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DR. FORD EXPLAINS OPEN FORUM SERIES

After careful study of conditions in Hood River, and consultation with many associates with the Christian and church work I have decided to turn my pupil into an open forum for a series of Sunday evening platform meetings for the discussion of Christianity, churches and ministers, and have invited a number of gentlemen (other than of my own faith, or profession, to do the speaking.

I find that Christianity does not receive the recognition and support of the laboring, business and professional men of the community it should if it stands for what we suppose it stands for. I see that all kinds of business, real estate, horticulture, building, merchandising, banking, education and education have larger, but not too great recognition and consideration.

It seems to me the churches as the supposed representatives of Christianity, though by no means the exclusive exponents and expressions of Christian truth, life and philanthropy, have not kept pace with the growth of our population, schools, lodges and business enterprises nor with the material development of the town and vicinity. They do not have the strong hold on the thought, confidence and life of the men of the community they should have if they stand for what they are alleged to stand for. They have to struggle for an existence, and a few "elect women" have to "serve tables" and run "bazaars", and their ministers must act as part of the lucky in order to make a little money with which to meet the necessary expenses and "carry on church work." They continue to worship in inferior edifices, with an inadequate equipment for wide awake churches.

And ministers—what of them? They are looked upon as a sort of well-to-do necessary evil, a something to be tolerated, as having little, or nothing to do with the affairs of men in a world of red blood, activity and progress—a kind of a third sex, whose business is one of ease and luxury, having nothing in common with the men and women of the world doing things worth while; with no concern for mundane interests, singing only of their "heavenly home, bright and fair," and regarded by some as an intolerable nuisance, a burden upon society whose support is to be charged up to charity.

I have therefore made up my mind to try to find out where the trouble lies. Is it in Christianity? Is it in the churches? Is it in the ministers? Do not our men believe in Christianity? Do our churches fail to justify their claims? Are ministers exclusive, "button up" and show no interest in the things of the kingdom of this world? Do they deal in abstractions that have little or no connection at all with present day problems with which the laboring man, the business man, the professional man, and the man of science, are grappling? Is the preacher "behind the times," and trying to feed the people on "old straw"? Is he lacking in ability to speak clearly, correctly and entertainingly? He ought to know something about everything, and everything about something.

Or, is it because men are so taken up with their own secular affairs that they have no time to give to the consideration of the claims of Christianity, and the worth of the churches? Or, because their methods of business cannot be brought to the light? I am unwilling with my present light, to express an opinion on these questions. I might "light into" them, and "pass them up" as "back sliders," "renegades," "men of the baser sort," "given over to hardness of heart," and "reprobacy of mind" with "conscience seared," but I do not feel warranted in doing so, and will not. I prefer to hear from others, and have not only requested prominent gentlemen in professional and business circles to speak but to speak freely and fully, and let the chips fall where they may. I want to know what the laboring, business and professional men of this community think of Christianity, the churches and ministers. Christianity is entitled to recognition, or it is not. Churches are worthy of support and of being on a plane with other organizations and enterprises, or they are not. Ministers merit respect and confidence, or they do not. Let us see. Let us go to the bottom of it all. Let us have the full truth wherever the reflection may be. Christianity must stand the severest test, or it can not stand at all. The churches must stand the severest test, or go into some other current, or "take to the woods." Come, let us reason together.

I invite the general public, and laboring, business and professional men in particular, to hear the gentlemen who have kindly consented to speak. We ought not to be afraid for the truth, nor of the truth. The particular topics, the names of the speakers, will be announced in special bulletins, and through the local press from week to week.

F. B. Ford,
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