BENEFITS OF ABSTINENCE TOPIC OF SUNDAY LESSON

Prohibition Legislation is Held to be Legislation in Behalf of Social Welfare and Human Progress of Nation's People

The International Uniform Sunday school lesson for May 3: The Benefits of Total Abstinence. Daniel 1:1-20.

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IT is still necessary to talk about "the benefits of total abstinence."

Not merely because prohibition has not entirely solved the problem of strong drink by banishing liquor, but because the principle of voluntary total abstinence and that of prohibition are inherently different and relate to different fields.

Prohibition is often denounced by its opponents on the plea that it is "enforced total abstinence," and it is suggested that abstinence loses its significance and its value when it ceases to be voluntary.

But it is not abstinence at all, but suppression, that is the inherent factor in prohibition. And the validity of prohibition in principle and practice depends entirely upon the question whether the liquor traffic is something that on social grounds and for the public welfare ought to be suppressed.

If prohibition were merely the interference of some people in unwarrantable ways, if it were nothing more than the effort of abstainers to compel other people to abstain, from something that was not in any sense harmful, or that involved no social problem or menace, prohibition would not likely last long, even with its entrenchment in the constitution.

Prohibition arose because the liquor traffic was a curse and a menace. When the mass of the American people came to see that, they went at the business of removing the curse and the menace in about the same direct and thorough-going way that they have struck at many other social curses and menaces.

It Is Social Question

The question of prohibition is one of the validity and effectiveness of legislation in social welfare and progress.

Prohibitionists have contended that alcoholic liquor is such a potential menace to everybody that the state should do just that; and it has been done in America.

But it is outside of our purpose here to discuss either the validity of prohibition, or its effects and results.

What we do wish to emphasize is the fact that the value of total abstinence, and the inculcation of the principle of total abstinence, are not in any way lessened by the passing of a prohibitory law.

No law has ever entirely, or permanently, prevented people from doing things that they were determined to do.

The eighteenth amendment is enforced as well as if not better than certain other amendments; prohibitory laws in general are as well, and as poorly, enforced as most other laws.

The power of any law depends ultimately on the willingness of people to refrain from doing what the law condemns.

And laws ultimately depend for their effect upon their inherent justification, either in essential principle, or in the facts and situations that led to their enactment.

Depend on Justification

What would Daniel do if he were here in America today? Would he be abstemious? Would he put himself under restraint and discipline? Would he be a bootlegger? Or a patron of bootleggers?

Daniel is a good man about whom to ask these things, for Daniel's attitude was not that of a blind compliance with law.

He defied the king in certain matters. He refused to obey the law where the law was against his conscience.

But Daniel was not a willful or easygoing lawbreaker. He put the law of his faith and conscience over against the law of the king; but he would never have put his own self-indulgence over against the common good.

He would give, if he were here today, the example of clean-living.

Here is where total abstinence from certain things, neither inherently evil nor inherently necessary, has always had its strong argument.

Where these things have involved possible evil for others it has always been the privilege of loving and considerate souls to accept the law of abstinence.

Daniel represented a simple and healthy manner of living all through.

Clean, wholesome, simple food for body and soul; and clean, wholesome, simple habits and associations.

Are not these what our country chiefly needs among all its people for the welfare, strength and permanence of the nation, and for the greatness of individual life?

Text: Daniel 1:8-17

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Now God had brought Daniel into favor and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king who hath appointed your meat and your drink; for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king.

Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mischael, and Azariah,

Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, 10 days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat; and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them 10 days.

And at the end of 10 days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learnings and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

At The Churches Sunday

First Christian.

