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WEEKLY SERMON

WHY HAVE A CHURCH?

Miss Elaine Bulmer, St. Peter's Anglican Church

Why not have a churchless Christianity? It would be simpler, people say, to have the moral teachings and some of the doctrine without the headaches of an organized Church. So many people today claim to believe in a Churchless Christianity.

In their arguments against the Church, they point, first of all, to the hypocrites in the Church, to the quarrels and the petty bickering sometimes found in organized Christianity. If this goes on inside the Church, they say, a man has a much better chance of becoming a true Christian apart from all these quarrelsome and hypocritical people.

Secondly, those who are against the Church condemn some of the physical surroundings of the Church: the uncomfortable seats, the stuffy atmosphere, and the dull services. It would be much better, they claim, to go out-of-doors to worship God; out on the sea, up in the mountains, or on a park bench—away from the defilements of human beings.

The first criticism is answered by the fact that good people are needed in the Church; the Church cannot possibly be improved unless sincere and decent people give it their full support. But furthermore, the hypocritical members would be worse people if they never went to church and heard the Ten Commandments or the Sermon on the Mount. The good person who stays outside the Church would be a better person if he felt the regular impact of Christian teachings. The bad bad person inside the Church would be even worse if he were never exposed to these teachings.

The second criticism is answered by the fact that a personal and loving God is not easily found in the world of nature apart from the teachings of Jesus Christ. We may feel the presence of God while strolling along the beach or down a path in the woods but we feel His presence only because we first learned about Him through the teachings of the Church.

There is even a stronger case against those who have their 'private religion' but who shun the organized Church. Nine-tenths of these people are parasites: they are neither agnostics (people who are unsure of their belief in God) nor atheists (people who deny the existence of God). Instead, they claim to believe in a personal God whose presence they feel in the world of nature, whose companionship they seek, and to whom they occasionally pray. This idea of God did not come to them out of thin air, nor by gazing at beautiful sunsets. It came to men through Jesus Christ and since the days of Christ it has come to men through the teachings of the Church.

There is indeed much that can be said against the organized Church. Its buildings are sometimes ugly; its services sometimes fail to meet men's needs; its members sometimes betray their Lord by living elfish and hypocritical lives. Its human weakness is sometimes all too evident, while its divine commission is politely ignored.

But without the organized Church the world would be a sorry place. Men cannot live long on borrowed capital (which is what they do if they believe in a personal God but have nothing to do with His Church). If our civilization is to survive at all, we must have the Church. If mankind is ever to win that bright new world for which we all so deeply long, it will have to be through the efforts of men and women banded together into a common organization, working in a common cause. That organization is the Church, the army of God.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Services in all churches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., except as shown

ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL
4th Ave. W. at Dunsmuir St.
Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.
Senior School 9:45 a.m.
Juniors and Kindergarten 11 a.m.
Very Rev. A. E. Hendy Dial 4706

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN
Seal Cove
Miss Elaine Bulmer, B.A., L. Th.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
2300 Seal Cove Circle Dial 2554

FIRST BAPTIST
5th Ave. E. at Young St.
Sunday School 10 a.m. and 12:15
Rev. J. A. Roskam Dial 5060

REGULAR BAPTIST
629 6th Ave. East
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11:15 a.m.
Rev. L. E. Jackson Dial 3971

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
6th Ave. at Ambrose
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Morning Service 11:30 a.m.
Rev. H. W. Foster Dial 4403

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
5th Ave. at McBride St.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Rev. A. S. Olson Dial 4164

PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
202 6th Ave. West
Morning Service 11:30
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Wm. E. Leggette Dial 5839

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
235 4th Ave. East
Sunday School—10:00 a.m
Tiny Tots & Nursery—11:00 a.m.
Rev. Ivan S. Gamble Dial 5823

THE SALVATION ARMY
Fraser Street
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Holiness Service
12:45 pm. Sunday School
7:30 p.m. Salvation Meeting
Sr. Capt. and Mrs. Tom Smith
Dial 3024

FIRST UNITED
636 6th Ave. West
Senior Sunday School 9.45 a.m
3 years and under at 11 a.m.
Rev. R. W. K. Elliot Ph. 3114

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
200 4th Ave. E.
Sunday School — 10 a.m.
Rev. John Kuehn Dial 2453

PORT EDWARD GOSPEL CHAPEL
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Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 7:30 p.m.
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WOOL JERSEY FOR SPRING—A two-piece for Spring, from London's fashion collection. The shirt top is in British wool jersey. It is tangerine and white. The slim skirt is plain tangerine jersey.

MRS. H. QUICK-NOBLE GRAND

District deputy president installs Rebekah officers

Mrs. Charles Wilkinson, Centennial Rebekah district deputy president presided over the impressive installation of officers for the Centennial Rebekah Lodge No. 40 Wednesday night in the Valhalla hall.

Mrs. Harry Quick was installed Noble Grand and Mrs. Edwin Fregin, vice-noble grand.

Right and left supporters for Mrs. Quick are Mrs. Joseph Delorme and Mrs. H. V. Tattersall.

Mrs. Fregin is attended by Mrs. A. E. Wood, right support and Mrs. George McLean, left support.

Others installed were Mrs. Harry Paulson, warden; Mrs. William McDade, conductor; Mrs. Leonard Knutson, color bearer; Mrs. Leslie A. Brain, recording secretary; Miss Alida Johnson, financial secretary and Miss Alice Paulson, treasurer.

