

## EVERY SERMON A SURGICAL OPERATION

### REPENTANCE THE THEME FOR LAST NIGHT

Tabernacle Crowded and Large Numbers Stood Outside During Meeting—Tonight Will Be Fraternal Night.

"Every sermon ought to be a surgical operation, probing a man's heart and showing him his sin, but no, the world likes the you-tickle-me, and-I'll-tickle-you kind best," was one of the first sentences which Gypsy Smith fired into the big audience which packed the huge tent on upper King street last night.

Repentance was the theme for the evening, the text being taken from Mark 1:15. The sermon may be summarized as follows:

"The adoption of repentance is the doctrine of the New Testament. All the letters in the New Testament show the necessity for repentance. But repentance is so unpopular that we ministers don't like to preach about it, and in our enthusiasm to get people into the church we've lowered the bars.

"We're counting heads instead of hearts. It's not an easy thing to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Any old dead dog can float down the Potomac, but it takes a live one to go up.

"You try to follow Jesus Christ 24-hours and you'll find it's a warfare. I find I spoil every day I live thro' wounding someone by what I say, or doing things I ought not to. To be a real Christian means being willing, if necessary, to be called a fool and be ostracized for Christ. No, it's not an easy thing to be a Christian and the man who preaches such a doctrine preaches a mongrel doctrine.

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Gypsy Smith, Jr., Epigrams

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You will never know Christ until you take the things out of your life that are not right.

Repentance isn't tramping to and from church on Sundays.

You may go to church a million years but you'll never know God until you are sorry because of sin.

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A man in New Jersey, a neighbor of mine, came to me after I had preached on 'Righting the Wrong', and told me that his firm wanted him to do every day of the world things that he knew were not right. I told him to resign, but he stays on. He has sold out his soul for business. He is convicted, but he hasn't repented.

It's one thing to be convicted—it's another thing to get away from your sins. It is God's message that you live on the square. Your manhood and womanhood demands and God calls upon you to live an honest, up-right life. And when God tells you what to do, and you obey, he will give you the power to do it.

Repentance is not conviction. You know when you're wrong. That's conviction.

Listen to me. Repentance is the most unpopular doctrine in the Bible. Every time you hear a sermon on repentance, you hear twenty or thirty on the love of God. But John the Baptist preached repentance. He didn't tell Herod of the love of God; he told him it was unlawful for him to have that other man's wife beside him. If John the Baptist had preached the love of God, Herod wouldn't have turned the key on him, and he would-

## Alexandria City News Condensed

The committee on light of the City Council was organized last night. Alderman Fitzgerald was re-elected chairman.

Alfred Pinkney, colored, was fined \$5 this morning in the Police Court for harboring an unlicensed dog. He had been arrested by Officer Roland.

Miss Margaret Armstrong, and Master Robert Armstrong have returned from Purcellsville, Va., after spending three weeks.

Mrs. William M. Smith has returned to her home in north Alfred street after a visit to relatives in Westmoreland county, Va.

Mr. A. S. Webb, and Mr. W. A. Andrews of New York, are guests of Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Roberts in Duke street.

Mrs. Jacob Brill, and Miss Kathryn Brill, who have been spending some time in Atlantic City and on a motor trip to Ashbury Park, have returned to their home in Duke street.

P. Boothe Pulman, of the 1915 graduating class of the Alexandria High School, who failed to graduate last June, has passed a re-examination and received a diploma.

T. Tupper Barrett, who left the fourth year in March to attend the Columbia Preparatory School, to prepare for Naval Academy entrance examinations, passed same, and later failing on eye-test of physical examination has also passed examinations for a diploma and has been awarded same. He leaves tomorrow to attend the University of Virginia at Charlottesville.

Tonight will be fraternal night, tomorrow night will be Masonic night and Friday night will be Labor night at the revival services.

Evangelist Smith has the happy faculty of grasping a situation and rising to the occasion in handling it quickly. During the service last evening a man in the audience suddenly fainted, became unconscious and fell over in his seat, causing some excitement. Mr. Smith took the situation in at a glance, gave a signal to the choir to sing, and while this was being done the ushers quietly carried the stricken man from the tent to the hospital adjoining where he was cared for.

### Masonic Night

To the Members of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, and Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120:

The Master Mason of the universe like you, masons, teaches His followers to be four square in character, to be fruitful in character as the grain, to pour out the oil of gladness so that it will cover the earth, and the wine, typifying His Blood, which is shed for the sins of the whole world, and to radiate His Love, which is as perpetual as the evergreen. Come to the tent on upper King street on Thursday night and hear God's message as it is delivered by one of His prophets. Possibly you were not present at the lodge when the official invitation was presented. In case you were not, we extend it anew to you and your friends.

### MT. VERNON CHAPTER D. A. R.

Elects Delegates at Meeting Held This Morning.

The regular fall meeting of Mt. Vernon Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was held at the residence of the Regent, Mrs. George Uhler, on Washington street, this morning.

