

POWERFUL CHRISTMAS DISCOURSE

Yesterday Morning at St. Luke's P. E. Church by the Rector. Rev. Brittingham.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DAY

Impressed Upon His Hearers by the Minister—Services at Other Churches.

Nocturnal Christmas services were held yesterday morning at the Episcopal and Catholic churches of Wheeling and neighboring towns. At St. Luke's P. E. Church, Island, communion was held at 7 a. m., followed by special Christmas observance at 10:30, when the rector, Rev. Jacob Brittingham, delivered a thoughtful and interesting discourse on the significance of Christmas, taking for his text these words from St. Luke, 2:14: "Glory to God in the Highest."

Mr. Brittingham said: God spoke to men in early days through the mediums with which they were most conversant. The light of a star heralded the rising of the "Sun of Righteousness," and was the means of leading the eastern astrologers to the manger throne in Bethlehem.

It was through the instrumentality of angels that God spoke frequently to the Jewish world. Angels went forth sometimes as messengers of wrath, and sometimes as messengers of mercy, but always as messengers of God. When God drove Adam out of the Garden of Eden on account of his disobedience He placed in It Cherubim with a drawn and flaming sword "to keep the way of the Tree of Life."

Angels were sent to Abraham to tell him of the doom of Sodom; angels went to Sodom, and led Lot and his daughters to a place of safety before fire fell upon the wicked cities of the plain and consumed them. An angel wrestled with Jacob, and was overcome by the power of persistency. An angel saved Daniel from the ferocity of the lions. All through the Old Testament we read of angels, who were sent to perform the behests of their Creator.

An Angel Appeared. And so when the New Testament dispensation began to dawn an angel appeared to Zacharias, informing him of the birth of a son, who would go forth in the power of Elias to proclaim the advent of the Prince of Peace. To the most blessed of women, the Angel Gabriel was sent to tell her of the birth of Him, who would be called great, and the son of the Highest. Finally,

"While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down, And glory shone around."

"Fear not," said He, for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind; Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind."

"To you, in David's town, this day Is born of David's line, The Savior, who is Christ, the Lord, And this shall be the sign:"

"The Heavenly babe you there shall find, To human view display'd, All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands, And in a manger laid."

"Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith Appeared a shining throng Of angels, praising God, who thus Address'd their joyful song:"

"All glory be to God on High, And to the Earth be peace; Good-will, henceforth, from Heaven to men, Begin and never cease."

But what did these angels mean by this gladness praise they sent down from Heaven to Earth on that first Christmas morning? What has the world meant by trying to send back to Heaven this "Gloria in Excelsis" which cheer and gladden the hearts and lives of millions every Christmas day? We know not what you may mean individually or collectively when you chant this angelic song to-day—you may mean as much as the angels meant, or no more than the heathen who chants his crude music to his idol-god.

The Truth of Christ. But whatever may be your appreciation of this hymn, and of the events this day celebrates, the truth of the coming of Christ is the same as it was in the beginning. The tidings are no longer new. They have become history. Time has become God's great commentator. The ages have rolled away, nations and kingdoms have changed, but this truth of the coming of Christ has not been rolled away, and it has changed only to grow.

It is still teeming with interest everywhere, and the event as well as the truth is growing in favor with even those who at one time ignored it. And why should it not grow in favor? For it is intended for us all—for the Gentile as well as the Jew—for the heathen as well as for the Christian—for the sinner as well as the saint; the man who stands in the darkness of unbelief as well as the man whose heart glows with the consciousness of truth. God permitted the song of angels to be heard by mortal ears for the first and only time in order that all Heaven might testify to the fact that Christ is God. No fact is more thoroughly proven than this, and when we remember the object of God's coming to earth in the form of man, the truth surpasses all others in the universe.

It has been asserted that the greatest thought in the Old Testament is that man was created in the likeness and image of God, and that the greatest in the New Testament is that God revealed Himself in the likeness and

image of man. This certainly is an amazing revelation. It is the wonder of wonders. But let me say it is something more than a wonder. It is a fact, which is as clearly substantiated as any in the history of God or man. Angels and men, friends and enemies, the good and the bad, all unite in bearing testimony to the birth of Jesus Christ of the Virgin Mary, and in Bethlehem of Judea. And that Christ is God, even the world not let full. Humanity would enshrine it; we would dream it; we would wake to believe it; we would follow it wherever it should lead us.

