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'Just the Right Size'

Here's a George Washington story: One day during his second term as president, Washington was riding with friends over a neighbor's property. As the horses cleared a stone wall, a hoof tore off a fairly large stone. Washington immediately dismounted and picked it up.

"Let some servant do that, George," his friends objected. "You're too big a man."

Washington replied, "I'm not too big, I'm just the right size." And he fitted the stone into place.

Biblical Knowledge Through Archaeology

By Dr. C. C. McCown
Visiting Professor of Religion, University of Oregon

(Editor's Note: Dr. McCown has personally directed archaeological expeditions in Palestine and was director of the American School of Oriental Research at Jerusalem from 1929 through 1931. During earlier and subsequent visits he made important discoveries which throw light on the life of the early Hebrews.)

During the period between the two world wars archaeology prospered in the Near East as never before. Beginning again rather haltingly in 1920 and 1921, within a decade excavations of major importance, well equipped and conducted with the best methods and in a thoroughly objective and scientific spirit, were gradually undertaken in all parts of the Near and Middle East, from India and Iran to Greece. In the season 1929-30 and again in 1930-31 over 20 expeditions, some of them employing hundreds of workmen for months at a time, were busy in Palestine alone.

The success of archaeological investigations depends, not upon a few startling discoveries of documents or works of art, welcome as these are, but rather upon the painstaking accumulation and classification of hundreds of factual items and their intelligent interpretation by philologists, architects, artists, technologists, and historians.

The earlier excavators, even when methodical, lacked the skills and comparative materials. The more extensive the materials, the more certain the conclusions that can be reached.

Results, based now upon the accumulating records of a host of scholars from many nations, have been truly astonishing.

Discoveries made nearly 50 years ago combined with chance finds and careful search have revealed numerous attempts to invent an alphabet as early as 1600 B. C.

Strangely enough, the earliest examples of the successful Hebrew-Phoenician alphabet, from which all western alphabets stem, were in the desolate Sinaitic Peninsula.

The beginnings of writing have been pushed back to some time before 3000 B. C. Only a year ago excavations at Eridu, the holy city Ur, home of Abraham, uncovered ten temples built one above the ruins of another, all dating before 3500 B. C. The beginnings of irrigation culture in small village communities in the valleys of the Indus, the Tigris, the Euphrates, the Jordan, and the Nile are now known to antedate 5000 B. C. At the cities of Susa, Persepolis, Babylon, Nineveh, and many more, the artistic proficiency, business energy, and religious devotion of ancient peoples have been abundantly illustrated. Archaeology has provided much of the knowledge used by scholars such as Toynbee, Childe, and Kroeber to determine the nature of history and the factors affecting the development of culture.

At Ras esh-Shamrah in Syria a whole library in a cuneiform alphabet and dating from about 1400 B. C. was uncovered in 1929. It is especially valuable for numerous documents which throw a flood of light upon the related Hebrew language and upon the mythological background of the Hebrew religion.

In Samaria a mass of the ivory inlay that decorated Ahab's ivory palace and ivory couches was uncovered. At Megiddo hundreds of stalls for Solomon's chariot horses appeared. At Jerusalem the walls which enclosed the seven acres of the city of David have been followed and evidence found as to the very gradual growth of the Holy City. At Gibeah the rude little fortress which was Saul's "capital," at Mizpah, and the remarkably heavy walls which Asa built to guard the northern boundary of Judah have come to light. In hundreds of items large and small our conceptions of Hebrew life and our interpretations of the Old Testament have been corrected and enriched.

New Testament Palestine has been neglected except as excavations at Gerasa in Transjordan and various chance finds have shown the state of culture under Greek and Roman influence. Exploration in Asia Minor and excavation at Corinth have revealed something as to the "cities of St. Paul."

Actually more illuminating have been the numerous discoveries of temples and the shrines of the mystery cults which were the great rivals of early Christianity.

Concerning Moral Education

By Bernard Iddings Bell

Any thoughtful observer of education in America must get a little impatient at the general complaint that our public schools and our colleges fail to teach morals and manners.

How can they, when there is no longer an agreement among our people about what constitutes good morals and good manners?

The schoolmasters' difficulty is that American civilization has today no agreed-upon ethical standards, Christian or otherwise, which can be taught to the oncoming generation as a matter of course. We are a people with no generally accepted definition of the nature and purpose of man.

This being the case, it becomes a difficult necessity for each school system or college to determine for itself the sort of moral theory to which it intends to commit itself, together with the brand of good manners derivative from that theory.

If this is not done, the result will be the turning out of amoral graduates and unmannered boors.

