



"The Miracles of the Church"

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Modern sceptics boast much about the superior genius and culture of the ancient Greeks and the marvelous power of Plato's philosophy as a civilizing and reforming agency.

The conclusions of West, the historian, in a study of this subject, are very illuminating. We are told the ancient Greeks frankly accepted the pursuit of pleasure as both natural and proper, but entirely overlooked self-sacrifice as having no place in their ideal of personal character. They were supremely selfish. Moreover, they were not attracted by the Christian's spiritual love of the beauty of holiness, or by his hatred of sin; they were moved more by an intellectual admiration for the beauty of moderation. In their regulation of evil, however, they simply tolerated and perpetuated it.

Persons of lofty character and lovable personality were the exception among the Greeks. No commonwealth ever produced so many men of towering genius, but many states have pro-

duced far better men. Greek excellence was intellectual, rather than moral. Trickery and deception are declared to have been prominent traits of most of the great men among them; and the historian denies to the old Greeks both moral and physical courage as national characteristics. Nevertheless, a few men among them did tower to great heights and have given the world some of the noblest moral teachings. The historian tells us the Greeks were cruel and barbarous, though Socrates and Plato are declared to be far superior to the Hebrew moralists, and even the average Christian moralist. It is only in the sublime precepts of Jesus that the philosophy of those old masters is surpassed.

A glance at the moral teachings of some of the Greek teachers may be interesting. Aeschylus wrote:

"The lips of Zeus know not to speak a lying speech. But will perform each single word."

"Justice shines in smoke-grimed houses and holds in regard the life that is righteous; she leaves with averted eyes the gold-bespangled palace which is unclean, and goes to the abode that is holy."

Sophocles wrote: "Nor did I deem thy edicts strong enough

That thou, a mortal man, shouldst overpass The unwritten laws of God, that know no change."

Socrates said to his judges: "Wherefore, O judges, be of good cheer about death, and know this of a truth—that no evil can happen to a good man, either in life or after death. He and his are not neglected by the gods."

Plato wrote: "My counsel is that we hold fast to the heavenly way and follow justice and virtue, considering that the soul is immortal and able to endure every sort of good and every sort of evil. Thus we shall live dear to one another and to the gods, both while remaining here, and when, like conquerors in the games, we go to receive our reward."

Prayer of Socrates: "Beloved Pan, and all ye other gods who haunt this place, give me beauty in the inward soul; and may the outward and inward man be as one. May I reckon the wise to be the wealthy, and may I have such a quantity of gold as none but the temperate can carry."

It has been said that Athens, in the fourth century before Christ, produced more men of the first rank than the entire civilized world ever produced in the same length of time. Sculptors, painters, architects, orators, poets and philosophers fairly swarmed in the Greek metropolis; and in the fine arts the Greeks have eclipsed all ages. However—the Greek culture had its limitations. In

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her golden age a majority of her people were slaves. The public did not esteem nor honor labor. The gentle virtues were ignored while the heroic virtues were exalted. Commerce and industry were left to the class who were not citizens. War and government constituted the only business of the citizens.

Greek culture in those times was for men only. Women lived in seclusion. They were illiterate. They had no place nor interest in public affairs. The chivalry of the knight of a later age toward woman did not stir the heart.

Plato recognized the supremacy of God. He taught man's obligation to virtue, and his abstinence from vice. He had vague dreams of immortality; and approaches very close to Christian truth, both in ethics and religion. He declared the Supreme God created a subordinate deity, who created, and who governs the world—a near approach to the gospel of Saint John. But he also taught the dogmas of plurality of gods; world soul; pre-existence of man; the community of property and of women; and the malignant, occult property in matter which is antagonistic to God.

It must be remembered, however, that the philosophy of Plato, with all its truth and beauty, was sadly deficient—and was utterly incapable of conquering the cruelty, and barbarity, the slavery, polygamy, and idolatry of the Greeks and Romans. The philosophy of Plato and Aristotle were completely overwhelmed and submerged by those old paganism. Why did they fail? Simply because they were deficient in the essential truths. They did not teach the doctrines of repentance, and forgiveness, and faith, and regeneration, as the highway from sin to holiness, and from Mammon to God. The boasted culture of Plato failed utterly to conquer evil, and purify laws, and governments, and society.

It remained for Christ to expound the principles of salvation, and point the effective way to the higher life and nobler civilization, through repentance and forgiveness, faith and regeneration. Behold, then, the miracle of the church! It began its mission in weakness of numbers—a mere handful. It began without arsenal, or military, or social, or legal, or political standing in the world—and yet it has, one by one, conquered the old idolatries, and slavery, and polygamy, and oppressive government, ignorance and superstition, and the mongrel brood of heathenism. The powerful enemies which overwhelmed Plato have fallen before the gospel of Christ proclaimed by the church!

In the appalling warfare now raging between the so-called Christian nations, we witness but the age-long conflict between heathenism and Christianity. The militarist aristocracy, under the pretense of justice and patriotism, is battling to subdue the democratic spirit of the times, which is fostered by Christianity. It is modern and refined paganism struggling to fasten the old domination of military despotism upon all civil and religious power in the world.

One great factor, however, happily portends the triumph of liberty over oppression in this last rally of heathenism for supremacy; the mind and heart of civilization revolts in condemnation of the aggressors in this stupendous crime, and God shall yet conquer mammon, Christianity shall prevail over heathenism, and freedom over feudalism.

