

# CHURCH POTENT IN MARRIED LIFE

## DR. DOWLING SAYS RELIGIOUS HOME IS STEADFAST

### In Sermon on "Homes I Have Seen Wrecked" He Urges Importance of Agreeing in Creed

At Christ Episcopal church yesterday morning, Rev. Dr. Geo. Thos. Dowling preached the ninth sermon in the series on "Marriage and After Marriage." His special topic was "The Lost Wedding Ring, or Homes Which I Have Seen Wrecked." He spoke as follows:

"I have seen homes wrecked because they did not carry the proper chart. They had not provided themselves with a truthful understanding of the course over which they were to sail. My friends, all harmonious action is the result of compromise in the state, in society, in nature and in the home. Nature is a system of checks and balances—compromises. No one element or power is allowed full and unlimited sway. If it were chaos would return.

"Society likewise rests upon this same basis. It is a compromise between the employer who has the money and the employe who possesses the brain; a compromise between the citizen who believes in state's rights and he who believes in governmental centralization. Thus, a happy wedded life is an impossibility without the compromises of love. Otherwise marriage would become the sway of a despot on one hand, and on the other the cringing of a slave.

"That is never a home which is dominated by fear. Home depends wholly upon the oneness of all its inmates; father, mother, children, yes, and even the servants, when that is possible. The fear of anyone may be a good thing in jails and among desperate men, but it is a very poor element in a home.

"Now let me illustrate what I mean by the compromises of love.

"Here is a woman who is married, and she attends, perhaps, a different church from that of her husband; possibly she can influence him kindly and wisely to adopt her point of view. But suppose she cannot. Suppose, for example she attends Christ Protestant Episcopal church and her husband has a very decided preference for the Methodist, or the Presbyterian, or the Congregationalist, or the Baptist church. What shall she do?

### "Go with Husband"

"My answer is very clear. Leave Christ Protestant Episcopal church and go with him. If he wishes to go to the Roman Catholic church (though I never would advise a marriage between a Protestant and a Roman Catholic), nevertheless, if you have already married him, go with him to any church which he is willing to attend.

"There is a place where you can wisely compromise, and for this reason: In these days it is harder as a rule to get a good man to go to church than it used to be in the days of our fathers to get a bad man to go. Go with him where he wishes to go, and thank God that he is willing to go anywhere.

"On the other hand, my dear sir, let me say a word to you. Your wife's home is her palace; if she is a true woman, it is her world. You have your office; your outside engagements. Do not interfere with the arrangement of her world, so far as your means will allow. All the chances are that she knows a thousand times more about it than you or I do. And even if she does not, there is a place where you can wisely afford to compromise. As a rule these little compromises of love are the only wages she asks. Don't scrimp in her pay. For if you make that woman's life unhappy, you are laying up bitter memories for yourself some day. Have you forgotten how Thomas Carlyle, whenever he passed the spot where he had last seen his wife alive, would bare his head in wind or rain, and say: 'Oh, if I could but see her for five minutes, to assure her that I really cared for her throughout all that! But she never knew it—she never knew it!'

### ASCOT PARK RACES ARE DENOUNCED BY MINISTER

#### Rev. Frank DeWitt Talmage Tells of Things He Saw on Visit to the Track

In his morning sermon on the Ascot park races, Rev. F. DeWitt Talmage said: "Ascot race track: Wonderful name that with which to conjure. Who supports it? What damage is it doing? Why do the gamblers and the thugs and the plug-uglies and the outcasts, as well as a few so-called respectable people hold high carnival there, week in and week out. For over four months it annually keeps open house. Shall this festering, putrifying, corrupting, reeking, rotting, stenchful, immoral ulcer be allowed longer to fester itself upon the vitals of this fair city. These are the questions being asked by many lips. And these are the questions the moral and the Christian people will have to keep asking with menace, until the county supervisors, cowardly as a board, afraid of antagonizing the gamblers, vote, the county supervisors not, however, all who license this wholesale infamy, shall cease to abet this infinite evil with their personal acquiescence.