The moral commitment of a college or a school system, once decided upon, should be made clear to those who teach, to those who learn, to those to whom appeal is made for pupils and support. This is a mighty difficult business.

To whom or to what is a man to recognize responsibility for behavior? Is it only to himself? In spite of the dictum of Polonius, being true to one's self does not necessarily result in one's being false to no other man—not unless the self to which one is true is a self devoted to more than self. Unless this be assured, for people to be true each to himself or herself is more apt to result in anarchy than in an ordered way of life.

Is one to be responsible only to the will of majorities? This results in a conformist mediocrity.

Is one to look to the total social group for standards of behavior, for sanctions? The end of this is always before long a totalitarian setup manipulated by the ruthless and unscrupulous, a negation of just opportunity for freedom of expression and of voluntary self-investment.

Is man's responsibility to mere tradition? This is deadly to creative and critical thinking, without which no society can long survive.

Is it to negation of tradition? This way lies a deal of precious nonsense and precocity.

Is human responsibility to that which is beyond man?

If so, religion is involved, primarily involved, inescapably involved in education. SUPREME COURT OR NO SUPREME COURT.

—Christian Century.

Something for Nothing

Gambling, which is now rated as the seventh industry in austere Britain, probably ranks even higher in the United States. Compilations of figures are of little use because there is so much difference of opinion on what constitutes gambling and so much gambling that is illegal.

Suffice it to say, the sum probably equals the national debt.

Loss of time and money, insecurity in the job and instability in the home, curtailment of industry output and even dishonesty in public office may be traced to the gambling habit, but none of these evil effects matches the deplorable growth of the idea that (on a give-away radio program or elsewhere) it is ever possible to put one over on life. That kind of teaching and living will soon undermine all that the Christian centures have built into character.

—The Christian Advocate.

Church Merger

The union of the Congregational-Christian Church and the Evangelical-Reformed Church which has just been approved is actually the union of four churches. The union of the Congregational and Christian Churches has proved very effective, and so also has the union of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches.

This union has not met with one hundred per cent favor among the members and pastors involved, any more than did the two previous unions, but the result will be a stronger and more valuable church. It surely is to the credit of the steering committees who did the spade work that the merger has actually taken place.

What Is Freedom?

Freedom! We have come to regard that word as almost holy, without bothering to analyze it very much.

For example: we happened the other day to be behind an elderly gentleman who stepped off the curb just as the light turned red.

"Fine thing!" he exclaimed in disgust. "Can't even cross the street when we want to. And we talk about freedom!"

It would have been interesting to find out just what that gentleman thought freedom involves.

Congregational Hears Nicholson On Big Merger

Wednesday, Feb. 23, will be an important evening in the Congregational Church.

It will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a "Fellowship Dinner" which will be covered dish style, the church furnishing dishes, silverware and coffee.

Immediately following at approximately 7:15 Dr. Nicholson will speak on "The Status of the Proposed Merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

There will be opportunity for questions and comments from the group. Dr. Nicholson attended the recent meeting in Cleveland which has been reported in both Time and Newsweek, and on the major news wire services.

At 7:45 p.m. the next meeting of the Parenthood Workshop will be held.

The scheduled speaker, Dr. Lester Beck, has been called to a conference at San Francisco and the announced speaker for April will be at the church Wednesday night: Jack Parsons, assistant professor of sociology and social work at the University of Oregon, speaking on "Parents and the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency."

Members of P-TA's and of women's groups have shown interest in this workshop. A general invitation is extended to the community.

Two women's groups will meet during the week! Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. the World Church News and Inspirational Reading Group, at the home of Miss Helen Staples, 1301 Ferry Street, and the Christian Social Action Group meeting Monday at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Adrian Vaaler, 610 5th Avenue West. Mrs. Ralph Crow will speak on "Civil Rights Legislation in Oregon" and Mrs. Paul Risley will lead the discussion period.

Sunday services at the church will be as usual at 9:30 and 11 a.m. The choir will sing an anthem "Send Out Thy Light" by Gounod. Treva Rice, soprano, will sing "Father in Heaven" by Saint-Saens. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., and there will be a nursery at 11. Dr. Nicholson will speak at both services.

Plymouth Club for university students will meet in the Wheeler Room at 5 p.m. for a service of meditation, celebrating the World Student Day of Prayer.

High School Youth Church will meet in the Annex at 7 p.m. for a discussion of the proposed school consolidation. David Fletcher will speak for University High and Joan Gustafson for Eugene High..

