

INFLUENCES OF CHRISTIANITY AS FELT IN NIPPON

Education of Women Promoted, and Circle of Charity Has Been Broadened, Says Tokio College Principal.

One of the most interesting addresses of the Second World's Christian Citizenship conference was that delivered at Multnomah stadium yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Joseph S. Motoda, principal of St. Paul's college at Tokio, Japan.

Dr. Motoda spoke on social conditions in Japan, saying in part:

"With that mighty movement which turned the Japanese nation from a rigidly organized feudalism to the ancient imperial rule, and from absolute monarchy to constitutional imperialism, the social structure and social ideas of the nation had necessarily to be changed.

"The political reformation could not be effected without its corresponding social reconstruction.

"Three hundred Daimyo, each with his own fief and castle, and each with his hereditary rights and privileges, ruling the people with unlimited power, are now made to humble themselves to constitute a portion of the nobility who neither any more privileged than English noblemen nor any more official than American men of wealth.

Reduced to Misery.

"Two million Samurai who were formerly looked upon as warriors, scholars and gentlemen, not required or allowed to engage in any money making profession, but wholly supported by their respective feudal princes for their services both in time of trouble and in time of peace, are now made to come down from their place of honor and dignity, and reduced to great poverty, and, in some cases, to most extreme misery.

"Farmers, artisans and merchants, who belonged to the lower classes of society, who were looked down upon as degraded and contemptible by the classes above them, and were not allowed to enter the military or civil professions, are now given equal opportunities in society, some occupying at the present time important official posts, others being engaged in commercial and industrial enterprises in the country and still others being made nobles for their talents or for services rendered to the imperial cause.

"Three hundred thousand Eta, whose business was the slaughtering of cattle, the skinning of animals, the execution of criminals and the digging of their graves, and similar degrading occupations, and who were despised as outcasts and not considered to be citizens, are now elevated to the class of common people and given equal rights and privileges. The caste like class system is entirely broken down and in its stead there has come social democracy. The people freely mingle and freely eat together. In marriage, a mere formal restriction is made between the nobility and the classes below, but no barrier whatever exists between the Samurai and these below them.

Now Wide Awake.

"Along with these changes there is another change which has been brought about, that is, a change in the social consciousness. The family, upon which the foundation of the country is said to be laid, formerly meant a binding together of its members in one household and in one locality, very often including many degrees of relationship; but the knowledge of the world and the facility of communication broadened the social consciousness of the people and the disintegration of the family has become a necessary consequence.

"Charity, which confined itself within the small circle of relationship and friendship, now finds its application beyond the boundary; the clansmen who knew nothing outside their own clan have begun to know the country at large; and the nation which had scanty knowledge of the outside world is now fully conversant with what is happening on the other side of the earth. Japan is now wide awake. She knows more about the world than the world knows about her.

"The influence of the moral and spiritual side of western civilization ought not to be underestimated, although it has been neither so rapid nor so radical as the influence of the material side of it, for the history of the world shows that it has always been so everywhere. Christianity has found its way into Japan in two forms, first as Christianity de facto, the direct result of untiring missionary effort, and secondly, as Christian ideas and principles, the inseparable attendants of western civilization. It promoted education for women, it broadened the circle of charity, it emphasized the value of human life, it elevated the idea of purity and chastity, and it put stress on the sanctity of marriage.

"Ever since the opening of the country Japan has been a theatre where the western and eastern streams of thought

and art met and mingled together, trying to find one new path which would be neither western nor eastern, but rather a Japanese form of civilization. In this mingling and shifting process we have had a mixed experience of success and failure.

"In one sense, Japan is an old country, but in another sense, the newest and youngest among the more advanced nations. It is our humble desire and hope that in this great family of the civilized nations we may be led, guided and permitted to enjoy perfect peace and brotherly love—the principles set forth by every Christian nation worthy of its name."

MORALS OF CITIES CAN BE BETTERED BY USE STRATEGY

Effect of Moral Initiative Is Shown by the Example of "Golden Rule" Jones in Toledo.

