

THE CHURCHES AND TO-DAY'S SERVICES

Spiritual Analogies Between Vine and Soul

Sermon by REV. JAMES Y. FAIR, D. D., Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Richmond.

(Written for The Times-Dispatch.) Text: Hosea xiv. 7: "They shall

It is the nature of the vine to grow upward. It springs from a lowly origin, its roots are in the ground, but enfolded in its nature is a mysterious but irresistible impulse which draws it up toward the skies. Philosophy may not be able to explain this upward tendency: a giant's hand cannot pluck it out of the nature of the vine. It is the ordination of God. So man may be lowly and ephemeral, but his nature is to grow upward, too, to find God and an eternal home in other worlds.

The vine must of necessity have a prop. It reaches out its tendrils to claspsome support; in the absence of better help, it clings to the hot, dreary wall or twines around the dead and decaying tree.

SOUL OF MAN MUST HAVE SUPPORT

The soul must have a support. This is the origin of those matchless temples the architects of the East have erected as a trellis on which the soul could lift itself up till it blossomed at the very pinnacle. But what is the true prop of the soul? It is the cross of Christ. Twining around that cross, the soul reaches its highest life and bears its sweetest fruit, and God gathers the noblest vintage. To grow upward the soul cannot cling to marble temples or feed on ritualism. It must fulfill its nature the vine requires continual nourishment.

So it sends its roots deep down into the ground. When it has extracted all the help earth can give, it lifts its head toward heaven, turns its face to the sun, the quivering of every leaf an intricate prayer, heard and answered by God out of His fulness. So the vine grows, two worlds tributary to its growth, earth laying her treasures at its feet, heaven sprinkling its dew nightly with the baptism of the dew.

IN MEANS OF GRACE

So if we would thrive spiritually we must be diligent in the use of the means of grace. Do we not often allow business or pleasure to encroach upon the time we should devote to the cultivation of the soul? If any shadow comes between the sun and the vine its graceful and lofty head droops to the ground, its fruits fall and its leaves wither. If we allow the world to come between us and God, the soul is shadowed; it becomes barren and unfruitful; its spiritual life is dimmed and stunted. This is a lesson the young Christian should heed in the rush and pleasure of modern life.

CHOICE OF TWO METHODS BEFORE PASTORS TO-DAY

Must Decide Whether to Run Risk of Offending or Speak in General Terms.

It is an open question whether the avoidance of most questions by the preacher is always a credit, and whether a few slammed pew-doors and alienated parishioners is always a reproach. We incline to the opinion, says the Christian Register, that the minister who works long and faithfully without making anybody in his church feel uncomfortable must have left many things unsaid which he ought to have said, as well as made many things which ought not to have been said; or he must have had a congregation of angels. There are several principles of guidance. One is to avoid anything that anybody might seriously differ with; another is to speak so vaguely and tamely that no one would think his opinions attacked; another is to be insincere, conceal one's opinions and be an accurate echo of the opinions of others. Against each of these methods there are grave objections. The method most complimentary to one's hearers and most compatible with self-respect is to trust that every one knows that all ought to think alike, and that every one worth talking to will respect the man who candidly intrusts his convictions to them, and that a union based on 'ull rights to speak is a sounder one than a union which survives only by silence. Those who become enemies to a man who preaches on this principle will make it easy for him to love his enemies; for they will be a creature of his. He will rather have them enemies than friends.

MUSIC AND EFFICIENCY

Pilgrims must sing for their own sakes, declares Rev. J. H. Jowett. Sons are the appointed help-meets of the journey, and give us the strength, the weary, tell it to Him in song, and in the very telling some of the weariness will have fled. In one of the most powerful of his poems Wordsworth describes a marvelous sunset which he saw from the cliffs on the northwestern coast of England. And this is how he says he felt: "Wings at his shoulders seemed to play." And those are the very things which play upon the shoulders of others. Against each of these methods there are grave objections. The method most complimentary to one's hearers and most compatible with self-respect is to trust that every one knows that all ought to think alike, and that every one worth talking to will respect the man who candidly intrusts his convictions to them, and that a union based on 'ull rights to speak is a sounder one than a union which survives only by silence. Those who become enemies to a man who preaches on this principle will make it easy for him to love his enemies; for they will be a creature of his. He will rather have them enemies than friends.

BISHOP O'CONNELL TO BE MADE HONORARY MEMBER

Knights of Columbus Waive Requirements as to Degrees and Will Elect Bishop To-Day.

