

BIBLE DOES NOT FLATTER PRIDE

Tells Us That All Have Sinned and Come Short of the Glory of God, Says Rev. T. J. Parsons.

"In our journey towards the Holy of Holies, we passed through the only gate, which typified Christ in His fourfold character. Then we came to the altar of sacrifice just within the court, which also spoke of Christ as the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," said Rev. T. J. Parsons, pastor of Quincy Street Baptist church Sunday evening in his sermon on "The Tabernacle of Israel."

"This was the third sermon of a series of talks on this subject, illustrated with a miniature model of the tabernacle. In part Mr. Parsons said: "We need to remember that the order in which these articles were placed, as well as their construction, was specified by God and contain a profound meaning. The laver could not be placed before the altar, nor taken inside the house. We must not change God's order in the plan of salvation. Some people desire to have a Christian experience without accepting the atoning blood of Christ, but that is impossible."

"The laver was made of the polished brass mirrors donated by the women of Israel and brought from Egypt. This surely suggests that God would have us consecrate to His use the graces, talents and adornments which we prize in our worldly life; also that He will accept these poor earthly embellishments and sanctify them to His glory."

"The laver, then, was a mirror in which the priests were to see not their beauty but their blemishes. This is typical of the Word of God. The Bible does not flatter human pride; it tells us that human nature is a mass of bruises and putrifying sores and the righteousness of man but as filthy rags, for there is none righteous, all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

"But the laver was more than a mirror, for it was a cleansing element, for it was kept constantly filled with water. It is not sufficient to reveal the vileness of the human heart, the great need is a means of removing the stains of sin. That was the question proposed by Joseph Cook of Boston at the Parliament of Religions in Chicago. He said: 'Here is Lady Macbeth. See how she rubs her hands. Out, damned spot! Will these hands never be clean?' All the perfumes of Arabia could not sweeten this little hand. And her husband, in a similar mood, says: 'This red right hand, it would the multitudinous seas incarnadine, making the green one red. What religion can wash Lady Macbeth's red right hand?' Dr. Cook put the question to every religion in the world, and then concluded that there is only one remedy for the sin-stained, and that is found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 'Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.'

"This is the unique prerogative of the Word of God, in which dwells the living Holy Spirit. No other book acts as a searchlight on the human heart and at the same time is capable of cleansing from sin. Such was the symbolic meaning of the laver. The altar spoke of God, the Son, the laver spoke of God the Spirit. "The laver bore still another significance. The priests were already ceremonially clean and consecrated, but in the plying of their daily tasks they were liable to become spotted with defilement in the open court, therefore, they must wash before entering the sanctuary to serve God in more immediate communion. The Christian is clean through the washing of regeneration by the Word, but is liable to become soiled in his daily contact with the world; therefore, he needs constant resort to the Scriptures in order to enjoy hallowed communion with God. It is the Christian's glorious privilege, not only to be cleansed by the blood of Christ, but to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and to have the Word of God a sanctifying power in his life."

VINCENNES—E. O. Maple, principal of the high school at Kokomo, has been elected superintendent of the Vincennes schools to succeed H. L. Hamilton. The latter becomes principal of one of the city schools.

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EVIL HABITS ARE MEN'S WORST ENEMY

Get Grip on One That is Hard to Shake, Says Rev. George Wm. Allison.

"In the Tolls of Habit," was the topic of the sermon last evening at Hope Presbyterian chapel by the minister, George William Allison. In part he said:

"There is a story by Mary Shelley called 'Frankenstein,' which relates an imaginary creation of a giant similar to man who was then endowed with life. This gigantic creature then demanded of his scientific creator the love of a mate, that he might beget progeny. This was refused by Frankenstein, who then becomes the victim of a series of tragic incidents both directly and indirectly. "There are more 'Frankensteins' in the world than the imaginary one of Mary Shelley's. Every man who is submitting to the creation of an evil habit is putting himself in exactly the position of the one who was persecuted by this monster. He will sooner or later find himself in the throes of forces which he is no longer able to control and which are wrecking his life."

"In the Vatican at Rome, this same famous 'Laocon Group,' which shows a father and his two sons struggling to free themselves from the coils of a powerful serpent which are slowly yet certainly crushing them to death. So with habit. Once in the coils a man finds himself cruelly helpless. There is no escape."

