

LATE MRS. BEN R. CROCKER.

REV. J. E. SILLCOX'S MEMORIAL SERMON YESTERDAY.

Special Services at the Congregational Church in Her Memory—Songs and Flowers.

There was a large attendance at the Congregational Church yesterday morning, the occasion being a memorial service in which special reference was made to the late Mrs. B. R. Crocker, wife of Ben R. Crocker, who for twenty-one years was a member of the church. The pulpit and platform were beautifully wreathed with flowers and offerings expressive of the high esteem in which she was held by the congregation.

The congregational and choir hymns were appropriate to the occasion, and the following sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Sillcox:

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, said the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."—Rev. 14, 13.

This is a benediction where mankind is not accustomed to look for one. It is a benediction, not on the cradle, but on the coffin. It is a benediction, not on the living, but on the dead. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Sad oftentimes are the living, but blessed are the dead. They have finished their task. They have fulfilled their mission. They rest from their labors. From the lowlands of earth they have risen to the eternal hills of light. Their mortal weakness has been exchanged for immortal power. They who once bore the image of the earthy, now bear the image of the heavenly. Blessed are the dead.

This passage teaches us to look upon death not from the earthly, but from the heavenly side. It was a voice from heaven which said, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." When a soul passes away from earth to heaven, men standing about the bier, weeping, say he is dead. The angels, beholding the passing away of the soul, rejoice, and say, he is born, he has come into larger, fuller, diviner life. He has come from where death reigns to where there is no death. Death walls here are birth songs yonder. Looked on from the earthly side, death is a loss, a misfortune, a thing to grieve over. Men speak of death as a grim monster, a black-winged messenger, from whose cruel clutch none can escape.

The conception of death that we get from the Bible, and especially from the New Testament, changes all this. The grave has been robbed of its terrors, and death of its gloom, because of the fact that Jesus died and rose again and brought life and immortality to them who believe in him. Death is no longer a grim monster, when men believe in the resurrection. Instead of looking downward into the tomb, we are taught to look upward to the city of God, with gates of pearl and streets of gold, where songs of joy abound and where sorrow and grief are unknown. "Let not your heart be troubled," said Michael Angelo, "for two wings which bear men from earth to heaven." Therefore, at the grave we are enabled to look up and sing I know that my Redeemer liveth, and because He lives we shall live also.

There is no death, what seems so transition. This life of mortal being, is but the suburb of the life to come. Whose portals we call death.

When Paul knew that his earthly career was near its close he did not speak of dying. He spoke of a desire to depart and be with Christ. He did not think of the coffin awaiting the grave. His eyes were fixed above on Jesus, into whose presence this messenger from God would bring him. As he came near the confines of the eternal world the realities and glories of heaven thrilled his soul with ardent expectation. He would rather be absent from the body to be present with the Lord. Therefore, he said, "The time of my departure is at hand. I have finished my course. Henceforth—henceforth what? Grim death and gloomy grave? No! No! He bounded over the threshold which he did not exist in. In his mind there was no existence, for Jesus Christ had abolished death. I have finished my course—henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day." The day of death in his mind was coronation day, the day he would receive from the Lord the crown of righteousness. In his mind it was to depart from this world in order to be with Christ.

We need to educate ourselves in the New Testament conception of death and the future life. We need to let Christian thoughts of death possess our minds, else we will lapse into dark, gloomy, pagan conceptions of death and the future. We need to banish all haze and mist and uncertainty from our conceptions of the future state, and speak of the life beyond with lifted brow and cheerful tone, as we would talk of some great university into which we were about to enter, or of some rich inheritance into which we expected soon to come into possession. Think how positive and calm and assured are the affirmations of Jesus and the Apostles concerning the life beyond. They are as sure of the life to come as they are of the life that now is. They knew that in the earthly house of their tabernacle were dissolved, they have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. The things they saw were temporal, the unseen was eternal. Therefore, they looked for a city that had foundations, whose maker and builder is God.

In harmony with the benediction of the text is that beautiful passage in the 116th Psalm, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." If that truth in all its fullness was understood by us, we would sing our glad songs by the bedside of the dying and chant our most jubilant anthems at the mouth of the grave. If we comprehended that truth in its completeness, we would forever banish all black and crape from our persons and homes when by death our loved ones are translated and promoted into the presence of the King.