The Lord's Divinity. Prophecy is not less tenacious of this fact, and certainly it ought to convince any reasonable person of the truth not only of the Humanity, but also of the Divinity of our Lord. Take it and read for yourself, and if you want to be convinced, you will be. Go back to the time when man lost the image of His Maker, and you will read the first prophecy of man's restoration "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head." That is to say one of Eve's descendants was to arise who should destroy the power and dominion which Satan had gained over the human race. Jacob, one of the patriarchs, predicted that "the scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be." Moses said, "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee, a prophet like unto me; in Him shall ye trust."

Malachi, the prophet, who wrote the last book in the Old Testament, said: "But thou, Bethlehem! Ephrata, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee come forth Him that is to be Ruler in Israel." In every particular all these prophecies have been fulfilled. The time and place of His birth and the manner of its accomplishment have been plainly revealed. When the fullness of time came Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary in the little town of Bethlehem, according to the scriptures, and the scepter departed from Judah, and He has become the spiritual Lawgiver and Ruler of all the Israel of God, and unto Him have gathered a great company of people in all lands and among all nations. Like God's rainbow these promises and predictions have been fulfilled—these promises of a redeemer were ever seen shining bright amidst the gloom and darkness, the ignorance and superstition, the sin and misery of a fallen world, with one end resting over Eden and the other over Bethlehem; the one pointing to the fall and the other to the rescue of our race.

And as we read and see the fulfillment we can but exclaim, "Thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel!"

Human and Divine. And now in addition to the testimony of men and angels, Jesus Christ Himself claimed to be both Human, as well as Divine. He speaks of Himself as being "the Son of Man" over sixty times, and over fifty times He calls God His Father, and as though He would teach still more plainly His equality with God, He distinctly declared, "I am in the Father, and the Father in Me. He that hath seen Me, hath seen the Father." "I and My Father are one."

All this would have been nothing short of blasphemy if He had not proved His claim by His ability to work miracles, and so He did work miracles over and over again, and that, too, in His own name and power. The dead heard His call and came forth from the grave. The wind and waves obeyed His voice—the blind opened their eyes to look upon Him—the lame leaped for joy at His coming. And yet He slept, He wept, He prayed and He hungered as other men do. "He was tempted in all points, as we are, yet without sin." Surely this is enough to convince any one that "Jesus is none other than the Son of God."

But these are not the only proofs of the reality of our Lord's Human and Divine existence. The existence of Christianity in the world is the most saving fact that was ever made known to man. Christianity is not a philosophy concocted by clever brain. Christianity is a Divine religion which stands for a Divine reality. No mere myth or fiction could have created such a beneficent institution as this we call Christianity. Something surely must have happened to have developed so great and blessed a power on earth. We can account for Christianity only on the ground that "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

Christmas. If we could only realize more clearly than we do the reality of Incarnate Truth I am sure we would vie with the angels in singing "Gloria in Excelsis." I am afraid a great many do not even try to realize the fact we celebrate to-day; for it is no uncommon to hear it said that Christmas is disappointing—a time when many run into undue festivity—a time when men are tempted to pamper the flesh and starve the spirit—a season when men are led to forget that "the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but Righteousness and Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost. Excess and dislike for Christmas is not the fault of the season, but the fault of those who misuse it, or do not use it at all. And it is quite certain that both misuse and dislike could be largely mitigated if we people who profess to believe in the use of this holy season would emphasize more than we do the spiritual aspect of the event, we attempt to celebrate.

What I am concerned about, and what every true lover of Christianity ought to be concerned about is not so much the prejudice and indifference, which is seen in not a few, as the loss



Dangerous Kidney Diseases.

Celery King has cured me of kidney disease. The doctor feared Dr. Light's disease, and tried many remedies that gave me no help. Celery King has made me as well as ever in my life, and it seems almost as though a miracle had been wrought in my case—Jennie O. Reichard, Springtown, Pa.

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of benefit thereby. Truth as it is to repeat that Christianity is grounded on historic facts, it reminds us that the due observance of these facts must be for the interest of Christianity. "Just as domestic affection, as some one says, seeks and finds its quickening in the celebration of birthdays and wedding days, just as patriotism is invigorated by fit observance of our country's history so does a devout commemoration in service and song and sacrament of the great days of Christ on earth touch us afresh with inspiration of which He is the source."

