

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

Portland, Aug. 27, 1917.

Dear friend:—

Is there space in "Pacific Herald" for a short account of my recent visit to Chinook, Wash.?

I want to tell you about it because I certainly enjoyed it ever so much. Mrs. Henriksen, Miss Leila Halvorsen, who is a sister of our friend Rev. Melvin Halvorsen at Omaha and also a sister of Mrs. Taggart here at Portland, had been enjoying a ten days vacation on the coast near Tillamook, Ore. We decided to return to Portland by the way of Astoria and make a so-called French visit to our old friends at Chinook, Wash. The time was very limited but we felt that we could not pass by Chinook. We have always enjoyed a most splendid hospitality there, and the trap fishing has always been very interesting to us.

Friends at Astoria arranged the trip for us across the bay. But no sooner had we come into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Siversen before we were told that we had come just in time. That very evening there was to be a surprise party and we must all take part. I was to make a talk for the occasion. This was indeed a surprise on us. We were prepared for fishing and not for surprise parties, but it is wonderful what can be done if you are interested. In short order we were all transformed from a fishing-party to a surprise-party.

The new pastor had come. The parsonage had been remodeled, the church likewise. For a number of years the congregation had been without a resident pastor, and they were happy now to have a pastor living among them once more.

Rev. and Mrs. Thompsen arrived in the fishing season and all the men were very busy with their work, but they felt that something should be done to

show their new pastor that he was really welcome among them. It was decided to have the surprise party at the home of Mrs. S. Olsen where all could be received.

The pastor and his wife were then invited to spend the evening at the Olsen home. It is needless to state that they were very surprised when the Portland pastor announced the purpose of the gathering. Rev. Thompsen had taken for granted that the surprise was on Mrs. Olsen.

The ladies, of course, came prepared for the occasion, as the splendid refreshments proved. A sum of money was quietly gathered from those present for the pastor.

I was glad that I had decided to make this side trip to Chinook so that I could be present at this surprise party.

The people all seemed to be so well pleased with their new pastor and his wife, and these again seemed to be so well pleased with the people of Chinook. No more could be desired. With such a mutual feeling between the pastor and the people the fruits of the pastor's work will no doubt be most gratifying. The following day we enjoyed a salmon dinner at the parsonage, and as we left immediately afterwards there was one thing uppermost in our hearts and minds, namely that the blessing of God might rest upon the people of Chinook and their new pastor, that his work among them might be to the glory of God and bring many spiritual blessings to the people. I just had to write you about this surprise party, thinking that you might perhaps make note of it in the paper.

Here at Portland the work is progressing nicely although we have not had the success we wished for, owing to the fact that so many families of our congrega-

tion have left Portland. So if you have some good members to spare up there at Tacoma or Seattle send them down to Portland. We will treat them very nicely. Portland is, however, overcoming the hard times. The shipbuilding is on the increase. Work seems to be plentiful, and we naturally expect that our congregations will soon begin to flourish. We are placing a great deal of faith and hope in our young people, and I do not believe that they will disappoint us. The future of the church would indeed be dark if it were not for the young people.

With hearty greetings from Portland.

Fraternally yours
Geo. Henriksen.

TO WORKINGMEN.

When Christ came and changed the face of the world, he spoke not of rights to the rich, who needed not to achieve them; nor to the poor, who would doubtless have abused them in imitation of the rich; he spoke not of utility nor of interest to a people whom interest and utility had corrupted; he spoke of duty, he spoke of love, of sacrifice, and of faith; and he said that they should be first among all who had contributed most of their labor to the good of all.

Work is the greatest blessing that God has given us. Work—opportunity to do and accomplish something—that is indeed a privilege. And then remember how many fields there are of honest opportunity where one can find just the work suited to him and his ability. Let us be workers, not drones.

MOTTOES.

Here are a number of good mottoes to chose from. They are selected from many different authors.

Dare to be true. Nothing can need a lie.

Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control. These three alone lead life to sovereign power.

Never weary in well-doing.

My strength is as the strength of ten because my heart is pure. Don't worry: it may not be true.

He can who thinks he can.

