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THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

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If there be not so much real Christianity in this blessed land as we would like to see, at least there is here a tenderer and broader sympathy than exists anywhere else on the globe. Ready hands and hearts answer every pressing cry of suffering or need. We not only feed the hungry, clothe the naked and minister to the afflicted who are among us, but our hearts respond generously to cries for help from the parts of the world most distant from us. These and many other good works spring in a majority of cases from the inspiration and teaching of the church, and such service to men must be a continually increasing part of its work.

Let us not make the mistake, however, of supposing that the work of the church is chiefly to minister to the physical wants and needs of men. The church has a much higher mission than this. It is not merely a charitable or benevolent association; such cannot be a church, or take the place of the church. Its mission is spiritual service and ministrations to men; instruction and help in character building, in overcoming evil, in leading man to God, and greatest and most important of all, in assisting its members to exemplify in their lives and conduct those moral and spiritual attributes that qualify them to be rightfully called Christians, true followers of Christ, doers of the truth.

As man has a complex and varied nature, and he cannot come into harmony with his God and the higher laws until all these parts of his nature have been purified and harmonized, so the work of the church must be varied; it must needs have many lines of work and many kinds of workers. The church that depends upon its pastor to do all of its work is no church at all; it has not yet felt the baptism of the Holy Spirit; it does not even understand what the Spirit of Christ is, much less manifest it.

The Scripture tells us that the members of a church should be as the members of the body, one in life and spirit, but each with his own part in the work of the whole. All cannot be the head, but the part that the foot or the hand performs is quite as essential to the harmonious and efficient working of the church as the office of the head. The sermon, important as it is, is not the greatest thing in the church. More eloquent and appealing than any sermon in words is the walking, living, epistle, the consecrated, regenerated, helpful, unselfish, beautiful life. The humblest member of the church is privileged to live such a life, in the church and outside of it.

More than this, there is something for each member to do to make the work of the church perfect and complete—something that he can do as well as another, or better than another, if he is dominated by the right spirit, the spirit of Christ. God has called him to do what he can, and by doing it as unto God he will not only help on the work of the church, but will bring spiritual strength and blessing to himself. Let no one despair because he feels that his work is not equal in importance to that of another. The spiritual song, the

smile, the word of love and cheer, the visit to the sick, the ministrations to the neighbor who is afflicted or in need, the honest, upright, beautiful life, even the janitor's task—all these may be as necessary as the sermon. The poet truthfully says that "They also serve who only stand and wait"—wait for the baptism of the spirit. This is sometimes the hardest task of all, though it may be necessary in order to prepare one for a really spiritual work. Nothing done as a spiritual duty is trivial or unimportant. Each has its place in the work of the perfect whole.

In this day much of the work of the church must consist of instruction and of leading its members, most of whom have as yet only a desire for truer living, and that often weak and intermittent. Most of them have not yet attained full self-control and self-mastery. In most churches there are but few who are spiritually developed enough to keep the flame burning upon the altar, who hear God's voice and obey it. Upon these few falls the duty of carrying on the spiritual work of the church and keeping its spiritual doors wide open to the suffering and needy in body and soul.

If these few consecrated souls would join together with a determination that could not be shaken and pray without ceasing for the real baptism of the Holy Spirit, why would not the day of Pentecost dawn for them the same as for the disciples, apostles and early Christians? Since God is "the same yesterday, today and forever," what Christian can doubt that it would? Before this can come there must be a mighty work done with themselves to arouse them to the necessity of overcoming the worldliness that is enmeshing them. "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord and who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation." It is "the pure in heart" who "shall see God" and have His spirit abide in him. Are these empty promises, only words? No, they are true, and they are made to us.

If the life of the Christian church was as vigorous, healthy and inspiring as its membership might easily make it; if the light of God were strongly and constantly illuminated its portals and shone out into the world upon those who so greatly need its ministrations, what hope and cheer and help might come to the ignorant, wandering, suffering, sinning world! How many more might accept the invitation to enter and sit at the table of the Lord and be so filled with the bread of heaven and the water of life that they might never again hunger or thirst!

