

WHEN TO SAY "NO."

The Topic of an Interesting Sermon by Rev. W. J. Harkness

AT CHAPLINE STREET CHURCH

Sunday Evening—Pastor Harkness Lays Down Rules to Follow—Don't Argue With Sin, and When in Rome Don't Always do as the Romans do, but Say "No" When Tempted, Even if You Stand Against the World.

At the Chapline street M. E. church, last evening, the pastor, Rev. W. J. Harkness, delivered an interesting discourse on the topic: "When to Say No," taking his text from Daniel 3-18, including the words: "We are not careful to answer thee in this matter. Dr. Harkness spoke as follows:

"When Nebuchadnezzar had completed his wonderful conquest of nearly all the known world, and had begun the period of peace, he erected a lofty statue of gold near the city. This colossal statue was seventy feet high, and well covered with gold. The inauguration ceremonies were on a scale magnificent even for Babylon. Runners hastened to distant regions, commanding the attendance of all the prominent men, who should prostrate themselves when the outburst of triumphal music announced the proper moment, refusal to do so being threatened with the terrible punishment of being burned to death in a fiery furnace. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego remained standing when all the rest, at the sound of the music, had bowed down in worship. The news of this refusal was carried to the king.

He summons them, gives his orders, but they refuse. When threatened with the fiery furnace calmly, quietly, with no blanching on the cheek and no quiver in the voice, they answered: "We are not careful to answer thee in this matter. There is no need that we further answer thee. We have nothing more to say. There is no more room for further argument." Decision of character is one of the greatest gifts God has given to humanity. Every man has the germ of this quality, which can be cultivated, by favorable circumstances, and by method and order in the prosecution of his duties or tasks he may by habit greatly augment his will power, and beget a frame of mind so nearly resembling resolution that it would be difficult to distinguish between the two. Well it has been said: "The intellect is but the half of a man; the will is the driving wheel—the spring of the motive power."

Sydney Smith says that "in order to do anything in this world that is worth doing we must not stand shivering on the bank, and thinking of the cold and the danger, but jump in and scramble through as well as we can." The first great step in life is to know when you are right, and then stick to it, regardless of results. Every day we must face questions that need decision of character, and noble is the man who can say no when he knows when it is wrong. The scene on the plain of Dara is one continually being re-enacted. Forever more the old demand is made. Forever more the stern old choice presents itself—wrong or right, purity or impurity; integrity or the opposite; self or duty, are meeting us every day in our home, business and social life. There is the golden image—selfish ambition, money wrongfully gotten, sensual indulgence, worldly positions and defiance of the Divine law. Shall we say, yes, come, let me enjoy, or shall we have to say no. What is the true way. Our story tells us—never to argue with sin.

When you begin arguing with sin you have actually yielded to its fascinations. Sin is the violation of the law. Wrong is wrong. There can be no compromise with evil. He that looks upon an evil thing forms the first desire for it. If the desire can get us to stop and long it will not be long before we partake. Adam saw that the fruit "was good to eat;" the ground was well watered everywhere, was the first glance to Lot. After "I saw" how easy was it for Achan to take the next step, "I coveted." Only one penny—one idle moment—one little sin—one glance—and the rest easily follows.

Learn to say no. Don't tamper with evil. He that plays with the fire will always carry away the smoke. Touch not. Handle not, and then you will be saved many a dark hour.

Learn to say no even though asked to indulge but once. They were asked to worship but once—a favor to the king. Only once you can show a little kindness—a little gratitude—it will not hurt you. Satan does not come to destroy all at once. He presents some plausible picture, fascinates with the desire. "Only once." How many catch the bait and are destroyed. Just one drink, a little lemonade with a stick in it. One game of cards, a little speculation, just a few dollars, no one will know you can pay it back to-morrow. Habits are a necklace of pearls—until the knot and the whole untrued, yet it all started from the first thread.

The habits at first may seem to have no more strength than a spider's web, but once formed it binds us with a chain of iron. The small events of life, taken singly, may seem exceedingly unimportant—like snow that falls silently—flake by flake, yet accumulated these snow flakes form the avalanche. The reading of an improper book, the hearing of a vulgar story, speaking slang words and going to questionable places, may be only once, yet they have opened the doorway to future evil. Found in bad company means wicked influence; going to the saloon ends in the staggering path to hell.

