

WORLD IS NOT MADE FOR MAN

Humanity is Only an Incident to the Great Plan of Creation.

GOD IS NOT AN AVENGING NEMESIS

Rev. Newton Mann Vigorously Assails Some of the Doctrines of Many Pulpit Orators—Excellence Comes with Effort.

"The primary fact we need to take to our minds is that this earth and these heavens are not incidental to man; man is incidental to them. He has come into being in a world subject to certain phenomena, which have repeated themselves for incalculable ages, and with whose continuance he has no more to do than have Mother Cary's chickens on keeping up the nib and flow of ocean tides. Nothing but a false and puerile conception of the universe, backed up by enormous self-conceit, could have led him to imagine himself the object toward which any benign or destructive agency in nature is purposely directed."

Such was the declaration of Rev. Newton M. Mann in his Sunday morning sermon at Unity church, on "The Tower of Babel. An Inquiry into the Spiritual Significance of Unspiritual Things." Rev. Mr. Mann's preliminary reading was from Luke xiii, 4, in which Jesus is made to say: "Eighteen on whom the tower of Babel fell and killed them, think ye that they were offenders above all the men that dwell in Jerusalem?"

Things Imaged. Rev. Mr. Mann said: "According to a habit of thought, not yet outgrown, people were disposed to imagine that these victims were singled out for the slaughter by an avenging power, whose ill will they had somehow incurred. This view seems taken occasion pointedly to correct. Pretty much everywhere in the old scriptures an avenging power is assumed to be manifest in all natural and preternatural catastrophes, the latter being associated with human guilt. This primitive teaching has with a strong foundation in the helplessness of time of peril. This shows that reason has not yet enough deepened its hold on the religious nature. It needs yet to iterate and to reiterate the rational gospel."

"That primitive apprehension has fastened itself in our creeds and even in our local forms. By the act of God in the legal phrase used to indicate unforced calamities. I object to that phrase, not because it makes God figure in a rare and appalling phenomena, but because, by implication, it excludes Him from all other phenomena. He is not more in the deadly lightning stroke than in genial sunshine and shower."

"There are preachers who, having pointed out that the earthquake, the tornado or the drought is a manifestation of God's righteous indignation toward the people afflicted by it, will forthwith turn around and ask for a contribution to relieve the sufferers—that is, to make the divine judgment of no effect. Thus the right feeling substitutes the wrong reasoning."

Blessing in Sufferings. "These very trials shape our ends to nobler fashions sometimes. If there were no suffering there would be no tender sympathy, and, as far as we can see, the world would be only the worse off, from which is evolved this paradox: The higher human excellence comes from the effort to lessen the world's misery."

"Not only may we say, God does not bring catastrophe to punish His enemies. We may go further and say He cannot prevent it even to save His friends. The laws of nature are the word of God; He cannot give His word in them and He cannot break it."

Man has not dwined in importance, but the world has widened and God's infinity is better perceived. All things, we see, were not made for us; but many things are ours, richly to enjoy, the world has room and some sort of welcome for everyone. And over us and over all there is a benignant Providence."

LOVE MAKES WORLD BRIGHTER

Touches Out the Rough Lines of Humanity and Brings Out the Better Side.

At the First Congregational church Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. Hubert C. Herring, preached from the subject, "The Endurance of Love."

"Why is it," he asked, "that people cannot live together in harmony? The cynic has an answer ready. He says the fault is with the people and he quotes from Carlyle, 'The world is made up of a billion people, mostly fools.' But is it not true that the fault is with ourselves? Could we not dwell in peace with our neighbor if we would open our hearts to love and stop quibbling about what we consider his faults and frailties? So few of us realize that when we pass judgment on others we are really exposing our own narrowness and imperfection."

"We have all seen the proof that the photographer sends us a few days after the sitting, and we have been appalled at the crow's feet and the freckles and moles that stand out so prominently. Then, after another lapse of a few days, the finished picture comes: the hard lines have been touched out; the shadows have been toned down and softened; and the wrinkles have been smoothed over. Then we feel better about it, decide that life will be worth living yet a little while, after all. The proof that come first is the cynic's report of life; he looks at the world as the sun printed your picture on the sensitive plate, with a frankness that is cruel because it is only partially true. His report is literal, material. The finished picture is the report of love; it sees something of the soul that is behind the imperfections; it lets the larger life, and reveals the soft, ideal light, as we see the sky glow with sunset. Beware of the man who has such regard for what he considers facts that he fails to see the broader, deeper truth of love."

HUMANITY CAPTIVE TO SIN

Condition of the Race Likened to the Bondage of the Ancient Hebrews of Babylon.

