

CHRIST'S QUESTION SUBJECT OF SERMON

"If a Man Say I Love God And Hateth His Brother, He Is a Liar"

(The following is the communion sermon preached last Sunday morning by Rev. C. E. Ward, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Salem.)

"Lovest Thou Me?" By this three-fold denial of Christ Peter had forfeited his position among the disciples. Christ now demands a three-fold confession of love—a confession that must have burned into the very soul of Peter his denial of the Lord.

Once had Peter said, "Though all others forsake Thee, yet will I not I," as if to boast of the superiority of his affection over that of the other disciples. Now Christ puts the question to Peter: "Lovest thou me more than these other disciples love me?" Peter has learned the lesson of humility and does not now boast of his superior affection: "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee." Note the tenderness of Jesus' command: "Feed my lambs"—the little ones, those who are young in faith and Christian experience.

This three-fold question of Christ was one that Peter could never forget. Was it that occasion that came to Peter in "Quo Vadis" when amidst the persecution at Rome Peter sets out to leave the city and sees a vision of Christ on the road in front of him? And Christ-questions Peter "Quo Vadis?" "Where are you going, Peter? Are you going to deny me again? Lovest thou me?"

Please note that this question of Christ is not doctrinal. It has nothing to do with ceremonial religion. When one has been through a Calvary and Resurrection experience the matter of washings, clean and unclean meat and other matters of ancient religious custom have little to do with life!

How superficial the requirements of religion have been—how utterly lacking in spiritual uplift. Does the Divine affection expressed in Christ have any connection with "holy water," incense (either Chinese or Italian), or head-dress?

Religious battles have raged for centuries over the matter of ceremonies. A world conference on Christian Unity has just been held in Lausanne, Switzerland. Delegates attended from all over the world intent on bringing about a spirit of unity between the various branches of Christianity. When a Congregational minister proposed that the delegates express their unity of spirit by gathering around the Communion Table of our Lord he was told that such a thing "would wreck the conference." Three times the proposal was made in the conference sessions, but each time it was met with "saddening silence." As Christians they were united in a close spiritual fellowship, but as Church-men they were far apart! These obstacles were not spiritual, they were traditional and ecclesiastical!

This question of Christ is not doctrinal. It deals with none of the fought-over doctrines over which sects have wrangled through the centuries. There is no mention here or anywhere else in our Lord's teachings of "election," "fore ordination," "sanctification," "original sin," the "damnation of unbaptized infants."

This question of Christ has nothing to do with the method of church government or ecclesiastical machinery. This too has been a battlefield for denominationalism. Jesus never intimated as to whether or not the church was to be governed by an episcopate, presbytery, or by the local congregation.

This question of Christ has nothing to do with creeds. And the matter which Jesus deemed so essential to discipleship, viz. love, is scarcely dealt with at all in the historic creeds of the church!

How much emphasis is put on love to God and man in the "apostles' creed, the Nicene creed, the Westminster Confession! That which our Lord declared to be the first and greatest commandment, that which He embodied in the Golden Rule, the relation essential to restored discipleship—has practically no place in the so-called creeds. That is why I why I never ask a congregation to repeat the creeds that grew out of the period of ecclesiastical contention.

II. This question of Christ deals with vital religion, and also is vital to us. Love is the magnetism of Divinity—the power of God drawing men unto Himself. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" to redeem the world. The motive in the heart of God was love. So John in his First Epistle says: "God is love," that is His very essence and nature, "and he that abideth in love abideth in God. We love because He first loved us. If a man say I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar. For he that loveth not his brother whom he hath not seen."

The loveless heart is not Christian, though its possessor may accept the creeds, belong to the church, and employ religious ceremonies. Love is the sharing of life—vital life. By its very nature true love is unselfish; it cannot be otherwise for it is a part of the Divine energy that has come to dwell in man.

Love is the only real contribution our missionaries have to make to the people of China and Africa. This love may be made concrete in churches, hospitals, and schools. But these institutions are only the vehicles to convey the love that comes from God and is ministered through His children.

Too many Christians attempt to live on past resources—spiritually. They are like the bears of the woods that hibernate in early winter—fat and sleek. By some strange process the bear is able to use up his surplus fat through the winter, but he always emerges gaunt, hungry, and lean. Continuous hibernation would mean death. And that is just what is happening to many hibernating church members who attempt to live on some past spiritual experience. If you would grow a soul then give it the nourishment of prayer, joyful worship, bible study, the joy of unselfish Christian service.

