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TAKES SAMSON AS EXAMPLE

Dr. Homer H. Stuntz Describes Man's Trials and Temptations.

New Yorker Gives Graphic Talk at Sunday Afternoon Mass Meeting of the Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Homer H. Stuntz, of New York City, gave a graphic talk on "Blind, blind, and grinding" at the regular mass meeting held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon at the Belmont Theater.

Introduced Dr. Stuntz, and referred to the important work he has done in New York in church and missionary circles as a member of the Methodist missionary board of that city. Dr. Stuntz described the trials and temptations in life which face every struggling man. Taking Samson as an example, he drew the picture of a strong man, overpowered and tortured, but at the last moment destroying his own enemies by pulling down their temple over their heads. He then pictured the Samson of modern life, who fell once before the blinding grind, but gathered sufficient courage at the last moment to overcome all this. As a closing feature of the services, W. H. H. Smith gave a brief talk on "Songs in the dark," showing many views of the Orient on the picture screen.

"A Commendable Fight."

"A commendable fight" was the subject of a brilliant sermon last night by Rev. Edwin T. Mowbray, pastor of McKendree M. E. Church. Mr. Mowbray's sermon was an exhortation to all to remain firm in the way of righteousness, and to do that which is right at all hazards. He emphasized the practical good of righteousness, and said the man who was conscious of having done right would be more likely to get through life successfully, because he would have a calm conscience, undisturbed by misgivings and knowledge of guilt. In addition to the sermon, special music was rendered by a well-trained choir. Yesterday morning Mr. Mowbray preached an excellent sermon on the text, "I am that I am."

WILL OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Catholic Convert League to Celebrate Completion of First Year.

The monthly meeting of the Catholic Convert League was held yesterday afternoon in McMahon Hall, Catholic University, when plans were formulated for the celebrating of the first anniversary of the organization. P. J. Haltigan, editor of the National Hillerian, was to deliver an address, but owing to a severe cold he could not appear. Melvin Tait, secretary of the association, read the report of the work done during the past eleven months, which showed the organization to be in a flourishing condition.

"Safe and Sane Christmas."

A "safe and sane Christmas" was advocated in a sermon yesterday morning by Rev. John Van Schaick at the Church of Our Father. "There has come a time," he explained, "when the Christmas celebration demands that it shall be a safe and sane one, as with the Fourth of July. But it differs from the Fourth of July, which aims at bodily protection, in so much as it aims at the spiritual welfare." There is too much indiscriminate charity going on at Christmas time, Rev. Mr. Van Schaick declared, with the result that "more than one family gives up work for the time being to live off the money and food given them by charity-workers."

Was Hackman for Gen. Grant.

Long Branch, N. J., Dec. 11.—Britain Woolley, the oldest resident of the city, died here to-day in his ninety-ninth year. Gen. Grant was a patron of Woolley's, who for years drove a hack along the beach.

TEACHINGS SATISFY NEEDS OF PEOPLE

Pastor Douglass Preaches on Work of Mrs. Eddy.

PLAYS CRITICS OF THE CULT

Before Flouting Principles of Christian Science, Persons Should Go to Trouble to Investigate, Declares Preacher—Presbyterian and Methodist Missionaries Occupy Pulpits.

Rev. Lloyd Douglass, pastor of Luther Place Memorial Church, told a large congregation yesterday morning that thousands of members of orthodox churches had accepted the Christian Science teachings of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, which was evidence that the church had failed to satisfy the needs of these people. Dr. Douglass also took occasion to sharply criticize people who condemned the teachings of Christian Science without familiarizing themselves with its principles.

Dr. Douglass took his text from the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel of John, twelfth verse: "Greater works than these shall ye do."

"I am not a Christian Scientist," he said, "and my position as pastor of an orthodox church makes that point quite clear. Yet I had rather be identified with that cult than to be identified with the large and increasing body of people who are zealous in impugning all of its teachings without going to the trouble of investigating."

Value Not Understood.

"When Mrs. Eddy began her teachings she felt the Christian Church was failing to realize the practical value and usefulness of the power which Jesus Christ had delegated to His disciples. Some of the most ardent enemies of Christian Science are people who have not taken the time or trouble to study the principles set forth in 'Science and Health.' It would be better if these people would devote their controversial powers to some matter upon which they had more information."

"During the past week the question of the future of Christian Science has been raised. Christian Science will in no way be affected by the death of Mrs. Eddy. Her death will not affect the future of Christian Science any more than the passing of St. Paul affected his philosophy."

Dr. Douglass spoke along the same lines in his sermon last night, and paid a high tribute to Mrs. Eddy, who, he said, was a woman "with a fine soul."