Rev. A. C. Hirst of the First Methodist church had for the topic of his morning sermon, "The Return of the Ransomed." He spoke from the text, "And the ransomed shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their lips." Isaiah x, 35. He said in part: "This declaration of the prophet Isaiah has for its groundwork the seventy years' captivity of the Hebrews in Babylon. At the close of those weary years of exile in a heathen land the happy people, 42,000 in all, marched forth from Babylon and took up their journey to Jerusalem with songs of gladness at their deliverance. 'Humanity today is in a captivity to sin

no less strong, no less galling than that of the early Hebrews in Babylon. We are held by the lust of the flesh, by the desire of the eye. We are held in the walls of sin today as closely as the Hebrews were held within the walls of Babylon. Humanity unregenerated is like an eyelid, stretched by the force of false education. This is humanity's captivity in the Babylon of sin. "Human reason at its highest flight cannot find God alone. The brightest minds of every age and every nation have tried and failed. And yet the heart longs for deliverance from the captivity of sin. But it can only come through that sublime tragedy of all ages. The emancipation of the ancient Hebrews in Babylon, of the white slaves in England, of the serfs in Russia and of the black race in America were sublime periods of world's history. But they sink into insignificance when compared with God's deliverance from sin. The ransomed of the Lord are coming from a variety of battlefields, a mighty procession of God's hosts marching on to Zion."

DUNDEE DEDICATES A CHURCH

Presbyterians Establish the First Regular Place of Worship in the Suburb.

The First Presbyterian church of Dundee was dedicated yesterday afternoon. This building is the first to be formally set apart for religious services in the village and the first to be built by the congregation of people who live in the suburb, but from the city as well.

In telling the history of the church at Dundee, Dr. Lamp of the Theological seminary, who has been connected with the work from the start, said that when the subject was first mentioned it was regarded as a puerile idea. It was not until it was found that it would be impossible, as the funds for such a church would have to be raised by local subscriptions entirely. It was then decided that either the Methodist or the Presbyterian, representing numerically the stronger sects in the village, would have to build the house of worship. The former decided that the time was not opportune and the latter took the matter up. Application was made to the general board in New York and the local committee received \$1,200 from that source.

The expense of the removal and the changes necessary in the building created an expense of about \$3,200, of which \$2,300 had been paid, and a debt of \$1,200 remained.

At the services yesterday afternoon Rev. T. V. Moore of the Westminster Presbyterian church presided. Dr. Allison of the Castellar Street Presbyterian church delivered the invocation. After a solo by Miss Mason, Dr. Stevenson of the Second Presbyterian church offered prayer. The Dundee Harmony club sang an anthem and then Rev. F. H. Jenks of the First Presbyterian church delivered the dedication sermon.

Making his text from Kings I, 21, he referred to the building of King Solomon's temple, saying that the Jewish service of that day was typical of the Christian religion of today, that man's nature has not changed, and while the Christian has the substance where the Jew had symbol, it is still necessary for men to associate together in worship, as each may draw strength and courage from the congregation. He referred to the temple worship and the contents of the different parts of the temple, saying that in the early day, when man had been but a short time called from the worship of idols, it was necessary to appeal to their sense of sight and harmony to impress upon their minds the truths of revealed religion. This necessity, said the speaker, has passed away with the progress of humanity, but as it served its place then and man does not change, it is still necessary to preserve some of the outward signs. "Christianity," said the speaker, "is based upon righteousness and truth, but the greatest of all of the principles of the religion of Christ is love." The speaker congratulated the congregation upon securing the building and said: "But the church is not the building. The church is in the hearts of the men and women who hold the principles of the Christian faith."

WORK OF THE GOSPEL WAGONS

Carry Works of Christianity Into Sections Otherwise Inaccessible to Mission Workers.

Rev. E. A. Russell of Ord and Dr. E. M. Stephenson of Philadelphia conducted a service at Calvary Baptist church yesterday morning in the interest of missions. Rev. Russell is the Baptist Sunday school missionary for Nebraska, Wyoming and upper Colorado. Dr. Stephenson is identified with the publication department of the American Baptist Publication society. The two men will spend thirty days holding meetings in the Baptist churches of Nebraska and inaugurated their work with services at Calvary church yesterday.

At the morning service Dr. Stephenson explained the plan of house-to-house visitation which the Baptist church has adopted for use in sparsely settled districts and made a plea for funds with which to enlarge the home mission work of the church. Six years ago Dr. Stephenson began missionary work in northern Michigan. He secured a horse and buggy and went into the pines where no Christian worker had ever been. He soon had a missionary wagon made in which he could live. This made it possible for him to carry all sorts of religious literature. Dr. Stephenson's plan proved so successful that the Baptist church ordered other wagons and at present more than thirty gospel wagons are in use by that denomination throughout the United States.