Hi Johnson, unable to defeat the ratification of the four-power treaty, is putting in his time making faces and sitting on the fence as the Harding procession goes by.—Los Angeles Times.

French objection to the invitation which has been proposed by vote of the professors of the College of France to Prof. Einstein is easy to understand, but the fact that the proposal won a majority of the vote, even though a small one, is reassurance that hate is disintegrating.

I have never had time, not even five minutes, to be tempted to do anything against the moral law, the civil law, or any law whatever. If I were to hazard a guess as to what young people should do to avoid temptation, it would be to get a job and work at it so hard that temptation would not exist for them.—Thomas A. Edison.

The free trade propagandists in the United States representing the importers in this country,

have turned their attention from advocating the extension of the free lists to an effort to prove that the rates proposed in the pending bill are too high. Their chief argument is framed around the idea that a large part of the work in the factories of this country is done by machinery. Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee has made the statement that "everything is 90 per cent labor," and the free trade propagandists are attempting to show that "nothing" generally speaking, is more than 50 per cent labor." Well, what of it? There are plenty of arguments to prove either contention. But in the main, whatever percentage of manufacturing cost in this country is labor is true or possible of every other country competing with our home industries. The fact is, the rates of duty proposed in the present bill, as it left the house, are generally very low, compared with the rates, for instance, of the McKinley tariff law—and the free list is a very long one, compared with any tariff law this country has

ever had. The rates in the bill as it left the house seem too low; and perhaps the senate committee is making some increases, as it should.

A CHALLENGE

One of our good pastors is going to devote his sermon tomorrow evening to the question, as he considers it, whether newspapers tell the truth, and we will state here and now that we will match any obituary notice we ever wrote against what he said at the funeral and enter the contest unafraid.—Ohio State Journal.

HIS HAGGLING HABIT

This story is told of a tightwad who was prevailed upon one Sunday morning by his wife to go to church. Not only was he very busily reading the program of the service when the collection basket was passed, but when the minister announced that the congregation would all join in singing three stanzas of "Old Hundred," the man arose from his seat and from force of habit asked the minister if he wouldn't make it "The Ninety and Nine." His wife hasn't urged him to go to church with her since.—Columbus Dispatch.

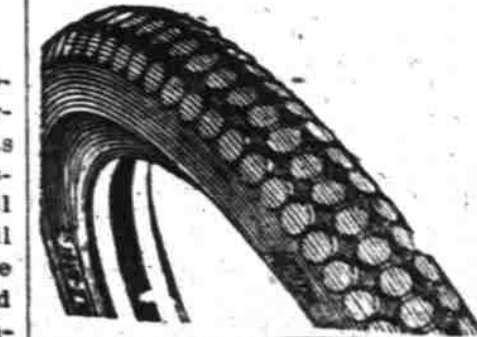
THE BETTER LAND

The message from a beloved centenarian who recently passed to the spirit world is that there is no rheumatism in heaven. That is why they call it heaven. If it

FUTURE DATES

April 2, Sunday—Commemoration of soldier, sailor, marine and nurse dead. April 3, Tuesday—Mrs. Temple's Telegram. St. Luke dramatic society play at high school. April 4, Tuesday—Pacific Coast league baseball season opens. April 5, Wednesday—Boxing and wrestling at army by college championship teams. April 5 and 6, Wednesday and Thursday—Joint concert of Willamette university glee club, Waller hall. April 7, Friday—Debate between Willamette University and Denver University. April 7, Friday—"Hoosier School Master," presented by Miss Lulu Walton's students under direction of American Legion Auxiliary. April 7, Friday—"Paul Revere" to be presented by Salem high school music department. April 8, Saturday—County Odd Fellows meeting at Aumville. April 12, Wednesday—County community club federation meets in Salem. April 14, Friday—Last day on which candidates for state offices may file with secretary of state. April 16 to 23—"Better Music" week in Salem. April 16, Sunday—Easter. April 18, Tuesday—Whitney Boy's Chorus to sing at Christian church. May 1, Monday—W. W. Ellsworth, noted editor and literary man, to address Willamette students. May 4, 5 and 6—Cherrin Cherringo. May 13, Saturday—Junior week-end entertainment at O. A. G. May 19, Friday—Primary election. May 19, Friday—Open house, science department of high school. May 20, Saturday—Marion County school athletes meet. May 26 and 27, Friday and Saturday—May Festival. Oregon Creation Friday in armory; living pictures Saturday night. June 5, Monday—Track meet, Willamette and Pacific University at Forest Grove. June 14, Wednesday—Flag Day. June 16, Friday—High school graduation. June 29-30, July 1—Convention of Oregon Fire Chiefs' association at Marshfield. July 3 and 4—Monday and Tuesday. State convention of Artisans at Woodburn. September 15, Wednesday—Oregon Methodist conference meets in Salem. September 21, 22 and 23—Pendleton round-up. September 25 to 30 inclusive—Oregon State Fair. November 7, Tuesday—General election.

