

THIS IS MY DUTY

To use what gifts I have as best I may;
To help some weaker brother where I can;
To be as blameless at the close of day
As when the duties of the day began;
To do without complaint what must be done;
To grant my rival all that may be just;
To win through kindness all that may be won;
To fight with knightly valor when I must.

S. E. KISER.

With the Churches

Christian Church.

By H. F. JONES.

Mrs. Clara G. Esson, State Bible School worker, spoke both morning and evening, besides conducting a conference at 3 P. M. All of the services were most inspiring.

We are glad to note that those who have been sick are all on the road to wellville.

The minister will speak next Sunday morning on the subject of "Church Efficiency."

A sermon is soon forgotten, but the influence of a life will continue through endless series.

The church building has been fumigated this week. You need have no fear in sending your children to the Bible School or in attending the regular church services.

We solicit your co-operation in training the boys and girls in Christian usefulness. Do your children attend any Bible School or church service?

Next Sunday evening the minister will discuss the question of the divinity of Christ. If you have doubts on this score, come to the service. If an infidel or skeptic reads this announcement, take it as a personal invitation to come to church Sunday evening.

The Christian Endeavorers will meet at 6:30. There is no age limit for attendants. You will grow old faster than you normally should by disassociating yourself from young people.

Evangelical Church

By W. A. GUEFFROY

Sunday Musings of a Non-Churchgoing Business Man:

I Would Not Live in a Churchless Town.—My children wouldn't be safe outside the house, my business would go to smash, dog-fennel would grow up in the streets and the name of the town would become a joke.

I Am Here in My Slippers and Dressing-Gown.—With a cartload of Sunday newspapers scattered about in profusion, insulting my intelligence with the perusal of so-called funny pictures and lurid pages of lust-begotten sensationalism.

If All the People Were Just Like Me.—The churches would close up, for there would be no congregations, though I know I am under obligation to see that the church life here is maintained.

How Righteous a Place This Town Would Be.—Indeed, if my own attitude toward moral and religious matters was the universal attitude about here, I should move out, or the sheriff would close up my business within six months. — (Selected.)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 22, 1914.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock; preaching services at 11 and 7:30 o'clock, and the Y. P. A. at 6:30. Prayermeeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

These services are for the public. Those who do not worship at either of the other churches are cordially invited to come here. You will be welcome.

Church Growth

Christian churches in the United States report a total increase in membership during 1913 of 618,000. It was a gain of 1.8 per cent, corresponding with the gain in population. New churches were organized at the rate of six a day, which approaches a record.

The percentage of growth in church membership has followed the growth of population for a decade. Statistics show a total of 37,280,000 actual members of all churches, of which 34,000,000 are included in eight big denominations.

The figures were prepared by Dr. Henry R. Carroll, associate secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. He says that Methodists lead in the year's gain with 220,000. Roman Catholics are second with an increase of 212,500; Baptists, third with 64,600; Presbyterians, 45,600; Lutherans, 36,100; Disciples, 21,800, and Episcopalians, 16,500.

The standing of the eight large denominations, according to Dr. Carroll's figures, follows: Roman Catholic, 13,099,534; Methodist, 7,125,069; Baptist, 5,924,662; Lutheran, 2,333,722; Presbyterian, 2,027,593; Disciples of Christ, 1,519,369; Protestant Episcopal, 997,407; Congregational, 748,340.

The Roman Catholic figures follow the government census plan of deducting 15 per cent from official church population for children not yet confirmed, the purpose being to make comparisons on a uniform basis. Jews in the United States were estimated at 2,000,000, of whom 900,000 live in New York, making that city the greatest center of Jewish population in the world.

Dr. Carroll placed much importance upon the number of new churches organized in 1913. But the outside observer will lay greater stress upon the fact that the Christian church in America is just about holding her own. She is keeping pace with population, but is not gaining in the race.

It seems hardly possible that doctrinal differences should segregate any except the Roman Catholic church. The others are, or should be, bound together by the same fundamental principles. And yet multiplication of churches continues. If a few trust magnates were to take hold of the business of promoting religion in America, the first thing done would be to dispense with organizations each attempting, independently, to do the work of the other.

It is not suggested that the churches organize an unlawful trust, but there is sufficient ground for the statement that the church is not progressing when it merely keeps pace with population. — Portland Journal.

How Farmers Can Teach Agricultural Scientists.

It is not enough that the county agent be simply a "common carrier of ideas" from farmer to farmer. He is to be a go-between to gather facts and experiences everywhere and to interpret these facts and experiences in the light of local conditions and needs. Then he is to go a step farther and carry the experience and the ideas of the farmers themselves to the Department of Agriculture and the agricultural colleges; for these institutions are as much in need of the farmer's wisdom and an accurate knowledge of the farmer's problems as the farmer is in need of the information which agricultural institutions can give.

tural institutions can give.

Active and mutually helpful co-operation is needed between the farmers themselves and all of the public agencies intended to promote agriculture and agricultural education. The farmer needs the facts and the explanations which the scientists can furnish. The scientists and teachers are no less in need of the facts and the point of view of the farmers; they need to learn the super-science which farmers call common sense, that wholesome wisdom that is the essence of the thought and experience of generations of men who have made good through work and thought and thrift and unconscious adaptation to circumstances.

In nearly every county it will be found that most of the serious agricultural problems have been solved by several of the good farmers. There is no better way of teaching a scientific truth than by calling attention to some one who is successfully practicing it. It will often be found that the successful farmer has not stopped to analyze the cause of his success and may often attribute it to the wrong factor. The lesson is there just the same.

Peru's Peculiar Indians.

Behind the Black Cordilleras, so called because they are barren and have been without rain since 1868, lies a plateau with an elevation ranging from 12,000 to 16,000 feet, inhabited by a most peculiar tribe of Indians in Peru. A returned traveler says their chests are distended because of the altitude and asserts that they cannot live in the lower altitudes. They are stolid, but good workers, harmless, but given to drink. They do not speak Spanish, having preserved their ancient tribal language.

The Limit.

"Grandpa, does hens make their own eggs?"
"Yes, indeed, they do, Teddy."
"An' do they always put the yolk in the middle?"
"They do, Teddy."
"An' do they put the white stuff round it to keep the yeller from rubbin' off?"
"Quite likely, my little boy."
"An' who sews the cover on?"—London Answers.

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Courtship In Oshima.

On the Japanese island of Oshima, in the sea of Japan, the young people enjoy more freedom in the matter of courting than in central Japan. They are left to themselves to select their own mates, much after the fashion of the west. When a young suitor proposes to the girl of his choice the girl declines two or three times as a matter of form and in order that she may enjoy the period of courtship.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as guardian of the person and estate of Joseph Clark Bell, a minor, has filed his final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, and that Saturday, the 7th day of March, 1914, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of said day at the court room of the said county court in the City of Dallas, Oregon, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

F. W. BELL,
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Dated February 6, 1914.
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