Oak and Eleventh streets. E. V. Stivers, pastor. Sunday there will be two special attractions at this church. The morning service will be in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boyer, returned missionaries from Africa. These young people are graduates from the U. of O. and Eugene Bible university, and have many friends in Eugene. They have spent the last three of four years in equatorial Africa and will have a message of real worth for those who attend Sunday. The evening program will be given over to the choir. They will give the Oratorio, "The Holy City," by Gaul. The choir of 75 voices will give this under the direction of Prof. Hohgatt. It will be a most beautiful rendering of this oratorio and the music lovers of Eugene will want to attend. We urge the usual large attendance at the Sunday school. Last Sunday was a splendid day, the attendance being 316. We have but a few Sundays now until school closes and many of our student members will leave the city. We want to make a real record while they are here. We invite the public to attend.

Seventh Day Adventist.

Seventh and Charnelton. T. M. Langberg, pastor. Phone 910-J. Sabbath school, 9:45 a. m.; church services, 11 a. m.; Young People's meeting, 3 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Sunday evening services, 8 p. m. subject, "The Home of the Saved. Where Will it Be?" Public welcome to all meetings.

First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Corner of Twelfth and Oak streets. Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock; Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock; Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The reading room at room 312 McMorran and Washburne building, corner of Eighth and Willamette streets, is open daily, except Sundays and legal holidays, at all hours. The librarian is in attendance from 12 until 4. The subject of the lesson sermon Sunday is "Everlasting Punishment." All are cordially invited to attend the church services and visit the reading room.

First Unitarian.

East Eleventh avenue at Ferry street. Morning service at 10:45 o'clock with sermon by the pastor, Frank Fay Eddy. "Unitarianism in Prospect," will be the sermon topic completing the general theme of the series on "Unitarism and the Modern Mind. The soloist at this service will be Kathleen Powell, contralto. The church school will meet at the close of the morning service. In the round table class the subject for discussion will be "Struggles Between Islam and Christianity." The laymen's league will meet at supper in the assembly room of the church Sunday evening at 6:15 o'clock after which Dr. George Rebec will lead a fireside talk on "What, If Any, Is the Working Philosophy of Western Civilization." Dr. Rudolf Ernst will open the discussion taking as a theme "Straws Which Show the Drift of World Opinion." The Woman's Alliance will meet Tuesday afternoon in the club room of the church for a business and social meeting.

Grace Lutheran.

Corner Eleventh avenue and Ferry street, R. Trautmann, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Divine service 11 a. m., with sermon by the pastor. A cordian welcome.

Fairmount Presbyterian.

E. L. Winterberger, minister. Bible school at 9:45. Morning worship at 11 The pastor will speak on the theme "God's Thoughts and Ways." If you are living on the east side of Eugene, we especially invite you to join us in worship. Bring your children to the Bible school. The Bible lesson and the hour of worship always have something of practical interest and help for better living or larger outlook and upreach. The C. E. meets at Primary hall at 6:30. The young people are in charge and invite others to join. On Thursday evenings we meet for conference and fellowship and the study of the Bible. Meeting this week and after this at 8 p. m.

First Baptist.

Second and S streets, Springfield. J. C. Wetterhahn, pastor. Bible school 10, morning service 11, morning message, "The King's Business." Communion service following this service. B. Y. P. U. intermediate and senior 6:30, prayer service for adults 6:30 evening service 7:30, evening message, "Some Fools Who Live in Our City." Some churches extend a welcome through their sign board. We use our members, instead. If you like sermons with lots of scripture in them, attend and support the work of this church.

Bible Standard Mission

707 Pearl St. F. L. Hornshuh, pastor. Allareita Wood, assistant pastor. Miss Ivorita Wood, musical director. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Vivien Dennis, superintendent. Classes for all ages with teachers that know the Bible. Crusaders meet at 5:30 every Sunday evening. This Sunday will be the last of the special meetings by Evangelist Steurnagle. He will preach Sunday morning at 11, his subject being: "Seven Marks of a Model Church;" afternoon subject, "Foretokens of Coming Glory," being an interpretation of the times in which we are living. Everybody ought to hear this sermon. At 7:30, the closing service of the campaign, the Rev. Steurnagle will preach on "Our Heavenly Home and How to Get There." A special feature of each of these services will be the free distribution of a specially printed thirty-two page message to young people of high school age, entitled, "How to Make the Most of Life's Opportunities." Everybody welcome to these services. Come and bring your friends. Services Tuesday and Friday evening at 7:45 as usual.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Corner of Seventh avenue and Olive street. Rev. Frederick G. Jennings, Rector. The Third Sunday after Easter. Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Church school at 9:45 a. m. Holy Communion and Sermon at 11 a. m. Young People's Society at 6:30 p. m. a. the Parish house. Evening prayer and address at 8 p. m.