Talks on Modern Minister.

At the Vermont Avenue Christian Church last evening, the pastor, Rev. Carl W. Wiley, discussed the functions of the modern minister. He said, in part:

"Why don't people heed the message of the gospel? For many reasons. Some people like literary sermons, ornate sermons; others like little bits of nothing, like soap bubbles that explode and fall to the ground; others, soothing sirup. I have no objection to people coming to hear the music, but I want them to give me a chance. Some people don't like the trumpet. It is too bad that so many of us don't like so many preachers. After all, the preacher is just like other folks."

"He has a spirit and can be blue and despondent, and don't forget that he is, first of all, a man, and ought to be every inch a man, and as King Lear said, every man a king. Believe the best that he says. Don't worry about the trumpet, hear the message. Jesus Christ was buffeted, spat upon, and crucified; but He saved the world."

Faith in Life To-day.

Rev. Donald C. MacLeod gave the first of a series of lectures on "The conspicuous virtues of American life to-day" at First Presbyterian church last night. He explained that the primary foundation of virtue is faith, which might be in the twentieth century included as one of the chief characteristics of the American people.

He denounced Thomas Payne for his "Age of Reason," in which he attacked the Christian faith, but declared that faith and reason were all one, and not, as Payne avowed, antagonistic. Many persons, he reasoned, took little stock in what the term faith, because every man "coat of many colors," but in the eyes of God, Dr. MacLeod said, there could be but one faith.

Rev. Augustus J. Duarte, S. J., preached yesterday at the solemn services in St. Aloysius' Church. He spoke of the approach of Christmas, and asked the congregation that in making mortals happy they should not forget to make their God happy by strict attention to their Christian duties. Father Duarte is one of the most eloquent preachers in the Jesuit order.

Last night there was a reunion of the sodalities of the Blessed Virgin, which was attended by all members of the sodality. Special music was given by the sanctuary choir.

Gives Church History.

Services were held at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church last night, when Rev. Wallace Radcliffe preached on the "Jerusalem chamber" and gave bits of the church history.

Announcement was made that next Sunday Rev. George A. Johnston Ross, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., will exchange pulpits with Mr. Radcliffe. Mr. Ross is a distinguished author and preacher of the Presbyterian Church of England, and was recently called from Oxford, England, to his present charge.

At Mount Pleasant Congregational Church the pastor, Rev. Frank J. Goodwin, preached on "The man without a sky." He said, in part:

"I saw a new heaven and a new earth, as has been well pointed out, that God never makes a new heaven, but he makes a new earth. The kind of sky you have determines the glory of the earth on which you live. Some men live by rule, from grit, or routine; their horizons are limited, and therefore their accomplishment is small. We are ruled by our ideals. If they be sordid and mean, the life shows it; if they are high, beyond attainment, they act as magnets to draw men to nobler things. If we settle down in easy contentment with small results, we fall. A man's reach must exceed his grasp. The archer aims above his mark to allow for the fall due to gravity; the mariner who wants to go five knots an hour must have a wind which blows faster than that. So with life; the ideal must be high, even if we accomplish but common success."

Bishop Anderson Is Heard.

Bishop W. E. Anderson, of the Baltimore district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, preached an interesting sermon last night at the Hamline M. E. Church, his theme being "Live up to the ideals of God." The entire sermon was a warning against allowing one's physical wants and desires to drag him down from the high ideals which he should live up to.

Rev. J. M. Gray, pastor of the East Baltimore M. E. Church, will take charge of Hamline Church the first Sunday in January. It will be remembered that Rev. Mr. Guthrie, who has been in charge

for the past three years, left some weeks ago for Wilkesbarre, Pa., to take charge of the First M. E. Church of that city.

At the Church of the Covenant yesterday morning and afternoon the pulpit was occupied by Dr. Arthur J. Brown, secretary of the board of foreign missions of the Presbyterian Church of America. Dr. Brown spoke from his personal observations in Asia during two recent visits, covering Japan, Korea, and China.

Adjuncts to Civilization.

"I am asking myself and you the question as to what we actually have to give these people that would justify the vast outlay of treasure and of life which our Presbyterian programme now calls for," said Dr. Brown. "Certainly, it is not civilization, the teaching of good manners, the furnishing of the appliances of modern life, that justifies us in urging the missionary programme. Our men of business are looking after the supplying of these adjuncts to civilization, as we have them. So far as civilization goes, China and India had their long before we had ours. The missionary as a pioneer of trade has been badly overdone. Civilization and piety and character are unfortunately not always necessarily synchronous."

