johnson, San Francisco, who spoke on mission work among Chinese and Japanese immigrants. Below—Dr. D. D. Forsyth of Denver, a member of the general conference finance commission; and Miss Frances E. Coker, daughter of Rev. Henry J. Coker of Denver.

discussed the new business policy of the church in working toward businesslike methods, both in collecting money and in keeping up the interest and enlisting the services of members.

"The weakest thing in Methodism," he said, "is its financial system. In the average church there is no adequate financial program. In a great many churches, the greater proportion of the members contribute nothing to support the church. Then the churches run behind, and when the churches then suffer and their local work suffer, the benevolent associations of the church suffer still more."

Dr. Forsyth pleaded for the adoption of business methods to overcome this state of affairs.

This afternoon, addresses were made by Rev. Harvey R. Calkins, Rev. W. N. Brewster of Hingwa, China; Bishop Francis J. McCoppell, of Mexico; Rev. A. A. Parker, of Baroda, India; and Bishop R. J. Cook, of Portland, president.

Tonight's program, the final one, follows: Devotional period, led by Rev. Benjamin Young; "The Need of a Great Advance in the Foreign Field," by Rev. W. N. Brewster, of Hingwa, China; "The Program for the Methodist Episcopal Church," by Bishop W. O. Shephard, of Kansas City; consecration and closing of parliament, Rev. Henry J. Coker, of Denver, will preside.

New York's Big Gift. New York, April 1.—More than \$455,000 has been contributed to the flood sufferers of Ohio and Indiana by whose auspices the parliament is held.

PORTLAND'S CASH FLOOD DONATIONS REACH \$20,955

Of This Amount \$12,361 Was Collected by Chamber of Commerce; \$5016 Was Received by The Journal.

With \$918.50 added to the Chamber of Commerce flood relief funds since yesterday afternoon, \$76.43 additional in The Journal and Ohio societies fund and \$400 appropriated last night by the United Oregonians' division and divisions 1 and 2, ladies' auxiliary, Portland's cash contributions from all sources had reached a grand total of \$20,955.88 at noon today. Of this sum, \$12,361.35 had been collected by the chamber and \$5016.23 had been received at The Journal office.

Collections made in several Oregon and Washington towns have been turned into the Chamber of Commerce fund, including \$119 collected at Doty, Wash., 35 at Ocean Park, Wash., \$20 from Tillamook and \$22.50 at Goldblith, Or.

Among today's contributors was Japanese Consul Ida, who gave \$10, and the Volunteers of America, who collected and turned over \$86. The Ladies Day Saints Relief society gave \$10 and \$53.50 was turned into the fund by the First Baptist church yesterday evening.

At noon the Chamber of Commerce had a cash balance of \$4861.35 on hand, which will be retained for use in event the Ohio river floods prove disastrous and aid is needed in points outside those already stricken by torments.

This morning recited high mass was celebrated at the Catholic Cathedral for the repose of the souls of those drowned in the Ohio and Indiana floods. Archbishop Christie was present in the sanctuary and Father McDevitt, was master of ceremonies. Father O'Hara presided.

After outlining the extent of the catastrophe, and painting a word picture of the horror he said in part:

"The appalling catastrophe which has overtaken the people of Indiana and Ohio called for the deepest sympathy of the world. This appeal met with prompt response in a manner noteworthy and spontaneous and the way which every town, city and hamlet in the country gave to the aid of the flood sufferers is an evidence of the best of human sympathy that unites us all.

Lessons Drawn From Flood. "Men gave their means unstintingly. Every department of the state and nation assisted. The spectacle is one which confirms our faith in the stability of our democracy and the opening shows the strength of the freedom that throbs in the heart of our republican institutions, a vision that breeds optimism in the minds of every lover of humanity."

Father O'Hara concluded by drawing a lesson from the flood. He said, "The floods are not a visitation as a punishment but serve as a warning which are emblazoned in letters of fire across the pall which now hangs over this nation. The lesson is, 'We have not been an abiding city, our final home is not here and this flood impresses on us the necessity of preparing on this earth for an eternal abiding place in heaven where there are no tornadoes to destroy nor floods to inundate.'