First Methodist Episcopal

J. Franklin Haas, Minister. Morning sermon by the pastor at eleven o'clock. Theme, "A New Note in Evangelism." Evening message will be brought by Dr. A. Earl Kernahan, to a Union gathering of the memberships of the Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist churches in the Methodist church. The hour will be 8 o'clock. Let every seat in the auditorium be taken. In the place of the Epworth league and Wesley club meetings, the young people are requested to meet with the young people of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches in the Congregational church at 7 o'clock. This gathering will be addressed by Dr. Kernahan. No official board or prayer-meeting this week. The entire time will be given over to the Parish Visitation campaign. Special music for the day is announced by John Stark Evans as follows: Morning at 11: Anthem, "Consider and Hear Me," Pfleuger, Mrs. Oberteuffer and choir. Solo, "Ballad of Trees and the Master," Dyckman, Miss McGrew. Evening at 8 o'clock: Anthem, "Festival Te Deum," Buck, Quartet and choir. Duet, "Watchman What of the Night," Sargent, Messrs. John Siefert and David Jones. The W. F. M. S. will meet in the church Tuesday afternoon, 2:30. Circle 8 will be hostesses, Circle 3 will furnish program.

First Baptist

Corner of Eighth and Pearl streets. Charles E. Dunham, pastor. Arah Hoyt Rae, music director. Bible School meets at 9:45. W. R. Lord, superintendent. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. The pastor preaches the sermon. His theme being a Communion Meditation. Mrs. Myma Barger will sing an offertory solo "On Eagles Wings." At the close of the sermon new members will be received and communion observed. Young people's societies meet at 7 o'clock. Evening service at 8 o'clock. A special half hour of music will be given at this service. All music lovers will enjoy the "Horn Quartet of Springfield." These musicians will play "Cast Thy Bread Upon the Water.' (Kirkpatrick and De Los Smith's "Serenade". Mrs. D. B. Murphy and Mrs. R. E. Mosier will sing "Angels of Light" (Shelley). Mrs. Rae will sing "He Tenderly Looked at Me," with the Horn accompaniment. The pastor will preach. His subject being "Three Great Things." The annual business meeting of the church will be held on Thursday night at 7:30.

Central Presbyterian

Corner Tenth and Pearl. Rev. A. H. Saunders, minister. Prof. John B. Siefert, choir director. Mrs. Ruth Davis Cleaver, organist. Sunday school at 9:45, with H. A. Soults, general superintendent, assistant officers and a full corps of teachers in charge. Good music and reverent Bible study are a fitting preparation for the hour of worship that follows at 11 o'clock, wtih Rev. A. Karl Kernahan D. D., director of visitation evangelism campaign, bringing the message. This will be the first public address given by Dr. Kernahan in the visitation campaign in which we are cooperating with the Methodist and Congregational churches. Special musical numbers are "Hear O Lord" (Watson) by the large chorus choir, and "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" (Stainer) sung by Mrs. Pearson and Mr. Siefert. In the evening at 8 o'clock we will join in the union service at the Methodist church. Junior Endeavor at 4:30. Senior Endeavor and Westminster League members will meet at the church at 6:45 and proceed to the Congregational church where a union service of young people's societies will be addressed by Dr. A. Earl Kernahan at 7 o'clock. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock for those who are unable to participate in the visitation evangelism campaign, with the campaign as the special theme for the service. A cordial invitation is extended to you for all these services.

Fairmount Christian.

