

THE CHURCH AND GODLY EDUCATION

DOCTRINAL DEFINITION OF LESS IMPORTANCE THAN CHRISTIAN LIVING.

TERMS TEND TO RIGIDLY

Needs of New Generation Must Count More Than Affection for Father Says Rev. Dr. Sturgis.

(Special to The Tulsa Daily World.) The subject which I have chosen to speak upon at this time, "The Church and Religious Education," said Rev. Dr. Frederic D. Sturgis, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Tulsa, Okla., in his address before the Muskogee Presbytery, held at Wagoner, Okla., last week, is one of grave importance.

"The ideal of our responsibility in this matter, as ministers of the gospel is not a problem of instruction altogether, it is a life problem, the problem of making truth a real, living thing, which shall dominate the whole of a man's life.

Culture of the Religious Attitude. Religious education is nothing worth of any intelligent man's interest unless it means the creation and culture of the religious attitude.

A man is not necessarily religious because he goes to church or believes certain orthodox doctrines, or keeps the Ten Commandments.

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is molded by Christ: "For me to live is Christ." In some such fashion we may set our ideal. But the moment we strive to realize it we discover that we have come face to face with a most baffling and elusive situation.

What is the material of our problem, and I want first to study it in relation to the church as a whole, then as it appears for the individual teacher. As religion is not a department of life, but a spirit which permeates life, so the duty of the church must be to make every aspect of the national life religious, not to strive to make men religious by drawing apart from it.

At any given moment the religious life of the church is expressed necessarily in certain kinds of forms, the stronger the drive of life, the more need for expression.

The organization of the early church falls into lines familiar through the government of the empire. It was inevitable that it should have incorporated many elements from the worship of the mysteries.

In the same way as men began to think about their religion they found themselves bound to do their thinking in terms familiar to their age.

All Forms Tends to Rigidity. There is the task, but now arises the real difficulty in the matter. All forms tend to rigidity.

Do not misunderstand me. The Nicene creed is the glorious expression of an age of immense intellectual vitality.

As the generations come and go those terms, majestic, rhythmical, emotion-stirring, become more and more a foreign language.

If I should try to tell you of some heart searching experience of God, my words would but faintly suggest it; they would body forth inadequately the meaning of it all to me; and to you with every removal of your personalities from mine by age or training or surroundings they would become increasingly meaningless.

Old Usages Inadequate. The old usages adequately expressed the religious emotion of a relatively simple age.

Then the church in such general terms stands before her task with all her equipment of traditional piety, splendid ideals of central significance, and hallowed history.

Exactly the same kind of difficulty arises when we turn from the corporate life of the church to the task of the individual, who represents the church in the educational work.

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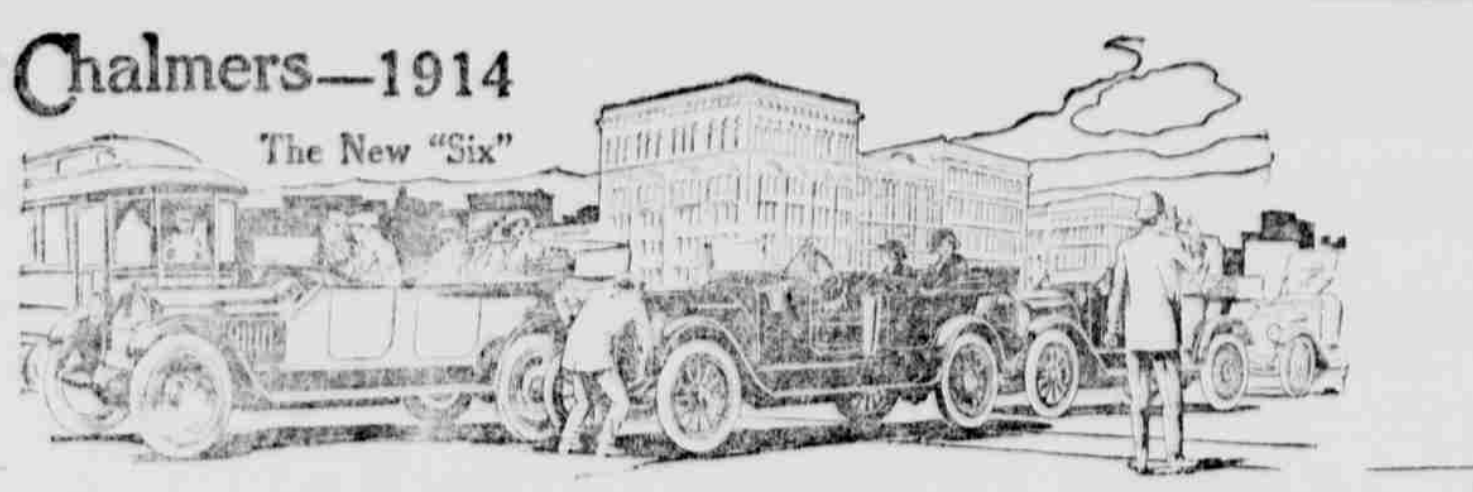
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the religious emotion of a relatively simple age. But the modern age is complex, varied and highly colored. It leans to gorgeousness and gaudiness in all social life.

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CITY NEWS

A TULSA COUNTY organization of socialists will be perfected at a convention to be held in the courthouse here today.

MRS. ELSIE HUNNICUTT, wife of Rev. A. Hunnicutt, died early yesterday morning at her late residence, No. 1219 South Main street.

COURT NOTES

Mrs. LAURA ENGLISH yesterday filed suit in the Superior court asking for a divorce from her husband, George H. English, alleging extreme cruelty.