They were young men away from home, with no one to help them, yet they had the courage to say no. It is hard to be singular—to stand alone—to be pointed out as a crank. Many fall because they fear to be laughed at. "When you are in Rome do as the Romans do" has wrecked many a soul. Some of the greatest men of the world have conquered every obstacle, though they had to face the difficulties alone. Have originality of aims and methods,

and then stick to them. Keep your eyes open and your wits about you, and you will not fear the ridicule of the world. To make a name that will live beyond the hour you must do something worth being done, and hold to it. Do not be frightened because your idiosyncrasies stick out and provoke criticism. If you know you are right hold on. If you have any native pluck and substance, any of the grit that makes the true man, hold fast to your ideas, and you will bring your hidden ores, your gems of thought, to the light, and the world will recognize that you are a power. Paul and Luther stood alone when fighting for their principles. Let us have the same convictions. When you are submerged by some difficulty pop in some other place and fight on. Go under the breaker, if necessary, but always swim to the surface, and the shore of success will be reached some time.

As well might a man try to sweep back the Atlantic ocean with a broom as they try successfully to resist the mandates of Nebuchadnezzar. We boast of our independence. Where is it? Man is a moral slave to the set or circle to which he belongs. Custom dictates our amusement, our mode of living and our style of our garments. The code of society is stronger than Sinai. Fashion tells you what you shall eat, drink, wear; when you shall go to bed and get up, what you shall do to benevolent objects; where you shall spend the summer months, and almost what you shall think. We put our ballot in the box, but the bosses elect their men. We talk about our freedom, but we are slaves to every passing wind. We boldly stand up and use our influence for some reform in business or society, but when the pressure is brought to bear our backbone is only gristle. We excuse our acts, our manliness and our honesty by painting over it: "We can't help it; they are too strong for us." Let us be men, and say no to every shadow of evil, regardless of what power or influence is back of it. Archimedes said: "Give me a standing place, and I will move the world." Goethe has changed it: "Make good thy standing place and move the world."

The king had been to them a friend, while he might have killed them years before he ennobled them, enriched them and placed them in positions of power. To go against the decrees of a kind employer is far harder than to refuse obedience to one who has been harsh. A simple treat, a kind favor bestowed, is oftentimes excuse for some indulgence. We can't be selfish. If my companion pays for the drinks it is mean not to reciprocate. Can't go back on my party. All the boys do it. Well, it may hurt their feelings—cause trouble—don't cost much. Better stab a friend than bring sorrow to God. Better have God your only friend than be surrounded by earthly friends and have God against you.

"Well they knew that God would help them. I would just as soon go into a furnace if I knew beforehand that it would not harm me," says the world. They knew that God could deliver them, but they were in doubt as to whether God would do so. When they stood up before the king and declined to do as he bade them, they were not at all sure but in the next moment their bodies would be burned to a crisp. It is not the assurance of personal safety that gives us confidence, it is the fact that we are in His hands. We do not need to know just what he will do with us or for us—whether he will deliver us or let us suffer. God may permit us to suffer. Very well. Our trust does not depend on deliverance. It has no condition. It is simply trust, without stipulation or suggestion.

Our God is able to deliver us, not that he will, but he can, if necessary. There they rested the matter. God's power ought to be our only comfort. True Christian faith is willing to leave to God just what He shall do, confident in God's power and love.

OFF FOR THEIR CAMP.

The Linsly Boys go into Camp This Morning on the Creek. This morning the young men who have enrolled themselves as cadets at Linsly Institute for the term beginning next Monday, September 18, go out Big Wheeling creek to form a military camp for a week, preliminary to the opening of the school. The idea is Principal Dent's and has been received with enthusiasm by the pupils and with approval by parents. Throughout the week military regulations will be in force, from reveille to taps, but this doesn't mean that recreation and fun will not figure largely in the doings of the week. Members of the faculty will be at the school building daily from 10 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 4 p. m. for the purpose of receiving any new pupils for the ensuing term.

THE RAILROADS.

The Wheeling & Lake Erie has ordered ten cars for passenger service from Pullman's Palace Car Company, and although it was decided early last month not to place orders for the freight cars on which bids had been received, it is now again stated that some or all of the cars needed will be contracted for. The Wheeling & Lake Erie has placed the order for ten locomotives with the Pittsburgh Locomotive and Car Works.

West Virginia Pensions. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 10.—Pensions have been granted to the following West Virginia applicants: Original—Jarvis J. Holstein, Racine, 36. Increase—Harry G. Morton, Mason-town, \$4 to \$8. Original widows—Catherine A. Crowl, Weston, \$3; Hannah Pride, Auburn, \$5; Mary A. Cove, Charlotte, \$3; Mary E. Balesley, Lubec, \$5. Mexican war survivor, (increase)—Milton Burgess, Rome, \$7 to \$12.

