

THEIR LAST SERMONS

Three Methodist Ministers Occupy Their Pulpits for the Last Time.

Rev. Cleveland's Farewell to the Meridian-Street Congregation. Dr. Van Anda at Roberts Park—Rev. Wells.

Yesterday morning the Rev. H. A. Cleveland preached his farewell sermon to his congregation in this city. The occasion was made beautiful with that intermingled joy and sorrow which strikes a sympathy whenever and wherever a heartfelt farewell is spoken.

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flung himself, with all his might into the carrying forward of some great cause that blesses his fellow-men, who know that the true and increasing joy of the many lies in the happiness of the few.

We must have joy; it is indispensable. It makes us healthy and strong and enables us to be of use in the world. It is so necessary to our best becoming and doing that we must put away everything that lessens it and seek everything that increases it.

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our life goes on to its ending here it breaks down in its many virtues and joysness. It is because there has been something wrong with the theories and methods of the world that we have had to come to this point.

I have sometimes thought we needed an Old Men's Christian Association, a Mutual Protection Society for Old Men. Old men are in danger of becoming morally overconfident, deaf and blind to the big sins of the world.

It is plainly God's intention, as in nature and history, that our human life should be a growth, a development, a progress.

At Roberts Park Dr. Van Anda preached his farewell sermon yesterday morning. The theme of his sermon was "The Priceless Value of a Soul."

The sermon was substantially as follows: The value of an article is determined by answering the question, how much good can it do? But in answering the question there must be a careful discrimination between appearances and realities.

Dr. Van Anda then spoke of the peculiar ownership and value of the soul. Our soul is ourselves, he said; we may lose our property, houses may burn, crops may fail, business enterprises may prove disastrous, but we still have life and ability to do again.

Christ comes into our wretched life to give us a new, a higher and a better joy; to give us new truth, new faith, new arguments, new motives, new impulses and new joys.

they are already lost, not through great sin, but neglect. Unless Jesus has saved us we are lost now. To remain here is to be forever undone, and the soul fully lost can never be recovered.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered at the evening services, and at the close of the services the Rev. Dr. Hard spoke briefly and touchingly of the departure of the pastor after four years of faithful and earnest work.

A report of the finances of the church, which was read by the Rev. Dr. Van Anda, showed a total of \$37,372. The disbursements were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Total: \$36,410.18.

His Last Sermon Preached at Grace Church Last Evening. Dr. M. L. Wells, pastor of Grace M. E. Church, preached his farewell sermon last night.

Dr. Wells said: "Atheism and the religion of Christ have for ages been at war, one with the other. Atheism has not been contented with denying the existence of God, but has opposed the teachings and institutions claimed to be of divine origin."

One of the best proofs of the correctness of Christ's teachings is that the nations which have lived under the Christian religion have prospered, while those which have lived under other religions have declined.

The moral influence of atheism and religion has been the subject of much discussion. The moral influence of atheism is to lead to a state of moral decay and intellectual stagnation.

MUNCIE SMALLPOX. An Official Statement of the Extent of the Disease There. To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal: This date our health officer has reported to me, in 102 cases of smallpox, with four deaths, thirty-five now under treatment.

How the Sentinel Came to Accuse Denney of a Speech He Never Uttered. It would be well, perhaps, for the Sentinel to employ James Wilson, of the People, as its editorial writer, as it has the happy way of stealing the articles that he prints in his weekly body and using them without giving Wilson credit.

Thomas Riley, the Indianapolis man who was struck by a seaboard air line train near Washington, about a week ago, and who has been hovering between life and death ever since, died at the Providence Hospital yesterday afternoon at 11 o'clock.

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TRUTH FROM PULPITS

Dr. Milburn's Strong Sermon on the Observance of Law.

Misery Resulting from the Criminal League of Vice and City Government—Rev. Allen's Appeal for the Right.

Rev. J. A. Milburn, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, preached yesterday morning a strong appeal to his congregation to stand firmly against vice and crime in municipal affairs.

Mr. Milburn said: Whether a man be working strenuously in the market or sitting at home, he is always making a statement of mind some intellectual problem, or soothing his shattered nerves with the anodyne of ease, or with some yet more subtle opiate.

There are many ways to this common goal, just as there are many ways to Chicago and New York. We have the choice of three different ways from Indianapolis to New York; likewise the choice of three different routes to Chicago, but whatever route we take from Indianapolis to Chicago, we must go east to reach New York.

So, too, is it with wisdom and all other human faculties and organs. They have no way of their own, no part to play except the great part of submission. They cannot dominate, nor create, nor decree; they are to listen to what nature says and do her will.

He that keepeth the law, happy is he, and only he. And to win this happiness, more than mere negations, man must obey, he must keep the law, he must do the will of the Father, and he must love his neighbor as himself.

Why is it that men and women are not more happy? Why is it that the great multitudes are all under some form of discipline, and that they are not more satisfied to satisfy their needs? Not at all. The most of men and the most of women have their eyes blinded, they have enough to do to satisfy their needs.

Health Officer, City of Muncie. MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 17, 10th day. I have been personally on the ground all of the past week and find the above to be a true statement of the smallpox situation in Muncie.

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behold the face of Christ it is always lit up with smiles, and there is always about him that atmosphere of sweetness and gentleness that comes from doing good, from being a man.

LAW OF RIGHT IS UNIVERSAL. And this law, my friends, is applicable to every human soul. All God's laws and all of nature's laws are omnipresent. They are good for all ages and all lands.

But he that keepeth the law, happy is he. —Proverbs xxix, 18. Mr. Milburn said: Whether a man be working strenuously in the market or sitting at home, he is always making a statement of mind.

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could tell you facts of my own personal knowledge of the wrong done by these men. I could tell you the story of young men brought to the doors of the State's prison by these wretched, whose infamies are convicted at by the powers that be.

Oh! we need an awakening; we need an awakening of the best citizenship of Indianapolis. Shame on it that these men should rule and shame on it that we should dare to defy the public conscience and the public law.

I wish to say no word about politics. I wish to advocate no partisan measures in this pulpit, but I do say—because I have the right to say—that the citizens of Indianapolis have a moral duty; they have a duty to the law, they have a duty to the fathers and mothers, they have a duty to the young men, they have a duty to the sisters and the wives of this city.

My friends, here is counsel and monition for the citizen. Let the man who is willfully deaf and violates the law of duty and right. The sin may be gross or it may be subtle; it may be vulgar or it may be refined; but it is a sin, and it is a sin that it is sin, and therefore under the retributive eye of the Eternal, and must pay the price.

Let us stand for the right. Let us stand for the law. Let us stand for the father and mother as against the gambler; vote for that party that stands for the home as against the gambler; vote for that party that stands for the father and mother as against the gambler; vote for that party that stands for the right as against the wrong.

Rev. Allen's Characterization of the Present State of Affairs. Rev. E. A. Allen, pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian Church, preached yesterday morning on "The Essential of Peace," which he declared to be righteousness. The text was chosen from Hebrew I, vii, 2: "First being by interpretation king of righteousness, and after that also king of Salem, which is king of peace."

After briefly explaining the meaning of the text, the minister proceeded to show that it is one of the fundamental teachings of the Scriptures, The Old Testament governed man by law, but the New Testament depends more on principle than on law. The great purpose of the New Testament was to get righteousness within the heart. Then would we have perfect peace.

Coroner Beck held an inquest yesterday on the body of James Tada, a young negro, who dropped dead in his yard at 96 Harlan street yesterday. Death was evidently due to heart disease.