"The holy supper is kept indeed in what we share with another's need; Not what we give, but what we share."

It is the love-less heart that denies Christ. And his question is ever vital to us: "LOVEST THOU ME?"

VARIETY OF SPORTS ARRANGED FOR ALL

(Continued from Page One) The Y. M. C. A. this past year. Regular beginners' swimming classes are held weekly. Mr. Harvey Brock has charge of teaching the men and boys and there are special classes for businessmen on Monday and Friday from 6:00 to 6:45.

The women's and girls' classes are conducted on Wednesday and Thursday. The girls' beginner noon at 3:45; the young ladies classes are held Wednesday evening at 7:15. The matrons' classes are held on Wednesday and Thursday morning at 9:30.

Since the Y. M. C. A. and playground have taken up swimming there have been no drownings in Salem, where before there were from two to four per year. Swimming is not only excellent all-around exercise but is one of the greatest pleasures a person can indulge in and receive lasting benefits. There is no excuse for any one in Salem not knowing how to swim.

In the public school swimming campaign this year, conducted in cooperation with the Y. M. C. A. and public schools for one week, eighty boys and girls and teachers were taught to swim. This campaign is held yearly and the school officials are high in their praise of its results.

The women's gymnasium and swimming classes are making rapid progress under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Rowley. Mrs. Rowley has a pleasing personality and has had considerable experience in handling gymnasium classes with both women and girls. She is a graduate of O. A. C. Physical Department and also has had considerable practical experience in Portland working under Mr. Robert Krohn of the Multnomah Athletic Club and the Portland Y. W. C. A. and play grounds. Mrs. Rowley holds classes on Wednesday, all day and on Thursday morning both in gymnasium and swimming. The chairman of the women's physical department is Mrs. E. Elliott.

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J. C. CLARK BECOMES GREAT WELFARE MAN

J. C. Clark, a graduate of O. A. C., has made himself famous with the Chinese government in the last two years. He is in charge of a model village set up in one of the provinces to show the Chinese the best way to live efficiently. The houses built are contributed by the welfare clubs in the United States and British Isles, and are the most up-to-date in the world in regard to sanitation, light and heating. They are built in the Chinese style. Already this model village has been visited by the Chinese officials who are loud in their praise of the educational work and its future bearing on the Chinese people.

Mr. Clark is very popular with the Chinese students, and conducts the largest boys' department in the world. Since going to China he has been called in to counsel with the highest officials of the Chinese government for the welfare of its people.

Spirit of Adventure Prompts Climb of Hood

The spirit of adventure, and the spirit to overcome obstacles burns within the heart of every worthy young man. It is this spirit which prompted a number of young men in the Y. M. C. A. to plan, and carry out the first Mt. Hood climb. Mt. Hood club. William Reid, Jr., a prominent young maza of Portland was chosen guide, and detailed plans were made. The group left the Y. M. C. A. Saturday afternoon, June 25, and made their way by cars to Government Camp located on the south slope of Hood.

Due to the early season and snowy conditions it was necessary to make the complete climb without stopping for a rest period. The ascent was started at 11:30 and by 10 o'clock that morning 21 men surveyed endless miles of scenic beauty from the summit of Mt. Hood. Two of the men did not complete the full climb because they had not had the opportunity to get in trim for the climb. It is planned to have a climb each year.

Y. M. C. A. STAFF ON MANY ACTIVITIES

(Continued from Page One) and Fraternal Leagues, Sunday School Leagues, Baseball—Similar Leagues, Learn to Swim—for public schools, Thrift Week, Red Cross Life Saving, Park Meetings, Cooperation in work such as health and recreation in hop-yards, Father and Son Week, Boys' Conferences, Boys' Camps, Church Clubs, Salem Boys and Men's Chorus, Boy Scout tests and use of building Willamette University Y. M. C. A., Public and High School swimming program for both boys and girls, Friendly Indians Clubs, Pioneer Clubs, Comrade Clubs in churches.

These three boys' club activities are assisted as church auxiliaries.

YOUNG MEN'S GROUP FORMED; NOW BUSY

The Young Men's Division of the Salem Y. M. C. A. is composed of the young men between the approximate ages of eighteen and twenty-four. This is the group between school and marriage. It includes many of the young men who have graduated from high school and are starting out in business life. The Young Men's Division is a complete organization within the Y. M. C. A. having its own officers, and in a large measure determines and

carries out its own program. The purpose of the Young Men's Division is to improve the Spiritual, Intellectual, Social, Economic and Physical conditions of Young Men, by affording them opportunities to participate in and to clarify their thinking on present day problems.