After the usual routine business, the following members were elected to represent Mt. Vernon Chapter at the Annual State Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution to be held at Danville, Va., on October 4th.

Miss Helen C. Calvert, Mrs. John Hutton Foster, Mrs. Cordelia Powell Odenheimer, Mrs. J. Stewart Jamieson, Mrs. W. J. Boothe, Miss Carrie Wise, and Mrs. Lorenzo Lewis.

Norfolk Oysters at the Rammel Cafe.

Miss Anna M. Gorman left Monday for New York, where she will spend several weeks visiting friends.

Miss Helena E. Greene has returned home from a pleasant trip to Shepherdstown, W. Va.

Miss Esther T. Heishley has returned from a two weeks' visit with friends in Chicago.

Alexandria has three cadets at the Virginia Military Institute this year, Stuart King, Louis C. Barley, jr., and James K. Reid, who entered September 1.

Mrs. George E. Pickett entertained informally at a musicale on Monday evening at her home in Prince street in honor of Miss Laura Hoagland, the pianist at the Gypsy Smith services.

A number of Alexandria's college students are preparing to return to their studies within several days and several Alexandria boys have enrolled as freshmen students in the University of Virginia, among them being Clarence J. Robinson, C. Bruce Morton, Albert V. Bryan, James M. Duncan, jr., and T. Tupper Barrett, who are leaving in the next few days.

Vernon Warfield will enter the pharmacy department of George Washington University. Among other Alexandrians who will return in a few days to universities where they have been students the past year or more, are Robert E. Knight, jr., Joseph E. Chancey, Charles B. Sullivan, John A. Wenzel, who go back to the University of Virginia, W. Cameron Roberts, who has left for Cornell, Carroll Pierce, jr., who returns to the University of Pennsylvania, and a number who are day students at George Washington University, in Washington.

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Committee of Alexandrians Calls on Secretary of the Navy Today.

A committee of 22 Alexandrians, composed of members of the Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants' Association and the City Council, accompanied by Representative Carlin and M. B. Harlow, called upon Secretary Daniels this morning for the purpose of setting forth the facilities offered by Alexandria as a suitable location for the government armor plant soon to be established.

It will be necessary for Alexandria to wait for a time with patience, as the states of the union anxious to secure the plant will be called alphabetically, and Virginia is, of course far down in the column.

The committee, after the interview, departed and held a meeting at the American National Bank with representatives of the business and financial interests as well as the press of Washington. Later an organization was effected. An executive committee embracing prominent business men of Washington, was appointed. It was determined to push the claims of Alexandria vigorously and earnestly.

Committees from the chamber of commerce, the city council, the Retail Merchants' Association and the fire department met today, in the rooms of the chamber of commerce and took steps to urge upon the city council the necessity for acting on the recommendations of the board of fire underwriters relative to fire conditions in Alexandria.

The new building has thus far been consummated. He referred briefly also to the organization of the hospital in 1872, through the efforts of Miss Julia Johns, deceased, and gave some interesting bits of history in connection with it. He called particular attention to the fact that it was non-sectarian, knowing neither race nor creed and urged all to give it their support, not only while living, but also to remember it in their wills. The address commanded the close attention of everyone present.

Rev. Wm. J. Morton of Christ Church delivered the oration, in which he gave richly deserved commendation to those through whom the work of providing for the erec-

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Watkins are guests of Mrs. Watkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wenrich, in Manassas.

Thomas L. Wattles, jr., who was a student in the third year of the Alexandria High School last session, has enrolled in the Columbia Preparatory School, in Washington, to prepare for entrance examinations to the United States Naval Academy, to which he has received an appointment.

Thirty-three employees of the Southern Railway Company, all of whom have been in service for more than twenty-five years, received medals last week "for loyalty". The medals were presented by President Fairfax Harrison, who conceived this idea of fostering sentiment between the company and its large army of employees. The list of medalists from Alexandria follows: B. C. Shacklett, of Alexandria and Harrisonburg, conductor; 1888, and H. Fletcher, J. P. Payne, J. R. Smith, J. M. Saunders, and J. N. Walker.

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## CITY COUNCIL HOLD REGULAR MEETING

Committees Announced in Both Branches of Council and New City Government Begins Labors—Large Volume of Business Disposed of.

The first regular meeting of the new City Council was held last night. The Presidents of the two boards announced the standing committees for the next two years. Considerable business, mostly of a routine nature, was disposed of, and the session continued nearly two hours. Two new faces appeared in the lower board—Messrs. W. P. Woods, of the First ward and C. Keith Carlin, of the Third, who had been elected by the Common Council to fill vacancies. There was no joint session, as had been anticipated, to elect a member of the Police Board, members of the School Board, and others. This meeting will probably be held at the next regular session.

Board of Aldermen. Six Aldermen were present, and the business presented caused no discussion. J. B. Fitzgerald, re-elected member from the Fourth ward, who was absent at the organization meeting September 1st, appeared and was sworn in by Justice Thompson.

President Marbury announced the names of the Aldermen who will serve on committees during the next two years. They will be found in the official proceedings.