In observance of the birthday of Thomas Wilday, the founder of Oddfellowship, the lodge comemorated the event with an exchange of gifts and a turkey dinner party.

Other highlights of the night's function were presentations made by Past Noble Grand Mrs. Norman Moorehouse, on behalf of the group, to Mrs. James Simpson, on the occasion of her 50th wedding anniversary and to Mrs. Fregin, on the event of her 22nd wedding anniversary.

PERSONALS

Derry Roos of H. G. Helgerson Ltd., leaves tomorrow by CPA plane for a week's business trip in Vancouver.

William Homenuk, senior accountant of the Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd., Watson Island, leaves tomorrow by plane for Vancouver on a short business trip.

West end bus service improved says PTA

The morning bus service in the Section Two area has been greatly improved.

So it was reported Wednesday night at the Roosevelt Park school Parent-Teacher association meeting held in the school's activity room with almost 100 parents in attendance, made up of many fathers.

However, it was pointed out that there are, on occasions, times when the bus does not operate.

A motion was passed to ask the busline to broadcast on the mornings that it will not be running, this fact over the radio.

While the meeting was generally satisfied with the morning service, it stressed the need for afternoon transportation.

A committee headed by James Munro, vice-president, was named to look into acquiring afternoon transportation.

Chairing the PTA meeting in an informal manner, Mr. Munro put members in a relaxing mood to report "one of the friendlest sessions" on record.

In other business the third annual dime carnival was discussed with committees appointed. The event will be held on the night of March 6.

Guest speaker public health nurse Mrs. Helen Tilley spoke on "What the health unit offers the school." Besides the immunization and re-immunization program conducted in the schools and the TB survey, Mrs. Tilley said that teacher-nurse conferences were held periodically.

Dr. R. M. D. spoke on the necessity of retaining primary teeth as long as possible.

"It is very important to preserve these teeth for as long as possible, since they have a great effect on the position of the permanent teeth," the dentist said.

The meeting was concluded with the serving of refreshments.

READERS

● The Second Conrad Scouts and Cubs will be having a bottle drive to all homes east of Hays Cove bridge, Monday, January 19, starting 6:30 p.m. All your empty bottles will be appreciated. (11)

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Mrs. Pedersen elected president for 2nd year

Mrs. Erling Pedersen will preside as president of the First United Church Women's association for a second term, following the election of officers last night conducted in the church manse.

Also named at the WA meeting were Mrs. Roy Boychuk, vice-president; Mrs. Lseter Franklin, second vice-president; Mrs. A. Donald Ritchie, recording secretary; Mrs. John Decker, corresponding secretary and Mrs. A. R. Berry, treasurer.

Mrs. Bruce Bennett, past president, was in charge of elections.

PERSONALS

Miss Joanne Way, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Way, 310 Seventh Avenue West, leaves tomorrow by CPA plane for South Burnaby where she has been transferred with the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Miss Gail Gomez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrow Gomez, 1817 Seventh Avenue East, leaves tomorrow for Vancouver to complete a dressmaking course. Miss Gomez has been home for a two-month holiday.

Vernon Ciccone, manager of the T. Eaton Co. Canada Ltd., branch here, leaves tonight on the Canadian Prince for Vancouver where he will undergo treatment at Pearson Memorial hospital.

Mrs. P. Young guest-of-honor at dinner party

In the gracious setting of Club 27 some 20 wives of the British Columbia Forest Service personnel gathered to honor Mrs. Percy Young, wife of the district forester, with a farewell dinner party.

Mr. and Mrs. Young leave next Friday for Nelson, B.C. where Mr. Young has been appointed the new District Forester.

Presented a silver souvenir spoon by Mrs. Richard Farmer, on behalf of the group, Mrs. Young expressed her regret at leaving "so many wonderful people."

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Women of Moose News

The December 29 Hospital committee meeting decided to sponsor student nurse, Miss Jeannette Sparks for the remainder of her training period in Royal Jubilee hospital, Victoria. Exchange of gifts and refreshments concluded the afternoon session held at the home of Mrs. John Kasper. Mrs. Harold Jorgenson won the monthly prize.

A Christmas party was enjoyed by the Membership committee at its last meeting. Mrs. Michael Karasosky was hostess. It was reported by chairman Mrs. Edward Wampler that the sum of $100.50 was realized from a doily raffle. The group will purchase new containers for the WOWTM bingo cards.

Three guests attended the Library committee January 12 meeting when the group decided to get in touch with the Social Welfare branch, which may provide the committee with a project. Cards played saw winners Mrs. Norman Birkeland and Mrs. Maurice Trudeau. Refreshments were served by hostess Mrs. Emil Nordine.

On January 14 the Social Service committee met at the home of Mrs. Robert Cormier. It was decided to give a donation to the Retarded Children's school. Plans for a bingo night tomorrow, were completed. Chairman Mrs. Katherine Murphy won the monthly prize.

A Hawaiian card party and dance will be held by the Moosehaven committee in the Moose Temple, January 30. Plans were completed for the event when the group met January 14. Chairman Mrs. Ronald Vaselanak reported fancy dress and costumes will be optional. A birthday party was planned for a resident of the Pioneer Home, on February 7.

The Home Making committee held its January 12 meeting in the form of a sewing bee at which members sewed doll clothes for the doll and wardrobe to be sent to Mooseheart.

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