"Occasionally a man will declare his freedom and reform. This again reminds us of an ancient legend, that of Prometheus. Prometheus was bound to a rock on account of rendering service to a man contrary to the wishes of the gods. Here each day a vulture was sent to devour his liver, which Zeus caused to grow again each night. So he was forced to endure this unspeakable agony without end. Here is the picture of the man who in a moment of decision decides to reform. But with the coming of another day he is forced by habit to endure the shame of falling into his old degradation again in spite of himself. He is in the coils of habit, 'gripped by coils as cold as stony steel.' We pity those whom habit controls, who have become the creature of their circumstances, rather than the master. More to be pitied are they than blamed, yet they are not without responsibility."

"We see thus how literature and art confirm the Christian gospel. It was because of the habit of sin incarnated in his fleshly body that Paul was forced to cry out that he wished to be freed from the law of sin, which he wished to do, he failed to do; while things he wished to avoid, those he habitually did. We have all felt ourselves within the coils of sin. And there is no other way of freedom than 'in the name of Jesus.' And the man who would be free, can be free only as he avoids the formation of habits which degrade. For habit is a tyrant, while, 'as easy as to be heroes as to sit the idle slave, of a legendary virtue carved upon our father's grave,' as the poet has said. Hear Paul's further words: 'For freedom did Christ set us free, stand fast therefore, and be not entangled again in the yoke of bondage!'"

The sermon in the morning was upon the theme "Liberators and Freedoms," and was of a patriotic nature.

AMERICAN FLAG IS THE GREATEST EMBLEM

One Dark Spot, the Saloon, Still on "Old Glory" Says Rev. W. H. Freshley.

"Old Glory," our national emblem, is the greatest flag that is unfurled over any nation," said Rev. W. H. Freshley, pastor of the First Evangelical church Sunday evening in his sermon on "A Clean Flag."

"Its white stands for purity, its blue for loyalty and its red for the blood purchased the liberty for which it stands. Purity and liberty were bought by the loyal patriots who shed their blood to make the country the land of freedom."

"There were two black spots on our flag. Abraham Lincoln wiped one out when he signed the emancipation proclamation. The other will be long wiped out by the American voters when they sweep the liquor traffic from the country."

"The Chicago Tribune kept a record for 19 years and found that 53,556 murders were committed by drunken men. In a certain state prison 83 per cent of the prisoners were users of liquor when they committed the crime. Out of 25 life terms 24 of them were under the influence of liquor when the crime was committed."

"The saloon is a big rat hole, where men dump their hard earned money, get nothing but bloodshot eyes, red nose, empty pockets, shame and disgrace. In the insane asylum they test the inmates by putting them in a room with cement floor and give them a mop and tell them to mop up the water. If a man is crazy he will keep mopping, if not he will turn off the faucet. We have been mopping at the saloon for a long time, but now it is about time to turn off the faucet."

"One out of every four boys becomes a drunkard. I say unfurl 'Old Glory' over every factory, store, shop, school and church, but let the smoke of decency may the emblem of liberty cease to protect the most gigantic evil on this old earth, the liquor traffic."

OLIVER BEAUTY SHOP CHANGES HANDS. A deal was closed this week whereby the Hairdressing and Manicuring Parlors of the Oliver Hotel were transferred to Miss Dart and Mrs. Stutz, proprietors of the Comfort Shop in the J. M. S. Bldg.

The same high-class work that has made the Comfort Shop so popular will be rendered to the patrons of the Oliver Shop.

SPECIAL SALE. Beginning Friday morning, July 2, we offer a special sale of heavy leather team fly nets at \$1 per pair, while they last. We have but a limited supply of these nets in stock.

STUDEBAKER REPOSITORY. JACKSON—Two horses, a bull, and quantities of grain were consumed when the barns of Andrew Walter, at Somerset Center, Hillsdale county, burned Wednesday night.

LIFE OF CHRIST PUREST AND BEST

"The Certainties of Our Faith" is Subject of Sermon Delivered by Dr. James L. Gardiner.

"The Certainties of our Faith" was the subject of the sermon delivered last night by Rev. James L. Gardiner, D. D., pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church at the Grace M. E. church. In speaking on his subject he said: "This age has been frequently described as an age of doubt and scepticism. I think, however, we would be nearer the truth if we spoke of it as an age of intellectual and theological unrest. It is an age when many beholding one position after another giving way in their creed are asking with much concern is there anything of which we are absolutely certain in the Christian faith?"

