

WITH THE LOCAL PASTORS

STANDARDS OF LIVING TOO LOW

Rev. T. J. Parsons Warns Against Trying to Pull Christ to Our Level.

"Moral standards of the Kingdom of Heaven," was the theme used by Rev. T. J. Parsons, pastor of Quincy street Baptist church Sunday morning.

"It is with a profound sense of my own incompetency that I present this theme for your consideration, a feeling akin to that which is felt in the presence of a towering mountain, the rolling waters of the ocean, or the awe-inspiring cataract of Niagara.

"The key phrase of this passage is, 'I say unto you.' Nine times it is repeated in these verses and indicates that Christ in the supreme authority for Christians, and not the state, society, church, nor even Moses, is frequently in conflict with public opinion and custom, evil statutes have frequently driven Christ into the wilderness or cast Him into prison, and organized 'intimidation' has woefully insulted the Lord by arrogating to itself prerogatives which belong alone to the Christ. Moses was but the embryo from which is developed the full-fledged life, Christ alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life, the All-Sufficient.

"Christ did not abrogate the decalogue of Sinai, for it was given at the hand of God and is fundamental in human society, but He came to amplify, intensify and fulfill, even to the smallest detail as expressed in the jot and tittle. The Pharisees were professedly the exponents of the Mosaic law and the religious leaders of the day; but in the twenty-third chapter of Matthew you will find seven scathing denunciations pronounced upon them by the Lord, and here in the Sermon on the Mount, He says, 'except your righteousness shall exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.' Now, before you despach the Pharisees to hell, catalogue the things he did and you will find he prayed frequently, 'he was on hand at church, he gave a tenth of his income and more to religious work and charity, and was very strict in his observance of the rites of his religion. How do you compare with the Pharisee?"

"In five specific contrasts, Christ condemns the common practices of modern society. Anger is murder, lustful desire is adultery, so is divorce followed by remarriage (except for a statutory offense), the taking of oaths is profanity, retaliation is a sin, and hating an enemy is unchristian. Christ's new commandment of love is the universal solvent for all differences in the kingdom of heaven. Love your enemies, pray for your persecutors, give a kindly salutation to all men.

"What an immeasurable distance between us and Christ. Do not say the standard is too high, it is our living that is too low; do not try to pull Christ down to our level, but rather lift our lives to His standard, striving for the grand objective. 'Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.' May God help us so to do."

Dr. Parsons has removed his dental office from 120 S. Michigan st., to room 420 Farmers' Trust Bldg.—Adv

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BASES SERMON ON FAST FLYING AUTO

Rev. Thomas Finds Many People of the Day Are Like a Speeding Car—No Time for Religion.

The fast fleeting automobile as it swiftly passes by, in a sense has many lessons for us to learn, said Rev. A. E. Thomas in his sermon Sunday evening at the First Brethren church on "An Automobile Ride." The text of the sermon was II Kings 9:26. "He driveth furiously."

"The auto illustrates and characterizes the age in which we live," said Rev. Thomas. "Man's instinct today seems to find itself satisfied in fast going. As we think of the auto as it flies through our streets we think of various classes of people; we think of some people like the auto which wishes at all times to have the right of way. They are the people who always try to impose their opinions on others, that they way is the only right way. There are many who are not always willing to credit others with good motives as they think no way is so Christ-like as their own."

"Another class of people is that which drives furiously in the Christian life and works and which can perhaps utter loud prayers. They are not necessarily any more religious than any other man. The auto which can make the biggest splash or go the fastest is not the one that will go the farthest. "There is another class of people, the too busy class, too busy to serve God, too busy driving the dollars into their own treasury to think of God or of the church, too busy to attend the worship in God's house, too busy seeking pleasure that they have no time to stop and rest and pay their vows unto God."

DESCRIBES TWO KINDS CHRISTIANS

Rev. C. A. Deckers Says the Real One is the Kernel, the Professed the Husk.

That the real Christian is the kernel and the professed Christian is the husk, was the manner in which Rev. C. A. Deckers of the First Baptist church, described two kinds of Christians, Sunday morning, in his sermon on the subject: "The Kernel and the Husk." In speaking further, he said: "In the realm of practical religion there is a distinction between the essential and the superficial. Just as there is in every other phase of life and thought. Christianity has passed through three stages of development. These stages are marked by emphasis on ceremony, on creed and on life. The main emphasis in religion today is on life. This is the kernel, all else is husk. The husk may be important, but it is husk. The only adequate test of a man's religion, then, is whether or not it is a living, dominating force in his life. His belief is important, because in the long run belief effects character. Ceremony is less important, because it may be exercised as a mere mechanical exercise. But life is all important because it reveals what religion has done as a transforming power in a man's soul."