had rheumatism it would be hell. We want our heaven with plenty of room, but no rheumatism.—Los Angeles times.



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In The Pirates' Cave

THE RED BALL GHOST

The last meeting of the Pirate Six, Squee Mather, our chief, gets up and says: "Fellers, a couple of meetings ago Herb Woods here told us a ghost story. Now, I know a good one an' I want to tell it."

"Go ahead," says all of us, being bears for ghost stories, so Squee starts in.

"About thirty years ago, when dad was a young feller he lived down in a little town in Illinois, and in the middle of the river, about two miles from this town was a place called Diamond Island.

The Mysterious Fire Ball

"Diamond Island was haunted—and still is; if it's there any more. Every night about midnight a big ball of fire was to be seen floating in the air at one end of the island.

"Nobody could imagine what caused the ball of fire. When the story about it first come out most of the people in the little town said it was all bunk. But when some of the dependable citizens went and saw the light for themselves, the whole town began to believe there really was something spooky about Diamond Island.

"One dark night dad and a half dozen other young fellers from the village decided they'd get that ghost or whatever it was; if it was possible. The bunch armed themselves with clubs and knives and shot guns, and set out for Diamond Island.

"They rowed over to the haunted island, pulled their boat up on the shore near the spot where the ghost was believed to be,

says, that anybody ever tried to hunt the red ball ghost."

Squee sat down.

We were all a little startled at the story, so for a minute nobody said anything. Then I speaks up and says, "Well, what caused this here ball of fire?"

"Nobody knows," said Squee. "I asked dad the same question, and he said he didn't know. The best they can figure out is this. A few years before a murder had been committed on the island. The superstitious people figure that maybe the red ball of fire is the haunts."

—AL STUBBS, Scribe of the Pirate Six.

ONE REEL YARNS

THE APRIL FOOL

"There's a great big el-phunt, and he's going down the street. Come look!" shouted little Benjie when Horace came sleepily down the stairs.

Horace grinned. "I guess I'm wise that this is April Fool," he said. "No one is going to put anything over on me."

"Oh Horace, you've dropped your napkin," said mother.

"April Fool, huh?" said Horace. "You'll have to try something better than that."

So Horace went off to school without any of the family getting a chance to call out "April Fool." All day he was on his guard. No one got near enough to pin a "kick me" sign on his back; no one got a chance to offer him nice looking candy which had a center of soap or wood; no one got to jerk a pocketbook from under his eager fingers. He was wise.

He was too busy watching out to play jokes on any one else. So the bunch of merry-makers left him alone, and gave up trying to catch him in a trap.

"Well," said Horace with a yawn, as he started up stairs to bed. "This has been some day, I've sure been on the lookout, and not a single person has had a chance



TODAY'S PUZZLE

Curtail a plane surface and leave a verb; curtail to ping and leave a hat; curtail a field plant and leave a spice; curtail the second part of the name of a scouring soap and leave the form of "to be"; curtail a desert animal and leave a verb. The letters cur-tailed spell a month.

Answer to yesterday's: Boy, bay, may, man.

Answer to today's: A-T-E; tam-p; clove-r; bon am; came-l. The letters spell "April."

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