"Have you ever been to Monte Carlo? I have. Have you roamed through any of the evil resorts of the heathen cities of the far east? I have. But though as a man, I have traveled around the world, north, east, south and west, I never saw such flagrant defiance of all moral law and decency as last week at the Ascot park track. "Ascot race track was never built for the purpose of developing the speed of horses. Its only purpose is to be a shrine where poor fools are taught to lay their all upon the altars of the Goddess of chance. I denounce it today as the worst hell-hole I ever saw in a Christian land. I denounce it as the arch fiend of all the destroyers of our men and women in this city. "Most of the ministers who have attacked this infamy have done so at long distance range. This is not my usual mode of fighting. I went to the Ascot race track last week and now report what I have seen. The floor was crowded with hundreds of men, either cashing their winnings or wagering their new bets. A balcony above was filled with women, most of them, I hope, morally good, but nearly all with their gambling cards used for betting purposes. Two saloon bars were in full blast. Young men, who were the lambs being fleeced by the Satanic shearers were cursing their bad luck as they lost their own money and perhaps their employer's.

### MILLS TELLS HIS BELIEF

#### Large Congregation Hears Sermon of Ex-Evangelist

Rev. Benjamin Fay Mills spoke twice yesterday in Masonic hall. At the morning session it is estimated that thousands were turned away and another great throng failed to gain admission in the evening. Mr. Mills has decided to respond to requests presented by several hundred people and repeat his address on "Why I Changed My Religious Opinions," in Simpson auditorium next Sunday evening. His subject yesterday morning was,

### "What I Believe, and Why I Believe It." He said in part:

"I am a believer. I believe not less, but more than formerly. I might well take for my foreword, 'Here is what sings unrestricted faith.' I am not wandering in 'the fogs of unbelief.' I stand under a clear sky with a shining sun and a vision of the eternal. I emphasize no doubts, I teach no negations, I encourage no pessimism, I tolerate no despair. As Browning says, 'This world's no blot for us nor blank, it means intensely and it means good. To find its meaning is my meat and drink.'

"I formerly believed some things. Now I believe all things. First, about nature and history, I do not believe that man is fallen and that he needs special redemption. I do not think that God has ever failed and that he had to atone for his failure and man's fall by the blood of his son. It is inconceivable to me that I ever have thought so, or that others still believe it.

"I believe there is one God, who has thrown himself out in the manifestation of nature to the remotest atom and that in the densest particle of matter there is an intelligence that works as the wisest man and one wiser than man would, if he were there in person. Nature is the progressive manifestation of the inescapable necessity of God to express himself as he really is. History is the record of the relation of God to himself, as is shown in the developing experience of the human race.

"In the second place I believe in human experience. I used to see that all things work together for good to them that love God. I see that still, and I now also perceive that if men do not love God, all things work together to lead them to that love—that is, to realize their unity with life, force, spirit, reality, God. I believe that physical, mental, moral and spiritual incompleteness, sickness, weakness, death, ignorance, folly, temptation to sin are all gymnastic apparatus for the mental and moral development of men as individuals and of the race. I believe the word of Augustine is true, 'O God, thou hast made us for thyself, and our souls are restless till they rest in thee,' and I say as Whitman did that 'in fact there is no evil, and if there is, it is just as important to you and me as anything else.' It is only in thought that we have departed from the precincts of God, and all distance cannot separate us from the love of God, and through these things we shall come to be more than conquerors.

"In the third place, I believe in all men. I used to believe that 'Some feet would never press A pathway through the wilderness From midnight to the morn to be.' I do not believe that now. I do not believe in the ultimate loss of a single soul, a single cell, a single atom. I do not believe there is any loss anywhere, except in a very restricted sense of the word. I hold the doctrine of hell which teaches that fires burn now and will burn with increasing intensity to burn up the dross of sensuality and selfishness from every human life, and I say to my fellowmen with tremendous moral energy, some day we will have to choose to be good. Why not commence now?

"It has recently been said in the public press by one of the ministers of this city that I am more to be pitied than any man in the world. If I am the most miserable man in the world, this is a good world and there is hope for all men. If I were miserable and were given my choice, I would still go on and count all sacrifice as nothing that I might be loyal to my highest convictions."

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Judge Yorke drew word pictures of young men he knew who started out in life with bright prospects and brilliant intellects, and who claimed that they could drink or let it alone as they pleased and who said that it was only fools who were slaves to their cups. He stated that these young men ended in the insane asylum.

Francis Murphy made an earnest plea for the home life, saying that the home was the most sacred spot on earth and begged the wives to have patience with their husbands and not let angry words mar the home love. He closed with an appeal for young men addicted to drink to follow the example of the young men who had taken the pledge and were living earnest Christian lives.

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