Mr. Harrison introduced a resolution appropriating \$500 for repairs to the almshouse, which was referred to the finance committee, and Mr. Robinson introduced a resolution appropriating \$900 for placing a new roof upon Armory Hall, which was passed as the work is urgent.

Charles Dearborn presented a petition stating that he was in a position to pay taxes on his house on south Lee street which he had failed to do during the past twenty years, provided he be exempted from the penalty provided in such cases. His communication was referred to the finance committee.

A petition of Mrs. L. E. Uhler, asking Council to furnish a certain amount of gas free to the Anne Lee Memorial Home was referred to the light committee.

The board concurred in the action of the Common Council on all papers sent in.

Common Council. Common council last night elected two new members to fill vacancies. They are William P. Woods in represent the first ward to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of F. F. Marbury, from the lower board to the board of aldermen, and C. Keith Carlin, to fill the vacancy from the third ward caused by the resignation of Councilman A. D. Brock-

Mr. Woods was opposed by Louis Woodward and won by a vote of 9 to 3.

Councilman H. R. Burke, nominated Mr. Woodward and Councilman Ballenger nominated Mr. Woods. The vote follows: For Woods: Kaufmann, Pohl, Bryan, Ballenger, Wattles, Desmond, Bales, Lawler, and Smith. For Woodward: Evans, Field and Burke.

Councilman Bales nominated Mr. Carlin and he was elected without opposition.

On motion of Mr. Bales a recess was taken and subsequently both of the newly-elected councilmen appeared and were sworn in by President Smith and took their seats and participated in the meeting.

President Smith, following the election of the new councilmen, announced the appointment of the new committees of council who will serve for the ensuing two years. They will be found in the official proceedings.

Councilman Field offered a resolution that a joint session be held at the next meeting of council for the purpose of electing a corporation attorney, four school trustees, vacancy on the board of police commissioners from the second ward, city health officer, physician to the poor, and dispenser of medicine from the northern district.

On motion of Councilman Bryan the office of corporation attorney was stricken from the list, and the resolution of Mr. Field, as amended, was adopted.

It was explained by Councilman Bryan that the people will be called upon to elect a corporation attorney

at the next election which will be held in November. There was no occasion, he said, simply to elect a corporation attorney for a month or so when he would have to come up for election in November.

A communication from Col. G. F. Downey, quartermaster corps, U. S. A., calling attention of council to bad condition of road leading to the National Cemetery and suggesting certain improvements now that the city has extended its city limits, was referred to the street committee.

Lieut. J. D. McLean, of the Alexandria Light Infantry, sent a communication to council from Brownsville, Tex., calling attention to bad condition of Armory Hall and asking that it be improved before the return of soldiers boys who are now doing duty on the border. There was also a letter from Robinson Moncreure setting forth that he had received the communication from Lieut. McLean. They were referred to finance and public property committee.

Judge J. K. M. Norton, special attorney for the city, in the case to collect back taxes from property in the recently annexed territory, the city having lost her suit before Judge Felt, was authorized to take the case to the court of appeals.

Councilman Bryan explained that Judge Norton would not make any additional charge in event he failed to win the case in the higher court, although if he won he would expect additional compensation.

Letter was received from Robinson Moncreure, attorney on behalf of Robert M. McKeown asking that city give relief from high water and bad odor at his place at Duke and Peyton streets by either constructing a sewer or purchasing the place. It was referred to the committee on streets and general laws.

Other business transacted, including the disposition of several petitions for improvements, will be found in the official proceedings.

KILLED BY AN ELEPHANT

Virginian Meets Frightful Death at a Circus in Tennessee.

Bristol, Va., Sept. 13—Walter Eldridge, 23 years old whose ambition for animal training led him to join Sparks' Circus 2 days ago, was yesterday killed by one of the elephants, following the daylight performance of the circus at Kingsport, Tenn. As if infuriated over some fancied injury, the animal suddenly coiled its trunk about Eldridge's body and in the presence of a throng of spectators who were watching the elephants as they were being led to water lifted him ten feet in the air, and then dashed his body in fury to the ground. The elephant then pinioned Eldridge to the earth and sank its tusks entirely through his body.

Countrymen, armed with revolvers rushed to the rescue and a dozen shots were fired into the elephant's body, but apparently without effect, except to add to the fury of the beast. In spite of these efforts the elephant stood upon the bleeding form of Eldridge until a commanding word from its keeper, who had arrived on the scene, freed the dying man from further attacks. Hundreds of men and women ran in confusion from the scene, the women screaming in their flight.

Eldridge was dead almost before a physician could reach him. The elephant's keeper, in spite of stinging bullets in the animal's flesh, subdued him completely, led him back to the tent and chained him to a stake.

In last night's performance the murderous elephant calmly took his part as if content with his exploit of deadly prowess.

Eldridge's home was at St. Paul, in Russell county, Va.

Notice

The Misses Rotchford will reopen their studios for instruction in Vocal and Instrumental Music, September 18th. For further information address 1009 Queen St. 212-4t.