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THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE

WHY IT IS HATED BY ALIEN-MINDED ENEMIES

Part of a Sunday evening address, by Pastor I. J. Lansing, at the Salem Square Congregational Church, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Our schools teach loyalty. I have been in the public schools. I remember that little schoolhouse on the hillside in a distant country town in Rhode Island, where a beautiful woman, now in heaven, inspired me both with respect for her sex and ambition for learning;

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where I went in summertime, bare-footed, and with humble clothing, and learned the value of education by patient strivings, and was inspired to go further in its pursuit. I have been in the public schools, not as you have them here in the cities, in all their glory, but as we had them on the hills of New England.

We were taught there the principles of the Constitution. We were taught that the people were the source of political authority in the United States, under God. We were taught that every child and every citizen had the same rights as every other. We were taught history for the sake of knowing the truth; and there was nobody there that was afraid to have the truth told in history. We were taught science, and that we need not fear that what God revealed in nature man might not study in books.

We were taught the principles of religion. We were taught to fear and reverence God; and when, on the Lord's Day, there used to come from afar the Christian people of the neighborhood, to that old, unpainted schoolhouse, they opened the Bible and let us read it for ourselves; and so we learned something about the great and good God. That seems to be very helpful both to the State and to the person; but that can never co-exist with Romanism, so they say who speak for

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that system of ecclesiasticism.

What is all this cry for fair play coming to ere long? For Roman Catholics are saying: "If you are fair, you will let us have our own schools, and will give us a share of the money." There is the difference in the theory of duty, the difference in the theory of fair play. "If you are fair," says Rome, "you will give up to us our schools, and you will help pay for them." "If you love America," says the rising spirit of this country, "you will save the schools, whatever the Pope says." This matter of fair play is an interesting matter, with clearly defined bounds. When everybody else rises up and wants the same kind of fair play, you will see what will happen to our schools.

The Roman Catholic Church wants everything taken out of our school books that does not favor that church. Now, suppose here comes the Hebrew, and says: You have in your text-books the figures 1871, 2, 3, etc., as the date of publication. That is Christianity; that is not fair to us. Our children ask, What does that date mean? That means the birth of Jesus Christ; that is anti-Judaism. Be fair with us. Give us our own text-books, and our own schools.

Then the Quakers might come, and say: Your books praise the heroism and glories of war. You have in them "Sheridan's Ride," etc., and all that kind of composition; and that teaches the glories of war, which we reprobate. We want our own schools.

Then the Christian Scientist comes along, and says: Why! you have praised there in several places, the giving of medicine by physicians, which is all humbug and against our conscience. Give us schools of our own, and our share of the public money.

Then the Englishman comes along, and says: Now, see here! you have some things in your public schools about England oppressing Ireland, and we do not believe in that; the speech of Robert Emmet, for example.

Then the Home Rule Irishman says: You have things there about the glory, greatness and beneficence of England, and we do not believe in that at all.

Come right along, suppose we should say, gentlemen: you shall all have fair play. Tear in pieces our whole system of schools. Let each one take shreds and fragments of a dismembered and ruined country, and then we can all drop back into barbarism, and see what beauty there is in fair play, as you call it.

No; the fairest of fair play, the most beneficent course of action to take to all classes of citizens, is to maintain in its integrity our common school system, undestroyed and undivided.

Big Book About Oregon Birds to be Printed Soon

The first comprehensive bird book of Oregon, a state unusually rich in bird life, will soon be published at Oregon State college as a cooperative project of the United States bureau of biological survey and the college.

"The Birds of Oregon" by Ira M. Gabrielson, chief of the bureau of biological survey, and Stanley G. Jewett, superintendent of the Malheur migratory bird refuge, will

Man Swept Overboard In Storm, Saved In Thrilling Night Rescue



SWEPT overboard from the deck of a freighter during a gale, Clarence Letteney, of Yarmouth, N. S., owes his life to a night rescue in the Bay of Fundy.

Letteney was one of a crew of seven on a Canadian motor boat carrying lumber from Apple River, N. S., to Boston. The cargo was piled high on the deck and lashed down with chains.

A few hours out in the Bay of Fundy, the ship ran into heavy weather. By night, the wind had reached gale force. Fearful that the storm might loosen the deckload, the skipper sent Letteney out to tighten the chains.

"The order came too late," said Letteney. "When I got on deck, I found a lot of lumber had already worked loose. I was working to take up the slack in the chains when a wave hit us. It broke completely over us and almost lay the ship on her beam ends.

"The next thing I knew, I was swept off the deck on a pile of timber and into the sea. By a miracle, the lumber didn't crush me. The crew heard the crash and two or three ran on deck.

"I came up and fought to keep afloat and get clear of the floating

lumber. The night was pitch dark. I knew there was no chance the men on deck could find me. Then I saw a beam of light. It swept the water and finally shone on me. The light was held on me while someone threw a rope. I grabbed it and was pulled aboard.

"It was the closest shave I've had in a lifetime of seafaring. But for that light I'd never have been located, for the noise of the storm drowned my shouts. The first person I thanked was the fellow that held the flashlight. It had been loaded with fresh batteries and its beam looked as big as a liner's searchlight when it was trained on me."

The ship rode out the storm and reached Boston three days later. A check-up showed 67,000 feet of lumber had been swept overboard.

contain more than 700 pages and approximately 200 illustrations. Many of these illustrations are from photographs by Dr. William L. Finley, Oregon naturalist, while most of the others are by the authors.

The book contains research and field work of approximately 36 years on the part of Superintendent Jewett, and at least 20 years on the part of Dr. Gabrielson. The

actual writing was done by Gabrielson, who was located in Oregon for nearly 20 years, during which he was officially associated with the extension service at the college in connection with his work for the bureau of biological survey. Active cooperation in preparing this record of Oregon bird life has also been given by the National museum, the Oregon state game commission, and many individual scientists.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

"LIFE" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 21.

The Golden Text was, "This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son" (1 John 5:11).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands. For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring" (Acts 17:24,28).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "God is divine Life, and Life is no more confined to the forms which reflect it than substance is in its shadow. If Life were in mortal man or material things, it would be subject to their limitations and would end in death. Life is Mind, the creator reflected in His creations" (p. 331).

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