

SIGN-BOARDS ON THE UP-ROAD

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Under the title "The Dictatorship of the Dull," Alexander Black in a recent magazine analyzes the psychology of a certain class of people who have done much harm to the race. The dull are not the ignorant, but those who deliberately cease to think. They reach certain conclusions which become inflexible clamps to the mind. Why should a tradition come to have a tyranny over the community? It is so everywhere. In the process of time it becomes a sacred fetish by which magic is evoked. A custom in like manner comes to be a community consciousness. It imposes its tyranny upon all. Rebellion means generally persecution.

Socrates affirmed a guiding spirit which later ages call science. But Athens would have no new ideas, the conventional was good enough, so Socrates went on to glory that is to say, to freedom.

Public Opinion is a tyranny beneficent or destructive according as the reaction is right or wrong.

When it is known how public opinion is formed one is not so certain that the voice of the people is always the voice of God! Public opinion has been known to interpret darkness rather than light... perchance the martyrs rejoice in their stars... when that for which they died comes after many years a public opinion.

Tyranny in politics is not unknown. The dull have somewhat hindered progress. The divine right of kings has defenders still. A certain nation went down defending that position. The dull rule in religion. The

acceptance of ready-made opinions which finally come to be clothed with authority is the common fact. Appeal is made to tradition and to prejudice and unctuous piety and presently a new martyr is added to the roll. "Dullness crucified Jesus."

The most tragic moment in Jesus' life was not Gethsemane or Calvary, but that evening when He stood looking down upon the snug city of the dull. He had come to restore the nations to honor, to free the people from serfdom, to build up a social order with God as king. Dullness opposed Him at every step, dogged him, and finally eliminated Him. "Oh, Jerusalem... that killest the prophets!"

Normality is the sacred word of the dull. Bitterly do they hate the new, the different, the free. In normality there is safety.

Copernicus, Galileo, Columbus... they felt the whips of the "normals." Fulton, Stephenson, they heard the "normals" laughter. Poor Langley died of a broken heart, laughed to death.

Here and there one finds the flaming heart that rides with God — forward. Progress has always come thru drubbed with blood. And the dull never learn. They seem oblivious to history. They cherish the idea that they are the voice of God. Every step forward has been opposed by the dull simply because they are dull. The more Jesus showed Himself to be the friend of the people, the more wrathful waxed the dull, and the more they defined Him to be an enemy of God!

But He came thru... and shall finish His work of world-building.

tory of Steuben, to be held in the Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday evening, May 9th. Rev. Royal E. MacGowan will be formerly installed as pastor of the church. Rev. W. W. Stoddard, of Prattsburg, Moderator of the Presbytery of Steuben, will preside at the meeting, and also give the charge to the people. Rev. H. D. Bacon, former pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church, will give the sermon. Rev. C. E. Gregory, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bath, will give the charge to the pastor. The order of service will be as follows:

Hymn
Scripture Reading
Prayer Rev. W. W. Stoddard, Moderator
Rev. C. E. Gregory
Hymn
Sermon Rev. H. D. Bacon
Hymn
Installation The Moderator
Installation Prayer The Moderator
Charge to the Pastor Rev. C. E. Gregory
Charge to the People Rev. W. W. Stoddard

Prayer
Hymn
Benediction Rev. R. E. MacGowan

The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

Rev. MacGowan accepted the call to the Presbyterian Church last December, but various reasons necessitated a delay in the installation service.

Mr. MacGowan prepared for college at the Niagara Falls High School and entered Amherst College in 1913, graduating with honor in June 1917, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. While at Amherst, he was elected to membership in the Massachusetts Beta Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the highest formal academic honor in college, and was also one of the Bond orators at Commencement.

After graduating from Amherst Mr. MacGowan studied for three years at the Auburn Theological Seminary, graduating in 1920 with the diploma of the Seminary and the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. During his Senior year at the Seminary, he was awarded the Joshua I. Maxwell Fellowship by the faculty of Auburn Theological Seminary, and continued advanced study in theology in Harvard University during the year 1920-21, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Theology from Harvard in June 1921.