Acting upon a wish expressed by the prelate, Right Rev. D. J. O'Connell, bishop of Richmond, will to-day be made a member of the Knights of Columbus. In deference to the high position he holds, he will not be required to take the various degrees in their regular order, but will be elected to honorary membership. James A. Flaherty, of Philadelphia, worthy supreme knight of the order, will preside at the quarterly meeting of the Richmond Council this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and, by special authority vested in him, will declare the distinguished churchman an honorary member of the Knights of Columbus. Following the ceremonies, the bishop is expected to make an address. Bishop O'Connell began his ministerial work in Richmond nearly forty years ago, and is a great favorite here. He has held a number of positions in this country and abroad, coming again to Richmond about two years ago.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION REPORTS MUCH GROWTH

Ten New Counties Added to Organization During Year—Secretary Diggs Submits His Annual Report.

That the work of the Virginia Sunday School Association during the nine months of the present year has produced most gratifying results, possibly more so than at any time in the history of the organization, is evident from the reports submitted to the executive committee at its semiannual meeting held here October 14.

Ten new counties, including Accomac, Clarke, Giles, Roanoke, Rappahannock, Shenandoah, Carroll, Warren, Grayson, and Northampton, have been added to the organization during the year, and the annual convention held in all except one. This makes a total enrollment of fifty-eight counties, containing a white population of 535,000, or more than 61 per cent of that of the State.

The report of General Secretary Thomas C. Diggs, who was presented from attending the meeting by missing a train in Accomac county, showed that he had traveled 16,400 miles, visited forty-nine counties, attended thirty-seven county conventions, and spoken to representatives of about 110 schools. The reports presented at the county conventions, it was said, showed large gains in membership, and substantial progress along all lines, but the statistics will be available until the counties make their reports in January.

The report of the treasurer showed receipts amounting to \$2,212 since January, with a balance of \$379 in the treasury as against an indebtedness of \$509, most of which is of long standing.

Miss Katherine Groh, of Herndon, elementary superintendent, reported that she had given eight weeks to her work, during which time she had attended seventy meetings, giving demonstrations of teaching the primary classes in fifty-two, and spoken to representatives of about 110 schools. Superintendent F. T. Lewis of Fairfax, reported that he and Mrs. Israel had held eight county conventions of boys and girls ranging in age from fifteen to twenty years, with a total attendance of over 1,000. There was every indication of progress, he said.

CONVENT AND SCHOOL IS BEAUTIFUL STRUCTURE

St. Gertrude's, on Stuart Avenue, Is Architectural Triumph in Spanish Style. CHAPEL IS TYPE OF ITS OWN

Instead of Being Apartment in General Organism It Is Detached, and Is Given Individual Character in Whole Mass.

One of the most interesting problems in ecclesiastical architecture which shows artistic possibilities so familiar to European travelers is seen in St. Gertrude's Convent School for Girls, 3109 Stuart Avenue. It has been pronounced to be one of the few beautiful examples in the United States; it is not merely a square mass of utilitarian masonry.

St. Gertrude's gives a fresh and independent study of this attractive problem. To insure an expressive and picturesque design the Benedictine Sisters entrusted the task to a well-known architectural firm of Boston.

ADOPT SPANISH COLONIAL STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE

Throughout the various stages of the composition of the design the clients and architects worked together with more than common sympathy and understanding. A long step in the right direction was taken when it was decided that the chapel, instead of becoming a mere apartment in the general organism, was so far detached to admit of its being given its individual character as a unit in the architectural mass. The architectural style which offered the largest claim to consideration, in point of picturesqueness and traditional sentiment, was the Spanish Colonial or mission style. This was not, however, slavishly followed, but a free rendering was adopted which suggested almost equally the Byzantine. This permitted the introduction of brick quoins in conjunction with the cement material ordinarily associated with buildings in California. It was also for a variety of color and for a greater feeling of structural vitality. The point of junction of the convent with the chapel made an agreeable point for a vertical ascent which took the form of an attractive little bell tower. Further to enhance the picturesqueness of the exterior appearance a Spanish tile of varied color texture was used for the roofing throughout. The design is not yet completely developed, as the architecture, for its full effect, is dependent upon the landscape gardening.

Triumph of Modern Architecture



ST. GERTRUDE'S CONVENT. Recently completed building of the Benedictine group, on Stuart Avenue, is greatly admired by all who have examined its proportions.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

Sessions Open This Afternoon at Second Baptist Church, Continuing All Week.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURERS

Well-Known Experts to Discuss Problems of Operation of Modern Sunday Schools—Several Courses Are Open to Delegates.

