

BISHOP WILLIAMS OF OMAHA, HELD SERVICES AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

He Was Greeted By a Large Congregation and His Discourse Was On the Theme, "Obedience to the Law of the Kingdom," Which Delighted His Hearers.

The morning service at St. Luke's church Sunday was of great interest and a large congregation came out to hear Bishop Williams, who preached a magnificent sermon, taking for his theme "Obedience to the Law of the Kingdom." The music furnished by the large, well-drilled choir fitted in with the discourse. The solo parts in the tedeum were taken by Miss Edna Peterson and Mr. Austin. The choir also sang that beautiful anthem by Brono Huber, "My Defence Is of God." The bishop spoke in part as follows:

My text taken, dear friends, from the Epistle for the nineteenth Sunday after Trinity—Ephesians iv, verses 17-18: "That ye henceforth walk, not as other gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind; having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God."

St. Paul, in writing these inspired words of exhortation to the church in Ephesus, making a striking distinction between those Gentiles who had accepted Christ and His authority, and the other Gentiles who had not accepted and surrendered to Christ. He goes on to show that those who had rejected Christ were walking in the vanity of their mind—that is, each one was walking according to his own mind and inclinations. Now, it seems to me that St. Paul struck the keynote of the greatest difficulty which confronts Christianity today—a difficulty which has assumed enormous proportions since the sixteenth century and is fostered and encouraged by the current sentiment and teachings of today. "Each according to his own mind."

But what are the facts? What truth did St. Paul emphasize when he made this very plain and simple distinction? Why, this, that God came into our humanity and organized his kingdom on earth. It was not a republic in the sense of its civil policy. It was not a democracy or a commune in its practical application of law and order. It was a kingdom over which Christ reigned and is now reigning as its king—a kingdom with officers in orderly subordination to administer and enforce not their own laws and will, but the laws and will of Christ, its king. But the trouble is that authority of any kind is very galling to the natural carnal heart, and whenever the kingdom and its laws are asserted it becomes an offense to the world and the fallen will of man generally, which wishes to have its own way.

The consequence is that there is always a body of resistance which sometimes finds an expression within the kingdom itself.

Nominal Christianity is divided into two great parts. First, those who are living within those historic and apostolic bodies which have derived and preserved this idea of a kingdom, with its laws and authority from the beginning. Secondly, those who by accident are living without the kingdom, or deny the necessity of preserving the truth by the safeguards which the past history of the world long ago demonstrated as the only protection against heresy and schism.

Now, when an earnest soul—and how many of them there are—asks me as a minister and authorized teacher of the kingdom the question, "What is your view of the incarnation?" I say to myself, here is a precious soul walking according to his own mind, and he supposes that there is no other way for me to walk in, and so he says to me, what is my view, my opinion? He asks the question out of his whole heart, and he is generally much surprised when he hears the reply: "I have not so learned Christ. Who am I that my view is better than yours? You ask the blind to lead the blind. Why is my view better than yours? I have no view. But there is something better, however. I can impart to you what the Kingdom of God on earth is, what the pillar and ground of the truth gives as the truth, both to you and to me and to the whole world. It is my duty as a Christian to accept that truth, and my office as a priest to give it to you if you seek it."

Well, brethren, here is the issue which St. Paul makes: Either submission to the law of the kingdom, or groping in the darkness of our own mind. The opposing forces in Christianity today are individualism and Catholicity. There is a vast difference in believing in the kingdom and in believing in one's own self and one's own view. It is the difference between humility and self-esteem; submission and revolt; order and confusion; peace and certainty; obedience and disobedience. One person says, "I don't believe in baptism; I can be a Christian without that" (following his own mind—but suppose it is a law of the kingdom? Another says, "I do not see the necessity of confirmation"—but suppose it is a law of the kingdom? Another says, "I do not wish to go to communion"—but suppose it is

the law of the kingdom? When the Christian in mind and spirit, in deed and in truth, considers his Master, as he kneels in Gethsemane, surrendering utterly in the great words, "Nevertheless, Father, not my will but Thine be done"—when the Christian feels how great is submission and how beautiful, and he remembers how it was told him that unless he became, in gentleness of heart, in dutifulty of spirit, in teachableness of mind, in trustiness of faith, like a little child, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven, what is the normal effect of the kingdom of God on our pride, and what effect has its constituted authority upon us?

At the Presbyterian Church.

A large congregation greeted the pastor at the Presbyterian church when he arose to speak Sunday morning, and Rev. Gade preached a strong sermon on the theme, "The Necessity of Adversity." Miss Gladys Marshall sang "Dear Promised Land," the words and music being composed by Mrs. Lutfia E. Burton of this city. Miss Marshall was accompanied by her brother, Ralph, with trombone, and Raymond Hamm with violin. The evening service, conducted by the Y. P. S. C. E., was led by Rev. Gade. At this meeting Miss Mathilda Valley sang a very beautiful solo.