Letters from the People

To the Public of the City of Klamath Falls and Vicinity:

There having been a great deal of talk in the vicinity of your city with reference to the construction of the so-called Strahora railroad, especially with reference to the securing of rights of way throughout the county, in which talk it has been more or less openly charged that certain parties were obstructing the progress of the railroad by refusing to deal equitably with the railroad committee as to rights of way, I want to say just a word or two about the right of way through my land at Olene.

Many of you people are familiar with the location of my property at the "Gap," and know just how my land lays with reference to side hill and bottom land. The only productive land I have is the narrow strip along the river bank below the road. Upon this strip is located my orchard, garden, chicken park, store buildings and barns. Just above my house on the hill side runs the U. S. canal. I have offered, and repeat the offer, to give a right of way for the railroad, free of all cost, if the same is located so that it will go above the canal and back of my house, but I cannot afford to have a railroad right of way cut through the only land that is productive, and upon which I depend for my living.

If, as has been reported to me, the railroad line is to be located so that it completely destroys my property, I will then have to insist upon just and full compensation, as it will practically ruin my property for all purposes. I merely publish this to place my side of the controversy before the people interested so that they will understand that there are two sides to this question. I am not opposed to the Strahora railroad, and will do all that is reasonable to assist in its being secured, but I am not in position to give up all of my property without just compensation.

Trusting that this will explain my side of the matter, and hoping that all things in connection with the location of this right of way can be settled amicably, I am, sincerely yours, F. P. CORPENING, Olene, Oregon.

At the Churches

Eleventh Street Baptist Church—Rev. W. H. Cox, pastor, residence 235 Tenth street. Phone 155. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Mr. Perkins superintendent. Preaching service at 11 a. m., subject, "Some Things Christians Should Do." B. F. Y. U. at 6:30 p. m., Mrs. Perkins, president. Preaching services at 7:30 p. m. subject, "Jesus the Iconoclast." Wednesday evening, 7:30, prayer and Bible study. Thursday evening, choir practice at 7:30.

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Grace Methodist Episcopal Church—Corner Tenth and High. Rev. Geo. H. Bennett, pastor, residence 1123 East street. 10 a. m., Sunday school, E. M. Chilgote, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. At the opera house at 7:30, the pastor will lecture on the subject, "The Search After God." Excellent music, free admission. V. T. Moteschenbacher, chorister. Miss Maude Newbury, pianist.

Church of Christ Scientists—Services will be held Sunday morning at 113 Fourth street, Withrow-Melhase building, opposite the court house. The subject for tomorrow's lesson will be "Soul." Sunday school from 9:45 to 10:45. Wednesday evening meeting, 7:30.

Christian Church—Corner 5th ave.

and Pine street. W. E. Rambo, minister, residence 818 Ninth street. Phone 334.

Bible school 10 a. m. All departments. Mrs. Clara Moore superintendent.

Communion and preaching at 11:00 a. m., subject, "Public Worship, a Force in Evangelism."

Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m., subject, "The Greatest Drawing Force in the World."

This church is specializing in a pre-Easter evangelistic campaign. The fundamentals of Christian teaching will be discussed on their merits, with out reference to denominational considerations.

Devotional and Bible study meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Choir practice Wednesday evening at 8:30.

First Presbyterian Church—Corner of Pine and Second streets, Rev. C. T. Hurd, pastor. Until further notice, services will be held in this church as follows: Sunday, 10 a. m., Sunday school. Morning subject, "Two Worlds of Facts, and Two Kinds of Men." Evening subject, "Sense at War With Soul: A Study of Tennyson's 'Holy Grail and other Poems.'" A program of special music will be given at each service. 6:30 p. m., Young People's service. Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., midweek service.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m., ladies' chorus rehearsal, Miss Parker director. First Monday of each month, business meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society. Second and fourth Thursday afternoons, Ladies' Aid Society. Third Thursday afternoon, Woman's Missionary Society. Third Thursday evening, the Session will meet.

Sacred Heart Church—Corner Eighth and High streets. Rev. Hugh J. Marshall, pastor. First Mass 8:30. Sunday school, 9:15. High Mass, 10:30. Evening sermon, 7:30. Being a short explanation of doctrinal points and replies to the questions placed in the question box. Week days, Mass at 7:15.

Baptist Church—Corner Eighth and Canal streets. Rev. J. B. Griffith pastor. Bible school at 10 a. m., C. R. De Lap, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Everyone cordially invited to these services.

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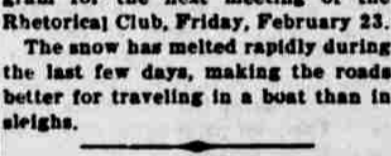
The Community Literary Society met at Henley Saturday evening, and adopted a constitution and bylaws. The society will hold its next meeting at the Mt. Laki church Saturday evening, February 24th.

The high school department will debate this question Friday afternoon, February 23d: "Resolved, That the manufacture and sale of cigarettes should be prohibited by law in the state of Oregon." Affirmative, Auba Bradbury, Mac Glenn, Otto Ballin; negative, Lester Schreiner, Mabel Latta, Ruth E. Dixon.

The pupils of the high school department are busy preparing a program for the next meeting of the Rhetorical Club, Friday, February 23. The snow has melted rapidly during the last few days, making the roads better for traveling in a boat than in sleighs.

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