Observe the Day. Let us then observe this holy day as becomes those who profess and call themselves Christians, and you will receive a fresh inspiration of God's great love, which was heralded by the angels and brought to earth in person by the Son Himself. "Peace on Earth, Good-will towards men" is never so impressive as when we study the Incarnation and begin this study in the Infant of His days on earth. It is in this period of our Lord's life that the great love of God is shown for weakness as well as strength, for childhood as well as age, and for ignorance as well as the highest intelligence. We can now understand as never before God's sympathy for man in all the conditions of life.

Let us try then as never before to grasp the fact, and we shall enter more and more into the purpose of the Incarnation coming, and we shall seek God through Christ, and there will be joy in the presence of the angels of God as on the night when they sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will towards men."

For nineteen hundred years Christ—the God-man—has been ostensibly received and rejected in as a spiritual power, and yet during this whole period those who have really received Him according to His errand of the soul, in a way that... ambled them, cast them down into condemnation, judged them and raised them up into life, have been relatively the few, the despised and the outcast. Christ has been accepted almost universally throughout the world as an external power; but Christ is a purifier, Christ as a Savior from sin, taking sides with the weak, the oppressed, the wronged, has been almost universally rejected. How many myriads of men and women who on Christmas day wear some symbol in memory of Christ, chant hymns in honor of Christ, and present gifts in celebration of the birth of Christ, who will not let the Master enter one step into their hearts to purify them! Let us then beware lest we fall into this error, which so widely prevails in these latter days, of receiving Christ outwardly and rejecting Him inwardly.

AT THE CATHEDRAL. Elaborate and Impressive Christmas Services Were Held.

At St. Joseph's Cathedral the Christmas services were on an elaborate scale. At the 5:30 mass, which was conducted by the rector, Rev. O. H. Moye, nearly the whole congregation partook of Holy Communion. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Galaway. Following the sermon there was an uninterrupted succession of masses until 9:45.

At 10:30 the Rt. Rev. Bishop Donahue celebrated pontifical high mass. This service surpassed those of all preceding years, both in attendance and in the magnificent music that was rendered. Lambolette's mass was sung with the accompaniment of a full orchestra. This was followed by a sermon preached by Rev. Father Hall. After the mass the Rt. Rev. Bishop Donahue addressed a few words to his flock, wishing them all the blessings of the holy season, after which he imparted the papal blessing.

It would scarcely be an exaggeration to say that from early morning up to 1 p. m., the Cathedral was crowded and the spectacle presented was very encouraging to the Cathedral clergy, and edifying to the faithful at large.

At 7:30 p. m., Rev. Father Weber officiated at the vesper services, which were well attended.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL. At the German M. E. Church—Rev. Mr. Allinger Surprised.

The Christmas festival of the Sunday school of the German Methodist Episcopal church is an occasion looked forward to with pleasurable anticipations months beforehand. The preparations for this feast are usually very elaborate, including speeches, recitations, dialogues, fine musical selections played with consummate skill, solos, duets, and quartets, also a large, finely decorated tree and gifts for the children. While the humorous and more entertaining feature of the occasion is not lost sight of, the central idea of a Christmas festival, namely, Bethlehem with its Christ-child is stamped upon the exercises. May it ever remain so.

Mr. Ernest Metzner, a model superintendent of a Sunday school, is to be congratulated upon the special successful outcome of this year's festival. The pastor of this church, the Rev. L. Allinger, was rather taken by surprise at the close of the exercises. When he stepped on the platform to pronounce the benediction, Mr. Oscar Schenierlein met him half way and in a neat speech presented him with a fine staff hat from his bible class. That the pastor was surprised is stating it very mildly, but he managed to speak a few words of heart-felt thanks.

Here follows a partial list of those who participated in the programme: Hilda Schuch, Bessie Voelker, Anna Staple, Clara Esmeray, Elsie Metzner, Max Bergner, Wesley Schultz, Elmer Pieper, Elwood Metzner, Anna Schmitt, Anna Cowan, Jessie Pieper, Edith Hommann, Bertha Pieper, Kathie Cowan, John Johnson, Henry Barth, F. Lorenz, Carl Metzner, Ella Neuman, Kleins

Kinderklassen, Clara Vogelsang, Flora Bergner, Signora Hemmann, Hulda Lentz, William Pieper, Wilburg Neumann, Harry Hemmann, Elmer Hommann, Herbert Bock, Bessie Voelker, Albert Pieper, Elmer Pieper, Emma Schenierlein, Alberta Esmeray, Berna Bengewald, Max Bergner, Wesley Schultz, Elmer Pieper, Elwood Metzner, Anabelle Daum, Archie Pieper, Ernest Bock, Harry Bock, Carl Bock, Etta Metzner, Arch Metzner, Julia Bock, Albert Metzner and William Schulz.