Rev. Homer C. Stuntz, D. D., of New York City, missionary secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, preached at Metropolitan M. E. Church yesterday morning on the missionary work of the Methodist Church from the time the first missionary was sent to the Orient up to the present day.

"We never made any headway in Japan until the government paved the way," he said. "In Korea the same condition existed, and that no progress was made in the missionary field in India until Great Britain had taken control there. The missionaries had gained more converts in the ten years following British occupation than they had made in the previous sixty years."

Other Divine Agency.

Dr. Stuntz said that the Church of Christ was the other divine agency, and that it had met with very little success until recent years. "We did not have a foreign missionary," he said, "until 1888, when we picked out one man and sent him to Africa. It was not until fourteen years after that time that we sent two missionaries to China and one man to India. Now we are supporting 718 missionaries, working in 123 languages and dialects, and we own \$16,750,000 worth of real estate."

"The whole missionary body of the Church of Christ working together has put the Bible into 500 languages and dialects, in many cases having to reduce the languages to writing before making the Bible thus translated was an immense dynamic force in the cause of Christianity."

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Memorial for Members of Printing Craft Held.

THIRTY-SIX NAMES ON LIST

Lives of Departed Fellow-workers Extolled by President Roberts, of Columbia Union, No. 101—Special Music Rendered by Pistorio's Orchestra—Vocal Numbers.

With simple but impressive services the members of Columbia Typographical Union, No. 101, yesterday held their eighth annual memorial in Typographical Temple, George C. Seibold, secretary of Columbia 101, called the roll for thirty-six members of the local union who have died during the past year.

The address was made by Charles T. Hender, a former member of Columbia 101, who told of the work of the Typographical Union in caring for the sick and feeble of the printing craft. He outlined the pension plan, whereby a printer after reaching a certain age, if he has worked at the trade for a certain length of time, can retire on a pension which is furnished by the union. He also told of the beauties of the Union Printers' Home, at Colorado Springs, Colo., where the members who are unable to work can have a home as long as they wish, inasmuch as they helped to maintain the institution during the period they were active.

Lives Are Extolled.

F. C. Roberts, president of the local union, made a few remarks relative to the lives of the men who have passed away during the past year. Thomas L. Jones was chairman of the memorial committee, and announced the speakers. Rev. Charles L. Pate, pastor of Dumbarton Avenue M. E. Church, a former member of Columbia 101, pronounced the invocation.

Special music was furnished by Pistorio's Orchestra. An octet composed of Miss Edith Stowell, Mrs. Charles B. Bayly, Mrs. D. Olin Leech, Mrs. George S. Lippitt, Thomas L. Jones, C. E. Bridwell, B. A. Lineback, and J. R. Purvis sang "Hark, Hark, My Soul," W. P. Davis gave a cornet solo, "The Rosary." A violin solo was contributed by Miss Ruby Stanford, accompanied by Edwin Powell. Miss Edith Stowell, accompanied by Mrs. Thomas L. Jones, sang "These Are Thy." The finale of the services consisted of "The Lost Chord" by the orchestra and octet.

The services were in memorial of William L. Agnew, Henry C. Shearer, Virgil B. Pinkston, Edward D. King, Jr., Thaddeus J. Coles, Francis C. Barker, Frank W. Watson, William B. Padgett, Eric E. Burdick, Lewis A. Wisener, Abner C. Proctor, Gustav H. Ramsperger, Alonzo T. Foxwell, Charles W. Otis, Vincent C. Meyerhoffer, Andrew B. Evans, Charles W. Crutchfield, Charles F. Gilmore, Harry D. Escherbrock, James B. Knapp, Edward L. Russ, Edward H. Thomas, Naasson M. Light, Jacob Covert, Michael M. Comar, James E. Bright, Emanuel Waldecker, Charles C. Koehl, William H. Brock, Henry M. Towner, Charles N. Warren, John R. Rankin, Marcus Cashman, William F. Tappan, James M. A. Spottwood, and Berkeley R. Stokes.

To Be Buried in Arlington.

With full military honors, the body of Maj. Gen. Wallace Fitz Randolph will be buried in Arlington this afternoon. Services will be conducted at the residence, 1317 New Hampshire avenue, by Rev. Randolph McKim and Rev. John A. Aspinwall. The services at the grave will be conducted by Capt. W. W. Brander, chaplain of Fort Myer.

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PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 11.—Robert Charles Hannon, of East Windsor, has announced that he is the successor to the head of the Christian Science Church, and has engaged Robert M. Grant, an attorney of Hartford, Conn., to bring suit against the directors of the church to support his claim. Last Friday Mr. Hannon sent several thousand circulars broadcast over the world announcing that Mrs. Eddy had commissioned him on August 13, 1896, as her successor.

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