I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me.

A merry heart goes all the day. Your sad heart tires in a mile.

Think upward; strive upward; look upward; live upward.

WHY BELONG TO CHURCH?

And why not? You think yourself just as well off when unconnected with the church, and you are disgusted with the hypocrites you see in the church? The church indeed has in it those who are false to their profession, and that is not surprising since our Lord predicted that, as a result of men's wickedness, there would be such persons mingled with His true disciples in the visible church. That the church in its earthly side would not be perfect He foretold in the parables of the tares (St. Matt. 13: 24-30, 36-43) and of the dragnet (St. Matt. 13: 47-50). But does that fact excuse you? Or, how can you disregard the weighty reasons that should move you to be true to the church, because some are false to Her? Or, how can you honestly say that you are as well off as those who devoutly use the means of grace that are found in the church?

If you despise the church you imperil your salvation. Our Lord Jesus Christ not only taught a moral system and gave men a perfect example of a righteous life, but He offered a sacrifice for the remission of sin and for redemption, and He founded a church on earth in which those who would be His disciples might obtain the forgiveness of sin. "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them, and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained." St. John 20: 21-23. As visible signs of the presence of that church He instituted the preaching of the Word, by the ministry, and ordained the sacrament of Holy Baptism as the visible means of admission to the church. St. Matt. 28: 18-20. And that those admitted might be strengthened by some visible means He instituted the Sacrament of the Altar. Through these means of grace, (the Word and the Sacraments) and through no others Christ has promised salvation to men. Therefore, as there is no salvation outside of Christ, there is no salvation promised outside of Christ's church. To disregard the voice of the church is to disregard Christ, for our Lord said to the ministry of His church: "He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth Him that sent me." St. Luke 10: 16.

In accordance with this teaching the apostles knew of no salvation outside the church. To be saved and to enter the church they regarded as things inseparable. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2: 47. (See also Acts 2: 41; 5: 14; 11: 21 and 11:24.) It is not enough that you have an inward faith, but your faith, to be saving faith, must bring you into open confession and visible union with the church. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead; thou shalt be saved; for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and

with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10: 9-10. "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the son of man also confess before the angels of the God; but him that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God." St. Luke 12: 9.

To despise the church is to violate your baptismal covenant.

With the grace of baptism there also came a moral obligation that you cannot escape. By baptism you have been incorporated into the church, the Body of Christ, and you cannot neglect the duties you consequently owe the church without committing sin. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles," 1 Cor. 2: 13.

To despise the church is to oppose Christianity.

In the great contest between good and evil the lines are too closely drawn to permit any neutrality. You must choose sides; as our Lord has expressly said: "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other." St. Matt. 6: 24; St. Luke 16: 13. As a result of this sharp opposition it is impossible to be a non-combatant. Either you must belong to the army of the Lord, or to the hosts of Satan. You would resent being told that you were aiding sin, but it remains a fact that if you do not enter the ranks of the church, by your inactivity, you are aiding the enemy. "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth abroad." St. Matt. 12: 30; St. Luke 11: 23.

The true disciples of Christ are found among the company of those who openly confess Him before men, who worship and serve Him in the Church universal. They are not among those who

forsake Him, or who look on with indifference while Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.

Which side are you on? To which company do you belong?

Tract No. 2.

"YOU A MINISTER?"

The tendency among ministers not to show in their dress or speech any sign of their ministerial character may have its good side, but, like every good thing, may be carried too far. Most people do expect something more of a minister than of the average man. Certainly it is expected that in deportment, in language, if not indignified bearing, the minister will not be mistaken for the man of the street. The great orator, John B. Gough, used to tell of a minister who put up at a western tavern where it was the custom to charge the clergy but half-rates for meals and rooms. In the morning, when the minister came to pay his bill, he protested against the hotelkeeper's charging him full price.

"What, you a minister?" said the landlord, "I would never have suspected it. You asked no blessing at your meals. I went with you to your room and took away the light, and you did not say your prayers. You ate like a heathen, drank like a heathen, and I guess you'd better pay like a heathen."—Christian Advocate.

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