The evolution of the city has been the greatest visible factor in the progress of the human family, said Dr. Lyman Edwin Davis in speaking on the "Moral Evolution of the City, before the World's Christian Citizenship conference on the stadium yesterday.

"The moral evolution of the city," said the speaker, "is dependent upon the moral initiative supplemented by moral strategy. The moral initiative is that individual prompting which leads men to grapple with the problems of the day without so much as asking what other men may do. Moral strategy is that world wide common sense which leads the moral reformer to enlist and welcome the alliance of all men who are agreed, as touching the one thing he wishes immediately to do.

"The moral initiative is the first essential in the betterment of a city. There lived in the city of Toledo an extraordinary man to whom providence and pedigree had given the very ordinary name of Jonathan Jones. And when it was seen that 'Golden Rule' Jones had made a brilliant success of his golden rule business, Toledo decided to inaugurate a little golden rule politics. Therefore it was that Mr. Jones was elected, reelected and yet again reelected mayor of his city.

"But finally the life which had been a benediction to the town passed away, and they buried 'Golden Rule' Jones. Immediately all the forces and all the allies of iniquity in that city ventured forth from their hiding place. But a happy surprise was in store for the city and the nation, for when election day closed it was discovered that the men who had followed Mayor Jones to victory had now developed that moral initiative which enabled them to act for themselves.

"In the battle for the home the moral initiative is supremely important. I saw a home in London, a real home, with only a single room. Not one room out on the hills with the trees for sentinels and all the world for a garden and all the heavens for a canopy, but one room pocketed with a hundred other rooms and smothered by the congested noxious of darkest London! And yet that one room, by the moral initiative of a cultured Christian mother, was transformed into a model home, while all around it weltered that wilderness of life which knew not the meaning of home.

"A word should be added in behalf of moral strategy. The moral initiative itself is of course the best of moral strategy, in a primal sense; for the most strategic thing to do in the kingdom of righteousness, whether in the interest of the home, the city or the nation, is simply to promulgate every needed form, entirely heedless of personal consequences, and without the slightest reference to what other men may do for the public welfare.

"But there is another phase of moral strategy which is important to final success, and which I have defined as being that world wide common sense which leads men to seek in any given moral enterprise, the alliance of all men who are agreed as touching that one thing, whatever may be their diverse opinions on other subjects. If there is anything that ought to be done in a community or commonwealth, then it follows without question that everybody in that community or commonwealth ought to help to do it! Therefore, when any given cause of humanity becomes distinct to your own conscience, then carry your flag in every procession, nail your plank in every platform, breathe your cause into every creed!"

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ENDLESS CHAIN PLAN URGED FOR SAVING DRINKER

Catch-My-Pal Crusade Explained by Dr. Robt. J. Patterson of Ireland at Christian Conference at Stadium.

The Catch-My-Pal crusade was explained at last night's meeting of the Second World's Christian Citizenship Conference, at Multnomah stadium, by its originator, Dr. Robert J. Patterson of Belfast, Ireland. The crusade is a religious movement among drunkards and drinkers. Its basic idea is that every drinker is worth saving and that the best instruments for saving drunkards are other drinkers. And it has greatly helped Band of Hope work by reclaiming the drunken parents of children, so that these children have now a chance at the fireside. Everywhere the testimony is given that the biggest help comes from the best pledge keepers. The movement has helped and encouraged ministers in all the churches. It has brought joy to many a broken-hearted wife and to many a woe-begotten child. It stands for Good Samaritanism on every way of life. It calls on the rank and file in all the churches to rally to the side of the fallen, and to form such a public opinion against the continuance of the cause of drunkenness that governments shall be constrained to listen to the voice of God, demanding the abolition of the destroyer of the people.

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How He Reformed Drinkers.

