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I had a fine trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and enjoyed the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church. Everything is on the go in the East. Big business and prosperity are on every hand, and people are crowding into centers already overflowing. People are interested there in the affairs of two worlds, for they are getting all the good they can here, and are preparing to get all the good

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possible in the world to come. Schools and churches are full, and people seem happy and contented in every walk of life. There the frequent rains render unsurpassed in beauty the country with woods, and fields, and flowers at their best. No barren spaces anywhere to be seen. We think of the great stretches of country here waiting for the population to be, but there they think of people, and the multitudes of children to be cared for in great industrial centers. Horace Greeley said, "Go west young man, go west." If he lived today he doubtless would say, "Go East young man, go East." That's the land of opportunity. Righteousness is necessary to make both East and West glorious.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. W. W. Deal, Pastor

Services at 11 a. m. on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays. At 7:30 p. m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.

State President, Miss Mattie Sleeth, of the W. C. T. U. will speak at the Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m.

The worst wind storm ever known residents in this section occurred last Monday between five and six o'clock. It whipped and turned many directions and everything that was not fastened solid to the ground was moved a little; and many trees throughout the country were blown out by the roots and many tops of trees were broken off. The only damage which was noticed in the city was the stopping of the strike of the big clock at the Malheur County bank.

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J. Boydell.

Movies or Anything Else

The following editorial appeared in one of the most widely read weekly magazines, a short time ago:

It is an easy thing to speak of the "decay of the church." But no one who weighed the benefits of its influence could have contemplated its decline without a sense of bereavement and foreboding. Equally, none can watch the present great interdenominational movement, which promises for Protestants the end of this decline and the beginning of renewed influence, without profound satisfaction.

When you look back over the history of this country and study the part that faith has played in molding its greatness; when you remember WASHINGTON on his knees at Valley Forge, and LINCOLN beseeching the faith of the Almighty God for the forces of the Union, you do not like to think of 26,000,000 children growing up with no spark of faith, no deep sense of reverence—and you are glad to feel that this condition is not to endure.

Look where you will in the institution of which we are most proud and you will discover the church's beneficent work. Our system of representative government was developed by the men who had first developed representative government in the church. Many of our colleges were founded by Christian ministers and have received the bulk of their support ever after from Christian people. Even to-day nearly one-half of our college students are receiving their education in denominational colleges. The place of women in the modern world, the new reverence shown to children, our business ideals, the hope of ultimate social organization founded upon the Golden Rule—all these have their roots in the teachings of the church.

So, if the interdenominational movement means getting the people of the land back into the churches of a Sunday morning, there to receive the refreshing message of faith and good will that keeps men's minds sane for the distracting struggles of existence, it means something behind which every American should place himself.

When the biggest minds of our country take this view—what opinion shall we form of goods box and curbstone oratory which seeks to convince its hearer, that the church is a hoax, and that the reason it don't prosper is because it don't amuse.

The office of the church is not to amuse, but to instruct, or perhaps more properly, to vitalize and spiritualize truth.

To the unthinking, amusement is more attractive than meditation, and if we hope for a higher development we cannot bring amusement institutions in

competition with the church,—for well we know that too large a per cent of the people of any community are inclined to take the easier course through life, regardless of ultimate result.

If Sunday evening amusements will build up a better community than Sunday evening worship, then by all means let us have Sunday picture shows, vaudeville, dances, cards, booze and all the things that make a gay life.

But if on the other hand—the moral and spiritual life of our community are at a low ebb, and by removing the influences that detract from Sunday worship, we hope to raise our standards, and live down the stigma that Nyssa bears in neighboring communities, in the name of all that is good,—people get behind any movement for a greater Nyssa.

W. S. CLORE.

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whom he will or will not worship. It is always right to worship the Creator; but the Creator never accepts forced worship; therefore man is given the power of choice, so he may render voluntary and willing service.

Though sin entered our world, the right to choose is still inherent in the individual. Therefore, forced worship is never acceptable to God nor accepted by him. This being true, no man or combination of men have any just power to force religion upon any one, nor force religious observances or institutions upon a single individual.

Civil government is ordained of God to preserve order in society, but never in things spiritual; for "the powers that be" bear the sword of steel in things temporal. The word of God is the only sword the church of Jesus Christ may ever use in protecting her institutions or propagating her doctrines. Whenever the church leaves her spiritual sword—the word of God, and resorts to the use of carnal, earthly weapons, to sustain her doctrines and support her institutions, she thereby confesses her weakness and loss of the power offered her by her Lord.

Sunday is a religious institution. The observance of Sunday is a church doctrine. The support of church doctrines ought to rest entirely upon the Holy Scriptures. When men appeal to the town council or other legislative bodies for laws to protect the sacredness of

Sunday, do they thereby confess that they do not know that the logical result of religious legislation is persecution? Or do they thus confess that they can find no support of the institution in God's Holy word?

The Sunday movie may or may not be proper; but it is never improper just because it is shown on Sunday. No just civil government can make a thing which is innocent on Monday, to be a crime on Sunday. By so doing, men violating the true principles of civil government, and denying the teachings and power of the gospel.

Christ declared "my kingdom is not of this world." He never promised his church the power of the State. He never authorized his followers to appeal to the legislature to produce His doctrines.

Sunday laws being religious laws, are also contrary to the Constitution of our great Republic. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" is a part of the Supreme law of our Nation. Shall we violate the Constitution upon which government is built by enforcing religion by law? Will such a flagrant violation make men Christians? Will it give us more liberty, or will it deprive men of some of their God given rights?

The Christian has no more rights than the non-Christian. If we concede that the followers of Jesus have equal rights

with the unbelievers in this world, then if by law the theatre is closed upon Sunday night to protect the Church in her works would it not be just as right for the town council to close up the Church on prayer meeting night to protect the business of this theatre? If not, why not?

We believe in the Bible and its institutions. We believe that spiritual and heavenly institutions are above the realm of legislation by civil law. The spiritual law deals with the heart. Civil government deals solely with the outward acts of men, and uses a sword of steel.

We suggest to our friends who deplore the Sunday theatre a careful study of God's word. Follow Christ's methods in dealing with sin. Do not adopt nor accept Cain's gospel of force. That kind of a gospel spilled the blood of millions of the Martyrs of Jesus.

Christ's methods will bring certain victory to His church. Any resort to civil law will reveal weakness and result in final disaster and ultimate ruin. Let us render to Caesar the things which are his, and to God the things which are his. The Sabbath belongs to Caesar. No civil government has any right to enforce by law, religion or re-observances which we owe to God only.

H. G. THURSTON, Field Secretary of the Religious Liberty Association. (Paid Advertisement)