Why should Christians adopt these pagan emblems of death? Jesus says of his saints, "They shall walk with Me in white." Let us then refuse to drape our persons in gloom, or hang festoons of black on the door. Let us, rather, open the window and let in the bright, glad sunshine, typical of the splendor and joy into which the dear one has entered. Why robe ourselves in black when they are robed in white? They stand, those halls of Zion, And bright with many an angel, And all the martyr throng.

And they who with their leader Have conquered in the fight, Fore and aft, Are clad in robes of white.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. To the Christian death is translation. It is promotion. Through it he enters into the possession of the inheritance of the saints in light. Therefore, let us open the windows of hope and let in the light. Let us fill the room and cover the coffin with flowers, to symbolize our joy and the brightness into which our departed loved ones have entered. When Sir Harry Vane was to be led out to death they asked him what he would wear. He said, "Bring me my scarlet robe, for scarlet is the symbol of victory." Let us on the death of our loved ones wear symbols of victory. Let us declare our faith in the better life they have entered into by the use of emblems of hope and joy.

It is true that grief must have way, and the tears of love must fall, but let hope triumph over grief and love over death. Did you ever try to realize the meaning of those words of Jesus, "Father I will that they whom Thou hast given me be with me where I am that they may behold my glory." When a Christian dies it is as if he were saying, "I have a longing in my heart to welcome His loved ones to the heavenly home. As Jesus regards it death is not defeat, it is victory. It is not loss. It is gain. It is gain because it brings the saved soul into the immortal life." The conception of death that we get from the Bible, and especially from the New Testament, changes all this. The grave has been robbed of its terrors, and death of its gloom, because of the fact that Jesus died and rose again and brought life and immortality to them who believe in him. Death is no longer a grim monster, when men believe in the resurrection. Instead of looking downward into the tomb, we are taught to look upward to the city of God, with gates of pearl and streets of gold, where songs of joy abound and where sorrow and grief are unknown. "Let not your heart be troubled," said Michael Angelo, "for two wings which bear men from earth to heaven." Therefore, at the grave we are enabled to look up and sing I know that my Redeemer liveth, and because He lives we shall live also.

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But that I think, "One more to welcome When I shall cross the intervening space Between this land and that one over there; One more to make the strange beyond me fair."

And so for me there is no sting to death, And so for me there has lost its victory. It is but crossing with deep, bated breath, And white set face, a little strip of sea, To find the loved ones waiting on the shore. More beautiful, more precious, than before. Let us thank God anew for the hopes laid up for us in heaven. Let us cherish the faith that to die is gain. Let us comfort our hearts with the assurance that we shall meet again those dear ones whom we have "loved long since and lost awhile." To die is to gain. It is to come into the inheritance of the saints in light.

Laid to Rest. Funerals Yesterday of Joseph W. Collier and J. M. Harlow. A large number of friends yesterday attended the funeral of Joseph W. Collier, an able and respected citizen, from his late residence, 800 Q street. Deceased was a member of the United Order of Workmen and Industrial Lodge, No. 157, I. O. O. F., under whose auspices the funeral was held. Many handsome floral pieces were placed about the grave. Rev. F. Shadle officiated at the house and cemetery.

The pall-bearers were: From the Workmen, J. E. Harlow, C. W. Baker and C. M. Harrison, and from the Odd Fellows, A. C. Broughton, Charles Ault and T. G. Peckema. The funeral of the late John M. Harlow took place yesterday morning from his parents' residence at 2423 J street. Deceased leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his loss. Rev. Mr. Daily of Oak Park officiated, and a choir rendered appropriate music at the house and cemetery.

The pall-bearers were Charles Taylor, William Bowles, James Rooney, William Foote, William Bishop and Frank Millard. A serious illness is often averted by the prompt use of a pure and wholesome stimulant. The famous old Jesse Moore A. Whisky is the best. Sold by all druggists. Thrown from a Wagon. Peter Candalosi, an Italian laborer, was thrown from a wagon near Appleton yesterday and severely bruised about the ribs. He was treated at the Receiving Hospital in this city by City Physician Nichols.