River Telegrams. OIL CITY—River 2 inches and stationary. Weather, cloudy and pleasant. WARREN—River at low water mark. Weather, fair and cooler. MORGANTOWN—River 7 feet and stationary. Weather, cloudy and warm. GREENSBORO—River 7 feet and falling. Weather, fair and pleasant. BROWNSVILLE—River 6 feet 2 inches and falling. PITTSBURGH—River 3.5 feet and falling. Clear and cool. STRUBENVILLE—River 1 foot 11 inches and stationary. Weather, clear and warm.

SMOKELESS POWDER



To be Manufactured by the Government Near Indian Head. WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 10.—The navy department expects to begin the manufacture of smokeless powder at its powder mills, a few miles back from the Potomac river, near Indian Head, within the next two or three months. Work on the mills has been pushed energetically, and at present about 1,800 men are employed. Admiral O'Neill, chief of the bureau of ordnance, accompanied by Lieutenant Seymour, of the bureau, inspected the work during the last week, and was much pleased at the progress made. Already about a dozen buildings are completed, the electric light plant—said to be one of the finest in the world—is installed, and the stand pipe, 120 feet high is up. There are ten of twelve other buildings well along toward completion. Altogether the group of buildings will number twenty-four or twenty-five, with a capacity of 2,000 pounds of smokeless powder daily. This daily output seems large at first thought, but one of the big thirteen-inch guns of the Indiana uses 1,000 pounds of powder at a single shot. The opening of the mills will mark a distinct departure by the government. Heretofore all the supplies of powder have been drawn from private sources. The first appropriation made by Congress for a powder factory was about \$200,000, but in the last naval appropriation bill \$1,000,000 was given for the purchase "or manufacture" of powder. This permits a part of the last appropriation to be used for the mills now in course of construction. Commander Cowden is in charge of the work of construction.

AMUSEMENTS.

To-night and Tuesday night at the Carroll Club auditorium, the "Alvin Gray" comic opera will be given. All indications point to its being a histrionic and musical success. Reserved seats can be secured at C. A. House's music store. The cast is as follows: Mrs. Alvin Gray.....Miss Sifonia Gessner Patience Algood.....Mary Edits Alvin Gray.....Margie Gillies Nancy Pastynouth.....Katie Meyers Matilda Jones.....Catherine Black Tina Primrose.....Blanche Smouse Gus Ringworm.....Anna Meyers A Beggar Child.....Ella Smouse Dorothy Green.....Anna Burley Grandchild.....Sebastian Rafferty Johanna Jenkins.....Mr. M. J. Coyne St. Weakness.....Charles Ray George Rumliffe.....Leo Kletzley Alvin Gray, Jr.....T. A. Edmeyer Edmeyer.....Edmeyer Edmeyer Robby Sharktooth.....George Westmeyer Capt. Sharktooth.....C. B. Miller Ralph Primrose.....J. Note Amasa Ringworm.....Miss Biddler Rufus Bowlin.....Will Young Chinaman No. 1.....Ed Mahoney Chinaman No. 2.....George Westmeyer

SECOND WEEK OF THE IDEALS.

Himmels's Ideals and Howson's Twentieth Century band will open the second week of their engagement at the Grand Opera House to-night. This week there will be daily matinees, commencing Tuesday. The Ideals played to the seating capacity of the theatre at nearly every performance last week, and the indications point to an even greater degree of success during the present week. To-night's bill will be the famous comedy drama, "The Census Taker." It is a strong play, and it will be given in the same finished manner as other plays in the repertoire of The Ideals. Seats are on sale at the box office.

THE STAR TRIUMVIRATE.

It is natural that the play-going public should be impressed by the announcement of such a stellar aggregation as that of Louis James, Kathryn Kidder, and Charles B. Hanford, which will be seen at the Opera House next Saturday, matinee and evening. Although popular interest centers in the distinguished stars and the elaborate revivals of standard plays that will be given by this company, it is a great satisfaction to the exacting tastes of today to know that the stars will be supported by people who are entirely worthy of the leading lights of the organization, Messrs. Wagenhals & Kemper, the managers of this big enterprise have recognized the fact that it is necessary to engage competent people for all the roles. They have, therefore, secured a company numbering thirty-seven people, nearly all of whom have been chosen with special reference to their fitness for certain parts. The matinee bill will be "The School of Scandal," and at night, "The Winter's Tale" will be produced.

Chronic Diarrhoea Cured.

This is to certify that I have had chronic diarrhoea ever since the war. I got so weak I could hardly walk or do anything. One bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me sound and well. J. R. GIBBS, Fincastle, Va. I had chronic diarrhoea for twelve years. Three bottles of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me. S. L. SHAVER, Fincastle, Va. Both Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Shaver are prominent farmers and reside near Fincastle, Va. They procured the remedy from Mr. W. E. Casper, a druggist at that place, who is well acquainted with them and will vouch for the truth of their statements. For sale by druggists.

