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IN THE SANCTUARIES.

Dr. Hirst on the Public Schools.

Closing the Mission at St. Ignatius.

Sad Condition of the Women of India—Martin Luther's Work.

Rev. Dr. A. C. Hirst preached at Simpson Memorial Church last evening, on the theme "Our Public Schools." The discourse was the second of a series which the pastor contemplates preaching.

Dr. Hirst asserted that the discussion had not been instituted by Protestants or the friends of the public schools but was brought about by the action of Archbishop Riordan, who had placed his hands on the public-school system. "As an organizational body," said Dr. Hirst, "we have nothing to fear from the Roman Catholic Church. It must be protected as a church, and its members must be guaranteed freedom to worship. But with Rome as a politico-ecclesiastical body we have much to do. It is an insidious, aggressive, unrelenting and deadly foe. This discussion is merely the repetition of an assertion made by Archbishop Gibbons and the claim that the Roman Catholic Church can never subvert our institutions.

The speaker quoted Adams as having said there were two things political in the future of the Nation—slavery and the Roman Catholic Church, if she succeeds, mean the civil, religious or educational institutions of the country.

"I say that Rome does not believe in freedom of conscience, freedom of speech or freedom of the press," continued the speaker. "For the proof I present quotations from the encyclical letter of Pope Leo XIII, dated June 20, 1888, which is made the perfect exponent of Catholic duty to the will and power of the church. It is wrong, says Vicar-General Preston, not to take your policies as well as your religion from Rome.

"There are 18,000,000 children in our public schools, and we demand the rights only challenged by the Jesuit, to educate the top citizen and the girl citizen in our public schools. We claim that we will never surrender. The day we lose power under the sun. The perpetuity of our public schools depends upon our loyalty and fidelity to the Bible. It will save our country. The Bible is the book which the American does not believe in—the union of church and state, but we do believe in the Bible.

Continuing Dr. Hirst pleaded for a Bible with the Protestant version, and should compel Synagogues to remove their fifteen to twenty pages in the United States before they could become citizens. He urged his hearers to stand fast and to be true to the principles of our forefathers and the institutions of the Nation. He closed with a glowing tribute to the flag of the country.

THE WOMEN OF INDIA.

Their Sad Condition Declared to Be Due to Heathenism.

Rev. L. D. Cheney considered the sermon at the Methodist Church last night in the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. R. Dille. After the services he spoke on "The Women of India" and their condition. He held that the doctrines of Christ was the only thing which could correct the evils and slavery of the women of India. The law and rule of the British Government was powerless to save them from the degradation of heathen.

"Nearly every man or boy who does leaves one or more widows, he though thousands die more than one. The number of marriages of widows in India is very small, he said.

"What Christian women enjoy they enjoy where the heathen is disappearing or to the power of the gospel. The women and girls of heathen lands are almost slaves. Their condition is worse than serving or evangelizing influence. Language cannot express their low estate. The dark place of the earth are the habitations of cruelty. No husband is more cruel than a heathen husband. He does not honor more highly than a Hindoo wife. And still both make a merit of sacrificing the most cherished virtues and privileges.

"The women's work in carrying the gospel to the women of India, and the entrance heathen lands is the key that is knocking the heart's door of whole nations."

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

Rev. Father Dempsey's Sermon on the Holy Trinity.

Rev. Father Dempsey preached an interesting sermon at St. Mary's Cathedral yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock upon the "Holy Trinity." The sermon was not of the common, in so much as the subject was handled in a purely philosophical manner. There were no illustrations of the ordinary type, the main portion of the discourse being treated in a style appealing strongly to the intellect.

The speaker first considered the need of mysteries in religion and life in general, and explained the relations of the Trinity to Christianity. Some mysteries, he said, were necessary to the Father Dempsey. Trying against reason, it is above reason. It is a beautiful and divine truth, held in common by all Christian faiths.

JESUIT MISSION.

The Two Weeks' Services Will Close This Evening.

After two weeks of hard work the visiting Jesuit missionaries will cease their labors this evening. The mission has been of the most successful ever held here. Between 7000 and 10,000 people attended the sermons. That is, that large world attended the morning and evening services, made their confession and received the sacrament, and many of them were baptized yesterday. The most notable feature of the mission has been the large attendance of men. All told over 20,000 people were present at the services during the two weeks.

Rev. Father Mesler preached at 10:30 o'clock mass yesterday morning, and at which in the afternoon Rev. Father Fitzgerald, preached to 3000 ladies, his sermon being addressed to the women. Father Mesler, whose sermon was the last mission sermon, gave an eloquent address on "Perseverance."

Tonight Rev. Father Finnegan will preach on "Hell," and Father Mesler on "The Christian Man in His Relations to the Church, the State and the Family." Men only will be admitted to the church. The missionaries are delighted with the success of their visit.

MARTIN LUTHER'S WORK.