Location at 17th and Columbia Sts. Regular services each Lord's Day. To praise and worship God, and to grow and develop in Christian grace and service is our aim. Friends and strangers invited to come with us. Bible school convenes at 9:45 a. m. Church services at 11:00 a. m., and at 8:00 p. m. Sermons are messages from God's Word. Christian Endeavor meeting at 7:00 p. m. A live, interesting program conducted by the young people of the church each Sunday evening. R. L. Dunn, Minister.

International Bible Students Ass'n.

Meets Sunday 2:30 p. m. at 1551 High street. Studies in the first volume "The Divine Plan of the Ages" and fifth volume "The Atonement Between Good and Man." Every verse in the Bible containing the words "Holy Spirit" are clearly and fully explained and harmonized; what it is, and how it operates upon mankind.

Church of God

Third and Monroe. Mamie Bisconer, pastor. Bible school 10 a. m., E. A. Fegles, superintendent; A. C. Head, assistant. Classes for all ages. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Subject, "Faith in God and a fixed Purpose in Life." Song, "Leaves or Sheaves," quartet. Young people's meeting 7:15 p. m. A musical program will be given by the young people, also a short address on the subject of music. Preaching at 8 p. m. Subject, "The Past, Present and the Future." A quartet will sing, "Riding on the Glory Waves." Mid-week prayer meeting Thursday 8 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Trinity Lutheran

Corner Sixth and Pearl, Overt Skillerud, pastor. Sunday school every Sunday 9:45 a. m. A graded school and all in American. Services Sunday will be conducted in Scandinavian by Rev. J. O. Hougen. The special song will be a solo by Ruth Gilbertson. As to the evening services we leave to be announced at the morning worship. The choir practice Wednesday, 8 p. m. The Confirmants Saturday 10 a. m. The Church Council will meet for monthly business on Monday 8 p. m.

Springfield Methodist

"Christ, a Great Moral Teacher, or A Divine Reedeemer," which? will be the theme for Sunday night, following the 7:30 fireside hour. This will be the first of a series on the great fundamentals of our faith, the objective being practical helpfulness. The morning hour of 11 o'clock, will be given to a Scripture exposition. The Church school will convene at 9:45, with Mrs. Ida Gantz, superintendent; the high school classes are large and interesting. Try worshiping at "The Church of a Cordial Welcome." F. L. Moore, minister.

Creswell Methodist

"The Great Central Idea of Christianity" is the theme of the morning service at the Creswell Methodist church and the evening subject will be "Defeated, yet Victorious and Immortal." A great Mother's Day service is being planned for May 10.

Eugene-Springfield Free Methodist

One block west of Glenwood Service station, West Springfield, Lillian Gray, pastor. Sunday school 9:45, Josephine Lee, superintendent, classes for all, a growing Sunday school. Morning service at 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Subject, "Who can Hinder Us." Special singing by Roy Pugh. Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Bowerman. Class meeting following preaching, and you can take part. Young people's meeting at 7 p. m. Bible study and comments. Interesting and instructive. Evening service at 7:45. You can bring the babies to these services and fell at home. A hearty handshake and a cordial welcome here. Thursday prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 The lady pastor performs marriages and attends to the duties of the church, visits the sick at any hour or place. Come and help here by your singing, your prayers and your presence. Rev. Place will be here Friday, Saturday afternoon and night, all day Sunday, accompanied by a singer, beginning the 8th and over the 10th.

Creswell Church of Christ

Every member of the church is urged to be present next Sunday morning. The Bible school needs you and you need it. We will have a member of the Bible school give us something special next Sunday. The morning sermon is a continuation of the new series on the book of Ephesians. The evening sermon will deal with a very vital subject that has been brought out through certain objections raised on the subject of baptism, namely that the baptism which Jesus commanded was baptism of the Holy Spirit. The sermon subject will be: "Is the Baptism Which Jesus Commanded the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?" We do not wish to deal with this subject except that it may be done kindly and according to scripture. We earnestly invite your presence to hear this subject discussed.