Through Trains to Cleveland.

Effective Sunday, September 10, the Wheeling & Lake Erie will run through passenger trains between Wheeling and Cleveland without change of cars. Trains leave Wheeling at 6:30 a. m. and 11:15 a. m., city time. Through trains for Wheeling leave Cleveland at 9:20 a. m. and 3:20 p. m.

LOW RATES TO BALTIMORE.

Via B. & O. Account Union Veteran Legion, National Encampment. September 9 to 13, inclusive, the Baltimore & Ohio will sell excursion tickets to Baltimore and return, at rate of \$10, valid for return passage until September 20, with privilege of an extension of limit until September 30. For full information apply to T. C. Burke, passenger and ticket agent.

A FINE Stultz & Bauer Grand Piano.

walnut case, at factory price at the closing-out sale of MILLIGAN, WILKIN & CO., 1140 Market street.

REAL ESTATE Title Insurance.

If you purchase or make a loan on real estate have the title insured by the WHEELING TITLE & TRUST CO. No. 1305 Market Street.

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STATISTICS OF TRADE

Between United States and Colonies Under Military Control. WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The war department made public to-day a statement of the trade between the United States and all of her colonies under military control, and with Cuba, as well, for the seven months of 1899, ending July 31, making comparison with the year 1898. The exports from the United States to Cuba for the seven months were \$14,116,993 in 1899, against \$4,485,927 in 1898. The imports into the United States from Cuba, for the same period, were \$19,976,956 in 1899, against \$12,474,770 in 1898. The exports from the United States to Porto Rico for the seven months were \$2,223,221 in 1899, against \$569,110 in 1898. Imports into the United States from Porto Rico during the same time were \$3,379,944 in 1899, against \$2,365,900 in 1898. The exports from the United States to the Philippine islands from January 1 to July 31 were \$398,109 in 1899, against \$48,778 in 1898. The imports into the United States from the Philippines for the same time were \$3,237,134 in 1899, against \$2,233,775 in 1898. The trade of the United States with the various islands when stated by months shows a marvelous growth of our commerce. The growth of exports by months has been very gratifying in all the islands, and especially so in the Philippine islands.

Army of Cumberland Reunion.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 10.—A program for the reunion of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland in this city, September 26-27, was adopted by the chairman of committees having charge of the event. Brigadier-General Henry M. Duffield is the general chairman and Mayor Maybury has charge of the reception to the veterans. An attendance of at least 250 veterans is expected. The principal public gathering will be addressed by ex-Congressman Charles E. Belknap, and the reunion will conclude with the society's annual banquet.

Miss Gould's Thanks.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Adjutant General William C. Lillier, of Lancaster, Pa., a Spanish war veteran, to-day received the following telegram from Miss Helen Miller Gould, who was unanimously elected national sponsor of the Spanish War Veterans' Association: "Your kind message has reached me informing me of my election as sponsor for the Spanish war veterans, and I take great pleasure in accepting the honor, for which please express my thanks to the association."

Altgeld Refuses an Appointment.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—Ex-Governor John P. Altgeld has returned to Governor Tanner, the commission appointing Mr. Altgeld a delegate to the trust conference to be held in Chicago September 13. As to his reason for this step, Mr. Altgeld said: "The fact is, I have not much confidence in the proposed trust conference. It looks to me as if it were going to be more of a trust love feast than anything else."

Fever at Key West.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The marine hospital service here has an official dispatch from Key West, giving the total of yellow fever cases reported up to date as 155, with ten deaths. The detention camp at the Dry Tortugas is now in operation and refugees are being received and cared for there.

Voluntary Raise of Wages.

MARQUETTE, Mich., Sept. 10.—The iron mining companies of the Marquette range have announced a voluntary raise in wages of ten cents a day, taking effect September 1.

Dewey Sails for New York.

GIBRALTAR, Sept. 10.—The United States cruiser Olympia, with Admiral Dewey, sailed this afternoon for New York.

A FEW more great bargains in Pianos and Organs left at the great closing-out sale of MILLIGAN, WILKIN & CO., 1140 Market street.

FAMILY WASHING.

Rough Dry Washed, Starched and Dried 5 cents per pound. Flat Work, Washed and Ironed, 5 cents per pound. All hand work finished 10 cents per pound. At Home Steam Laundry.