At St. Matthew's. At St. Matthew's P. E. church, holy communion services were held at 8 a. m., and special Christmas services at 10:30, with a sermon appropriate to the occasion by Rev. D. W. Howard, the rector. The music was a feature of this service, the entire boy vested choir taking part. The church was handsomely decorated.

North Street M. E. Church. The regular Christmas treat was given the little ones at the North Street M. E. church last evening. The programme arranged for the occasion was a most entertaining one. The presents, which had been arranged on a large scale, were distributed among the little ones, greatly to their delight.

At Fourth Street. The Christmas treat for the Fourth street M. E. Sunday school occurs tomorrow evening, and a feature of great interest is the lecture on the Holy Land by the pastor, Rev. S. T. Westhafer, illustrated by the stereopticon. Of course Santa Claus and the cedar tree will be in evidence.

First Presbyterian. To-morrow evening, the children of the First Presbyterian Sunday school will have their Christmas treat, and on the following evening the Eighteenth street mission Sunday school will be similarly entertained. Fine programmes have been arranged.

Mr. Bradbury "Charmed." On Christmas Eve Councilman George Bradbury, of the Island, one of the department superintendents of the Acta-Standard plant of the American Steel Wool Company, was called upon by a number of his men, whose spokesman, Charles Cramer, presented Mr. Bradbury with a fine Knights of Pythias charm. Though this act of kindness was entirely unexpected, Mr. Bradbury managed to reply suitably and in a heartfelt manner.

George E. House Fare Well. Mr. George E. House, senior member of the firm of House & Herrmans, was presented with a handsome leather couch chair Christmas morning by the employes of the establishment, whose spokesman was W. L. Smith.

Mr. Pollack Remembered. The hundred or more young ladies employed at the two Pollack Crown stogie factories, on Water street, as usual remembered their employer, Hon. Augustus Pollack with a basket of beautiful flowers. The friendly relations that have always existed between Mr. Pollack and his employes are a source of pleasure to both, and the admiration of the community.

"Charley" Schmidt's Fine Present. The members of Wheeling lodge No. 23, B. P. O. E., yesterday presented to Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Charles Schmidt a fine jardinaire, in token of the faithful and meritorious service that has characterized Mr. Schmidt's official connection with the Elks. The jardinaire comes from the Wheeling Pottery, and is patterned in design after the famous Dewey jardinaire presented to the great admiral last fall by Wheeling people.

Hook and Ladder Boys. The Hook and Ladder boys were handsomely remembered by some of their friends. They desire to extend thanks to Dr. Leon N. Reifer, Andrew S. Hare, Dr. Henri Linsz and T. T. Hutchisson.

A Quiet Day. It was a very quiet Christmas Day in Wheeling. There was, of course, the usual entire suspension of business and industry. The theatres attracted large audiences in the afternoon and evening. There were many Christmas Sunday school entertainments in the evening, and hops without limit.

Young People's Club Dance. Elaborate preparations are being made for the dance to be given by the Young People's Club, at the Carroll Club to-morrow evening. The hall will be decorated with cut flowers and potted plants, and the piano will be presided over by Miss Bessie Schrader. The young people are exerting every effort to make this one of the most noteworthy occurrences of the season, and a large number of their friends are expected to attend.

Wealthy Man Murdered. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 25.—Frank Richardson, a wealthy business man of this city and Savannah Mo., was murdered at his home in Savannah last night. A stranger followed him from town and shot him in the back of the head. Richardson was the brother of John D. Richardson, the general manager of the Biscuit trust.

Business Block Suffers. ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Dec. 25.—A destructive fire in Eau Claire, fifteen miles east of this city, to-day, resulted in reducing half the business section into ashes. Total loss, \$50,000; aptly insured.

Results of Bubonic Plague. CALCUTTA, Dec. 25.—Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, the viceroy of India, in the course of a speech to-day, said that since the appearance of the bubonic plague in 1898, 25,000 deaths from the disease have occurred in the Hyzore state.

FOOD MEDICINE. Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil is equally food and medicine. A little of it sets the stomach at work on some easy food—that is medicine. How does it "set the stomach at work?" By making strength: by creating strength: by turning the oil into body and life—that is food.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl street, New York.