"World Noting Difference. "We are fast coming to the place where the world is noting the difference between the real and the sham; between the kernel and the husk. We have already reached that place in America. People are no longer being fooled by pretensions and showy ceremonies. The demand is for life that harmonizes with the ideals we profess. "Christianity is not on trial in Europe nor anywhere else, this is often asserted. But formerly in religion is being unmercifully condemned because it has been found to be a poor substitute for reality. Does anyone suppose that if the essence of christianity had been preached and practiced in Europe during the past 50 years, that such a condition of debt, death and damnation could be possible in that land today? If so, then truth is a lie, righteousness is evil, love is hatred, and God is a fiend. Must Apply Test. "But we must apply this test and draw this distinction in our own lives. There is a distinction between christianity and christianity, but many people have never found it. And there seems to be more of the former kind than the latter. "The good churchman may be in good and regular standing, but his life may be, and often is out of harmony with his profession. He is an abomination in the sight of the Lord, and a hindrance to the progress of the kingdom. He sings the songs of Zion with his lips, but there is no music in his soul. He professes to believe all the articles of the creed, but not one has any real life and significance for him. He is long on the profession of truth and morality, but short one of the most elementary christian virtues. Such have not learned the difference between the kernel and the husk, or, having learned it, do make it apply to their life."

SPAIN LESS PREPARED

Taft Tells Why U. S. Won War in 1898.

NEW YORK, June 26.—The United States won its war with Spain because its adversary "was the only nation of the earth less prepared than we were," according to William Howard Taft, who delivered an address here Sunday. The former president made an earnest plea for preparedness, declaring that it was a moral obligation upon the

SAYS FUTURE OF CHURCH IN CHRIST

Rev. G. F. Byrer Shows Him Not Only Contemporary, But in Advance of History.

"I would rather walk with the man who is rich in Jesus Christ and shows these riches to his fellowmen than to associate with the most successful money grabber of the world and be indifferent to God and his fellowmen," said Rev. G. F. Byrer, pastor of the Conference Memorial United Brethren church, Sunday morning in his sermon on the subject "God Revealing His Grace."

He spoke of the Christ being the great central figure of the church and said in part: "The future of the church is the Christ. He is more than the contemporary of the ages, He is ever in the advance. Christ in our thoughts ever retains His youth. He is still thirty-three years old to us. "In this day of facts, the people were the preachings of facts—the fundamentals of the Bible. The doctrines of God through Jesus are Faith, Repentance, Justification; while these are old they are also just as new as they ever were. "When we see ourselves as we should, as we really are, we still see that we need the fulfilling of these doctrines. It is well for us to look at ourselves from outside of ourselves. It is well for the statesman to see himself in the light of history, theology and philosophy. The minister to see his work from the standpoint of science, sociology, and government. Thus Bright read Milton, Gladstone studied Homer, Salisbury became a scientist, and Balfour a philosopher. "Christ is not only the center of the church but He is the dynamic power of the ages. The constant fellowship of Jesus gives a man an ever increasing power. Phineas became a mighty power because he was a man of prayer and had continued fellowship with God. God gives a man power that becomes perpetual. A man of God never dies. His influence ever goes on. 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. They rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.' "We have never found a motion that brings a perpetual power, it takes a power to produce motion; but we have found a perpetual power in Christ. If we are in Christ they rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

