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Place of Journalism

In some ages and localities the newspaper has been regarded as a more or less necessary evil, published only for political or mercenary ends. It is now regarded universally as a necessity and a means of education and advancement in the complex social and business relations of modern life. Journalism is a broad field in which the daily or even the weekly newspaper is an important factor. Concerning this great field of journalism, Dr. Talcott Williams, recently said, at the laying of the corner stone of the Columbia School of Journalism: "The journalist is a preacher whose church is never closed, whose school is always open, whose daily assize of fact and opinion is renewed morning and evening and whose skill, rightly exercised, prepares to meet with safety the breaking strain of political crises and economic conflicts."

Comics Under Ban

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, in their recent convention in San Francisco, took a decisive stand against papers with comic supplement that are vulgar, irreverent and crude from an artistic standpoint. From our observation of comic supplements, we would say that all would come under the ban. In commenting on this move the Christian Science Monitor says: "The federation has the machinery to mass opinion that will be effective whenever it lines up unequivocally on the side of newspapers that cater to parents, educators and civic reformers and to readers with a world-wide vision of social good. To no more practical means of altering the tone of American life can the federation turn its attention than by widening and deepening its watchful care over journals that enter homes, that are read by youth and that fix more or less the ideals of life of innumerable persons to whom neither church, school nor home—in the old-fashioned sense of that word—now count for much as molding forces."

Postoffice Regulation

Hereafter persons ordering their mail delivered by general delivery, rather than by box or carrier, will be required to give a good reason for so receiving it, according to a new rule of the Postoffice Department. Mrs. McColl, as well as postmasters throughout the country, regard this as a good rule. Advantage has been taken by married men and women, as well as by boys and girls, to make the general

delivery window a place of flirtation and of receiving clandestine messages. It is believed that the new rule will have a good moral effect, at any rate it will be a relief to the department, as it takes much longer to deliver mail by general delivery than by carriers or by boxes.

Postmaster Merrick of Portland believes the department should include in the rule a provision that no person may receive mail at the general delivery window more than 30 days.

LIFF RECALLS MANY YEARS

Quite a number from Gresham and vicinity attended a part or all of the services of the all day meeting at Iliff Memorial church at Melrose last Sunday, the occasion being the 5th anniversary of the dedication of the church, which was built during the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Wood. In spite of threatening weather, the services were all well attended and included splendid sermons by the pastor, Dr. A. B. Calder, and by Dr. Geo. F. Hopkins of Gresham, love feast led by Rev. Thos. Wiles and reminiscences by J. H. Wilson and others. A basket dinner was enjoyed at noon, and excellent music through the day.

Although this church building is but five years old, the organization was a part of a large circuit started as early as 1853, and covering the entire territory between Portland and the Cascade mountains. An interesting history of this church was prepared and read by Dr. Calder, which we give in full.

We stand today upon historic ground. It has been made sacred by the faithful, efficient labors of many pioneer and modern itinerants who have come and gone in the interests of the Master's kingdom since the autumn of 1853.

The first preaching service was held and the first Methodist Episcopal class organized at this place in October, 1853, Rev. Jas. A. Gervish was the first pastor. In modern parlance we would say he was a good "mixer." He had the faculty of looking up people and urging them to attend religious services. Not a few who had grown careless in the new country, or who were living without religious privileges were brought into the fold of Christ and became through his timely efforts, very enthusiastic religious workers.

The first class leader was Chas. Royal. He was the brother of Rev. Wm. Royal of the Oregon conference. Rev. Wm. Royal was the father of Revs. T. F. and J. H. B. Royal who had so much to do with educational and religious work of the M. E. church in the state of Oregon.

James Royal, an aged man living at Forest Grove, and a son of Chas. Royal helped to lay foundations for Sunday school and church work in all this territory.