McFADDEN'S Useful New Year Presents. Fine Colored Shirts, 48c, 75c, 98c. Knit Wool Jackets, 98c, \$1.48, \$2.48. Plush Winter Caps, 48c, 75c, 98c. Fine New Year Ties, 25c, 50c. Undressed Kid Gloves, 75c, 98c. Men's Fine Slippers, 48c, 69c, 98c. McFadden's Shirts, Hats, Shoes, 1318, 1320, 1322 Market St., Wheeling.

Field of Sports.

SPORTING COMMENT.

The English thoroughbred stallion, Sorcerer arrived at Lexington (Ky.) yesterday, to be placed in the stud of McGrathlana farm. The horse is to take the place of the great Hanover and was secured by Colonel Young, who exchanged for him the good horse Handball, a son of Hanover. William Barick, the well known turfman, arrived with his great race horse and stallion Dr. Hasbrouck, which will be placed in the stud in Kentucky. Dr. Hasbrouck has been in the stud in Missouri, where his chances have been limited.

Alfredo de Oro, the champion pool player, is engaged in promoting a championship tournament, to be held in New York. Ever since the meeting at Buffalo was declared off, Alfredo has been endeavoring to bring about an event in which all the stars at the game should battle for a new emblem that the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company were to hang up. While the matter remains in an unsettled state the entry list, according to De Oro, will probably include Grant Eby, of New York; W. H. Clearwater, of Pittsburgh; Frank Sherman, of Washington; H. P. Stoff, of Cleveland; John Hogan, of Chicago; Jerome Keough, of Buffalo, and John Werner and John Daly, both Chicagoans.

Work on the syndicate defender at Herreshoff's ship yards, at Bristol, R. I., is proceeding rapidly. The molding of the keel is over, and before long the yacht that is to protect the American's keel will assume shape. The lead was uncovered yesterday and now work will begin in setting up the frames and keel plates that Herreshoff holds direct to the lead itself. A plate of inch bronze goes directly on top of the lead and bronze bolts are used. In this way all contact between the steel and lead is avoided, thus preventing the galvanic action which is so fatal to steel. The mold for the Belmont boat's keel is just exactly a foot shorter than the one used for the Columbia two years ago. This would seem to indicate that the new craft is to be a foot shorter on the top of her lead than was Columbia.

Billy Brady, manager of Jim Jeffries, has been appointed the matchmaker of the new fighting club in Cincinnati, in place of Jim Corbett. Herman J. White and the officials of the club at a meet-

ing held in Cincinnati on Saturday decided to have Brady succeed Corbett as matchmaker and immediately wired for his acceptance. On receiving this news Brady at once answered "yes," and began overtures for two good fights to be decided during the week preceding the one in which Jeffries and Rubin are to fight. He decided to try to clinch matches between Terry McGovern and Ben Jordan, and Jack Root and Tommy Ryan. Brady is will to hang up a purse of \$5,000 for McGovern and Jordan to battle for and a similar amount for Root and Ryan. Brady cabled his offer to Jordan and also wired Root and Ryan. The Cincinnati club will probably secure the latter match, but won't succeed in consummating the Jordan-McGovern match, as the Englishman has already signed with the National Sporting Club, of London.

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Along the Landing. The Queen City is to-morrow's packet for Cincinnati. The marks at 6 p. m. Tuesday showed 5 feet 4 inches and falling.

River Telegraphs. MORGANTOWN—River 7 feet 4 inches and stationary. Weather, cold. OIL CITY—River 2 feet 6 inches and rising. Weather, cooler and light snow. PARKERSBURG—Ohio river 5 feet and stationary. Weather, snowing; temperature, 30. Up: Ben Hur, 4 p. m. Virginia, due down at midnight. Little Kanawha stationary. PITTSBURGH—River 4 feet 7 inches and rising. GREENSBORO—River 7 feet and stationary. Weather, snowing. BROWNSVILLE—River 4 feet 3 inches and stationary. STEUBENVILLE—River 4 feet 9 inches and falling. Weather, snowing and cold. WARREN—River 1 foot 6 inches and stationary. Weather, light snow and cold.

Girl Mysteriously Disappears. PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. 25.—The police have failed to unearth any clue to the whereabouts of Maggie Hoel, the young woman who mysteriously disappeared three days ago from her uncle's home, near this city. The impression is growing that she left of her own accord.

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