

## CHURCH NEWS

### Last Sunday's Services.

At the Baptist church the pastor, C. C. Van Gorkom, at the 11 o'clock service, took his text from the 24th chapter of Luke, the 15th and 16th verses. His subject was: "The Unseen Presence." He said in part:

"I want you to go with me this morning to Jerusalem, two thousand years ago, and walk through the streets of the city. We see everywhere excitement and groups of men talking. They are discussing the strange events that have been taking place the last few days, and moreover there have some strange reports been brought to the city. Some are saying 'Yes indeed this was the one who would restore Israel at this time.' While others disagree, and say: 'Our rulers did right by putting him to death, for he was an impostor.' And as we went our way along the narrow streets of the city, we arrive at a house and mount the outside stairway and enter a small room where are gathered a small company of men who are also discussing the same events of the last days. There is a strangeness, a mysterious power in that room, and as they talk of the Christ, who had risen from the grave, they saw Jesus standing in their midst and turning to them with that joyous greeting, 'Peace be unto you.' And while we were in this room we might have seen going from Jerusalem to a country village two men who were also speaking about the same things when there came to them another companion, who walked and talked with them and as later he sat at supper with them they saw 'in him Jesus. In that upper room there was the unseen presence. On the road to the village there was the unseen presence."

"There was one word of Christ that the disciples forgot, which people of today forget as well, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world' and then that other word of the writer to the Hebrews, 'Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever.' The unseen presence of Jesus Christ."

What would be the result in the lives of men, in the life of the community, if people realized the presence of the Christ. His presence in business, in work, in conversation, in pleasure? I want to be personal this morning. If Christ were present in body, would you indulge in the things you do so often? What would the result be this morning if you saw the Christ sitting with you in the seat?

"The writer of the Acts says, 'This same Jesus.' Not one word do I speak against the old testament when I say that my heart does not cry out for the God of Sinai. I do not want to hear the roar of the thunders of Sinai, I care not for the lightning flashing and the flames and smoke, but I do want to listen to the God of Jesus Christ. The God who cares for the little children, the God who pities the poor, and the God to whom I can go and say, 'My Father who art in heaven.' I want Him for my companion. The one who trod the same road that I am treading, the one who faced the same temptations that I am facing. 'This same Jesus,' and no other God will I acknowledge."

"You remember the story of Abraham when he was told to worship the starry heaven, but as he looked he saw that the stars faded with the light of the sun, and he said, 'I will no longer worship a God that fades.' Then he was told to worship the moon, but as he looked at the moon he saw that night after night it grew smaller, and he said, 'I will not worship a God that wanes away.' And then he was told to worship the noonday sun, and as he looked to the sun he saw that it sank beneath the western skies, and he said 'I will not worship a God that disappears in the darkness. No, I want to worship a god who has made the stars, the moon and the sun.'"

"I want this same Jesus to walk with me. I do not know what is before me. We are passing into the mystery of the unknown future, and I do not if I will see another day born. I want this same Jesus in my last hour."

"I present to you in this unseen presence, 'This same Jesus.' What will you do with the unseen presence? Will you remember Him to be present in your business, in work, in conversation and in pleasure? If you say, 'I have denied Him, and he is not for me.' My brother, do not despair, but look to Him in Pilate's hall, as Peter has denied Him with an oath, and see that look of love. You have squandered your life? That is sad, but look to Calvary and see the dying thief, and hear the word of 'This same Jesus' 'This day thou shalt be with me in paradise.' I hold before you this morning 'This same Jesus.' The unseen presence of the Christ."

"A Shameless Confession" was the subject of the evening sermon by Rev. Mason at the Presbyterian church.