During the early years a local preacher, Jas. L. Wilson lived here. He and Chas. Royal coming from the East, settled near each other. Jas. L. Wilson often preached the gospel in the old schoolhouse, which stood only a few rods from this place. Brother Wilson had an earnest purpose to live to do some good, and to save men from sin. His sermons were a demonstration of the power of God, and not without results. While Rev. Chas. Hall was pastor Mrs. Clinton Kelly of Portland died. The pastor's services were required in Portland, and Jas. L. Wilson was

called upon to officiate at Melrose in place of the pastor. This proved to be the last sermon which Bro. Wilson preached. He took occasion at the funeral of Mrs. Kelly to preach from the text, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." He spoke of the brevity and uncertainty of life, and asked "Who will be the next," and then looking up he said, "Lord is it I?" In a few days after that he was in the throes of death and soon passed to his reward.

James Harvey Wilson, a son of Jas. Wilson and a licensed exhorter, is a trustee of the Iliff church. He still commends the religion of his father and will take part in these exercises.

Rev. J. A. Gervish and some of his successors had such an extensive circuit that it took four weeks to reach all the appointments. All appointments along the Columbia, of east Portland and St. Johns, and Clackamas and Sandy river were included in the circuit. Milwaukie, Estacada, Clarks, Viola and many other points belonged to the charge. The circuit was known for some years as the Sandy and Milwaukie charge. Probably fifty churches can now be found in the same territory.

Among the members of the early class, we find the names of James Wilson, wife and children, John P. Wilson, brother of Jas. Wilson and his wife, and Chas. Royal and wife, Jas. Wesley Roork, father of Plaz Roork of Pleasant Home, and his wife arrived in 1854 and also joined the class. Henry Allen, Sr., was a member, and a son, Jas. H. Allen was converted here. Jas. Allen afterwards became a member of the Oregon conference. At the time of his death he was a member of the Columbia River conference. Glimmer Kelly after living near here for two or three years also became a member.

Rev. J. W. Miller was the second pastor. He was a man of good ability. He died in Portland only three years ago. He probably remained for two years as pastor.

Rev. Rowe, a young and inexperienced man, was the next preacher in charge.

At the following conference Rev. Geo. Roork became the minister. He was a good man and left a good influence. He remained in the ministry for many years. He was a brother of Jas. Wesley Roork.

Rev. J. H. B. Royal was pastor in 1857. The first camp meeting was held in 1855, on what is now the farm of Chas. Cleveland. In 1857 the land where the central part of Gresham is located was cleared and the next camp meeting held there under the auspices of the pastor, Rev. J. H. B. Royal. At the close of the camp meeting on reviewing the work, it was found that among all who had camped on the grounds, only one man had gone away un-saved.

The next minister in charge was Rev. C. O. Hosford. He was a true itinerant and a good preacher. His name is closely connected with the development of the Oregon Methodism. Only a few months since he died at Mt. Tabor.

Dr. Thos. Pearme, the first editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, came out occasionally in the early days to preach or debate, and was always most cordially welcomed by his many friends.

Rev. Chas. Hall, formerly a teacher in the old Portland academy, followed Brother Hosford. He was an educated bright young man and very popular with the young people.

In 1875 we find an able minister by the name of Hurlburt in charge

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with his nephew, Rev. Louis Albert Banks, as junior preacher. Among all the ministers who have filled the pulpit none is better known and loved in the United States than Dr. Banks. Let me read the greetings which he sends to you today. His letter is written from Delaware, Ohio. He writes:

"My dear Brother Calder:—Your letter I find on my return home, and I leave in an hour for Northern Wisconsin. It revives memories of long ago when I was pastor on the circuit of which your charge was a part, or rather assistant pastor, I was only 20 years old—that is 36 years ago. The children I played with in the homes, where I was entertained are middle aged men and women with families of their own. I should like to ride around the old circuit again. I suppose there are many pastors on it now. It was largely woods and mud the winter I rode it, but I enjoyed it hugely. I remember the Wilsons well. They were very good to me as indeed everybody was. Give my love to all who remember the "boy preacher" as they called me then. God has blessed me beyond my deserts in these years. I little dreamed in those days that I was to be pastor of the largest churches in Methodism, and author of more than fifty volumes of sermons. I used to preach one all around the circuit, till it got to be a "sugar stick."