"The best function of history is not that which deals with the rise and fall of nations but that which deals with the social, moral and religious conditions of the people. Wars, history of kings, statements, and philosophers are only means by which the real conditions are shown. The true history of the world is the history of God's dealings with it. In this age and in the ages to come there will be an enlargement of the past revelation of God—the fulfillment of God's revelation. "Again Christ will hold the place of prominence in any and in every age. We have the promise to live in heavenly places with Christ. We put Christ in the highest position of ages because of what he has done for men. He is more than a saviour. If we are to show the exceeding riches of His grace we must see Him as more than a saviour and we will not be satisfied with simply being saved. We will want to do something to save others. Through us thousands are to be brought into the kingdom. The influence of our Christian life is to go on continually. "There is a wonderful difference between Lord Wellington and Wesley or Otterbein. Wellington is a name while Wesley's and Otterbein's life is in the hearts of the people. Thus our life is to influence other lives. "Christ Moral Legislator. "True, Christ is the pardoner of sin, but He is also the legislator of moral law, the King of the moral universe, the Lord of providence, the Master of the forces of nature, the object of faith and final judge of the race. "The Christian is not only to possess, but also to show the infinite wealth of Christ. There is a wealth of happiness in Christ nothing else can supply. Some of the most wretched of men are the money geters, conscience troubled, tax dodgers. Some of them aut and walk as if they owned the earth. There are others who have a right to walk with Christ, but they do not have the wealth of Christ's heaven. "God quickened us, gave us a new life, even excited us into heavenly places that we might manifest Christ to the world through us. What kind of reflectors are we?"

SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL TO BE OPENED TODAY

Paul McDonald to Have Charge at First Presbyterian Church—Expect 200 to Enroll.

Vacation Bible school work will be resumed at the First Presbyterian church this morning under the supervision of Paul McDonald, who was in charge of the class last year. A number of changes have been made in the curriculum, making it more advantageous to the children. There will be mat-making and manual training instead of basket making as the reed supplies cannot be obtained this year as previously. Work in domestic science will be under the direction of Miss Florence Weld and Miss Hazel Rennox. Miss Macdonald will add to the curriculum boyscout activities, which is expected to prove to be one of the most important and interesting features of the season. School will be held every day except Saturday and Sunday, opening at 9 o'clock and closing at 12 o'clock at noon. The school building located near the corner of Washington av. and Cherry st., will be used for the activities. A great amount of new equipment will be added to the course this year. All children under 15 years old are invited to participate in all activities without charge. According to those interested in the work, there will be more than 200 pupils in attendance this year.

MINISTERS' MEET POSTPONED.

The Ministerial association meeting, which was to have been held this noon at the Y. M. C. A., was indefinitely postponed last night. Rev. M. H. Appleby was to deliver a paper and the pastors and their wives were to attend the meeting, which was to have been the last meeting of the year.

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DECLARES BIBLE IS INFALLIBLE GUIDE

Rev. Gardiner Says It Teaches Men How to Live and How to Die.

"I believe in the inspiration of the Bible," declared Rev. Dr. James L. Gardiner in his sermon yesterday morning at the St. Paul's Memorial Methodist Episcopal church. "Yet I do not believe in the verbal or mechanical theory of inspiration. God spoke through men, but the men were more than mere machines. The various books of the Bible reveal some of the personal characteristics of their authors. "Yet I would have you see that God is in every page of the book. It is a divine-human book. 'Holy men spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.' I believe we have in the Bible God's highest, fullest and deepest revelation to the children of men and that this revelation came through men whom God had inspired. Such an idea of inspiration as this not only in harmony with the facts set forth in the Bible, but it presents to us a higher and grander conception than the view set forth by the theory of mechanical or verbal inspiration. "Is the Bible infallible? Yes, for the purpose for which it was written—a guide to human character and conduct. It teaches men how to live and how to die. It is the world's best book on the greatest subject in the world—the subject of religion. The Bible is an infallible guide to religious truth. It presents to mankind the only infallible teacher, Jesus Christ. It sets forth to men the highest code of morals and ethics in the world—the ten commandments and the sermon on the mount. "There may be many things about the Bible that we do not understand but the way of life—of character and conduct, is very clear. Every man is called upon to live, 'soberly, godly and righteously in this world.' The wayfarer man though a fool need not err. He can by following this guide reach heaven by and by."

OBSERVE CORPUS CHRISTI AT N. D.

1,000 Participate in Celebration of Great Solemnity, Including Many from City.