"The gospel wagon has brought light into homes which would never have been reached by any other plan," said Dr. Stephenson. "It made it possible for religious workers to go into districts where there were no accommodations for them. In states like Arkansas and Texas the gospel wagon is proving especially successful. Many wagons are now being used in Texas and others are to be brought into service in a short time. This new system of evangelization has proved so successful that it promises to know to enormous proportions." In discussing his work in Nebraska Rev. Russell said: "The state superintendent of Nebraska has handed down a decision which is of great importance to home mission workers. He has decided that school houses may be used for religious services with the consent of the directors. This makes it possible for the missionaries who go into sparsely settled districts to have a house in which to hold their services. Our colporter wagons go into many districts where there are no buildings other than the schoolhouse in which meetings can be held. Our gospel wagon takes canvas a district surrounding a schoolhouse during the day and the mission workers hold services at the school building in the evening. Directors who did not think that there was a provi-

FAITHFUL MEN ARE WANTED

Trait of Character Which Made John the Beloved of All the Disciples.

"The Individualizing Power of Jesus' Love" was the subject of the sermon preached by Rev. P. H. Foster of the First United Presbyterian church yesterday morning. The text was the words of John: "One of the disciples whom Jesus loved." John xiii, 35.

John himself was this specially favored disciple and the thought of the sermon was a faithful man. John made him loved above the rest. This, the pastor said, was his trait of faithfulness. This one quality more than any other is what makes a man, even today, supreme. It is what all good men in the world cry out for and seek. Sincerity, absolute honesty and integrity of purpose and uprightness of determination in pursuing it are desired by all as the attributes of their assistants and associates. It was the possession of this characteristic that placed John so high in Jesus' love.

But Christ loves all men with a great love. He loves them enough to die for them, although he made him loved above all of them. Yet his willingness to have done so is amply proven by many incidents of his life on earth.

Still there is a love yet higher than this, and John had it. Why? Because of his faithfulness. When Jesus was taken away captive to Jerusalem, John was steadfast in not leaving him, and when he was released he went on to him. He was present at all the trials of Jesus and heard the Lord's last words. He was faithful and staunch to the last.

But just as Jesus needed John's love so did John need that of Jesus. He needed it to make him true to the farmer, but he was. Yet, despite the high favor in which he was held no man today need envy John. Any who will be as staunch will receive in an equal degree the love of Christ. That this one attribute is the most desired by Jesus is indicated in his words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Ed Johnston Denies He and Mayor Kelly Are Seeking to Have Terms Extended.

DESIRED CHARTER CHANGES ARE FINANCIAL County Expected to Assist the City in Stamping Out Contagious Diseases—Increase in Receipts at the Yards.

"All this talk," said Councilman Ed Johnston yesterday, "about Mayor Kelly and myself visiting Governor Savage for the purpose of urging an extra session in order that the South Omaha charter might be changed to prolong the terms of the present city officials two years is all talk." Continuing, Mr. Johnston said: "Mayor Kelly visited Lincoln for the purpose of looking into the library proposition and to ascertain just what conditions Mr. Carnegie imposed when he donated \$50,000 for a library building at Lincoln. While there we called upon the governor and talked for a moment about the proposed extra session. We told the governor that a call would be made for an extra session we wished he would include a couple of amendments to the South Omaha charter. One of the important amendments to be considered is the increase in the rate of interest to be paid on general indebtedness bonds from 4 to 5 per cent. Last year we were forced to indenture to dispose of South Omaha general bonds at 4 per cent. Bond buyers are, however, willing to take the securities at 5 per cent. Another change which should be made in the charter is a section giving the municipality authority to issue bonds to take up the city's debt, and to all interest on the outstanding warrants. In case a call is made for an extra session one or two other changes might be suggested, but in my opinion these two are the most important. Not a word was said by either Mayor Kelly or myself in regard to extending the terms of office of those who now govern the affairs of the municipality."

Other members of the city government who are familiar with the existing condition of affairs are anxious to see the changes suggested made in the charter in order that the credit of the city may be improved.

Increase in Stock Receipts. Since January 1 there has been received at the Union Stock yards in South Omaha 78,213 head of cattle. This is a decrease of only 21,885 head as compared with the same period of time last year. Commissioned buyers and other interested parties assert that this shortage is due entirely to the scarcity of cattle in the territory tributary to this market. Hog receipts up to date number 2,296,172 head, an increase over last year of 390,372 head. This increase is very gratifying to those doing business at the yards here. A great many Iowa shippers now come to this market who formerly went to Chicago. An increase in sheep receipts is also shown, the number received up to date being 1,291,902, thus showing an increase of 81,120 head. It is expected that by the close of the year the decrease in cattle will be greatly reduced and that there will be an additional increase in hog and sheep receipts.