God bless you all.
 LOUIS ALBERT BANKS."

At the annual conference in 1876, the work was divided, and what is now the Iliff church was made a part of the Powell Valley charge.

In 1877 Rev. Frank Elliott was pastor. He was an educated man, 35 years old, and an earnest preacher of the gospel. Rev. Thos. Rees then became pastor for one year.

From 1880 to 1882 W. T. Chapman was the preacher in charge. He was a man of good ability and was well liked.

In 1882 Rev. G. G. Ferguson became pastor and remained for 2 years. He was a good theologian and an able preacher. He was a civil war veteran. He died three years ago from the results of an accident at University Park.

In 1884 B. J. Sharp became pastor. He was a good man and a fine platform speaker. During his pastorate, subscriptions were taken for a new church building, but on his removal from the charge the project was abandoned. Brother Sharp did not remain long in the ministry, but returned to secular life.

In 1884 Rev. J. H. Wood, always faithful and true, was pastor.

In 1885 Rev. C. O. Hosford was again in charge. Next on the list of pastors is the name of Rev. J. C. Tate. He afterwards became a missionary in Africa.

Rev. Wigstead, an Englishman, then filled the pulpit for one year.

Rev. Chas. W. Lowther, a fine singer and musician, followed Rev. Wigstead.

Rev. J. H. Wood, during these years was pastor for two terms. He resigned his charge at Bridal Veil six years ago to come home and build the Iliff church, that he might in declining years have a place in which to worship God, and to leave for the benefit of his neighbors and friends. God blessed his labors and just five years ago the Iliff church was dedicated.

Among the younger ministers of the conference who have filled the pulpit during recent years we find the names of Revs. J. L. Rinehart, W. C. Steward and R. S. Bishop.

In writing this history I am aware that some names for want of information will have to be omitted.

Rev. C. Alderson was, and a few others must have been, pastors of this field. The following local preachers whose names heretofore have not been mentioned often preached here. Arkon Kelly and Mr. Cornett.

Dr. Crosby, a local preacher, who formerly lived at Fairview often preached to the people, and did a great deal of good in this country. His grand-daughter is the wife of Rev. Dr. Parsons, the superintendent of our missions in Alaska.

During all these years able presiding elders and district superintendants have had the general oversight of the work. They were godly men who suffered and sacrificed for the churches and the conference which they served. Following are some of the names: Gustavus Hines, J. H. Wilbur, Alvin Waller, Dr. Rockwell, P. M. Starr, A. C. Fairchild, C. M. Wire, G. W. Gue and Drs. B. F. Rowland and Jas. Moore.

The appointment has been connected with many different charges, such as East Portland, Sandy and Milwaukie, Troutdale, Gresham, Rockwood, Fairview, Bridal Veil, Pleasant Home and Boring. Nearly two years ago I was appointed pastor. With deep gratitude to God we record the fact that there has been some measure of prosperity. The membership of the church has steadily increased, the Sunday school of which C. R. Tallman is the efficient superintendent, has more than doubled its membership, and an Epworth League has been organized. It has been a great pleasure to me to serve the Iliff church. Prayers ascend to God daily for me from among its membership. I find the people kind and appreciative. I have been much encouraged by the assistance and sympathy of Revs. Capt. Branson, Thos. Wiles and J. H. Wood, ministers of the gospel who live among us and who love the Iliff church. "The best of all is God is with us. "We build for eternity, And the years that are to come Will prove 'ow well we've builded."

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 Notice is hereby given that by mutual consent the firm of Shattuck & Lindsey was dissolved on the 16th day of July, 1912, Mr. A. E. Lindsey having retired. Mr. Lewis Shattuck assuming all indebtedness and collecting all outstanding accounts.

A. E. LINDSEY,
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Lumber shipments from Portland for the year ending June 30, were 88,244,429 feet foreign, and 164,923,690, domestic, according to Dun's Review. This is an increase over the total shipments of the preceding year, amounting to 41,023,771 feet.

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