The use of Angostura Bitters excites the appetite and keeps the digestive organs in order. Dr. J. G. B. Siegert & Sons, sole manufacturers. At all druggists. Talking about the "whole cheese" a wagon load on sale at the C. C. C. 1618 K street, at 85c each. The cheeses weigh 8 to 10 pounds. The quality is good. The price is special for Saturday, but if not all sold, will be the same Monday.

Notice—We are selling a lot of men's \$2.50 dress coats, some for \$1.75; a \$2 heavy working shoe for \$1.45. Sacramento Home Supply Co., J. 7th and 8th. Fruit is now greater in quantity and lower in price. The Pacific, J. near Eighth. Ladies' open-face silver watches of American make at \$5. H. C. Hotfilter, jeweler, 824 K street.

Hardman pianos never lose their tone. They are the highest grade made. We also handle Chickering, Harrington, and other pianos. Wiley E. Allen Co., 415 K. For medicinal purposes drink "Greenbrook" sour mash whisky. Theo. Blauch, 407 K Street, Tel. 297. Everything for the house in electrical supplies. Tom Scott, 303 J street. Otto's Summer Garden—the coolest place in town to enjoy ice cream, soda, or sherbet, 908 J, opp. Plaza.

Try the new drink, iron-brew, at Fryer's, 822 K street. Try the El Dorado, 826 J street, for a glass of stout or lager. Whiskey Hill Wells office. 631 K. DIED. MECKER—Near this city, June 21st, Mrs. J. T. Mecker, wife of Judge J. T. Mecker, mother of Mrs. G. S. Harter, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Mrs. Lutellus Smith and Mrs. C. J. McCarry of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. E. Mecker of Greenvale, W. F. Clark and J. W. Mecker of Sacramento, Cal.; sister of Dr. J. N. Metzger of Norwich, Kas., and Mrs. D. E. McSherry of Dayton, Ohio, a native of Ohio, aged 70 years, 9 months and 23 days. Remains will be shipped to Greenvale, Ohio.

MILLER—In this city, June 24th, John S. Miller, father of Mrs. Fred C. Well, and Mrs. V. Miller, a native of Baltimore, Md., aged 70 years and 24 days. Deceased was a member of Concord Lodge, No. 117, F. and A. M., and Sacramento Society of California Pioneers. Friends may view remains this morning from 10 to 12 o'clock at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Fred C. Well, No. 119 P street. Funerals will take place this afternoon and will be private. MCHUGH—In this city, June 25th, William McHugh, father of John and James McHugh and Mrs. Charles H. Slack, a native of Ireland, aged 65 years. Remains will be shipped to-day to Greenvale, Ohio. STRONG—In this city, June 25th, Jane E. wife of William R. Strong, mother of Charles R. Strong, M. E. Turner and the late George R. Martin, a native of New Jersey, aged 75 years, 5 months and 4 days (Oakland, San Francisco and San Jose papers please copy). Funeral notice hereafter.

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TROUT IS TIME FOR IT! OUR FISHING TACKLE is selected with care and we invite you to examine our goods and prices. KIMBALL & UPSON, Sporting Goods, 625 J.

Sacramento's Exclusive Dry Goods Store. For the Household. Usually there is something to be replaced in the household. The reduced prices on these lines, to be offered next Monday, may enable the housekeeper to buy the needed articles at a saving on what had been anticipated. Monday, 11c. 50 dozen Bleached Turkish Towels, 18x36 inches, a good quality and very absorbent; regular price is 16 2/3c each.

Monday, 10c. 35 dozen All- linen Huck Towels, fringed end and colored borders, 18x38 inches, extra heavy and serviceable; an unusual value at 25c each. Monday, 16 1/2c. One case of extra size White Crocheted Bedspreads, hemmed and ready for use. The patterns are very pretty and novel. We consider these a bargain at \$1.25 each. Monday, 85c. A fortunate purchase of a large quantity of White and Beige Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 36 inches wide, enables us to give money-saving people a treat. The patterns are decidedly new, and certainly strongly made. The regular price should be \$2.75 and \$3 a pair.

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This is the Month when the mind of the thrifty housewife turns to making jellies and jams and putting up fruit for winter use. We have the fruit, the sugar, the cans and the jars. If you want to talk it over with us ring up white 221, or Capital telephone No. 127. American Cash Store, Cor. Eighth and K Sts.