The speaker referred to the time of the Apostle Paul when the acceptance of Christianity mean a great sacrifice, and compared that time with the present. The pastor said, in part:

"It is still a matter of moral courage and of high and worthy conviction to

say, and to mean it when we say it. 'I am not ashamed of the gospel.' If we take a general survey of Christianity in the present day, and call to mind its place, its force, its influence in the world, its millions of professed followers, its thousands of churches and institutions of charity, of education and reform, we have great reason to be proud of the gospel. The thoughtful christian who wants to find reason for pride and rejoicings in the gospel, can do so, if he will open his eyes to the truth. Temperance work has always been christian, led on by faith and prayer and christian gifts, and has looked to God and the church for its help and encouragement; we see in it and in the magnificent results that have been achieved in temperance reform, a great reason for glorying in the gospel of the Son of God. We have seen men and women living pure, helpful, blessed lives, that cheered and sanctified and inspired others, and we have felt that it was the power of the gospel in those lives that made them possible. We have seen the sick one sustained, and the sick man made a glory by the gospel in the heart; we have seen the frail, weary, stricken widow follow her husband's body to the tomb, and through the awful trials of sickness, death and burial, hear up with a wonderful fortitude and assurance and saw the power of the gospel. The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. The gospel differs from almost everything else with which we have to do in this world, in that there can be no middle ground of difference in our relation to it. If a man is ashamed of the gospel he has nothing to do with it. If he is not ashamed of it, he shows it, and does not hesitate to declare his faith on every suitable occasion. If we are not ashamed of the gospel, then we accept it fully, and make of it the closest application to our lives."

At the evening service at the Methodist church, Mr. Sutcliffe took as his subject, "Tissue Paper Excuses," and for his text Luke 14: 16-20. He said that not only was Jesus a man of sorrow acquainted with grief but he was also a man of wit, familiar with the use of ridicule in his public work. The three excuses offered by the men who refused to attend the big feast amply demonstrate this. The speaker's audience not only smiled but laughed outright at the foolishness. The absurdity of the man who had to go see his ground. The fellow who was compelled to test the pulling power of his newly bought oxen and the woman-bossed husband who could not think of accepting the invitation.

He further said that no excuse offered by men today for not partaking of the gospel feast was a whit more reasonable or sensible than those put up by the men of the long ago. They are indeed tissue paper excuses, thin and flimsy.

Three of them were gone into in detail:

"I will tomorrow. I will if my companions take the step. I will when I am old. The last one was scored and denounced by the preacher. Impressive was the moment when he asked the civil war veterans to stand up and tell the ages when they enlisted in the union army. All of them were under twenty-one. What would have become of the country if the boys of the 60's in response to the call for volunteers had responded 'Not yet, wait until I have reached the sunset stage of life'?"

In a stirring appeal he urged the younger portion of his congregation to dedicate their talents to the service of man and God. One young man responded and came forward for prayers.

The services at the Christian church Sunday evening were particularly interesting. A children's choir furnished very pretty music, and Rev. Billington delivered a very able sermon.

Gypsy Smith will not be present in person at the Methodist church on Sunday evening at 7:30 but his voice surely will. Through the kindness of Marion Veatch, two of his best solos "Jesus Only" and "Never Give Up" will be given on a beautiful victrola. The wonderful songs of the great evangelist will be heard distinctly in every part of the building. Subject of Robert Sutcliffe's address "Mind Your Own Business." Selections by orchestra. Public worship at 11 a. m. with sermon by pastor on "The Story of a Boy's Jacket." This message is especially for parents. A wonderful revival of interest is taking place in the Sabbath school. One hundred and seventy-seven were present last Sabbath against one hundred and twelve a year ago. The primary department is especially interesting. Modern kindergarten methods are being introduced. Roll call meeting of Epworth League at 6:30, conducted by pastor. All members will respond with testimony or quotation. A special invitation extended to all new comers.

Two adults were received into fellowship at the Methodist church last Sunday morning.

Splendid meetings were conducted by the workers of the Methodist church in various parts of the city on Monday evening.

