

WORSHIPPED AT HELENA.

Delegates to the Portland Presbyterian General Assembly Spand Sunday Here

Preaching at the Various Churches by Prominent Clergymen of the Country.

Interesting Home and Foreign Missionary Meetings Held at the First Presbyterian Church.

The delegates to the Presbyterian general assembly arrived in Helena at midnight Saturday on eight Pullman sleepers, in charge of Assistant General Passenger Agent B. N. Austin and Dr. William Henry Roberts, of Cincinnati. There were 273 in the party, a good many of them being ladies. The train was run out to the Broadwater but taken back to the Northern Pacific depot yesterday morning. The delegates did not want to monopolize the electric lines running from the city to the Broadwater. Most of the delegates walked up town yesterday morning from the depot to attend divine service. A number of private conveyances were on hand to bring the visitors up town, but were not needed as the delegates considered it a luxury to walk after riding in the cars so long. The weather was bright and the city looked well, which was an added pleasure for the delegates. Others rode up town and about the city and visited the Broadwater and other points of interest when not attending divine service.

An interesting missionary meeting was held at the Eleventh avenue First Presbyterian church, commencing at 2:45 p. m. Rev. Dr. Holmes, of Albany, N. Y., presided and opened the session with some appropriate and stirring remarks on the duty of the church toward foreign missions. He was followed by Rev. Dr. John Werry, who has been a missionary in India for twenty years. He told of the progress made in opening up the understanding and minds of the Hindus concerning the fundamental terms of religion, such as God, the soul, and a future life. Such an advancement has been made that a missionary can now find an audience in almost any part of India who will listen to him with an intelligent understanding when speaking in English. At first the work was very difficult owing to the fact that there were 600 different dialects. The Hindus have made remarkable progress in Christian and scientific literature. Dr. Werry said signs were at hand which pointed to a great religious revolution in India in the near future, evidenced by many conversions and baptisms.

Rev. Paul D. Bergen, D. D., of Chesebrough, Ohio, who has been a missionary in the Chinese Kingdoms for eight years spoke of the enormous strength of the Chinese empire and its population. There are two very prominent features of the Chinese character. One is their resignation to whatever may happen. This is not fatalism, but something more like a resignation to the decrees of God. The second feature, he said, was the wonderful responsive power of the Chinese people. The doctor said they were the Anglo-Saxons of Asia and mentioned how they had put down the great T'ing rebellion in England. The British government a large indemnity, and yet, today the Chinese empire is in a fair financial condition.

The closing address was made by Dr. John Gilliespie, secretary of the board of foreign missions, who has recently returned from a tour around the world. He drew two striking contrasts in the history of Japan. A description was given of the tabular proclamation issued 300 years ago, expelling all Christians and all Christians from the country. The proclamation was so strong in its terms that it declared if Jesus Christ should visit Japan it would be at the peril of his life. Then the picture of modern Japan. The doctor on his tour visited three self-supporting churches in Tokio ministered to by educated Japanese, graduates of the Presbyterian Theological seminary at Tokio. These churches do not draw one dollar from the board of foreign missionary board. He spoke of the earnestness which characterizes the Chinese Japanese and said they put to shame their American brethren. He told of an old blind Japanese who had committed to memory the entire new testament and the book of Psalms, which he could repeat word for word as printed. The old Japanese had accomplished this by having five verses read to him at a time by a missionary.

In the evening there was another meeting in the interest of home missions, the church being crowded as at the afternoon gathering. Dr. W. H. Roberts, stated clerk of the general assembly, presided. Addresses were made by Dr. J. W. Werry, Iowa, Dr. Robert Christie, of St. Paul, professor-elect of the Allegheny theological seminary, and Dr. Rihaldoffer, of Redwood Falls, Minnesota. The doctor who presided on the general assembly, presided on the occasion of a moderator. He started for Oregon in 1848 and will, on this present trip, reach that state for the first time. On his way west in 1848 he found enough to do in Minnesota. He was the first minister of the first Presbyterian church in St. Paul. The delegates left for Portland at 12:01 this morning.

AT THE GRAND STREET CHURCH. A Sermon by Rev. E. R. Sutherland, D. D., of Knoxville, Tennessee.

The text of Doctor Sutherland's sermon yesterday morning in the Southern Methodist church was part of the sixteenth verse of the sixth chapter of the book of Joshua. "Joshua said unto the people about for the Lord hath given you the city." He began by saying that God did not reveal himself to his people at once. He only gave them the germ of spiritual knowledge. The successive revelations were only enlargements of preceding ideas. Each child now has to begin at the elements. Our wonderful development and advancement do not render this unnecessary. We often forget that the plan is at first only a babe in Christ. The same law of growth and progress is before the Christian as before all children. The Christian who has made wonderful progress in knowledge and methods of work, but this does not render any unnecessary. We do not reach the place of maturity and power in the Christian life as a matter of course—simply because we have entered God's family—no Christian should be satisfied with continued infancy if God has made manhood and power a possibility. The scene which illustrates the place we ought to strive for and reach as Christians is found in the history of the Children of Israel when they were brought before Jericho. Jericho was one of the great cities that had so discouraged the hearts of the spies two-score years before. Now, after forty years of wandering as the result of want of faith in God, the first difficulty which meets them is the great city. We do not get over difficulties by wandering from God. Jericho stands at the gate of Israel's promised possessions.

