

OLD AND NEW THEOLOGY.

Pres. Wm. DeWitt Hyde, in the Kingdom (Gaz.), Minneapolis. From Public Opinion.

The old view of creation is that God made the world piece by piece, at certain intervals, as a carpenter builds a house or a watchmaker makes a watch. The new view of creation is that God made the world by a continuous process of development, as a seed grows into a tree, and the germ grows into the animal.

The old view regards redemption as almost wholly due to the particular fact that Christ was crucified and that the blood was shed on Calvary. The new view regards our redemption as purchased with the blood of Christ, but it sees the sacrifice of Christ, not as an isolated historical fact, but as the original impulsion and the crowning symbol of a universal self-sacrifice and burden-bearing and vicarious suffering which is the price the world always has paid and always must pay in every individual case, for the overthrow of wrong and the establishment of right.

The old view insists on the necessity of regeneration as a condition of salvation for every human soul, and expects the experience to be more or less definite in time, and sharply marked in the consciousness of the converted soul. The new view insists with equal emphasis that the new material of sensuous impulse and natural appetite must be worked over into more virtues and spiritual graces, and that this transformation from nature to spirit, from self-will to obedience, from sin to holiness, must, in principle and purpose, be radical and thorough-going.

The old view of the church, at least in Congregationalism, approached the idea that the church is an aggregate of individuals who are orthodox enough in opinion and exemplary enough in conduct to indulge a hope of getting into heaven. The new idea inclines to regard the church as the organic embodiment of the Christian spirit and life, the natural center for every effort to make this earth a heaven, and a proper home for every soul that shares the hope of the coming of Christ's kingdom here on earth, and is willing to join hands with others and with Christ to work for its accomplishment.

Salvation on the old view is an escape from the penalties of sin and the wrath of an angry God, admission to the provisions of his gracious plan, and an abiding entrance into his blessedness and rest. The new view is chiefly attracted by the power of the gospel to lift the soul out of its filthiness and meanness and selfishness and fill it with large interests.

The old view declares that the Bible is the word of God and therefore it cannot contain errors and must not be too closely criticized. The new idea declares that the Bible is a treasury of messages from God, and therefore no amount of accidental rubbish that may have got into it can in any wise impair the preciousness of the real gem that it contains.

The old view of eschatology is concerned chiefly with what is going to happen to the individual in the future world, and basing its estimate on precise prophecies, whose exact symbolism and construction it feels itself competent to define. The new view is quite as much concerned with the future of humanity on earth as with that of the individual in heaven; and so far as it ventures to prophesy on either point, as a whole rather than the precise letter of specific figurative passages, to give the data from which to construct the comprehensive curve of man's ultimate and eternal destiny.

Religion is not a science chiefly, it is an art. Life is our main concern. And in the great practical relations of life we must appreciate and cooperate with and utilize both points of view. As practical Christians, placed in a world full of fallible mortals like ourselves, and surrounded by needs of every sort, we must not be too fastidious about our intellectual companionship on religious questions. In our Christian fellowship, in our practical co-operation, we must have a wealth of sympathy and respect for every fellowman, who in connection with any form of intellectual belief, is admitted by the Christian spirit. Let Christians of every variety of view unite in vigorous and aggressive warfare against the hosts of evil, and the differences between them will be as roots forgotten as the petty differences of companies and regiments are lost sight of when they unite as a single army to march upon the foe.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting Items Cited from Oregon's Leading Newspapers.

The fires in the coast range of mountains, while very fierce and destructive, are not so bad as represented last week, says the Hillsdale Independent. The report was that several homes had been burned and that their homes had been burned. This proves to have been an exaggeration. No lives have been lost so far, and that danger is not now threatening. The hills North, however, and his

neighbor, Donaldson, on Clear creek, a branch of the Nehalem, lost their barn, with contents, and North in addition lost a wagon, harness and a large lot of cedar shingles that had not yet been marketed. Miles of fences have been burned, and the damage to forests is very great. No fire has yet reached the grain fields of the valley. There have been some narrow escapes, but the escapes have been made. One party of berry-pickers were caught and imprisoned for several days, but finally got out. All of the mountain roads have been blocked with falling timber, and will remain closed for a time. The time for a fall rain is three weeks off, and it is now likely to come this year ahead of time, though it would now be welcome.

The Register says: "Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stanton and Edwin Stone arrived in Eugene. Mr. Stanton and Mr. Stone are railroad men of large experience, and they are here looking over the ground with a view of forming an opinion regarding the proposed extension of the Oregon Pacific, recently purchased by Bonner & Hammond. In an interview with Mr. Stone, a reporter was informed that, while he was not prepared to make a statement for or against the proposed extension, still he was of the opinion that it would eventually be built. Mr. Stone stated that Mr. Hammond would personally be on hand in a few weeks to take a look at the proposition, and that then a conclusion would in all probability be arrived at. These are the kind of people that Eugene likes to welcome. Some people have queer ideas regarding railroads, but it is a positive fact that a railroad from Yaguima will add more to the prosperity of this section of the country than any other one thing that could be materialized. It means prosperity for years to come."

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A four-year-old son of Charles Hulme, says the Oregon City Enterprise, was drowned in Milk creek last Friday evening four miles east of Canby at Wheeler's mill. The boy and Charles Jesse's little girl were playing along the mill-race below the mill. It is just as well that the Plaindealer explains what it means by saying that the company would suffer more "ultimately." The suggestion might be taken to hint that the members of that organization would "ultimately" find themselves in a fire that no water could put out. It all depends what the Plaindealer's sentiments are on the subject of a material basis.

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