Mr. MacGowan has been ordained by the Presbytery of Niagara, was for two years assistant at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Auburn, has done social work in Buffalo at Welcome Hall, and in New York City and Brooklyn, under the direction of the Church Extension Board of the Brooklyn-Nassau Presbytery. While at Harvard, he had charge of churches at Hancock, N. H., and at Hamilton, Mass.

TRAVELING HAZARDS


The Traveling Public Can Help Case For Themselves

The department of the traveling public has a greater influence on railway safety than is generally known, and the Safety Section of the American Railway Association in an appeal for the conservation of human life and limb gives some illuminating facts on the subject.

On the 229 fatalities occurring in railway passenger travel during the year 1920, about two-thirds were cases in which the individual himself was in some way involved in the chain of circumstances. For example, 28 persons were killed, by falling from coach steps, 18 by falling from moving trains, 64 by being struck or run over, and 10 met their death by deliberately jumping from trains while mentally deranged, or to escape penal servitude. More startling still is the fact that 64 passengers were killed and 1,299 injured in getting on or off moving and stationary trains.

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A. D. Shepard, Pastor

Morning worship 10:30. Subject: "The Two Sons or Saying and Doing."

Bible School, 12 M.

Junior C. E. at 3 p. m., "How to Be Friends of Jesus."

Senior C. E. 6:15. Topic: "Better Sabbath Keeping," leader, Cymbel Hammel.

Evening Worship, 7:30. Song service with brief gospel address.

This being Children's Week, Miss Minnie Clair, the superintendent, will entertain the Cradle Roll babies and their mothers, at her home, on Friday afternoon, from 2 to 6.

Mid-week Service on Thursday evening, when the pastor will give a Bible Study from 7:30 to 8:15, and the Junior Philatheas will have charge of the prayer service from 8:15 to 9:00.

Come and worship with us.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

Rev. W. H. Smith, Pastor

10:30 a. m., Morning Worship. Brief address by the pastor, followed by Holy Communion.

12 M. Sunday School.

7:30 p. m., Evening Service. This service will be exceptionally interesting because the pastor will deliver a lecture on Child Welfare Work. This lecture is illustrated by 103 stereoscopic views, showing various institutions in England and America, but laying special emphasis on the Methodist Home for Children, at Williamsville, N. Y., of which Mr. Smith was previously the superintendent.

Thursday at 7:30 p. m., Mid-week Service, with Bible talk by the pastor.

Friday at 4:15 p. m., Junior Epworth League, conducted by the pastor and his assistants, Mrs. Charles Rugar and Miss Ruth Robinson.

All are cordially invited to these services.

principle of life enlistment shall be emphasized, and the call to the ministry, missions and other forms of Christian service definitely presented, both to the young people and their parents.

Evening Service, 7:30 p. m., sermon: "Self-dedication: the First Duty of the Christian." The first of a series of three sermons on "The Personal Duty of the Christian."

Sunday School immediately following the close of the morning service. There are classes for all, and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Christian Endeavor Meeting at 6:45 p. m. Topic: "Better Sabbath Keeping." (Jer. 17:19-27.) Leader, Richard Harder.

Conservation Meeting. This will be the final Sunday for our contest. Help make the last Sunday the best. Mid-week Service every Thursday evening.


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VITAGRAPH
ALBERT E. SMITH, PRESIDENT

GROUP MEETING AT BELFAST

The Methodist Episcopal Churches of this section, including the Andover Church, will hold a Group Meeting in the Belfast Church, Monday, May 8th. The first meeting will be at 2:30 p. m. The second at 7:30 p. m. The ladies of the church will serve supper. Great speakers will address the meeting in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions. Among them will be Dr. E. H. Richards, of Africa, and Dr. Seamans, pastor of the University Church at Mitchell, S. D. It is hoped that a large delegation from Andover will attend.

ELM VALLEY UNION CHAPEL

Next Sunday, May 7th, the Sunday School will convene at 2 p. m. At 3 o'clock there will be a service of worship, with sermon by the Rev. W. H. Smith. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. Royal E. MacGowan, Minister


Sunday, May 7th:—
Morning Service, 10:30 a. m., sermon: "Spiritual Leadership for the New Age." Sunday, May 7th, has been designated as "Vacation Day." The General Assembly has recommended that on this day the Christian

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