Well might they dread its power. Well might their hearts fail as they looked upon its strong walls. We read that the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have given into thy hand Jericho and the king thereof and the mighty men of valor," and then Joshua reported to the people the instructions and promises of God, ending by telling them that at a certain time they should shout for the Lord hath given you the city." When they shouted with a great shout the walls fell down flat and they took the city. It may be for us to see what want of faith in God might have brought to the people when they received this command. Shouting before a victory was not a usual nor a reasonable thing. Let God give them the city and then they would shout. In every way the Lord made a large draft on their faith and only faith enabled them to carry out God's plans. In the Second Book of Chronicles we have

a somewhat similar case to the one before us. A great multitude had come up against Jehoshaphat. He was unarmed. He spread the case before the Lord and received this answer, promise and order: "Ye shall not need to fight in this battle, set yourselves stand ye still and see the salvation of the Lord with you, fear not nor be dismayed, to-morrow go out against them for the Lord will be with you." Jehoshaphat and his people marched out to meet their enemies as confident of victory as if it were already theirs. They even appointed singers to praise the Lord as they went out to meet the foe. "When they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the army and they were smitten. The children of Israel looked and beheld they were dead bodies fallen to the earth and none escaped." They were "more than conquerors" and yet they did nothing but accept in advance God's victory for them. The principle on which the people acted in both these cases is not the principle we advocate in worldly matters. But the question comes whether worldly maxims and principles are always to govern us in spiritual things. We are inclined to use and apply worldly maxims and laws in the conduct of spiritual things. We forget that Christianity is a new and world—a supernatural element of factor. The Master recognizing this told those who were commissioned to advocate and propagate the gospel to tarry at Jerusalem until they should receive "power from on high." Our battles are to be fought with material swords nor with worldly wisdom alone. Our work and our qualifications for that work are new and peculiar. In our case our might comes from our faith in our victory from Him.

The principle on which we are to carry on our warfare is beautifully typified in the historic scenes just cited, and is also plainly declared in the first epistle of John. "Where we read, 'And this is the victory that overcometh the world, our faith,' and is stated by the head of the church when he said: 'Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.'" The speaker said here: "I have a growing conviction for and sympathy with the honest doubter who cannot grasp nor use the idea of faith in God as a means of salvation. If I condemn him I condemn myself. I do not see faith in God as I ought. I do not get the best out of it that I should. It would enable me to do almost infinitely more than I do as a Christian. No wonder the apostles did not pray for more eloquence, nor for wealth for themselves and the other followers of Christ, nor for a larger band of disciples to begin the work, but prayed, 'Lord, increase our faith.' With the increase of faith would come power and blessings and success. Because some people elude and evade in ways not authorized by God's word in no reason why we should not give simple, unquestioning trust in the Almighty.

When Mr. Moody began his labors in the great city of London with its millions of people and its corresponding spiritual darkness to spiritual things, he started the sceptical and even the Christian world by the opening words of his first prayer, 'Oh Lord, we thank thee for what thou art going to do for London.' Mr. Moody was right. He believed that God sent him to London to the people, why not 'about' in advance or, like Jehoshaphat, praise the Lord in advance? The result in Moody's case justified his faith.

This idea of doing Christian work feeling on God's promises and anticipating victory is justified by another consideration. There is no peradventure in the case. The destiny of the church is not something to be fixed in the future. The great battle is not to come—it is in the past. We feel of course—the other 'great battle of Christianity'—this and the other 'crisis.' We speak as if Christianity were in danger—as if its destiny were in doubt. The fact is that Christianity's great battle was fought eighteen centuries ago. Our confidence in the Gospel comes from looking back, looking up and not from numbering the hours now—not from measuring the human power for or against it in the world.

The crisis hour of Christianity was when Christ said: 'Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass.' It was ended when he said: 'It is finished.' When the enemy appears to our human eye let us see the eye of faith and see the whole world subject to Christ. If His victory means anything it means this.

We need faith in carrying on our Christian work and in meeting our foe in our own way. We ought to be able to enter the city of faith in regard to everything that comes into our experience. We may meet every enemy with a shout of victory. Even the last great enemy need not be, and ought not to be, an exception. Even he is 'the defeated'—robbed of his power to hurt us by the One who rose again. A soldier lay dying in a hospital in terrible agony. A visitor asked him, 'What church are you of?' 'Of the church of Christ,' he replied. 'I mean of what denomination—of what persuasion are you?' said the friend. 'Persuasion,' said the dying man as his eyes looked heavenward, 'bearing with love to the Savior.' 'Persuasion—I am persuaded that neither life, nor death, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. We ought to be able to trust in his name. Then our exults out of sin and our entrance into complete rest would be our glorious and prosperous way to better things. Thus we would be brought off even 'more than conquerors' through him whose victories and glories we may share by faith. So let our prayer be 'Lord, increase our faith.'