"Let me say in reply I am not here to preach my doubts. I am here to preach my convictions. I believe there are many things of which we are certain in the realm of religion. "We are certain that the Bible is God's highest and best revelation to the children of men. During the past 25 years it has met with much criticism, but it still stands intact. Compare this book with the Koran, the Mormon Bible and with other religious books and you will find that it towers above them as the mountains tower above the sea. It has been well said that a better book than the Bible will never be written in a better life than that of Christ be lived."

"We are certain of the great fact of God. In Him we live and move and have our being. We know that He is our Father and that His highest attribute is that of love. The love of God is one of the greatest facts of Holy Scripture. No man comes into the world hated of God. Every man is born loved by the Heavenly Father. "We are certain, too, of the fact that the life of Christ was the purest and best life ever lived on earth. He was without sin. All other men have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Nineteen centuries have tried to blacken the white name of Jesus, but He still stands without spot or blemish."

"We are also certain of the great fact that Jesus Christ is able to save men from their sins. The world is a great sinner, but Jesus Christ is a great Saviour. No matter how far we have wandered from God He is able to save us. We are lost in sin, but we are not hopelessly so. Jesus Christ has come into the world to save that which is lost."

"Let us, therefore, amid the theological changes that are coming to us from day to day hold to these great fundamental facts of our religion—the Bible is God's highest and best revelation. God stands in the relation of Father to us all; that Jesus Christ has set before us an example of a life without sin; and that we though sinners may be made whole through Him, who said, 'I came to give my life a ransom for many.'"

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MEN OF VISION ARE NEEDED IN COUNTRY

Honor of American Citizenship Should Not Be Lightly Bestowed.

"Citizens of the Times," was the subject of the sermon delivered by Rev. Chas. A. Decker, pastor of the First Baptist church Sunday evening. The services were of a patriotic character and the choir sang several appropriate numbers including the national anthem and Kipling's "Recessional."

Decker said that the citizens needed in these times, as in all others, are men who have knowledge, sympathy, courage and vision. No real and useful citizen will bewail his lot as did Hamlet when he cried "The times are out of joint. O cursed spite that ever I was born to set them right." He dares to look the facts in the face. What he sees is often very discouraging, but he knows he cannot act wisely until he knows the whole situation. The men of '76 took all the facts into consideration before they signed the memorable document, and now we know they acted their part well."

This country does well to welcome all who wish to come here to make homes and help to further the progress of humanity. But she should demand of such future citizens a knowledge of her institutions and a sympathy with them which will make them helpful citizens of the times. Naturalization as it does by the ballot, is a precious boon, and should be guarded with all the care its importance deserves. The ignorant and unsympathetic cannot be good citizens, especially at these times of great achievements and great crises."

One of the great needs of the times is an increasingly large number of citizens who have vision, as well as practical sense and grasp of the day affairs. We need men of vision more than we need men of war. A sensible idealist does more for his country than a great military genius. The country does not advance by the brutal force of military power, but by the quiet, compelling power of great ideals. We should honor the seers thinkers and idealists of the past much more than we do the warriors, important as they are to the place and time. The Chinese put the fighters fifth in the scale of importance, they put the prophets first. And in this they do wisely. The men who know what America ought to do are the men of the hour, if coupled with that knowledge they have sympathy, courage and vision."

VETERANS AT SERVICES

Patriotic Program is Rendered at St. Paul's M. E.

Patriotic services were held Sunday morning at St. Paul's M. E. church with a sermon on "Freedom and Its Cost," one very appropriate for the occasion, by Dr. James L. Gardiner, pastor of the church, Norman Eddy Post, No. 578, G. A. R., the Auten Post, No. 8, G. A. R., and the United Spanish War Veterans, Harry O. Perkins Camp, No. 25 attended the services. Members of the Sons of Veterans and McKinley Camp, No. 58, were also present. Special music was rendered by the St. Paul's choir.

GRAND RAPIDS—The retail grocers and meat dealers of the city have consolidated. Election of officers will be July 27.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Monday. The Protected Home circle will hold a picnic at Indian lake, leaving on the Michigan Central at 9 o'clock.

Tuesday. The regular meeting of the Auten W. R. C. No. 14, will be held at the old court house.

Members of the Diamond Pedro club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Ralph Osborne, W. Washington ave.

The Ayudadora circle will enjoy a meeting at the summer home of Mrs. Gabriel R. Summers.

Mrs. Elmer Webster, Portage ave., will be hostess to the O. T. circle.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the First M. E. church will meet with Mrs. A. Myers, 411 S. Main st.

Mrs. Carl Ulrey, 1421 Miami st., will entertain in the Home Needleworkers' club.