The evening service, conducted by the C. E. society, was led by Rev. Gade, and very largely attended and was a very interesting meeting. An invitation had been extended to the members of the C. E. society of the Christian church to join them in this service, and in anticipation of the state convention, which will be held at Lincoln October 26-29, made this service a convention meeting. The members of the C. E. society of the Christian church attended in a body. A short song service was held, the scripture lesson being read by Carl Schmidtman and Evan Noble. Splendid talks were given on things observed at conventions attended. Thomas Wiles gave a most excellent talk on "The Pledge," taking different parts of the pledge and explaining how and why it should be kept. Mr. Briggs had for his subject "Why Attend the State Convention?" and he said the convention was attended by the young people in order to obtain information, and gave a number of illustrations. Mr. Robertson gave a few well chosen remarks, his subjects being "The Motto" and "For Christ and the Church." Rev. Gade, who had charge of the services, gave a short talk on the lesson topic, as well as one for the convention. Miss Mathilda Valley favored the young people with a beautiful vocal selection. After this service the C. E. society of the Presbyterian church held a short business session and elected Misses Ruth Chapman, Clara Wohlfarth and Bernice Newell delegates to the convention. The C. E. society of the Christian church has elected Flace Phebus as their delegate.

At the Methodist Church.

The services at the Methodist church yesterday were of the usual interesting character. There was a large attendance at the Sunday school in all its departments. Rev. Austin spoke at the morning service on "Our Responsibility to Child Life." At this service the special music consisted of a solo by Miss Lillian Thomson. A cradle reception was held at 2:30 by the superintendent, Miss Alice Tney, and a program was given and baptism of children was administered by the pastor. Nine delegates were selected to attend the congress of Methodism at Lincoln this week.

The Young Men's Bible class will be addressed this evening by Judge Travis, and at this session Miss Lucile Bates will sing a solo.

A Lively Runaway.

Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock August Engelkemeier's team became frightened and broke loose from the hitching rack at the cold storage plant. They started north for home, but failed to negotiate the bridge just north of Isaac Pollard's, ran through the wire fence and jumped over the bank into the creek, where they stayed until they were untangled. Aside from a broken wagon tongue and some scratches to the horses, the damage was light.—Nehawka News.

For Sale.

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Ed Tritsch of Eight Mile Grove precinct was in the city this morning transacting business with Plattsmouth merchants.

A SURPRISE PARTY IN THE CAPITAL CITY

Several Plattsmouth People Attend Enjoyable Event and Have Good Time.

A very pleasant surprise party was held at the home of J. A. Crouse, 1223 F street, Lincoln, Neb., last Saturday evening at 8:30. The surprise was on their son, Earl, and daughter, Dollie, and had been planned by Mrs. Crouse and Miss Frances Wagner, a friend of Miss Dollie Crouse. The evening's entertainment consisted of many games, social conversation and the like. Both vocal and instrumental music was had in abundance, which was furnished by Miss Amelia Wekesser and Miss Gladys Steinhauer. A delightful two-course luncheon was served, which all enjoyed very much. At a late hour the young people departed for their homes, leaving with Earl and Dollie many pretty gifts and wishes for many more happy birthdays.

Those present were: Misses Mata Horen, Edna Christopherson, Christine Brehm, Amelia Wekesser, Nell Gregg, Edna Faling, Clara Thielen, Frances Wagner, Gladys Steinhauer, Plattsmouth; Messrs. Waller Schaubes, Roy Campbell, Roy True, George Proud, Oliver Ladwig, Ben Baulaub, Fred Pike, Mr. Goodwin, and Edgar Steinhauer, Plattsmouth.

WEeping WATER.

Wallace Philpot, who thought for a time he would lose the sight of one eye, says that the sight is gradually improving.

Mr. Wm. Budig and wife of Plattsmouth were in town Saturday, visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Walter Green and family.

J. L. Kennedy and wife and Miss Hazel returned home last Monday from White Bear, Minn., and he expects to continue in business here.

Grandpa and Grandma J. L. Kennedy, according to reports from Spearfish, S. D., which indicates a son born to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kennedy.

The cable for the electric light is being put up. The building is not yet completed nor any of the machinery on hand.

H. J. Inhelder has a car of potatoes on the track, also E. E. Day. The prices are 80 and 85 cents per bushel. Nice, big potatoes.

The Louisville Courier stated last week that J. A. Eller had sold the hotel here. Mr. Eller says he has not made a sale or trade yet.