PASTOR HOLDS DIVORCE TOO COSTLY FOR POOR

Rev. Thompson, "Skyscraper Pilot," Says There is Gross Injustice in Our Handling of Problem at Present Time

Rev. John Thompson

By ROY J. GIBBONS
NEA Service Writer

CHICAGO, May 2.—Our present divorce system is all wrong.

It discriminates in favor of the rich man and against the poor man.

So declares Rev. John Thompson, pastor of the First Methodist church, known as Chicago's "skyscraper church."

And something ought to be done about it, he says, so that the poor man will have the same chance to find martial happiness as the rich man.

"Divorce is now accepted as necessary in our complex social life," he says. "Yet there is gross injustice in the way we handle the problem.

"In some states getting a divorce is almost as easy as buying a suit of clothes or an automobile. And in other states divorce is almost impossible.

"Under this system a wealthy person living in a state where divorce is difficult can easily go to Reno or Texas or some other place where the laws are not so severe and have his marriage annulled.

"The poor man can't do that. He hasn't money enough to go to Reno or Paris or some other divorce center, and establish a temporary residence.

Fees Are Exorbitant

"Another obstacle the poor man faces when seeking divorce is the exorbitant fee charged by some lawyers. High attorney fees and court costs don't bother the man of wealth who wants to have his marriage dissolved, but sometimes they make it impossible for persons of moderate means."

The only solution to the problem is enactment of federal legislation regarding divorce, Dr. Thompson believes.

"A uniform divorce law would make it just as easy, or just as hard, to get a divorce in New York as it would in Illinois or Texas, or any other state," he says. "It would give rich and poor equal opportunities for divorce, and there would be no discrimination against any class.

"If such a law were enacted, bar associations should establish a system of fees that would enable a man or woman of moderate means to obtain a divorce without going into debt.

"I am not in favor of easy divorce. I don't think a court should grant a man a divorce because his wife refuses to get up in the morning and prepare his breakfast, or for some other trivial reason.

"But when a man and woman are not properly mated—when their marriage does not have the sanction of God—society should not compel them to go on living together.

Divorce No Longer Scandal

"Divorce is no longer the society scandal that it used to be. The only scandalous feature about it is the separate codes for rich and poor."

There would be fewer divorces, Dr. Thompson believes, if society dealt with the question by education instead of legislation.

"We have not reached any solution for domestic infelicities and unhappy and imprudent marriages," he says. "We deal with divorce as a legal problem.

"We don't educate our young people in the high purposes and functions of married life. Neither state nor church does anything toward making happy marriages."

MUSIC MEMORY SKETCHES GIVE

Sketches for this week's music memory contest, conducted by Miss Leona Marsters, supervisor of music in the Eugene schools, are as follows:

Toreador Song from "Carmen"—Bizet

The opera "Carmen" is a story of a Spanish carnival. Carmen is a gypsy girl, full of life and pleasure and is much loved by the toreador, brave bull-fighter.

Just after the bull-fight, which takes place in the story, Carmen and her gypsy friends are dancing and singing at an inn. The toreador joins them and sings the "Toreador Song" which tells of his victory in the arena and of his joy over the great applause of the crowds who saw it. It lays special stress upon the part he played in the bull-fight.

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Lo, Here the Gentle Lark—Bishop

The music for this song was composed by Sir Henry Bishop; the words were written by Shakespeare. There is an introduction played by the flute which imitates the song of the lark. Then the voice enters, accompanied by the flute. Near the end this voice and flute sing in unison.

These are the words of the song:

"Lo, here the gentle lark, weary of rest
From his moist cabinet mounts up on high
And wakes the morning, from whose silver breast
The sun ariseth in his majesty."

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Grand March From "Aeda"—Verdi

The story of the opera, "Aeda" is laid in the time of a war 4000 years ago between the Egyptians, the most civilized people of Africa, and the savage tribe of Ethiopians. The Grand March, sometimes called the Triumphal March, is played when the captain of the Egyptian army returns victorious, bringing the Ethiopian king and other prisoners.

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