At Christian

"Where Theology Fails" is the message of Pastor Hugh N. McCallum of First Christian at the 11 a. m. service. The choir will sing the anthem "Like as The Hart" by Novello and Sylvia Harkness will sing "Father, Thou Who Art in Heaven" by Brown. At the 7:30 p. m. evening service James H. Cornett, associate pastor, will speak on "New Life In Christ," and Martha and Junior Crumroy will play a violin duet "Whispering Hope." The youth of the church is assisting in the evening program. Nursery service for both morning services. Junior Church from 11 to 12 in the junior department.

Junior Hi group meets at 5 p. m. where they will be shown an African movie and eat an African meal (typical food and style), and Mrs. David Byerlee, on furlough from the African field, will be the speaker.

High School group meets at 5:30 p. m. for a social period and Christian Endeavor at 6:15 at the annex. Town and Campus group meets at 6 p. m. in the White Room. The University Fellowship meets at the campus YMCA lounge (Kincaid St.) with Mrs. David Campbell speaking on "China and Its Problems."

Don't forget, Wednesday will be Week of Compassion dinner at 6:30 p. m. (potluck) in the church dining room. Special speaker will be Dr. John C. Trever.

At United Lutheran

The congregation of United Lutheran Church meets for worship at the Music Chapel of Northwest Christian College, East Eleventh and Kincaid.

At 11 a.m. the Rev. J. L. Sawyer, pastor, will speak on "Peace for Troubled Hearts." The choir will sing the anthem "O Jesus, Saviour, Sent from God" by Marks.

The Luther League will meet at the Stalsberg residence, 932 East 20th, at 5:30 p.m. Discussions will be led by Miss Sue Ross and Miss Ann Erickkson on the subject — "The Liturgy of the Church."

The Church School Association will meet at the E. J. Juilfs residence, 1391 Agate St., Monday at 8 p.m.

Men Take Over Service At Central Lutheran

The newly elected officers of the Men's Brotherhood of Central Lutheran Church will be installed at the 7:30 p.m. service. Members of the Brotherhood will have a part in the service and will answer roll call.

Refreshments will be served to all the worshippers by the men at a fellowship hour following the evening session.

"Men Waiting and Men Lost" will be the theme of the morning sermon to be preached by Pastor Harold Aalbue. The choir will sing "But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own" by Mendelssohn. The service will be broadcast over radio station KUGN.

Noted Authority At Christian Wednesday

Dr. John C. Trever, director of English Bible, International Council of Religious Education, Chicago, will be guest speaker at the First Christian Church, Eugene, at 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 23, following a 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner.

Dr. Trever has been accorded worldwide distinction as the one who, in February 1948, discovered and identified the oldest known manuscript of any book of the Bible. The manuscript is a complete copy in the original Hebrew of Isaiah, dating from about 100 B. C.

Dr. Trever will tell of his discovery and read from a copy of the ancient scroll. He will also tell of some of the needs of displaced persons in Palestine and Syria.

Members of the First Christian Church will observe their annual Week of Compassion in connection with Dr. Trever's address, by taking an offering for overseas relief.

The meeting is open to all who wish to share in the dinner at 6:30, Feb. 23, or who wish to come for Dr. Trever's address at 7:15 p.m.

"Like a Beam of Light From the Dim Past" Is Sacred Old Document

Like a beam of light from the dim past is the discovery recently of a complete copy of the Book of Isaiah, written on scrolls at least as early as 100 BC. The man who first identified the scrolls is Dr. John C. Trever, who is speaking Wednesday at the First Christian Church. The public is invited.

The credit for discovering or suspecting the value of the scrolls goes to Father Butros Sowmy, a priest of St. Mark's Syrian Orthodox Convent Library in Jerusalem, who brought the scroll to Dr. Trever's attention. The library received them from the "Metropolitan" or head of the Syrian Christians of Jerusalem, Athanasius Yeshue Samuel. He bought them from their discoverers, a band of wandering Bedoins who found them in a cave high on a cliffside near the north end of the Dead Sea.

Despite the fighting then going on in Jerusalem, Father Butros Sowmy brought the scrolls to Dr. Trever. Only a few weeks later Father Sowmy was killed during the fighting in the old city of Jerusalem when the Syrian convent of St. Mark's was badly damaged. The manuscripts had previously been removed for safekeeping elsewhere.

Dr. Trever is spending about 24 hours in Eugene as guest of Northwst Christian Collge. Besides speaking at the First Christian Church, he will also address the students and faculty of Northwest Christian College at 8 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 24. The Eugene Ministerial Association, in cooperation with the Northwest Christian College faculty, will meet with Dr. Trever in an informal luncheon at noon Thursday, February 24.