Describing the operation of the crusade Dr. Patterson continued: "A reformed drinker is more likely to touch the point of contact in a fellow drinker's life than one who has never been a drinker. On the 18th of July, 1909, I caught six drinkers at a lamp post in the main street of Armagh City, Ireland. I asked them to come to my house three days after to take the pledge. They came and I let them sign till I had got them to promise to go out and catch at least one other drinker each and bring them to me. 'If you will go and catch your pals and bring one each here this night week that they may sign in your presence, and in each other's presence, there will be 12 the next night, 24 the next, 48 the next, and 96 the next, and in the course of a few weeks we shall have the whole country-side.' The men were inspired with this thought and after we had prayed went out and began their wonderful work. On the next night there were 12 men. Two nights after there were 24. After four more nights there were 105. The movement was then heard of in other towns. I was asked to go here and there all over the country. Wonderful enthusiasm was manifested in every center. It seemed as if crowds were anxious to have done with the drink. Over 150,000 people signed the pledge and about 500 branches were formed in Ireland inside a year. The signing of the pledge is only the first step. We must watch the men and women we catch. They need much shepherding. They need encouragement in the right way. They need sympathy, fatherhood, motherhood, sisterhood, brotherhood. Ministers and a few Christian workers cannot keep in live touch with all falling or fallen ones. The man in the ranks is the immediate savior of his fellow. By a system of meetings and the institution of counter-attractions to the public houses hosts of men and women are being saved.

"Many drink not so much because they love the drink as because they love the fellowship they get in drinking. The time has come for the Christian conscience of the community to arise and say that the saloon shall not have the monopoly in providing fellowship for men. If we take men away from the palooka of the public house some better place for a better palooka must be provided for them.

Movement Spreads Rapidly.

"This movement has attempted to provide counter-attractions to the public houses by the opening, wherever practicable, of land in the British colonies. It is at work in East Africa, West Africa, the West Indies, Australia, Canada. It has been started in Holland, Denmark, Germany, China and the United States. Clubs, halls, recrea-

tion rooms, cafes, etc., places to which the men can bring one another, and where they can enjoy one another's company in a purer way than they could in the saloon.

"The movement has spread through many parts of England, Wales, Scotland. It has brought great blessing to thousands of lives that were looked upon as hopeless in days of years ago. It has lifted public opinion regarding drinking customs to a higher level than heretofore. It has thus prevented many young people from becoming drinkers. And it has greatly helped Band of Hope work by reclaiming the drunken parents of children, so that these children have now a chance at the fireside. Everywhere the testimony is given that the biggest help comes from the best pledge keepers. The movement has helped and encouraged ministers in all the churches. It has brought joy to many a broken-hearted wife and to many a woe-begotten child. It stands for Good Samaritanism on every way of life. It calls on the rank and file in all the churches to rally to the side of the fallen, and to form such a public opinion against the continuance of the cause of drunkenness that governments shall be constrained to listen to the voice of God, demanding the abolition of the destroyer of the people."

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MOTORMAN SUES JUDGE, CHARGES ALIENATION

(United Press Special Wire.)

Joplin, Mo., July 3.—"I was too busy with my work to keep an eye on Robinson, and he got my wife."

This was the declaration here today of Charles E. Killingsworth, a street car motorman, who has brought suit for \$50,000 against former Judge Walter M. Robinson of the Missouri supreme court on charges of alienating Mrs. Killingsworth's affections.

NEWBERG POSTMASTER GETS HIS COMMISSION

(Special to The Journal.)

Newberg, Or., July 3.—John Larkin received his commission as postmaster of Newberg last Tuesday. Several weeks ago Senator Lane telegraphed him news of his appointment and shortly afterward announcement was made in the Washington dispatches of his confirmation and he has been expecting the commission daily ever since. Mr. Larkin is well known and highly esteemed here. He is president of the Western Condensed Milk company of Newberg. A brother, George Larkin, is a member of the Larkin-Prince Hardware company. He was born in Blue Earth county, Minnesota, 40 years ago and came to Newberg with his father's family in 1888.

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