Section one of the Pastor's Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. G. R. Seybold, 711 Allen st.

A meeting of the Literary club will be held at the home of Mrs. Matt Hartford, 919 S. Vincent st.

The Diamond Thimble club will meet with Mrs. Floyd Reece, 726 Diamond ave.

Mrs. William Gibson, 531 N. St. Louis st., will be hostess to members of the Sunshine club.

Members of the Social Sixteen club will be entertained by Mrs. John E. Maher, 301 S. Scott st.

Thursday. The Ladies' Aid society of Grace M. E. church will meet in the new church.

A meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Swedish Lutheran church will be held in the church.

Mrs. William Greisinger, 469 N. Scott st., will be hostess to the D. I. club.

Mrs. R. V. Method, 244 E. Broadway, will entertain the Nonpareil club.

Supernatural is Part of Religion is Spoken of in All the Books of the Bible Says Rev. John O. Mosier.

"The true element in the Christian religion is the supernatural. We cannot be true Christians in the sense of the New Testament without believing in the supernatural," said Rev. J. O. Mosier, pastor of Mizpah Evangelical church, Sunday evening in his sermon on the subject, "The Supernatural in Religion."

"We find that the supernatural element is spoken of in all the books of the Bible in some form or another. In Genesis God speaking to Abraham as a man talks to another; in Exodus the giving of the Manna for 40 years; in numbers we read of the brazen serpent and the healing that came to all who heeded it, which must have been supernatural elements manifested everywhere."

"When Jesus was here He turned water into wine, gave sight to the blind, unstopped the deaf ears, made the lame to walk and raised the dead, all of which was supernatural."

"Taking the supernatural out of religion leaves it with a form, but with no life. It is like shutting off the current, it leaves the machinery all intact, but no power. The church of today needs power and this power is pronounced through the Holy Spirit."

DETECTIVE BREAKS FINGER. Diver Says He Suffered Injury Cranking Auto.

Detective Ellis Diver is carrying the little finger of his right hand in splints, having broken the digit Sunday morning. The theory that he broke the finger while engaged in a battle with a desperate criminal was exploded when he confessed that the accident resulted from trying to crank an automobile.

An official report in the South Bend police department made the statement Sunday that Diver hurt his hand when he was reaching for a cigar. The official would not disclose the name of the man who stepped on Diver's finger.

BARN DAMAGED BY FIRE. Firemen Believe Tramps Are Responsible for Blaze.

Fire of unknown origin damaged the Barrett barn, 125 E. Calvert st., to the amount of about \$150 early Sunday morning. The fire evidently started on the inside of the barn, and it is the theory that tramps who were sleeping in the barn were responsible for the blaze. Central company and Hose company No. 10 made the run.

A small fire occurring at 11:30 o'clock Sunday morning burned a small hole in the roof of the Houtz garage, 824 S. Michigan st. The damage to the building amounted to about \$5. Central company and Hose company No. 2 made the put-out.

PERSONALS. Clarence Connell, 122 N. Michigan st., has left for a week's visit with friends and relatives at Erie, Pa.

Mrs. O. E. Decker of Richmond, Ind., is the guest of C. E. Atkinson and family, 814 N. Michigan st.

Mr. and Mrs. James Welch, 122 E. Navarre st., left Saturday for Milwaukee for a three weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Izor of Indianapolis, Ind., are visiting C. E. Atkinson and family, 814 N. Michigan.

Mrs. Olga Stern of New York city and Mrs. Leopold Newman and daughter Sarah of Chicago, are guests of Mrs. A. Nemeth, 715 Riverside drive.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Spaulding motored to Hudson lake Sunday where they celebrated their fourth anniversary at the farm residence of L. L. Vaughn. They returned late in the evening.

FUNERALS. LEO NICHOLAS GARD. Funeral services for Leo Nicholas Gard, Green township, whose death occurred Saturday morning will be held at St. Mary's church at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning Father Scherer officiating. Victor Butzulis, Anton Janzel, Michael Strantz, William Strantz, John F. Wallisch and Paul Wallisch, members of St. John's society, will act as pall-bearers. Burial will be in the Cedar Grove cemetery.

STURGIS—J. Paul Wait, well known young Sturgis attorney, was married Thursday to Miss Ethel Pole, a former teacher in the high school here. Rev. C. B. Newsom officiated.

Announcement Watch Tuesday's Papers for the Special Wednesday Morning Pennant Day's Advertisement of the Ellsworth Store. Some Bargains

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