Several addresses were made in connection with the fund-raising mass. Preparations are now being completed for the flood benefit performance of the Third Regiment band at the Armory Thursday night, and indications are that it will be well attended. The county has donated the use of the Armory and the members of the band will give their services free to the end that the entire proceeds may be applied in relief measures.

Friday night, April 16, Madam Donna Malott and Tom Brown, who conduct dramatic sketches in the city, will give a benefit performance at the Hellig theatre for the flood sufferers, according to an announcement made today. Managers of the various theatres have joined with them and acts from the grand theatre will be put on by professional actors.

Last night the Oregon, Washington and California Salmon Packers' association shipped a carload of salmon to Ohio, following telegraphic advice from Governor Cavanaugh, that a contribution would be acceptable. The carload, valued at approximately \$2000, was donated by the following packers: P. J. McGowan & Son, of McGowan, Wash.; Columbia River Packers' association, S. Elmore & Co., George W. Sanborn & Son, Booth Fisheries company, Sanborn Canning company, Union Fishermen's Co-operative Packing company, and Tallant Grant Packing company, of Astoria; F. C. Barnes & Co., Thimblet Packing company, and Oregon Packing company, of Portland; Seufert Brothers, of The Dalles, and the Willapa Harbor Fish company, of South Bend, Wash.

Several Portland packers and the Packers of Grays Harbor contributed cash and for this reason did not assist in making up the carload.

Journal Relief Fund. Previously acknowledged, \$4940.40: N. K. Eby, Sutherlin, Or. \$5; Joseph Hall, Newberg, Or. \$2; Joseph W. Reynolds, \$1; John Baker, Hood River, \$1; John R. Haines, Albany, Or. \$5; H. C. Shepard, Salem, \$10; N. Saxon Ryan, Molalla, Or., \$5; Sunnyside Friends church, \$1; Mrs. E. E. Williams, \$5; Mann-Home, \$10; Ivan Gulavson, \$2; cash, \$1; cash \$1.25; John C. Clark, \$1; R. D. C., \$2.50; grand total, \$5,016.83.

SENDING COPIES OF CHARTER TO VOTERS. Beginning at noon today the distribution of copies of the proposed commission plan charter was commenced under the direction of the city auditor. One charter is to go to each house in the city and enough have been printed to meet the need. Distribution will be done as rapidly and completely as possible. The city auditor has found that mailing copies of municipal documents to registered voters is not satisfactory because so many mistakes are made in the addresses.

The commission plan charter draft in its completed form is a book of 180 pages. By a reading of approximately the first 40 pages the intent and operation of government by a commission of five is revealed. In the remainder of the charter are included such portions of the existing charter as would be obsolete necessary to the administration of municipal affairs, it being stated that whenever a section of the present charter does not conflict with the plan of commission government it may be retained as an ordinance of the city subject to repeal by the commission.

POSE OF 'WEALTHY MAN'S SON' WORKS

Charles H. Schiel Tells How He Was Able to Pass Worthless Checks.

Representing himself to be the son of a wealthy man and able to purchase anything he desired, Charles H. Schiel, son of Christian Schiel, a local manufacturer, in the county jail yesterday afternoon on two charges. This morning he confessed to passing a number of worthless checks and to taking an automobile from a local garage after representing that he had purchased the machine earlier in the day.

Deputy Constables Nicholson and Hunter, who made the arrest, believe that he is the person who has been flooding the town with bad checks in the past few months. Already about a dozen checks have been turned over to the constables.

Saturday afternoon Schiel went to an uptown garage and asked to be shown a car, stating that his father had plenty of money. After looking at the car Schiel stated that he would return and then asked whether or not he would buy it. That evening Schiel went to the garage and it is said, told the men in charge that he had purchased the car and wanted to take it out and try it.

The car was turned over to the young man. Shortly afterward he returned the automobile to the garage with the front damaged. Inability as a chauffeur caused him to run the machine into a telegraph pole. When the managers of the garage heard of the affair it was immediately reported.