A thousand people took part in the Corpus Christi celebration at Notre Dame, Sunday morning. The religious observance consisted of solemn mass, a solemn procession and benediction given four times. After the mass, at which Rev. Thomas Irving was celebrant, Rev. George Finnegan, deacon, and Rev. Patrick Haggerty, subdeacon, the procession left the church for its way about the front quadrangle of the university grounds. First in line were the students of Holy Cross seminary. These were followed by the brothers of the congregation of the Holy Cross and these by the choir of Du Jarie institute. Then came the priests of the congregation, after whom walked the celebrant carrying the blessed sacrament. Behind walked the sisters of the congregation of the Holy Cross, and after them the congregation of the church of Our Lady of the Holy Cross and the large number from South Bend. Temporary altars had been erected in the doorways of Walsh hall, Science hall and the main building, all of which were beautifully decorated, and at which the procession drew up for benediction. The altar at the door of the main building was elaborately decorated, large American flags forming the background. The entire way over which the procession moved had been strewn with new cut clover blossoms. After making the round of the outdoor altars the procession returned to the church, where final benediction was given. This ended the ceremony, but many remained on the ground for several hours visiting the Grotto of Lourdes and enjoying the shade and flowers on the lawn.

PSYCHOLOGIST HERE

Dr. J. Jefferson to Give Series of Lectures.

Dr. J. Jefferson, a psychologist of New York, is in the city for an extended stay. He is interested in church unity and will give a series of lectures on practical psychology. Dr. Jefferson is the author of several books on the new system of teaching psychology, which has been unusually successful in obtaining results. International News Service: COLUMBUS, Ind., June 25.—Bartholomew county now claims an additional honor, declaring that it is the original home of the breakfast food, a product known as Cerealine Flakes was made here 25 years ago.

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Mrs. Sarah Rockefeller, residing at 929 W. Colfax av., was found dead Sunday afternoon by neighbors who went to call during the afternoon. Mrs. Rockefeller, who has been ill for the past year, returned from Clearwater, Fla., where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Drissell, but a short time ago and has been ailing since that time. She had not been seen since last Wednesday afternoon and it was reported by Dr. C. B. Crumpacker, who attended the case, that she had been dead four or five days. Mrs. Rockefeller was about 59 years old and has lived here all her life. Newspapers were found on the north dining table to Wednesday afternoon. She was found lying on a couch covered with a coat, and it is believed she had laid down to sleep and met a quiet death. She is survived by two sisters and two brothers, one sister in Clearwater, Fla., and Mrs. Dr. Horton of Palo, Ind., one brother, William, living in the southern part of the state, and a brother, Frank, living at Huntington, Ind. Frank Rockefeller was notified Sunday afternoon and will arrive in the city this noon to arrange for the funeral. At the preliminary inquest held yesterday, Dr. T. J. Swantz, coroner, said that the woman may have been ill before she died. Finding her false teeth embedded in the back of her throat led the coroner to believe that the woman may have swallowed them and choked to death. The inquest will be finished today.

CONSERVATORY OF Music to Stage Three Recitals

Three delightful recitals will be staged at the South Bend conservatory this week, two of them by graduate pupils. Miss Theophila Makielski, Monson st., will give a certificate recital Tuesday evening and Miss Ruth Kise, 841 Park av., will appear in a graduate recital Wednesday evening. Both young women are pupils of Max Haakes and both are unusually talented. Miss Makielski will be assisted in her program by Willard Erhardt, pupil of W. Preston MacHenry, while Miss Kise will be assisted by Max Haakes, bass, pupil of Miss Hazel Harris. On Thursday evening Miss Harris will present several of her pupils in a song recital. The programs for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings will be as follows: Tuesday Evening: Sonata Pathetique.....Beethoven Miss Makielska. "I Hear a Thrush at Eve".....Cadmán Mr. Erhardt. Nocturne.....Cyril Scott Kreisleriana.....Schumann (a) B Flat Major. (b) G Minor. Miss Makielska. Tosti.....LaSerenata Mr. Erhardt. Prelude.....Chapin E Minor, B Major. B Minor, G Minor. Polonaise E Flat Minor. Miss Makielska. Wednesday Evening: Italian Concerto.....Bach Allegro Animato.....Bach Miss Kise. Absence.....Metcalf Mr. Haakes. Melodie E Major.....Rachmanoff An Old Love Story.....MacDowell Dr. Erhardt. Nocturne F Major.....Chapin Polonaise C Minor.....Chapin Miss Kise.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES ARE HELD BY LODGE

Rev. C. A. Decker, pastor of the First Baptist church, delivered the annual memorial services of South Bend lodge, No. 1002, Loyal American of the Republic, Sunday afternoon at Decker hall, using as his subject, "Deathless Life." The names of those that have departed