The Young Men's Division sponsored several splendid events last year. At one of their dinner meetings Marshall Dana, Associate Editor of the Oregon Journal talked on the application of the "Golden Rule to Life." This was the theme for the discussion groups during that entire month. Dr. Carl Gregg Doney spoke to the young men on "The Relationship of Young Men and Young Women." Other splendid addresses were heard. The Young Men's Division also sponsored the first Mt. Hood climb with twenty-three men reaching the top. Trips were taken to Neskowin, Yachats, Waldport including several shorter trips. The officers during the past year were Albin Henningsen, President, Jack Speng, Vice-president, Milwain Prudhome Secretary.

YMCA SPONSORED OUTDOOR SPORTS

During the last year the Y. M. C. A. sponsored a number of outdoor sports which were very popular with the young men. Perhaps one of the outstanding winter trips was the Young Men's division skiing party on the south slope of Mt. Hood near Government Camp. Twelve of the fourteen young men for the first time received the thrill of skiing. The young men were very enthusiastic over this famous winter sport, and are making plans for another skiing trip this winter. Week end trips to Neskowin, Yachats, Waldport, Elk Lake, and a number of other trips added to the interests of the outdoor events.

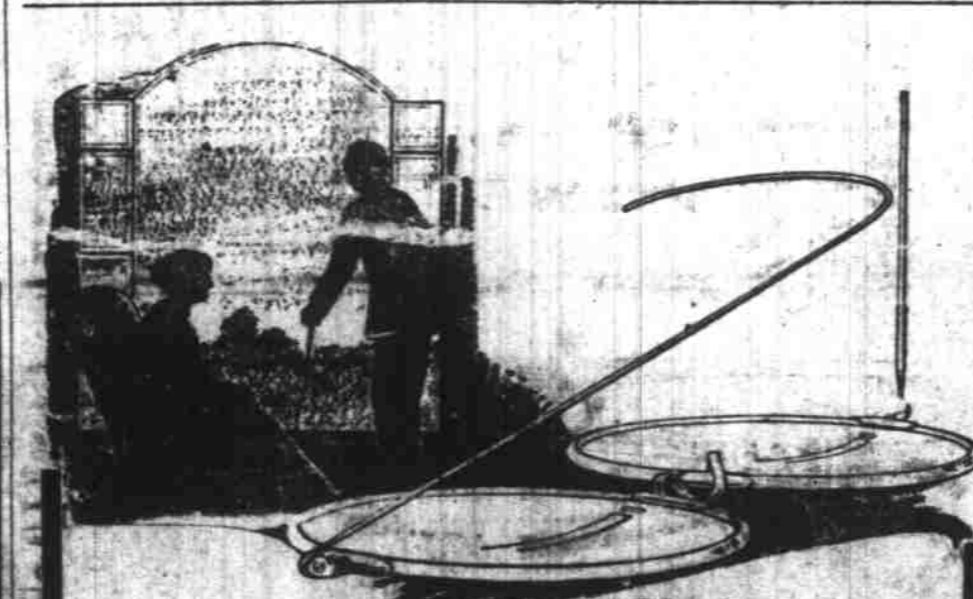
The greatest single event was the Mt. Hood climb which was sponsored by the Young Men's division and in which twenty-three men participated in this never to be forgotten occasion. Upon reaching the summit the young men all signed their names on a leather tag attached to the ice axe carried by the leader. This moment of the trip is on display at Physical Director Boardman's office, and cherished as a record achievement by all those who made the trip. Many young men were envious of having their names added to this record, and will have the opportunity during the next summer season.



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LOBBY PROGRAMS TO ATTRACT MANY

Last Winter 28 Splendid Programs Were Presented YMCA Auditorium

Of great interest to hundreds of Salem people this winter will be the programs at the Y. M. C. A. in the attractive, main lobby every Friday night.

Last winter 28 splendid programs all with cultural and educational value were given each Friday night. These programs have been for the most part presented by local talent. Among them were the Phelps Chase Trio, Willamette University Girls', students at Mannetta Magers, Harmony Male quartet, Salem Boys' chorus, Piano concert by Mrs. Elein Johnson Robertson assisted by Josephine Bross, Willamette Girls' Glee club, music by Chama Indian school directed by School Department of Music director Mr. and Mrs. Turney, Salem High recited by Miss Lena Belle Tarter.