At the Other Churches. Second Presbyterian—Morning, Rev. Robt. Christie, D. D., of St. Paul; evening, Rev. Wm. Laurie, D. D., of Bellefonte, Pa. St. Paul's Methodist, Broadway—Morning, Rev. R. M. Adams, D. D., of Minneapolis; evening, Rev. John S. McIntosh, D. D., of Philadelphia.

Methodist Episcopal south, Warren and Grand—Evening, Rev. Wm. Gaston, D. D., of Cleveland, Ohio. Congregational, Benton avenue and Spruce streets—Morning, Rev. W. E. Moore, D. D., of Columbus, Ohio; evening, James T. Black, D. D., of Minnesota. Christian church, Benton avenue and Herlock street—Morning, Rev. D. Wright Bigger, D. D., of Tiffin, Ohio; evening, Rev. Wm. F. Brown, D. D., of Cannonburg, Pa.

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JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The state supreme court will be convened at 10 a. m. today. The weather bureau at Fort Assiniboine is to be moved to Havre today. Hallen & Hart in "Later On" will appear at Ming's opera house on May 23 and 24. Mrs. Wm. Quinn, of Helena, received the sad news yesterday of the death of her mother at her home in Canada. A grand concert was given at Turner hall last evening, which was a grand success. A dance followed the musical program. J. B. Massey, of The Independent stereotyping department, went to Deep creek yesterday, and brought back sixty fine trout. It is reported that the railroad from Bozto to Anaconda is an assured fact, and that the contract for its construction has been let. The old and popular firm of Broadwater, McQuinn & Co., post-traders at Fort Assiniboine, has gone out of business at that place. One hundred and twenty-five of the delegates who are on their way to attend the Presbyterian general assembly at Portland, took lunch at The Helena yesterday. It is probable that a new time card will go into effect shortly on the Montana Union, owing to the recent change of time on the Northern Pacific, passengers have to wait four hours at Garrison for Bute connection.

Maj. Roman held a council with the Kootenai Indians for the purpose of learning how many desired to go to the Washland reservation. A large attendance was present and the majority of the tribe will remove at an early day. A literary and musical entertainment is to be given at Grand Army hall on Park avenue, to-morrow night, by the Woman's Relief Corps auxiliary to the Grand Army. The price of admission is 50 cents. A party in the employ of the Northern Pacific railroad company started out from Olinabar last week to classify the Northern Pacific lands. They will work down the Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, and in the Gallatin and Madison countries this season.

Dr. D. L. Carmichael's horse and buggy are missing. The doctor hiked the horse near the Baptist church on Warren street, last evening and attended the services. When he came on the horse and buggy were gone. He says the horse was either stolen or some one maliciously cut the strap.

The Manhattan Maltng company has commenced the erection of its 225,000 bushel elevator, 200,000 bushel malt house and 150 bushels per day capacity mill. It will put in an electric light plant to supply light for its own and surrounding buildings; and all machinery in the above mentioned building will be of the most modern and approved order.

The annual session of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Montana, will be held at Great Falls, beginning Tuesday afternoon and continuing several days. The most important matter that will come before the body will be the revision of the constitution of the grand lodge, and the business of great interest to the organization will also be disposed of.

The funeral of the late Col. Walter W. de Laey took place from St. Peter's hospital at 2:30 Sunday. Rev. J. H. Crocker, of the Episcopalian congregation, conducted the services. A number of beautiful floral offerings were on the casket. The interment was at the new cemetery in the valley. Members of the Pioneer association, Montana Historical society, and Montana Society of Civil Engineers acted as pall bearers.

Miss Josephine Herman, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Casler, pleasantly entertained a number of her friends on Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Belle Kiel, it being the last of the latter young lady's birthday. The table on which a sumptuous feast was spread, was beautifully decorated with flowers, margerites and similar abounding. In the center of the table was a birthday cake on which were arranged lighted candles to the number of years Miss Belle had attained.

Col. Edward G. Bush, the new commander for Fort Missoula, is now at Fort Niagara, N. Y., and having been very ill will not come out at present. He was promoted to the colonelcy of the Twenty-fifth infantry from the lieutenant colonelcy of the Eleventh infantry. Major Miles, promoted to be lieutenant colonel of the Twenty-fifth infantry will go to Fort Assiniboine where, for the present, he will be in command. Col. Olin being away, Major Strickman, who has been promoted from a captain in the Fifteenth infantry is now at Fort Sheridan, near Chicago.

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