Rev. C. C. Van Gorkom, pastor of the Baptist church has been invited by the W. C. T. U. to preach the annual sermon next Sunday evening, Nov. 29th, at the Baptist church at 7:30. The W. C. T. U. will be present in body, and all the friends are invited to this service. The subject will be, "What Are You Going to Do About It?"

The regular services will be held at the Baptist church next Sunday morning. Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening the annual sermon for the W. C. T. U. will be preached by the pastor at 7:30. Bible school at 10 in the morning and young peoples' meeting in the evening at 6:30. The men are especially invited to be present at the evening service.

The pastor of the Presbyterian church makes the following announcements: Subjects for Sunday, November 25. At 10 a. m., "Prayer It's Need and Answer." At 7:30 p. m., the subject will be, "English Sparrows." These will be interesting, practical, up-to-date sermons, which everyone should hear. Sunday school at 10 a. m., and Christian Endeavor at 6:30. This is one of the large and growing congregations and Sunday schools of the city, where all will be cordially welcomed. Special music by a chorus choir.

W. F. Martin, religious liberty secretary for the northwest, spoke Sunday night to a good crowd in the Assembly. His theme was "The Rise of Religious Liberty in the United States." He said "The true idea of religious liberty is found in the statement of the Saviour's 'Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's.' I believe in both church and state. The church is God's means among men for salvation and to carry on his work. It has its place in the world. The true church is founded on the teachings of Jesus Christ. Its power is in the holy ghost. It is not dependent on the civil power to forward it sends. On the other hand, the injunction is to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's. Caesar here represents the civil power or government. A good christian will be loyal to the government under which he lives. The church is not to ask the citizen to render the dues pertaining to the state, to the church. The state is not to interfere with the citizen's duties relating to God. Each has its sphere, and each is to attend to the matters relating to that sphere and keep its hands off the affairs of the other."

Mr. Martin gave a very vivid and interesting history of the growth of religious liberty, beginning with the landing of the Pilgrims, when one religion persecuted another and the famous blue laws were enforced without fear or favor, when attending the predominant church was compulsory and when enjoying Sunday pleasures was punishable by the state. He followed up to the adoption of the constitution that guaranteed religious liberty. The speaker also referred to the different Sunday laws now being agitated and made a plea for keeping the church and state separate.

Advertising pays—in the Sentinel.

A Quarter Saved.

Mrs. Ames handed a dollar and a quarter to the girl at the glove counter in payment for her purchase.

"Even change," she said. "Need I wait for the sales slip?"

"We are not allowed to deliver the package until the cashier sends back the voucher," the girl replied. "Here it comes now."

She caught the box as it fell from the tube, and pulled out the slip. A quarter fell out with it. The girl looked quickly at her customer. "I am sorry, but we cannot take this quarter."

Oppose Extravagances at U.

The management of the University of Oregon men's Dormitory has reduced the weekly rent of rooms from one dollar to fifty cents. This makes the cost of a room to a student, lighted, heated and tended, two dollars a month. This reduction in room rent is in accordance with the plan of President Campbell to reduce the living expense of the students to a minimum.

Encouraged by President Campbell, the students themselves have passed a number of rules of government, tending to lessen the living expense and to do away with extravagances which tend to set a pace that the self-supporting students can not maintain. The students have ordained that no underclassmen shall wear derbies or stiff hats, that no full dress suits shall be worn to the student body parties, and that evening dress attire shall not be worn by the freshmen on any occasion. The women of the university have gone further and refused to allow their escorts to go to the expense of taking them to and from the parties in cabs or automobiles.


Another step towards the lowering of student expense, which is being contemplated by the student body is the granting of free admission to its members into all games, track meets, debates, and glee club concerts. The one or two football games which the university eleven plays in Portland each fall are becoming increasingly popular. It is expected that the gate receipts at the game between the teams of the Universities of Oregon and Washington, which is scheduled for November 18, will be \$13,000 or \$14,000. It is hoped that the revenue obtained from the Portland football games will in time pay student body expenses and permit the students to have free admission to all student body functions.

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