Schiel's arrest followed yesterday. Today when Young Schiel was taken into the office Deputy Constable Nicholson showed him the checks which they had received. Schiel broke down and confessed.

According to his story his operations have extended over several months, during which time he has passed a number of checks in all sections of the city. These checks were usually for small amounts, Schiel thinking that they would be less conspicuous.

He will probably be given a hearing this afternoon in the justice court.

Provisional President Resigns. San Domingo, April 1.—The national congress today has accepted the resignation of Archbishop Nouel as provisional president of the Dominican republic.

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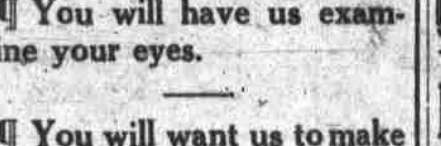
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ELECT MARTIN COLONEL OF THIRD REGIMENT

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"TALES OF HOFFMAN" Second Act With Stouffer, Hoyt, Warner, Crabbe, DeForest, Venturing, Conductor, Charles, Wednesday, Friday at 8, and at 9:30 days. Major Martin announced that L. Poorman, who tendered his resignation to the governor several days ago,

GRAND BALLET DIVERTISSEMENT With Rosina Galli, Premiera Dancer Wednesday at 8—Farewell Performance. "LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR" With Tetrazzini, Egeer, Giorgini, Poles, Scott, Venturing, Conductor, Charles, Wednesday, Friday at 8, and at 9:30 days. Major Martin announced that L. Poorman, who tendered his resignation to the governor several days ago,

PIANO BUYING GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE

Piano Stock at Wholesale Discounts Ever Made.

For lack of room many of the instruments included in our recent closing out announcement had to remain in our wholesale department on Pettygrove street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth. As the sale of instruments down town progresses these are being brought over from the wholesale department. Purchasers now will find on sale here instruments that were not on display last week. And for this reason the collection now is every bit as extensive, as varied and as attractive as at any time since this closing out sale commenced.

There were included at the outset 413 pianos, player pianos, organs, orchestral, etc., and now we commence our second week with over 200 elegant and choicest instruments on display.

These elegant pianos, player pianos, etc., are to be closed out at wholesale prices, and some of them at even less than the regular established wholesale price which dealers pay to Eilers Music House when they buy pianos to sell again at retail. Here are the very finest models and the best toned instruments ever made, and all at a uniform saving approximating 42 per cent.

Who can resist such an opportunity. We expected the very largest sales yesterday, Monday, and were not disappointed for before 11 o'clock, 13 pianos were sold. It will be well worth your time to be among the very first tomorrow.

We find that many do not understand how such great price reductions upon these standard, best toned, fully warranted pianos are possible; for this reason we wish to say again that a modern piano business requires great financial resources. Eilers Music House operates 40 flourishing stores, each one developing very rapidly. In spite of the fact that Eilers Music House employs a cash capital exceeding \$3,500,000, the business keeps increasing so extensively that we simply cannot take care of all the offers.

For this reason our board of directors early this year decided to discontinue the least profitable department, which is the wholesaling to dealers. We are no longer in the wholesale piano business, our regular wholesale reseller instruments are to dealers waiting for them to sell them, and then again waiting for them to collect and remit to us the payments as made by the retail customer.

In many little towns and cities, where we could readily dispose of our stocks in dealers' hands, we have done so. In many cases, however, it was found more advantageous to ship all the instruments, new and second hand, back to Portland. These are now here and they must now be disposed of right away, together with all the pianos in our regular wholesale reserve stock.

Whatever instrument is selected, priced or high priced, it carries with it the famous guarantee of Eilers Music House: "NO TRANSACTION IS CONSIDERED COMPLETE WHICH DOES NOT MEAN SATISFACTION TO THE BUYER. MONEY BACK IF PURCHASE AFTER DELIVERY DOES NOT PROVE IN EVERY WAY SATISFACTORY OR AS REPRESENTED."

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