The eighth annual session of the training school for Sunday School workers will be inaugurated this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Second Baptist Church, continuing, with daily sessions, through next Sunday. Secretary Joseph T. Watts has announced the following faculty: Prof. W. J. McGlothlin, of the Louisville Seminary, Kentucky; Prof. L. P. Leavell, of Oxford, Miss.; Miss A. L. Williams, Birmingham, Ala.; Miss Margaret A. Frost, Nashville, Tenn.; C. E. Crossland, Park Union, Va., and the Rev. C. E. Schaible, Dumfries, Va.

Following the recognition on behalf of the representatives of the various schools, the session this afternoon will be given over to instruction of classes in their respective courses. The introduction of the faculty, and an address on "Evangelism in the Sunday School," by Prof. McGlothlin. To-night Professor McGlothlin will deliver the first of the series of lectures he will present during the week on the origin and tenets of denominations, his subject to-night being "Baptists." The public is invited to these lectures.

DEVOTE SECOND FLOOR

The electric lighting in the semi-indirect character, and gives a beautiful effect. There are six alabaster pendants, three on either side, and the effect of the light filtering through Pompeian bowls is soft and leaves little to be desired.

A spacious sacristy is provided with a communicating door to the breakfast room. A parlor and waiting-room are provided at the left of the main entrance for the public. Other rooms on this floor are the large common room, opening on an attractive loggia, with two small music rooms just behind this. On the northeast corner of this floor is the studio.

The second floor is devoted to the cells or sleeping rooms for the Sisters, with a large infirmary toward the south. Convenient to the sick room is a spacious and well-protected sleeping porch, while access is had directly from the infirmary to the large oratory, through which the Sisters may assist at services in the chapel.

Underneath the chapel in the high basement are two brilliantly lighted classrooms of the entire area of this portion of the structure. Here, too, is the refectory, with its serving room, large kitchen and storage room. The laundry, boiler and coal rooms are situated in the northeast corner.

BISHOP BROWN TO SPEAK

Will Make Address to Episcopal Sunday School Institute at Grace Church To-Morrow Night.

An address by Bishop William Cabell Brown will feature the meeting of the Episcopal Sunday School Institute to be held in the lecture-room of Grace Church to-morrow evening at 8:15 o'clock. The great of the program calls for information about the synod which meets in Richmond next month, one day of which will be devoted to Sunday school work; statement of work outlined by department leaders for the winter; and the reorganization, up to institute to make it conform to the general ideas of the board of religious education.

AN ANCIENT ROMANCE

The book of Ruth is the greatest parable told in literature. It is founded on loving kindness, the loving kindness of the Moabitess revealed to her family, and the loving kindness of Boaz, the wealthy Israelite, to Ruth, his kinswoman, says the Christian Herald. It also contains the germ of that great heartedness which is the center of the gospel of Christian love. It is a book that opens with tears and famine, and ends with the sound of wedding bells. The story turns upon the straightforwardness of Boaz, who showed kindness and manliness to Ruth, a member of a nation that was Israel's foe, and in that kindness founded a new house, the house of Jesse and David. The royal line that begat a greater than David. It was the first mingling of the blood of the Jew and Gentile, symbolic of the cosmopolitan width of the Christian religion. It was the sign that that religion was not to be founded upon wealth or upon social caste, but upon the large, wholesome love of the human heart. Boaz is immortal among Bible heroes for his kindness, his plain, everyday generosity, his sense of protection and care for the lonely, unprotected Moabitess girl, his dead kinsman's wife, who in her poverty gleaned in his harvest field after the reaper. Boaz gave orders to his reapers that they should allow her to glean even among the sheaves of barley, and by his largeheartedness gained a wife, and more than that, made a place for himself in that immortal company who are renowned for naught but for being kind.

SERIES OF ADDRESSES AT UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Frank Pratt and Rev. D. M. Welsh Will Conduct Interesting Program.

MORE REVIVAL SERVICES START

Dr. Anderson, of Richmond College, Will Speak to Men at Y. M. C. A. This Afternoon—Rally Day at Grace Methodist Sunday School.

