



Anniversary Sermon.

We give below an abstract of a sermon preached by Rev. Robert Whitaker, of the First Baptist Church of this city, last Sunday morning, the occasion being the thirty-first anniversary of the organization of this church, and the speaker introduced his sermon with a few historical remarks. He said: "Thirty and one years have passed away since on the 23rd of December 1859 there met in this city of Salem a little handful of Baptists to form this church. There were nine present, eight of whom became the constituent members of the new church, the ninth Mr. G. P. Newell, of Oregon City, being the moderator of the meeting. Of these eight not one remains to-day in the fellowship of the church, nor am I aware that any are living except Mr. and Mrs. Adam Stevens, of the Haystack chhrch. Since that time the church has received 579 members making a total membership, were all now in fellowship with us of 587. Of these, 306 have left us, 303 having united with other churches both far and near, some having been dropped, and many having joined the church triumphant, so that we might say with Jacob, 'With my staff I passed over the Jordan and now I am become two bands.' The present membership is 218. The church has passed through many vicissitudes of fortune and has suffered severely through the ravages of death. Well may we remember the old proverb, that 'The King of Shadows loves a shining mark' as we review the names of those who have gone from us. It will be ten years the first day of January since Albert Kinney passed away. His name is all that need be mentioned to those who knew him, and who have long realized his loss. Others have followed him who were prominent in the councils of the church, among whom may be mentioned Deacon Berry, Deacon McNary, Grandina Kinney, and others, 'of whom the world was not worthy.' The first chapter of Joshua and the second verse was chosen as an appropriate text, the theme of the sermon being thus expressed, 'God's work goes on even though his appointed leaders may fall. The death of Moses occurred at a time when Israel's need of him was apparently greater than it had ever been, yet here we have the command: 'Moreover my servant is dead, now therefore arise, go over this Jordan thou and all this people into the land which I do give to thee, even to the children of Israel.'" So when Paul laid his head on the block at Rome the gospel which he preached went forward till Rome herself became the center of the faith. Luther died but his voice still echoes through the ages. Williference and Wendell Phillips have passed away but the cause of freedom goes on and shall go on till the last manacle shall fall from the wrists of the last slave. A great cause does not and cannot die, Israel went on because her advance was in the line of God's promises. She had the divine assurance behind her and the death of Moses could not stay her march. Israel went on because her advance was in the line of human progress. Her importance was relative to the welfare of the race. While she served the ends of divine beneficence she prospered, and perished as a nation only when her pride and stubbornness made her obstinate. An equidist is important to the great city which depends upon it for a water supply but it is important because of the water which it carries. The nation of Israel was the channel of God's grace to men. When she failed to carry that grace her end was near. So is the church the channel of divine grace to-day and if she fail to make good her mission no human help can save her. While she is doing God's work she cannot fail. As long as the progress of the church is consistent with the trust progress of the race she will go forward though a thousand Moyses perish. When her progress fails in this, she too will fail. What is true of the church is true of every righteous cause; its progress is assured while the program contributes to the uplifting of men. God's attitude towards Moyses should teach us humility. However useful we may be we are none of us indispensable. So Moyses seemed, but Israel went forward when he had passed away. So it seemed with David, so with Paul, and so it ever seems with the truly useful. We know of men

to-day whose service appears to be indispensable and yet when they die the Israel of God will not stay its progress. And we who are here and hold to-day such positions of honor and trust in the community and the church are by no means indispensable to the carrying out of the divine process. But on the other hand the story of Moyses should inspire and encourage us. To the man who is truly devoted to his cause the cause is greater than the man. It is uplifting to the unselfish man to know that his cause cannot fail, in so far as it is the cause of God and humanity. As Arthur Hoge Clough has so beautifully said:

"It fortifies my soul to know  
That though I perish, truth is so:  
That however I stray or range,  
Whither I do Thou dost not change:  
I steadier step when I recall  
That though I slip, Thou dost not fall."

Weather Report.  
December, 1890.  
During December 1890, there were 15 days on which rain fell and 4.33 inches of water. There were 1 clear, 4 fair, 10 cloudy, and 10 foggy days.  
The highest temperature for the month was 53° on the 29 and 30; the lowest temperature for the month was 29° on the 9 and 28; the mean daily range of temperature 41°-44°; monthly range of temperature 24°.  
Greatest daily range of temperature 20° on the 25; least daily range of temperature 4° on the 16; mean daily range of temperature 11°-5-31.  
Average mean temperature for Dec. in 21 years, 39°-1; for this year is above normal by 2°-3. Excess since Jan. 1, 8°-4.  
Average precipitation for Dec. in same time 6.02 inches, that for this year is below normal by 1.39 inches. Deficiency since Jan. 1, 5.71 inches.  
Frost occurred on the 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 24, 29, and 30.  
The prevailing winds were from the north 14 days, south 3 days, and southwest 4 days.  
During Dec. 1889, there were 16 rainy days and 5.26 inches of water; there were 4 clear, 3 fair, 19 cloudy and 5 foggy days.  
Highest temperature for the month 51° on the 5 and 7; lowest temperature for the month 18° on the 29; mean temperature for the month 39°-2.  
THOMAS PEABCE.  
Eols, Jan. 1, 1891.

Capital National Bank.  
We publish in another column the report of the condition of the Capital National Bank of Salem, as called for by the comptroller of the Currency at the close of business, on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1890, showing a very prosperous and safe condition, and in comparison with former statements, showing a remarkable growth in its business. Notwithstanding the present stringency in money, the world over, the item of deposits in this bank has paid a gain of \$50,000, compared with their statement as published one year ago, aggregating now a quarter of a million dollars.  
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While employed as agent of the Michigan Central railroad company at Agra, N. Y., he contracted the disease which has since proved to be fatal. The doctor told him that he had the disease, and that he would live only a few days. He was told that he would live only a few days. He was told that he would live only a few days. He was told that he would live only a few days. He was told that he would live only a few days.

School Tax List.  
The school taxes of district No. 24 in Marion county are now due and payable at the clerk's office in No. 303 Commercial street (in the rear of P. S. Dearborn's brick store in the Bush Freeman block) in Salem. The same will become delinquent unless paid within 60 days from this date, by order of board, this 17th day of November, 1890. W. W. SHIMMONS, District Clerk.

Abraham and Sarah.  
An Alabaster paper says: "An aged couple, Mr. and Mrs. George, residing near Woodworth, have recently had a third child, a bright-eyed baby. The father and mother

Queen Victoria's Rings.  
It is said that the three rings which Queen Victoria prizes the most highly are: First of all her wedding ring, which she has never taken off, then a simple emerald ring, with a tiny diamond in the center, which the Prince Consort gave her at the age of sixteen, and an emerald ring, which she has worn for many years. For many years after the Prince Consort's death her Majesty kept these rings on her fingers, only taking them off to wash her hands, so the water would, of course, spoil the emerald.

Insurances.  
D. C. SHERMAN,  
U. S. Pension and Claim Agent, P. O. Box 847, Salem, Oregon, Deputy County Clerk. Write for book.

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