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News of Spokane Churches

LYON WELL KNOWN

Evangelist Has Spoken 7000 Times in 24 States — Will Come to Spokane.

Dr. Milford H. Lyon, who has been engaged to conduct a union evangelistic campaign in Spokane for several weeks, beginning next February, while little known in the west, is prominent in the middle states, having been an evangelist for 16 years and having spoken more than 7000 times in 24 states.

He is the author of two books, "The Lordship of Jesus," now in its seventh



Dr. Milford H. Lyon, evangelist, who will speak here.

edition, and "For the Life That Now Is," which has reached its third edition.

Dr. Lyon is the youngest of 14 children and was reared on a farm near La Porte City, Iowa, walking two miles to the village school and being graduated at the age of 13. He spent four years in the hardware business, in which his father later engaged, then entered an academy and did two years work in one.

Earned Way Through.

During four years at the state university he earned his entire expenses by teaching mathematics in the academy and working during the summer as a traveling salesman.

His mother is still living at Waterloo, Iowa, having reached the advanced age of 90. She is probably the last survivor of the occupants of Fort Dearborn in Chicago during the Indian war, being then a girl 8 years old.

Dr. Lyon ranked high in scholarship and won many honors for oratorical and literary work. He won first place in a state oratorical contest over contestants from 14 other colleges and later, in an interstate contest at Lincoln, Neb., received the highest mark ever given, being granted first by three judges and second by a fourth.

This was the same association in which Senator La Follette of Wisconsin and ex-Senator Beveridge of Indiana won high honors a few years earlier. Immediately upon his graduation from the university he was elected president of Ellsworth college, Iowa Falls, which he served two years.

Started as Unitarian.

He entered the university a Unitarian, but two years later made public confession of his belief in Christ and changed his plan, which was to study law and enter politics, and determined to enter the ministry. After two years as college president he accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Congregational church at Harvey, Ill., and later went to a church at Windsor Park, Chicago. Here he left a good salary and a successful pastorate to take up evangelistic work.

He started in a small way, at first in single church meetings, but his work has constantly grown until now he is accompanied by a party of nine or 10 musicians and special workers.

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LYON BLAMES DADS

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Worse Than Mothers in Bringing Children to Tabernacle, Says Evangelist.

"Fathers are as bad if not worse than the mothers in insisting upon bringing babies into the tabernacle, and though requested in the kindest manner by ushers to leave the baby at the nursery, emphatically assert, after getting a seat, that 'they are going to stay right where they are.'" Dr. Lyon stated in his talk to the ministers this morning at the weekly conference of the evangelist and pastors.

"Some of those carrying children slip by the usher when his attention is attracted in another direction, but you can readily see what a disturbance we would have during the service if there were several babies in the audience and two or three should get restless at the same time. I don't want to throw any blame on the ushers and I don't want them to do that which will seem unfriendly with some one who perchance is a neighbor. You pastors and ushers justly lay the blame on me, say that it is one of the rules of the tabernacle which it seems necessary to enforce for the best interest of the meetings. The little folks will be well cared for at the nursery and will be much better off and more contented there than in the crowded benches at the tabernacle."

Nursery Is Popular.

The nursery is rapidly becoming popular. It was stated this morning, 25 children being cared for there Sunday evening. A request has been made for more volunteers to serve in the nursery for both afternoon and evening service, the workers being detailed to certain days so that they need not serve more than one or two days during the campaign.

GLAD TO SEE DADS WITH BABES IN ARMS

Mrs. John Bruce Dodd Rejoices That Work of "Fathers' Day" Is Useful

SPOKANE, March 15.—To the Editor of the Chronicle: I have noted the admonition of Dr. Lyon, given to Spokane fathers who bring small children to the tabernacle.

It may be Dr. Lyon is not aware that to redeem the community of this shortcoming or share with other places, the Fathers' Day association of Spokane is sponsor for Fathers' day and that one of the objects of the day is to cultivate in the father a love for the family table, the family carriage and the family pew.

We of the organization of Fathers' day rather rejoice to see that our efforts toward this object through pulpit and press have borne such rich fruitage in six years. The evangelistic reproof is high tribute to the importance of Fathers' day and bears out the hearty indorsement of governors and federal officials.

Through Dr. Lyon may we not hope that the third Sunday of June (Fathers' day) may receive the warmest commendation and that as he goes about in his great service for humanity may our 'dads' with 'Sunny Spokane' smiles and babes in their arms, often appear to him in happy retrospection.

MRS. JOHN BRUCE DODD.