There will be a series of special addresses at the First Unitarian Church, Floyd Avenue and Harrison Street, beginning to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. The program arranged for the series is as follows: Monday—Address by Rev. Frank Pratt, Subject: "The God We Worship." Tuesday—Address by Rev. D. M. Welsh, Subject: "The Christ We Believe In." Wednesday—Address by Rev. Frank Pratt, Subject: "The Blasphemous Doctrine of Everlasting Punishment." Thursday—Address by Rev. D. M. Welsh, Subject: "What Is Salvation?" Friday—Address by Rev. Frank Pratt, Subject: "The Foundation Beliefs of Unitarian Christianity."

Revival services will begin on Wednesday night at Central Methodist Church, and will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Cooper, assisted by Rev. L. B. Bojoles, a well-known evangelist of Georgia.

An interesting program has been arranged for the first "Rally Day" exercises of the Grace Methodist Sunday School, temporarily located at the Soldiers' Home Chapel. There will be music and recitations by the school this morning at 10 o'clock, and an address by Rev. F. R. Chenault.

EPISCOPAL MISSION BOARD ANNOUNCED OUT OF DEBT

Raising of Additional Emergency Fund Did Not Disturb Gifts to Regularly Established Causes.

The missionary authorities of the Protestant Episcopal Church announce the completion of their financial year with \$20,000 ahead of last year, and last year was \$25,000 ahead of the one before that. The total this year is the largest sum ever received to be applied to regular work. The same authorities announce also the raising of an emergency fund of \$371,000 in addition to the regular fund. The sum they set aside was \$400,000, and efforts will be continued, the board states, until the other \$31,000 is in hand. Practically the whole \$400,000 has already been secured, the statement says, because of the increase of the \$20,000 mentioned.

A striking feature of the campaign, so those authorities say, has been the interest taken in missions by people who had not heretofore believed in missions, especially in foreign missions. The raising of an additional fund hurt the regular gifts not at all, but rather stimulated them. A very large number of business men and professional men, heretofore not entering into personal Christian work, gave time to canvasses. On the whole, so the members of the board say, the effect upon the church has been of more value than the money secured.

The \$400,000 fund was to reimburse reserved funds that had been drawn upon to pay deficits. Some was to be used to cover an expected deficit this year, owing to the war. For the first time in eight years, the Episcopal board now finds itself free from debt. The raising of an additional fund to believe that financial conditions are improved to stay, at least in so far as they affect Christian missions.

IMMANUEL

(By Paul Harris Drake.) God spake to me in the sunset as I lay a-dying lay, And over the hills from the eastward crept the mantling mists of gray—

In the sunset's radiant flashes, ere the soft approach of night, Turned its splendor into ashes as the last pale rays took flight. Standing alone by the casement, bathed in the glow of the sunset, Into my soul slipped gladness, out of my heart crept woe: As the twilight shadows lengthened, and the evening star low burned, My faith in god was strengthened, and my thoughts toward god were turned.

The world with its cares forgotten; stripped of its doubts my soul— A sense of infinite calmness into my bosom stole. "Fear not, I am with thee always," came a voice from out of the deep, "To the end of the world I am with thee; be still," it said, "and sleep."

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Monument Methodist—Rev. T. McN. Simpson, presiding elder, will preach at the morning service. The pastor, Rev. R. H. Potts, D. D., will preach to-night on "That Around Which True Life Clusters."

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Charles T. Towson, of New York, general secretary of the industrial department, International Young Men's Christian Association, will speak this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association on "A Calling Worth While." There will be special music.

"How a Man Lost Jesus" will be the subject of an address this afternoon at the men's meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association, by Dr. D. R. Anderson, of Richmond College. Rev. Fred R. Chenault will address the Boys' Sunday Afternoon Club on "The Blue Bird."

The first older boys' meeting of the season will be held at 3 o'clock, when an address will be made by J. P. Jones, Richmond delegate-elect to the Legislature. His subject will be "The Chifloner."

The revival meetings being conducted in the big tent at Canal and Jefferson Streets by C. H. Gootie, assisted by Rev. John T. Hatfield and his wife, of Charlottesville, Ind., will be continued this week.

Elder James Howie will preach this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on "Preach the Word," at a service to be held in the Junior Order of United American Mechanics' Hall, on Louisiana Street, Fulton.

West End Methodist Church has been crowded each evening with attentive audiences, who listened to the message of Rev. Luther Bridges. The afternoon service to-day at 3 o'clock will be for men only, and the subject will be "Business Success or Failure." The meetings will continue next week.

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To make room for our Christmas stock, which must be opened and placed, we are offering some extraordinary bargains that should appeal to all booklovers. These titles will make splendid additions to any library, or ideal, inexpensive Christmas gifts. Note the unusual values. Take elevator to our Third Floor.

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