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The programs will be carried on this winter, and will start Friday night, October 21.

The greatest problem confronting the "Y" staff is to provide space enough to seat all the people. At several meetings last year scores were turned away.

Residence Halls Grow Daily in Popularity

Practically all of the rooms in the residence halls have been filled at all times throughout the past year. Many times young men waited patiently on a waiting list—or had to be refused because there were not enough rooms for all applicants.

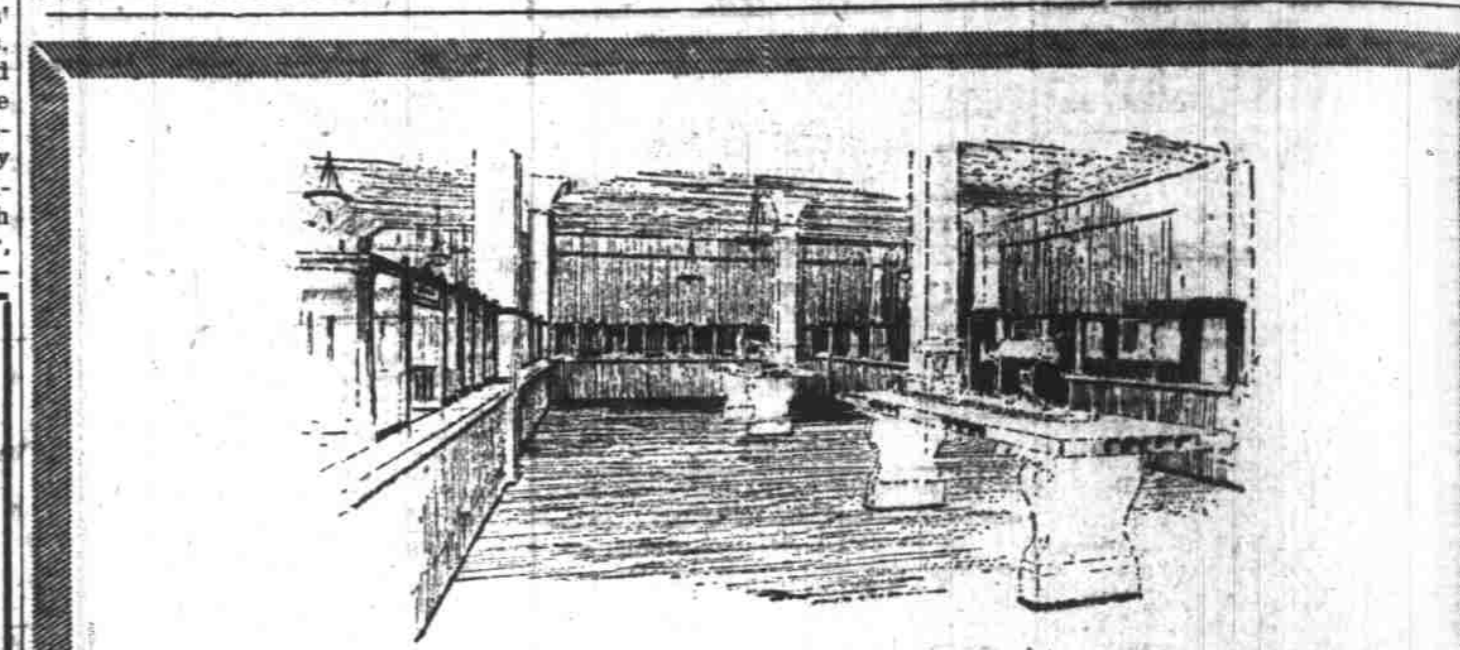
The Salem "Y" dormitory strives to surround the young man who is for the first time away from home, as nearly as possible with many of the same influences of friendship, and good fellowship that he was familiar with in his home. The "Y" dormitory is a democratic, and cosmopolitan place. At a dinner meeting sometime ago it was found that out of 32 men present 28 different states were represented.

SOCIETY

(Continued from page 8.) this group. The visitors found much of interest in the educational rooms where Miss Mettie Gentry, new in the department, is introducing many valuable ideas for the winter's work.

In the group motoring out on Thursday were: Mrs. John L. Rand, Mrs. Ray L. Farmer, Mrs. C. P. Bishop, Mrs. J. H. Lauerman, and Mrs. S. M. Endicott.

Visitors From Portland Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Barkus and son, Elmer, and daughter, Alice, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fiddler are spending the week-end on a fishing trip to Pacific City.



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