Dr. C. C. McCown, visiting professor in the department of religion, University of Oregon during the current term, was for several years director of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem where Dr. Trever carried out his initial studies of the scrolls. Dr. Ross J. Griffeth, president of Northwest Chistian College, was a Fellow from Yale University studying in the American Schools of Oriental Research in Jerusalem at one time.

Emmaus Lutheran

"Life's Beginning, Growth, and Maturity in The Church and in The Human Heart," will be the topic used by Pastor H. A. Svendsen at the morning worship in Emmaus Lutheran Church, 11 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class, 9:45 a.m.

The Emmaus Congregation is invited to a service at Bethesda at 8 p.m. The Reverend Carl Wildrick of Castro Valley, Calif. will be the speaker.

'Family Night' At Methodist Wednesday

At the First Methodist Church Sunday morning the minister, Rev. L. O. Griffith, will preach on "Gaining Courage to Endure." The choir under the direction of Byron Miller will present the morning anthem, "Turn Ye Even Unto Me," by Harker. Miss Barbara Detrich, contralto, will sing the morning solo.

Wesley Foundation service and supper from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 at Wesley House, 1317 Onyx St. for University of Oregon students. The Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room of the Church. The Young Adults will worship at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Ellsworth Tilton, minister of the Methodist Church in Springfield, speaking on "Devotions in the Home." Young adults through the age of 35 are invited. Nursery will be provided.

In keeping with "Brotherhood Month" an all-church family night potluck is planned for Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m. A special color motion picture will be shown and foreign students from the University will be guests for the evening.

'Dead Ender' At YFC Rally

The Rev. Joseph Marone, from a poor "dead end" section of New York City, will be the speaker at Youth For Christ rally Saturday evening, at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School.

The Rev. Marone is a native New Yorker, and grew up among the hoodlums and neighborhood gangs of one of New York's worst districts. Not content to remain in this environment, however, he received his religious education at the Philadelphia School of the Bible, and attended Moody Bible Institute at Chicago.

"Joe" is currently touring the nation, speaking at rallies and churches everywhere. He recently arrived at Eugene from California. Previously he was honored by being chosen initial speaker when Youth For Christ was organized in Detroit. Detroit's audiences at YFC rallies now average about 20,000 per evening.

The more serious side of the program is a report from the recent international conference at Beatenberg, Switzerland, by the Rev. Cyril Stienman, who will tell of conditions in Europe and of what YFC is doing through its rallies there, to curb indifference, prejudice, and apostacy.

Featured soloist of the evening will be Jim Sellars of Portland, and the youth audience will see the familiar faces of the usual Eugene rally staff who will keep interesting and lively in their own peppy fashion. Joe Brill, Eugene's director for Youth For Christ, will introduce a new style "Bible quiz" in which the audience participates. Alphabet cards are used.

All young people are invited, as usual.

AT BAILEY HILL

BAILEY HILL — "Living by Faith" from Gal. 2:20 is the sermon topic of Rev. Kenneth Dooley, of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church of Eugene, for the church services held in the Four Oaks Grange Hall Sunday, 11 a. m. Sunday School is at 9:45 o'clock.

FILM AT NOTI

NOTI — The Young People's group of the Open Bible Standard Church at Noti are presenting a Christian film, "The Man Who Forgot God" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the church. Everybody welcome.

At Temple

The Rev. W. Crawford Jones, the pastor of Lighthouse Temple, will speak at 11 a.m. on "A Walking Vessel." Monthly missionary offering for foreign missions will be received at the close of the service. At 7:30 p.m. Pastor Jones will use as his theme "A Smart Question." Special music will be furnished by the Temple orchestra and choir and other soloists. The Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.; youth Overcomer groups 6 p.m.

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. the midweek "deeper teaching" service will be conducted.

Friday at 7:30 p.m. meeting will be conducted by the students of the Bible Standard Institute.

Trinity Methodist

The Rev. R. W. Burtner will preach on "A Crisis of Our Culture" to the congregation of Trinity Methodist Church at 11 a.m. Sunday in the River Road School. Special music by Mrs. A. E. Hart. Nursery supervision during the church hour. Church school 9:45 a.m.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the parsonage, 1610 Horn Lane, to discuss portions of the Book of Psalms. Herbert Brown and Jim Colburn are in charge.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service meets at 8 p.m. Wednesday with Mrs. Melvin C. Moore, 1280 Dalton Drive. Mrs. P. L. Wallace will be co-hostess.

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"The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now he commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent" (Acts 17:30).

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