Catholic Foresters Organize. The following officers were elected and subsequently installed at the organization of St. Agnes' court, Catholic Order of Foresters, at Woodmen hall Saturday evening: Maurice P. Hiseby, chief ranger; James W. Sheahan, vice chief ranger; Michael Lynch, past chief ranger; Francis McDonnell, recording secretary; Patrick J. McCarthy, financial secretary; Cyril Vandenberg, treasurer; Rev. D. W. McCraney, spiritual director; Dr. W. J. McCraney, medical examiner; Thomas McMahon, John Keane, Joseph Duffy, trustees; James P. Shields, senior conductor; Edward J. Wallace, junior conductor; Thomas Conway, sentinel; Peter T. Thompson, outside sentinel.

This is the first practical introduction of Catholic Forestry in South Omaha and, judging from the auspicious beginning and the coming lecture of Father Nugent, which is to be given under the auspices of St. Agnes' and St. Mary's courts, there is a bright future for this society.

County Expected to Assist. Mayor Kelly and a number of members of the board of health attended the meeting of the county commissioners Saturday for the purpose of ascertaining what the county would do towards erecting a pest-house where cases of smallpox could be isolated. A resolution was introduced appropriating \$1,000 for the erecting of a suitable building at some lonely spot in South Omaha. The city will maintain the hos-

pital if the county commissioners will pay for the construction of the same. In order to secure an opinion from the county attorney the resolution was referred for one week. Members of the local Board of Health left the meeting with the assurance that the resolution would receive a sufficient number of votes at the next meeting to carry it, providing there was no legal objection. Several localities are being considered, all of them being in out-of-the-way places where there can be no objection from residents. For a time at least bills of the Board of Health will be paid out of the general fund, but in case an emergency arises money may be borrowed for the purpose of stamping out contagious diseases.

As regards additional help for Sanitary Inspector Jones, some of the members of the board favor detaching some employee of the city who is not very busy to assist the inspector during certain hours of the day. This question will doubtless be considered at the next meeting of the board.

No Interest Taken. Secretary H. M. Christie of the South Omaha Commercial club said yesterday that the members of the organization were making no money in the club and that it was impossible to secure a quorum at a meeting of directors, to say nothing of a meeting of the club.

"It is my intention," said Mr. Christie, "to call a meeting of the club immediately after the New Year and make an earnest effort to get out all of the members. Several matters should be taken up, one of the most important being a depot on the east side and the extension of the Thirtieth street car line to Missouri avenue. In this work the Commercial club should do everything in its power to assist the East Side Improvement club."

Hakenholz Resting Easily. Henry Hakenholz, who was shot by robbers in his saloon Saturday night, was resting easily at his home, Twenty-seventh and Jefferson streets, yesterday. Dr. R. E. Schindler, who is attending him, said that it would be several days before he could tell exactly whether the wound, which is in the right lung, would prove fatal. At the present time there is no indication that it will result in anything but a long recovery.

Board of Education Meeting. An adjourned meeting of the Board of Education is billed for tonight. Bids are to be received and opened for the laying of walks about certain school buildings. Other matters may come up, but the opening of bids is the most important item to be considered.

City Council Meeting. From the outlook last night the meeting of the city council tonight will be brief. There is on file with the city clerk a proposition from the Plattsmouth Telephone company making an offer to pay a certain annuity and to charge certain rates providing it is given a franchise. As the general franchise ordinance has not been reported on by the judiciary committee the proposition will most likely be laid over until the committee report is made public.

Magic City Gossip. Miss Mabel Francisco has recovered from her recent illness. Attorney J. J. Breen has gone to Seneca, Ind., to visit friends. Frank Crawford left last night for Portland, Me., to attend the funeral of a relative. It is reported that Colonel J. B. Watkins and J. E. Smiley are circulating a petition for the opening of N street.

Rev. C. H. Miller of Schuyler delivered an interesting lecture on "Plantation Life" at the First Presbyterian church last night. The judgment recently obtained against Mrs. Ella T. Mullins by the Street Fair association has been set aside and a new trial will be had.

George Milo, manager of Armour's wholesale department here, has returned from Chicago, where he spent a week looking after business matters. Harry C. Miller, assistant cashier of the South Omaha National bank, and Miss Ethel Thomsen, cashier of the Fourth Street branch, were married Saturday afternoon by Rev. R. L. Wheeler and left at once for New Orleans.

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