McFADDEN'S SHIRTS, HATS, SHOES, 1316, 1318, 1320 and 1322 Market St., Wheeling. MEN'S 75c ROUGH RIDER SOFT HATS FOR 48c. MEN'S WORKING CAPS, the fine black or tan, a good cap for any kind of work for only 10c. MEN'S PRETTY SOFT HATS, the light weight, latest style, in black, brown or pearl color, for only 48c. MEN'S FINE STIFF HATS, the correct fall style, black or brown, the best \$1.50 hats, for only \$1.50.

POLITICS IN CUBA.

Rival Political Parties Springing Up on the Island. HAVANA, Sept. 10.—Quintin Bandera still remains in Havana, purchasing the plant for the newspaper he intends to establish in Santiago de Cuba. His stay causes no little trouble among the leading Cuban politicians of all parties owing to the news of the formation of a negro party in the eastern provinces. Moreover, Gualberto Gomez, by his threat to form a third Havana party, has forced a premature union between the Cuban National League and the Cuban National party. Although the white Cubans assert that there is no likelihood of any race trouble in Cuba, still the amount of space that all the newspapers have given to the newly-founded negro party of late, goes to show a belief that the eastern provinces could seriously affect the political future of the island and the politicians are having every movement of Bandera closely watched by special detectives. Considering the former relations between Maximino Gomez and Bandera many claim that the recent interview between them was part of a deep political scheme and that the accounts of it as published were quite different from what passed between the two men. The opponents of General Gomez contend that he looks to the eastern provinces as the principal source of fighting power, knowing that Bandera has a strong following of former negro insurgents. Their theory is that Gomez is ready to conciliate Bandera with a view to a possible future combination. The money order department is making an astonishing record, over a million during the last two weeks, and three-fourths of this for Havana alone. Director of Posts Rathbone thinks the accuracy and promptitude with which the present staff handle the work phenomenal. A new political party called the Republican Federal Democratic party, has been formed in Matanzas. At 3 o'clock this afternoon the temperature in Havana was eighty-five degrees Fahrenheit.

DESPERATE FIGHT

Between Columbus Officers and an Ex-Convict, Wanted for Burglary. COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 10.—A desperate fight took place this afternoon between Charles Dumont, an ex-convict, and Detective Abe Kleeman, and Patrolman George Gaston, with the result that all three were wounded, Dumont fatally. Dumont was wanted for burglary and the officers were waiting for him on Harrison avenue, when he came along on a bicycle. The officers called upon Dumont to stop, but he pedaled on, at the same time drawing a revolver and shooting over his shoulder at the pursuers. Patrolman Gaston got a bullet in the head and another in the arm. Dumont lost his balance and fell from his wheel, but quickly sought refuge behind a telegraph pole and continued the fight with Detective Kleeman. Dumont received three wounds in the body, one of which near the heart, will prove fatal. Detective Kleeman has a serious flesh wound in the right side.

A Mother's Terrible Deed.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 10.—Mrs. Mary Gallagher, aged 35, wife of Felix Gallagher, a mill man of Port Perry, last night poisoned herself and her three children. Mrs. Gallagher and her four-months-old baby died to-day, but the two daughters, aged 5 and 7 years, will probably recover. The husband's statement to the coroner is that he knows of no possible reason why his wife should commit the deed. He says when he returned home from the mill last night he was met by his 15-year-old son Patrick, who said: "They are all sick. They must be poisoned." The coroner has been unable to locate Patrick to get his story, and he thinks the boy is being kept out of the way for some purpose as yet unknown.

Yellow Fever at Jackson.

JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 10.—One case of yellow fever in Jackson, was officially reported to the state board of health this afternoon. The patient is D. P. Porter, city clerk. Dr. Murray, of the marine hospital service, confirms the diagnosis and his report to Surgeon General Wyman says that the case is of

Fatal Head-on Collision.

ERIE, Pa., Sept. 10.—A head-on collision on the Philadelphia & Erie railroad, seventy miles east of this city, at Tiona, to-day, resulted in the death of one man and the injury of three. The dead: H. J. Gerlach, engineer, of Erie. The injured: W. G. Sheehan, fireman, both legs crushed, will die; John Fahey, brakeman, Erie, bruised; J. Knelt, brakeman, badly bruised. Engineer Gerlach failed to see a set train and crashed into another freight that was about to take a siding to allow him to pass. The crew of the west-bound train escaped by jumping. The track was not cleared until this afternoon.

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Special Excursion to Cleveland Next Sunday via Pennsylvania Lines.

September 17, \$1.50 round trip, good going on special train from Belleair 6 a. m. Bridgeport at 6:10, Martin's Ferry at 6:16 a. m., Central time, and good returning at 7:30 p. m. All day in this city by the lake. 11-5

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