He Was the Father of Our Public School System.

Martin Luther and his great work as the father of our system of public schools was the subject of a address last evening by Professor F. H. Foster of the Pacific Theological Seminary at the First Congregational Church. The speaker went back to the beginning of the Reformation. When a revival of religion took place in Europe in the fifteenth century.

The beginning of the revival was when the heathen Turks captured Constantinople and drove a number of learned Greek scholars from that Christian city into Italy. With their ripe and valuable knowledge these exiled scholars created an interest in the past and a desire for learning at the same time. Their influence spread over all Europe and led to the organization of a movement for learning called humanism. Martin Luther was early convert to this idea, and as once devoted himself to the enlightenment of his fellow-countrymen. He found his own profession, magic and obtained justification of God and then labored for the salvation of the world.

He advocated the establishment of public schools which were seen thriving in Germany in the early part of the fifteenth century. Public schools in Germany were opened and a teacher sent to take charge of the peasant children. Luther was an advocate of compulsory education, and the children were soon enlightened in religious matters.

While the spread of this great reform schools were opened in other countries where for centuries the people had grovelled in ignorance. Education turned the tide of the Reformation in many countries they were prepared to lay the foundation for a public educational system which was to be the work of Martin Luther did not end here. He translated the Bible into German, mentioning the different dialects in such a manner that the work was intelligible to all classes. He was a man of great faith, of the spirit of religion and desire for learning thus started and spread throughout the world, and great good has resulted therefrom.

SIGN WORSHIP.

Religious Exercises for Mutes in the Methodist Church.

Sixteen deaf mutes who accepted an invitation to attend the afternoon in the Westside Christian Church, on Ninth street, near Scott, participated in an interesting service yesterday. The exercises were witnessed by quite an audience members of the church.

On Saturday evening the mutes held a social at the same place, when the exercises consisted of readings and recitations in the sign language. Rev. V. A. Gardner, pastor of the church, yesterday afternoon gave an invitation to the deaf and dumb people throughout the city to attend these meetings every Sunday afternoon at 3 o. m. In this way it is hoped to bring the mutes together and make them acquainted with each other.

The exercises yesterday were opened by the hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Those of the audience who were not deaf and dumb sang the words, while the mutes read the words from the hymn book.

Miss M. E. Wright, a young student on the platform and rendered the same song in the deaf and dumb manner. Her expression of countenance and the movements of her hands and fingers were such as to warrant with the attention of the audience. The whole being of the young lady seemed to be in the work and the performance was well worth witnessing.

Rev. Gardner then read the twenty-third Psalm, and the mute lady responded from one of their number, who led them in the sign language.

Rev. Mr. Schlatter, one of the students, then stepped to the pulpit and responded in a manner to one and recite the Lord's prayer. Each mute then in the sign language responded thereto in the Lord's prayer. Rev. Mr. Dille was read in a similar manner.

The most interesting portion of the service was the expounding of one of Dr. Gardner's sermons by a blind man, who in the sign language, in a manner which gave his companions while he went through the sign gesture and expression which make up the mute language. The subject was of The Temptation of Life.

NEW BETHEL CHURCH OPENED.

Dedicatory Services Postponed for One Week.

Owing to a misconception of notice at Denver Bishop S. F. Lee, D. D., of Texas, who was to dedicate the new Bethel, A. M. E. Church yesterday, failed to arrive here. The church, which is on Powell street, was formerly opened yesterday, but the dedication was postponed until next Sunday, by which time Bishop Lee will have reached this city.

New Bethel Church is very prettily decorated and seats 1000 people. It is 40 feet right feet wide with a cool, harbor ceiling over the ceiling. The altar and pulpit are of walnut. The organ is covered a light hue. Oak predominates in the pews and furniture. The church is in a parallel lines and lots, and just behind the pulpit was the inscription, "Thou hast opened heaven."

Rev. J. E. Edwards of Oakland preached the morning sermon, taking for his text "Christ, his essential likeness." The address was very appropriate and delivered in a spirit befitting the occasion. Beside of the ceremony of a church and the good of the people, the sermon was a good one. A sermon was preached at 3 o'clock in the afternoon by W. B. Anderson of Stockton. The evening address was delivered by Rev. H. McKenna of Puget Sound.

COMING IN THE CLOUDS.

Swedenborgians Say the Phenomenon Is Spiritual.

Rev. E. L. Higgins lectured last night at the Swedenborgian Swedenborgian Church on "Coming in the Clouds." It was the last of a series of three sermons on signs of the second coming. He said:

Many persons can where the Lord and the son of Man would come in the clouds of heaven literally, and some of the signs of the coming clouds of earth. For the Bible speaks literally. Literal other name of natural. Literal is the Bible. Literal is the Bible way. When the Lord gave the ancient people on Sinai he appeared in a literal cloud. Literal cloud. Literal cloud.