M. J. Thacker was out to Norfolk last week to see about a railroad job. He passed a satisfactory examination on all except colors, and his failure in that respect cuts him out of the railroad class.

Reports from farmers are to the effect that the army worms are doing considerable damage to wheat fields. Some fields in this vicinity are quite spotted and it is said a few near Nehawka were cleared off.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dunn came in some time ago from North Yakima, Wash., and have been in South Omaha, where Bert has taken treatment for rheumatism. He was here the latter part of the week visiting friends.

Ed Kelley, who was injured in the threshing machine, has been removed to St. Joseph's hospital, and the latest news is to the effect that danger from infection is now past. The chances are now that he will have the use of his arm, even if partially crippled.

T. J. Sokol Dance.

A large attendance greeted the reception committee at the T. J. Sokol hall dancing party Saturday night. The music dispensed by Roy Holly and the M. W. A. orchestra was superb, and everyone on the floor enjoyed the waltzing to the fullest extent. The ball was one of the most successful events given this season, not a thing occurring to mar the pleasure of the evening, and at a late hour the merry dancers dispersed for their home.

Will Go to Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dovey departed last evening for Chicago and New York City, where they will visit their daughters, Miss Alice Dovey and Mrs. Ethel Truesdale, for a few weeks. Mr. Dovey will spend some time in buying goods and return in about two weeks. Mrs. Dovey expects to go to Europe with Miss Alice, leaving New York early in December.

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Ed Collins Thinks Best to Compromise With Company and Receives \$1,500.

Ed Collins, who was injured in the Missouri Pacific wreck of the 15th inst., has settled his claim against the company for \$1,500. Ed was the first victim of the wreck to file his suit in the courts.

He sustained a broken leg and was otherwise badly bruised. There were rumors several times on the day of the wreck that he had died before getting to the hospital. His injury was quite serious, his leg being crushed rather than broken, and it will keep him in the hospital for some time.

For some time previous to the accident he was employed at William Barclay's restaurant in this city, and from the nature of his injury and considering the circumstances, Collins might have recovered a considerable sum from the company had he gone ahead with his suit. But he felt that the outcome would be uncertain as to the amount received, and that in the course of two or three months he would be able to go to work again, and in the long run he would be ahead by compromising at the sum that he accepted.

Successful Huntsmen.

Streight & Barker returned from a hunting trip down the river early this morning, and the quantity of ducks and geese brought in by them were killed Saturday evening and before daylight this morning, as they would not violate the law by shooting on Sunday. The squirrels they killed were given to T. W. Glenn as a bribe not to give it away that the two hunters were out over Sunday. Their quick heavy charges jarred the government boat loose, which was stuck on the sand bar near King Hill; at least the hunters say so, and allowed it to proceed up the river. The successful hunters are sorry they are not allowed to sell any of their game.

Earl Leesley and wife went to South Bend Saturday afternoon to spend Sunday with friends.

Give Us Early Light.

We do not like to be eternally growling about earlier lights in the morning, but it is awful for one to come down to his place of business about 5:30 or 6 o'clock in the morning and work with the light of a coal oil lamp until it is light enough to do without it, and then have the electric light come on right over your head—just when you don't need it. Of course, we do not know why they can't be turned on at least an hour earlier. But we do know that it would be a god-send to many homes where the household duties compel them to rise earlier than the ordinary merchant or office man. An all-night lighting system is what Plattsmouth ought to have, and then that would stop the growling of early risers, who must get up before daylight. Give us earlier lights and don't wait all winter to do it.

Will Meet at Lincoln.

On Wednesday, October 25, the "Congress of Nebraska Methodism" will meet at Lincoln for a two days' session under the leadership of Bishop John L. Nuelson. An interesting program has been prepared and arrangements for a banquet on Wednesday evening. The bishop says: "It will be an occasion of profit for every pastor and layman of our church in Nebraska." Some of the prominent speakers who will be present to address the congress will be: D. W. C. Huntington, University Place, chancellor of the school; C. O. Lobeck, Omaha; Judge John N. Dryden, Kearney; Governor Chester H. Aldrich; S. K. Warick, Alliance; W. D. Cameron, Omaha; J. W. Jennings, Kansas City; Bishop E. H. Hughes and others.

Suffers From Boil.

H. S. Austin was laid up Saturday with a boil on his nose. He had a physician dress the injury this morning and went to his work at the storehouse, looking as though he had come out of a railway wreck.

L. J. Mayfield of the Louisville Courier and his brother, O. M. Mayfield, were Plattsmouth visitors today, looking after some items of business. While here both gentlemen dropped in to give the Journal force a pleasant smile and the glad hand.

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